



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן  
YESHIVA KETANA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 27-30, 2019  
Chanukah Vacation  
No sessions

**Dismissal Change:**  
January 1, 2020  
Early Dismissal at **12:00 PM**

January 7, 2020  
Asara B'Teves- Early dismissal:  
K- 12:00 PM, P-8 1:00 PM

January 20, 2020  
No Transportation  
Arrival: K-5: 9 AM, 6-8: 8 AM  
Dismissal: K-8: 3 PM  
G.S. Teacher In-Service

January 30, 2020  
Early Dismissal  
K: 12:00 PM, P-8: 1:00 PM

January 31, 2020  
Mid-Winter Vacation  
Session resume on Wednesday  
February 5th

## 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**)

# REU VEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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Some of Rabbi Biller's 3rd graders showing off their class Menorah projects!



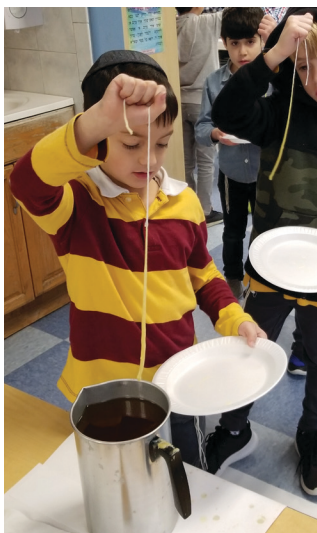
Rabbi Lichtenstein *farhering* our 8th grade talmidim and helping them prepare for their upcoming Mesivta *farhers*.

**Lunch Reminder:** Please remember that lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are Milchig and lunch on Tuesdays is Fleishig.

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Candle making in Rabbi Myski's first grade class  
לכבוד חנוכה!



Rabbi Lowy's 4th graders learnt in Chumash that the מן tasted בצפיחית דבש, like wafers fried in honey. Thank you Chaim Cohen (L) for bringing wafers fried in honey for the entire class! At right, Aron Becker and Nachi Kohn enjoying their wafers.



Rabbi Prupas's 7th grade Chanukah mesiba.

## Parent/Rebbeim Feedback

*"Rabbi Peikes arranges a special bechina for the 8th Graders which is focused primarily on reading Gemara, Rashi, and Tosfos inside as well as their understanding of the learning. They are instructed to prepare a specific hespek on which they will be tested. The talmidim are divided into groups and are farhered by different Rebbeim. This year, I once again had the zechus to farher some of the 8th Graders. In addition to their clarity of the limud, I was equally impressed by their desire to learn and the respect they exhibited for their fellow talmidim during the farher process!"*

**Continued nachas, Rabbi Raphael Vilinsky**

*"Dear Rabbi Myski,  
What a precious video!! Ari was so excited and proud as he lit the menorah. He couldn't stop telling us how he made it "from scratch".  
May we continue to share nachas!!!  
Thank you for this beautiful project and for everything you do for all the boys!"*  
**Yitz and Adina Lipszyc**

*"Hi Rabbi Myski,  
Avraham Levi came home and asked for a potato and knife and made this "potato menorah" by himself which he lit along with his regular menorah. He told us about the story you told them of lighting the menorah during the holocaust and he wanted to replicate the menorah."  
A freilechen chanukah,  
**Yoni and Chava Whitehouse***



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(1) Dun Elhyani  
(5) Moshe Shimon Schiller







MASMIDEI HASIYUM WOULD LIKE TO  
CONGRATULATE

Yosef Friedman, 5th Grade  
and Elisha Friedman, 2nd Grade  
Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven  
*You are a proud winner!*

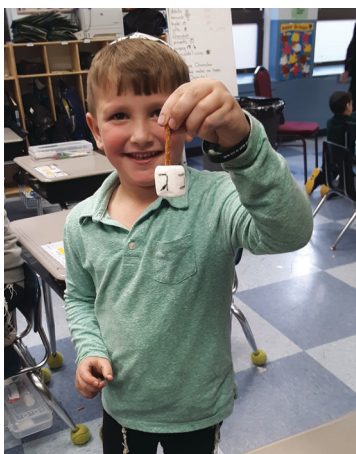
*Keep Shteiging!*



Thank you to the N'shei for the Chanukah gifts  
for the teachers and staff!



Chanukah bowling trip sponsored by the N'shei!



Mrs. Radzik's first graders showing off their  
edible dreidel project!



The talmidei HaMesivta undergo an intense  
bechina process during Chanukah. Pictured  
above are Yeshiva bochurim chazering for their  
upcoming bechina!



The Rosh HaYeshiva shlit'a learning with Dr. Eli  
Frommer, YOR Alumni and YKOR Parent.





## מקץ

### Dream Small

וישלח ויקרא את כל חרטמי מצרים ואת כל חכמיה ויספר פרעה להם את חלמו ואין פותר אותם לפרעה  
And he sent for all the magicians of Egypt, and all its wise men; and Pharaoh told them his dreams, but  
none could interpret them for Pharaoh.

לו קורת רוח בפתרונם, שא היה קולן נכנס באזניו, אבל לא לפרעה, פותרים היו אותם. ואין פותר אותם לפרעה  
ולא היה

שְׁהיוּ אומרים שבע בנות אֶתָּה מוליד וְשֶׁבַע בנות אֶתָּה קובר, (בראשית רבה)

AND THERE WAS NONE THAT COULD INTERPRET IT TO PHARAOH — There were,  
indeed, some who interpreted it, but not to Pharaoh (לפרעה), so that their words found no acceptance  
by him and he was not satisfied with their interpretation. They said: “You will beget seven daughters  
and you will bury seven daughters”  
(Genesis Rabbah 89:6).

When beggars die there are no comets seen; The heavens themselves blaze forth the death of princes

-Julius Caser Act II Scene II

Help others achieve their dreams and you will achieve yours.

- Les Brown

Dreams take up a lot of real estate in the second half of *sefer Berieshis*. Beginning with the ladder of angels in Yaakov's vision of the night, to his dreams of spotted and speckled sheep, followed by Yosef's dreams of grandeur, the baker and the sommelier, and culminating with Paroh's own dreams, dreams are probably the single most common recurrent theme in the *sefer's* second half. Yosef begins his trajectory with his dreams that nearly get him killed, and he rides Paroh's dream to become the viceroy of all of Egypt. What is it about the dreams, and why does Yosef need to interpret Paroh's dream to realize his own?

Rash"i comments, based on the *midrash*, that many wise men had offered interpretations to Paroh to explain his dream, but he found none of them satisfactory until Yosef's explanation. How could Paroh know, definitively, that his dream was not actually about seven daughters who would die?

Paroh was a king, and he understood that kings dream about their nations and their people. He knew that any dream interpretation that involved his personal life could not be correct, for a true

leader is concerned with the welfare of the people and not with his own. Yosef was the first to offer an explanation that tied the vision to the national interest, thus satisfying Paroh.

Perhaps, Yosef's role in interpreting the dream of Paroh was meant as a lesson for Yosef, himself. Yosef began with two dreams that placed him squarely in a leadership role, one that he clearly desired and actively sought. The problem with Yosef lay in his understanding of the role and place of a leader. He viewed the office as a privilege for personal gain and prestige, not as a service to the people. To be a true leader is to be a true servant of the people.

In order for Yosef to realize the dream of becoming a leader, he had to first internalize what it means to be a leader. When faced with the task of trying to solve Paroh's dreams after so many others had failed, Yosef was forced to consider why they failed and were unable to satisfy Paroh. He came to this very realization, that a leader does not look upon his office as a means for personal gain, but as an opportunity to serve the people. Once Yosef absorbed this message





with regard to Paroh, he could turn the lens upon himself and see his responsibility as king. With his interpretation, Yosef grew to be eligible to realize his dream and to become king.

In these *parshios*, Yosef grows up before our eyes. At 17, he believes that he will find happiness in life if he attains wealth, power and dominion over others. He dreams the dreams of a kid. By the time he is 30, and seasoned by the trials of life, he realizes that satisfaction and happiness are a function of what you give, not what you get. He grows to be king, and he uses his position to help his family and his nation.

Our market driven economy leads marketers to sell us the dreams of children. It is a false narrative. We are constantly bombarded with the message that if we get more and better stuff, we will be happy. But, we know that is not the case, as we consume the latest and greatest in pursuit of ever elusive happiness. Study after study has shown that lottery winners are more likely than the rest of the population to die by suicide, to file for bankruptcy protection, and to suffer from depression. The contrast between the expectation of happiness that we've been led to believe will come and the emptiness when it does not is more than many can bear.

Children will dream childish dreams. They will dream of a life of big houses, expensive cars, fine foods, and exotic vacations that will bring them endless bliss in adulthood. They will also dream of iPhones and iPads, of Segways and ATVs that will bring them complete happiness in their childhood. But, we adults know that life doesn't work that way. The kids who have everything they wish for are by and large the most unhappy. Parents who misguidedly try to bring joy to their children by indulging their every whim are often perplexed, frustrated, and even angry. "I give you everything; how can you be so ungrateful?" "You have everything you want; why don't you appreciate it?" "How can you be unhappy with all that you have?"

What those unfortunate parents fail to recognize is that they have bought in to the false narrative that stuff equals happiness. They have allowed their children to believe that to be true. But, when a child gets more stuff and is still not satisfied or fulfilled, he is the junior version of the lottery winner, frustrated and unhappy with the gap between how he was made to think he would feel and how he actually does feel.

A parent's job is to help guide children toward meaningful, substantive dreams: dreams of changing the world, of curing cancer, of ending poverty, of eradicating disease. Those are dreams that will bring joy. Our task is to be the adult in the room and not indulge every whim or desire of our children, but to find the balance that can bring our children real happiness. We need to teach our children to help other people's dreams come true. Those who help others to realize their dreams will realize their own dreams of joy and satisfaction.

*Good Shabbos,  
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
Principal*





Machzikei Torah  
Zichron Yitzchak



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זיכרון יצחק

# LEARNING PROGRAM

## Chanukah



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שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

*Raffle*

Grades 1-2: Until שני

Grades 3-4: Until שלישי

Grades 5-6: Until רביעי

Grades 7-8: Whole פרשה

לז"נ הרב ירחמיאל שלום  
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**GRAND RAFFLE  
ON JANUARY 7TH**

IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE A  
WEEKLY RAFFLE  
FOR A \$25 GIFT CARD

שבת פרשת

☐ Learned 15 minutes  
on Sunday

☐ Learned 15 minutes  
on Monday

☐ Learned 15 minutes  
on Tuesday

☐ Learned 15 minutes  
on Wednesday

☐ Learned 15 minutes  
on Thursday

☐ Learned 15 minutes  
on Erev Shabbos

☐ Learned on Shabbos  
(Grades 1-4) 15 minutes / (Grades 5-8) 30 minutes

☐ Learned on Motzei Shabbos  
(Grades 1-4) 15 minutes / (Grades 5-8) 30 minutes

☐ Learned 15 minutes  
on Sunday

☐ Learned 15 minutes  
on Monday

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Yeshiva \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Completed forms should be faxed to 646-595-2402 or emailed to [egoldberg417@gmail.com](mailto:egoldberg417@gmail.com).

**Grand raffle will take place on Monday, January 7th, עשרה בטבת**

**50 PRIZES WILL BE RAFFLED OFF!!**

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**100  
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Airfare for two  
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Yisroel

**Two tickets  
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\$500  
 Gift Card

## FIRST PLACE

CHOICE OF:

26" Mongoose  
Excursion  
Mountain Bike

Swagtron Twist  
Kids Hoverboard

Razor E100  
"Glow" Electric  
Scooter

**7  
WINNERS**

## SECOND PLACE

\$100  Gift Card

**20  
WINNERS**

## THIRD PLACE

CHOICE OF:

Cotton Candy  
Machine

Chocolate  
Fountain

Razor  
Electric  
Ripstick

Quadcopter  
Drone

**20  
WINNERS**

## FOURTH PLACE

\$50  Gift Card

**50  
WINNERS**

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HASIYUM**

AGUDATH ISRAEL of AMERICA

Make sure  
to call in on  
Wednesday, the  
day of the Siyum  
HaShas, to hear  
all our  
WINNERS!





בס"ד



# QUESTION OF THE DAY

**ONE RAFFLE TICKET PER QUESTION ANSWERED!**

*Answers should be written on Q.O.D. cards and placed in mailbox outside office.*

## QUESTIONS ON פרשת מקץ

- 1) How many cows in total did פרעה see in his dream?
- 2) How old was יוסף הַצַּדִּיק when he became 2<sup>nd</sup> in command?
- 3) What were the names of יוסף הַצַּדִּיק's two sons?
- 4) How many שְׁבָטִים came down to מִצְרַיִם to buy food the first time?
- 5) How many years of plenty were there?
- 6) Two of the שְׁבָטִים stepped forward to take responsibility for בְּנֵימִין. Name one of them.

## WINNERS FROM פרשת וישלח

DANI ALEXANDER      YONAH FEINER  
YOSEF FRIEDMAN (5<sup>th</sup>)      DAVID GUTMACHER  
AVI NOAM DEMBITZER



**T.A.P.**

# ***Tefillah Awareness Power***

## **HONOR ROLL**

### **6<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

- ❖ Nechemia Gold
- ❖ Yosef Meir  
Grynheim
- ❖ Shua Weg

### **7<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

- ❖ Eliezer Dovid  
Baldinger
- ❖ Shlomo Bessler
- ❖ Chanoch Book
- ❖ Ari Maimon
- ❖ Moshe Newhouse

### **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

- ❖ Moishie Czegledi
- ❖ Avi Noam  
Dembitzer
- ❖ Yehuda Gamzeh
- ❖ Shlomo Gottlieb
- ❖ Shalom Gross
- ❖ Gavriel Hook
- ❖ Kobe Kurtz
- ❖ Dovi Morell
- ❖ Daniel Peikes
- ❖ Daniel Robinson
- ❖ Yosef Saragossi



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# פרנס היום

Today's learning, tefillos  
and shiyurim are sponsored  
I'zecher nishmas

דבורה לאה  
בת ר' יהודה ע"ה  
נפטרת כ"ו כסלו

By  
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hoffnung

זכות החזקת ישיבתנו  
יעמוד להם שלא תמוש  
התורה מפיהם ומפי זרעם  
עד עולם ויתברכו בשפע  
ברכה והצלחה  
וכל מילי דמיטב





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First

Last

Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

Class: (Please Check One)

☐ 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 10 פסוקים

☐ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 15 פסוקים

☐ 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 20 פסוקים

☐ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 25 פסוקים

☐ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 30 פסוקים

☐ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – 40 פסוקים

☐ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – The whole פרשה

My son completed שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום for  
this פרשה in the amount specified for his class.

Parent's signature

\_\_\_\_\_