

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Please Note Date Change: Motzei Shabbos, December 21, 2019 Mesivta Open House 8:00 PM

Sunday, December 15, 2019 Dismissal 1-8 12:00 PM Parent Teacher Conferences

Sunday, December 22, 2019 Erev <u>Chanukah</u>

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

Legal Holiday-No Transportation

Thursday,

December 26, 2019 No Suffern Central Transportation

December 27-30, 2019

Chanukah Vacation No sessions

Nednesday, January 1, 2020 (correction) Legal Holiday - No Transportation

IMPORTANT NOTES

In case of inclement weather, please call the Yeshiva Ketana message line: **845.362.8362, x 199.** (The Mesivta message

line is 845.362.8362 x 198)



A Mazel Tov to the S'gan Rosh Hayeshiva Rabbi and Mrs. Brodie upon the engagement of their son Mendi to Adina Block!

Rabbi Lowy's 4th Grade acting out the mishnayos they learnt.







1st grade's Haschalos Chumash Celebration

Moshe Brachfeld holding a real manuscript of Reb Shach zt"l as part of Rabbi Weissman's 2nd grade Gadol of the week project.





Parent Teacher Conferences:An email was sent Thursday that had an attachment containing PTC information and account specific instructions. If you did not receive that PTC email or if you are having trouble logging in, please email mail@ohrreuven. com. Another email will be sent Monday morning once online scheduling is live.

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Kindergarten

Note from the Admissions Office:

If you have not yet submitted a kindergarten application for your son for the upcoming school year (20-21), please submit it as soon as possible. Applications are submitted online at ohrreuven.com/elementary. Thank you!

Talmidim lighting up their classroom during the blackout last Thursday.



Upsherin of Binyomin Berman.





Kindergarteners enjoying the white snow during recess.



Parent Feedback

"Rabbi Biller,

My husband and I were so happy to see that our son did so nicely on the Mishnayos test. We are incredibly impressed by the overall layout of the worksheets that so effectively break down every aspect of the Mishnah in a user-friendly format. The questions on the test were so conducive to helping the boys really showcase what they know. We're so appreciative of the hard work that you're putting into creating such fantastic lessons and worksheets and we wanted to thank you for it!

A proud YKOR parent"

1st graders actively engaged during station rotation.



Over 10,000 Ameins generated so far, by the members of YKOR AAA - Answering Amein Association! To sponsor this or any of our other programs please email bplotzker@ohrreuven.com

T.A.P. Quiz- Honor Roll

Every 2 weeks, the talmidim in grades 6-8 have a quiz on pirush hamilim of davening. Talmidim with a 75 and above average for the month are entered into a Rosh Chodesh raffle of \$25. Talmidim with an 85 and above also earn Honor Roll status and receive a token award.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(3) Eliyahu Halberthal (4)Elchanan Lorber (5) Ezzy Friedman (7) Yehuda Weisberg

MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Shlomo and Yehuda Gottlieb upon the birth of a niece!

Mazel Tov to Aryeh Brodie upon his uncle Mendi Brodie's engagement to Adina Block!

Mazel tov to Yehuda and Moshe Berman upon their brother Binyomin's upshein!

Gottlieb

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ויצא

Entitlement

וַתַּהַר עוֹד וַתֵּלד בּן וַתּאמֶר הַפּעס אוֹדָה אָת ה' על כּן קָרָאָה שָׁמוֹ יְהוּדָה וַתַּעמֹד מְלָדָת

הפעם אודה שַׁנַטַלתִּי יוֹתֵר מֵחֵלקִי, מֵעתַה יֵשׁ לי להוֹדוֹת:

NOW WILL I PRAISE [THE LORD] — because I have gotten more than my share, from now on I should praise God - Rash"i

לפי שֶׁהֵיוּ אַמַהוֹת סְבוּרוֹת שֶׁאוֹ מַעמֶדֵת שָׁלשֶׁה וָזו מַעמֶדֵת שָׁלשָׁה, וְכִיוָן שָׁיָלדָה לאָה בּן רְביעי, אַמָרָה: הַפּעם אוֹדָה אָת ה.' Because the matriarchs assumed that each would bear three shevatim, when Leah bore a fourth son she said "This time, I will thank G-D"

- Midrash Rabbah

ואמר רבי יוחנן משום רבי שמעון בן יוחי מיום שברא הקדוש ברוך הוא את עולמו לא היה אדם שהודה להקדוש ברוך הוא עד שבאתה לאה והודתו שנאמר הפעם אודה את ה:

And Rabbi Yohanan said in the name of Rabbi Shimon ben Yohai: From the day the Holy One, Blessed be He, created the world, no one thanked the Holy One, Blessed be He, until Leah came and thanked Him, as it is stated: "And she became pregnant and gave birth to a son, and she said, 'This time I will give thanks to God,' and thus he was called Judah"

Brachos 7b

I learned that a sense of entitlement is a burden

- Tyler Bonin in The Wall Street Journal, May 28, 2018

It is a curious comment that the *gemara* makes in Brachos, claiming that Leah, in the course of naming Yehuda, was the first individual since creation to thank Hashem. Did Adam HaRishon not thank Hashem? Didn't Avrohom Avinu invite wayfarers, feed them, and then instruct to thank G-d rather than him for their food? If so, how can the gemara make such an assertion?

The answer lies in Rash"i's comment that highlights the thought process that led Leah to choose the name Yehuda. Leah understood that she got more than she was entitled to. That is the basis for real appreciation and thanks, the recognition that I got more than I deserve. It is the basis for true satisfaction and joy as well.

Others expressed thanks to G-d before Leah, but their thankyous were tempered and diminished by the nagging thought that they may have truly deserved that which they received. Leah was certain that she got more than she deserved. Her thank you was pure and unadulterated.

We live in an age of entitlement, and the entitlement malady has reached epidemic proportions among our youth. But, children (and adults) who suffer from a sense of entitlement never appreciate anything that they get, because it was all coming to them anyway.

The key to happiness in life is to keep your expectations low. Then, you are rarely disappointed, and always pleasantly surprised and appreciative whenever anything comes your way. High expectations set you up for disappointment when

you don't get what you want, and dissatisfaction when you do.

It is an essential lesson for parents, and especially parents in an affluent community. If we give our children everything they ask for, we build within them a sense of entitlement that becomes a burden. If every vacation must be bigger and splashier than the one before, and every Yom Tov more elaborate and exotic, then we rob our children of any sense of appreciation. If we don't make them earn and cherish the things that they get, they lose the understanding that nothing is coming to them.

We must first begin with ourselves. How many of us pause on a daily basis to reflect on the great blessings that we enjoy? How many of us consider how fortunate and comfortable we are compared to the royalty of prior generations? And, how many of us express our gratitude for all that we have in ways that our children can hear and learn? Let's temper our own expectations and those of our children so that we, and they, can appreciate what we get.

If you want happy, well-adjusted children, help them to count their blessings. Don't give them everything they ask for. Give them the opportunity to feel the sense of gratitude that Leah felt. After all, we are called Yehudim for a reason!

> Good Shabbos, Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb Principal

בס״ד

DECEMBER 21, 2019 • 8:15 PM מוצש"ק פרשת וישב תש"פ

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GENERAL STUDIES ENTRANCE EXAM JANUARY 12 - 1:30 PM

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Erev Shabbos & Shabbos		
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