

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 20, 2020 No Transportation Arrival: K-5: 9 AM, 6-8: 8 AM Dismissal: K-8: 3 PM G.S. Teachers Professional Development Day

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

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

Sunday, February 9, 2020 Hascholas Gemara

Monday, February 17, 2020 Legal Holiday No Transportation Arrival: K-5: 9 AM, 6-8: 8 AM Dismissal: 12:45 PM Rebbeim and Teachers Professional Development Day

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)

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פרשת ויחי



In preparation for their Bar Mitzvah, Rabbi Prupas brought some of his 7th grade talmidim to meet with the Rosh HaYeshiva about the mitzvah of hanochas tefillin. Rabbi Prupas said, "The Rosh HaYeshiva spent over a half hour with the boys explaining the significance and beauty of the mitzvah of tefillin. It was really incredible!" Pictured left to right are: Dovid Kurtzman, Yehuda Weisberg, Yaakov Levy and Moshe Lorber.



3rd graders during computer class.



Matnas Shabbos (Grades 1-4) sponsorship opportunities are becoming limited. Please see attached flyer for availabilities. If you would like to sponsor a week of this special program please contact Mrs. Schwartz at 845-362-8362 Ex. 122 or at pschwartz@ohrreuven.com. Thank you!







While learning about fire safety, the Kindergarten transformed their dramatic play area into a fire station!



Prizes for the 8th grade chinese auction being paid up!

Registration is now open for the Mad Science and Chess Wizards after-school program Winter Sessions!

Both programs are beginning at end of January, so please register as soon as possible. See flyers on the Yeshiva Ketana website for more information.



A glimpse into Mrs. Stein's 4th grade classroom!



Mrs. Goldring's Pre-1A boys playing in the block area during center time!

Parent Feedback

"We are very impressed by the program and the way that the teachers reinforce the academics through such creative and fun activities. We love seeing how much our son has progressed and we can't wait for his brother to follow him next year. Thank you!"



Our 5th through 8th grade talmidm had the opportunity to watch Torah U'Mesorah's "Vinikdashti" video on Asara B'Teves. They saw interviews with numerous holocaust survivors, who told of their mesirus nefesh and dedication to mitzvos, while in the camps.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Pesach Dovid Schiller, Kindergarten Liam Dovid Kurtz, Pre1a Meir Kivelevitz, 2nd grade Azriel Warum, 3rd grade Aron Drel, 8th grade

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Role Models

ויברכם ביום ההוא לאמור בך יברך ישראל לאמר ישמך אלהים כאפרים וכמנשה So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you shall Israel invoke blessings, saying: G-d make you like Ephraim and Menashe."

בד יברד ישראל הַבּא לברָדְ אֶת בּנָיו יִברכם בּברַכתָם וִיֹאמֵר אִישׁ לבנו יִשִּׁימִדְ אֱלֹקִים כּאֵפַרַיִם וְכֹמְנַה: When one wishes to bless his sons he will bless them by reciting the formula with which they were blessed - a man will say to his son, "God make thee as Ephraim and as Menashe."

Heroes turn us into heroes ourselves.

-Psychology Today, April 16, 2014

There are those who take issue, at times with merit, with certain "gedolim stories" that they feel give no sense that a tzaddik had to struggle to achieve greatness, as we all must

-Eytan Kobre, Mishpacha Magazine, June 12, 2013

There is a widespread custom in many Jewish communities to pause before Kiddush each Friday night to give brachos to our children. Our boys we bentch with the hope that *Hashem* should make them like Ephraim and Menashe. For the girls, we express our wish that they grow to be like Sarah, Rivka, Rachel and Leah. When we invoke the names of the heroes of the past in our blessings, we are doing more than bestowing a clear, specific bracha on our children. We are also giving our children the path to fulfill our blessing.

There has been much discussion in psychology circles in recent years about the need for and value of heroes. In an April 2014 article in Psychology Today, Scott T Allison lays out a clear, convincing case for heroes and their role in our lives. In that article, he advances five major arguments.

Allison cites Jonathan Heidt, of NYU, who has identified a unique emotion that he labeled elevation. Elevation is the mix of awe, reverence, and beauty that we experience when we witness a morally beautiful act.

Heroes evoke within us the feeling of elevation.

Allison goes on: "Hero stories calmed people's fears, buoyed their spirits, nourished their hopes, and fostered important values of strength and resilience." Heroes bring meaning to life in a sometimes seemingly senseless world.

Stories of heroes and shared reverence for those heroes cement social bonds across communities and cultures. When we are all connected to the same heroes, we are all connected to one another.

Heroes remind us that we can transform our lives. Heroes in our lives are usually people who are lacking an important quality and who transform themselves, thus reminding us that we may do so as well. The failure of the plethora of gedolim stories to have meaningful, measurable impact on our children and society is that too many times those stories are scrubbed, erasing the struggles that the gadol went through to achieve greatness. Without those struggles, the stories become irrelevant to us mere mortals.

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

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Finally, Allison argues, heroes inspire us to become heroes ourselves, to give back to society and to serve as a role model for others, just as our heroes have done for us. When we bless our children with specific examples of whom they should aspire to be like, we give them the role model to follow to realize our blessing. We point to Ephraim and Menashe who struggled to maintain the faith of their fathers in a foreign land, and succeeded to the point that they were elevated to the status of the shevatim. We point to the imahos, each of whom overcame the circumstances of her birth and upbringing to rise to become the holy mothers of the Jewish People.

We need to expose our children to heroes who embody the values of modesty, humility, charity, bravery, loyalty, honesty, integrity, faith, and all the other great qualities we want to imbue in our children. Those heroes can be real people, the great people in our communities. They can be found in literature, and they can be found in the true, unedited life stories of our gedolim. If you want your sons and daughters to grow to be heroes, give them a hero to imitate. That's the easiest route to get them there.

Good Shabbos, Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb Principal







Date	Hebrew Date	Parsha	Sponsorships
1/18	כא טבת	שמות	Sponsored
1/25	כח טבת	וארא	Sponsored
2/8	יג שבט	בשלח	Sponsored
2/15	כ שבט	יתרו	Sponsored
2/22	כז שבט	משפטים	Sponsored
2/29	ד אדר	תרומה	
3/7	יא אדר	תצוה	Sponsored
3/14	יח אדר	כי תשא	Sponsored
3/21	כה אדר	ויקהל פקודי	
3/28	ג ניסן	ויקרא	
4/25	א אייר	- תזריע מצרע	
5/2	ח אייר	אחרי מות - קדושים	
5/16	כה אייר	בהר בחוקתי	
5/23	כט אייר	במדבר	
6/6	יד סיון	נשא	
6/13	כא סיון	בהעלתך	
6/20	כח סיון	שלח	

Sponsorships are available! For just \$54 you can sponsor one week of this beautiful program for a simcha, liluy nishmas, l'refuah shlaima or just in honor of your son/grandson, etc.

Sponsor dedication will be prominently displayed in the new beautiful upcoming weekly pamphlets.

Please click here https://www.shuldonations.com/donation/darcheinoam?reason=Matnas%20Shabbos In the comments section, you can write which week you would like to sponsor and in honor of who/what.

You may also contact Mrs. Schwartz at 845-352-7100 Ex. 122 or at pschwartz@ohrreuven.com

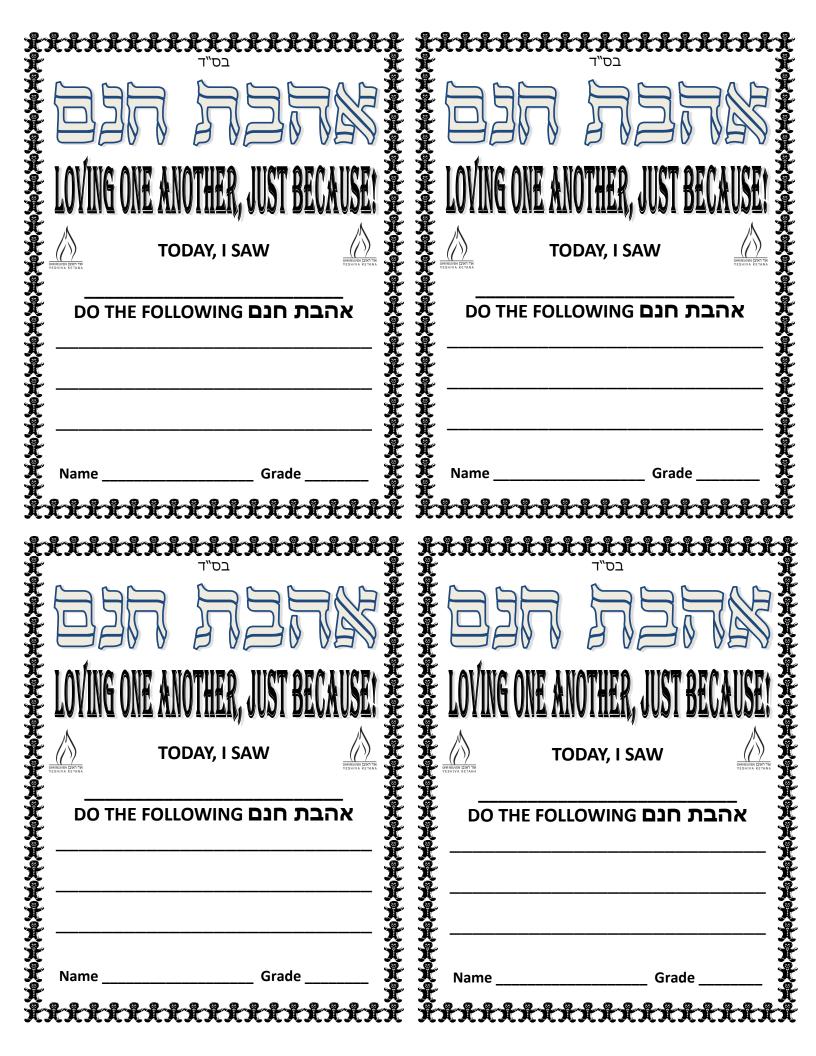
Tizku Lemitzvos and thank you for supporting the Matnas Shabbos program! A gutten Shabbos!



Over the next 3 weeks each time you see **SOMEONE ELSE** doing something kind to another person, fill it out on the assigned form (and place in the 'mailbox' by the office).

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To sponsor this, or any of our other programs, please email: bplotzker@ohrreuven.com





Erev Shabbos & Shabbos



Completed forms must be received by March 16th to be included in the raffle. Completed forms should be faxed to 646-595-2402 or emailed to egoldberg417@gmail.com.

Grand raffle will take place on Thursday, March 26
50 PRIZES WILL BE RAFFLED OFF!!

For more information or for sponsorship opportunities please call Rabbi Eliyohu Goldberg 347.420.0906 or email egoldberg417@gmail.com LAST WEEK'S WINNER:

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parent Mrs. Chanala Lampert in her sister's memory. Baby clothing is distributed Please consider donating to this worthy organization. This gemach is run by a to mothers in need. Any contribution is appreciated







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מרשיות of this year are still available for sponsorship! Please help support this wonderful program.

Monthly (4 weeks) sponsorship: \$275 One week full sponsorship: \$75 One week partial sponsorship: \$40

> To sponsor a פרשה please contact Rabbi Plotzker: bplotzker@ohrreuven.com

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