

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 23, 2020 Hascholas Gemara~**Note Change**

Monday, February 24 & Tuesday, February 25, 2020 Picture Day- See flyer attached

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 Carnival Day- See flyer attached

Sunday, March 1, 2020 3rd Grade Mechiras Yosef Play

Friday, March 6, 2020 YK Dress Up Day

Sunday, March 8, 2020 Sessions begin at 10:00 AM

Monday, March 9, 2020

Tannis Esther

Dismissal K: 12 PM, P-8: 1 PM

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 Purim- No Sessions

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 Shushan Purim- No Sessions

MPORTANT 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 משפטים



The Yeshiva Ketana Rabbeim enjoying a shiur from our Rosh HaYeshiva.



Rabbi Peikes's 8th graders holding up their winnings from the raffle after being tested on the entire first perek of maseches makkos.

Important Forms Needed _____

Personalized transportation and textbook loan request forms were mailed home. To secure transportation and district textbooks for the upcoming year, please sign and return the forms to the school office, attn. Mrs. Schwartz, by Monday, February 24th.

Districts other than East Ramapo need the transportation forms sent directly to the districts' transportation offices, but the textbook loan request form still needs to be returned to the yeshiva's office. Additional forms and registration information for the upcoming school year will be sent out by the business office after Pesach:). If you have any question please email Mrs. Schwartz at pschwartz@ohrreuven.com. Thank you!





Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade talmidim working on hilchos Shabbos limudim.



The Rabbeim had an informative visual presentation from Torah Live.



Rabbi Purpas's 7th graders that reviewed *Hakoneis* **25 times** celebrated at KC Grill!



Rabbi Weissman's 2nd graders looking at a Har Sini stone!



Rabbi Lowy's *talmidim* demonstrating to the class how the *kohein gadol* leaned his hands on the שני while saying וידוי.



Mrs. Radzik's 1st graders made special projects after learning about Abraham Lincoln.



On Presidents' Day, all staff members attended a security training presented by Gleis Security Consulting.



Mrs. Lazar's 2nd grade boys (Elisha Friedman, Benny Neuhauser and Shalom Sachs) with their prizes for finishing their Writers Notebooks!

Picture Day 🗐

This is a heads up that picture days will take place this Monday and Tuesday, February 24th & 25th. See flyer attached for more information. Please try not to schedule any appointments for those days. Thank you.



Yeshiva Ketana Lost & Found - new location near the shul/lunchroom!

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Perry (YK Rebbe) upon their son Hillel's (YOR Alumnus) engagement!

Mazel tov to Yonah Coren upon his sister's engagement!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mordechai Deutsch, Kindergarten Benny Neuhauser, 2nd grade Yosef Friedman, 3rd grade Avi Weg, 5th grade Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

PARENTING the PARSHA



משפטים Peer Pressure

You shall not side with the many to do wrong.

לֹא תִהְיֶה אַחֲרֵי רַבּים לרָעֹת וְלֹא תַענֶה על רִב

לא תהיה אחרי רבים לרעות. אם רבים עושים רעה בברור לא תלך אחריהם אעג שרבים המה: ולא תענה על רב. אם יתקוטטו עמד עבור זה לא תענה על ריבם.

If the many are engaged in clear evil do not follow them even though they are great in number. If they fight with you over this do not respond to their arguments.

-Ha'amek Davar

דֶרֶדְ בּרְיֶתוֹ שֶׁל אָדָם להְיוֹת נְמְשֶׁדְ בּדַעוֹתָיו וּבמַעשֶּׁיו אַחַר רֵעיו וַחֲברָיו וְנוֹהֵג כּמִנְהַג אַנְשֵׁי מְדִינֶתוֹ. לפיכדְ צרִידְ אָדָם להִתַחַבּר לצדיקים ולישב אצל החכמים תמיד כּדִי שִׁילמֹד ממע-שִׁיהם.

It is a natural tendency of man to be influenced in his ideas and conduct by his fellows and associates, and to follow the usage of the people of his state. Because thereof, it is necessary for man to be in the company of the righteous, and to sit near the wise, in order to learn from their conduct.

-Mishne Torah Hilchos Deos 6:1

Just because so many conforming kids wake up every morning asking, 'What is everybody else going to wear today?' doesn't mean that they don't wish it were different. Peer pressure is just that: pressure.

-Jerry Spinelli

And, if all your friends jumped off the Empire State Building...

-Frustrated Parents Everywhere

The human being is a social animal. We are drawn to groups and to our overall society and are largely driven by the need for acceptance by our social group. You only need look around at people's style of dress, tastes in food, housing, music, cars, and just about everything else to notice that we spend much of our time, energy, and resources on trying to fit in with and impress those around us. What's true for those of us who have reached adulthood is doubly true for our children who have not yet reached the maturity to have a modicum of independence in thought and action. Children also lack the confidence to deviate from their peer group.

When we think of peer pressure, we tend to focus on more overt forms of peer pressure where children are coaxed and badgered to do things against their (and our) better judgment by their friends and classmates. More often, peer pressure manifests in its more subtle form, where kids are pressured into dressing, acting, and talking a certain way because of the internal pressure that they feel to fit in with their peer group.

The Torah tells us not to follow the crowd to do evil, and the Ha'amek Davar understands the *possuk* in its literal sense, warning us not to succumb to the social pressure of the majority. The necessity for the Torah to command us specifically not to follow the crowd for evil should tell us something about our natural tendency to do so.

Peer pressure is a natural part of growing up. From the time children are old enough to be aware, they begin to develop a schema of the world around them, figuring out what and who fit where. That schema is developed based on those around them, and once they develop it, children have difficulty with anything that deviates from that schema. Probably the single greatest motivator that a child has is the need to fit in. Any parent who has ever picked up a school-age child wearing an outfit that does not conform to the child's perception of his classmates' parents' style or driving a car that does not fit either understands how important it is to the child to not be

seen as different.

Because peer pressure is natural, normal, and unavoidable, it is useless and probably counterproductive to ignore it. The first line of attack in dealing with peer pressure is to be as careful as you can in selecting your child's peer group. Try to make sure he will be surrounded by those who will pressure him towards what you want.

Acknowledge the elephant in the room. Don't just tell your child not to follow the crowd. Acknowledge and validate just how hard that might be. Help the child strategize ways to avoid being in pressure situations and ways to get out of those situations when stuck. Be sure to catch your child catching himself and praise him for it. You might even reinforce the child's ability to resist peer pressure by asking him at the dinner table each night to recount one instance that day where he resisted peer pressure.

Admit that peer pressure drives you as well. First admit it to yourself. Recognize that when your child comes home and says "but everybody's parents let" that you are concerned about not fitting in with the other parents. Admit to your child how hard it is for you to resist peer pressure, and be certain he sees the times you resist.

As much as you can, avoid peer-pressure conflicts. See to it that you do not act or dress yourself or your children significantly different from the way their peers dress. If a child's greatest need is to fit in, why make that into a battle when it can be avoided?

Peer pressure is a natural part of the human condition. Our job as parents is to teach our children to rise above the natural human condition.

Good Shabbos, Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb Principal Dear Yeshiva Ketana Parents, We will B"H be having Picture Day this Monday & Tuesday.



MONDAY Feb 24th: TUESDAY Feb 25th:

Kindergarten Pre1A

1st Grade 2nd Grade

3rd Grade 4th Grade

5th Grade 6th Grade

7th Grade 8th Grade

8th Grade parents: please make sure your son wears a suit and hat on Tuesday of picture day.

All ordering will be done online after picture day, so you'll get to see the images before placing your order.

In order to get access to the images you must register with the photographer. Mrs. Bracha Kivelevitz(YK parent) -It's a Miracle Photography

Register here:

https://www.itsamiraclephotography.com/ohr-reuven

Additional information regarding packages and other FAQ is available once you register.

Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven

Soda

popcorn

Cotton Candy

Ring Toss BTH GRADE CARNIVALI

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Wednesday, Febraury 26, 2020

Air Hockey

Baskethall shot

Arm Wrestle

Tickets: \$0.25 each

Popcorn: \$0.75

Soda: \$1.00

Cotton Candy: \$1.50

Specials!

\$5.00-18 tickets, soda and popcorn \$7.00-25 tickets, soda, popcorn and cotton candy







This weeks שצים מקרא ואחד תרגום program is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Y. Perkowski

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בת

ר' יוסף מרדכי ע"ה

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May the זכות of the learning generated by this program be an עליה for her לנצח נצחים.

Many פרשיות of this year

are still available for sponsorship! Please help support this wonderful program. Sponsor a week in honor of a שמחה, a birthday, in memory of a loved one, or for any reason at all! To sponsor a פרשה please contact Rabbi Plotzker.

bplotzker@ohrreuven.com

First Last			
Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)			
Class: (Please Check One) ם 1st Grade – 5 פטוקים ם 2nd Grade – 10 פטוקים ם 3rd Grade – 15 פטוקים 4th Grade – 20 פטוקים ם 5th Grade – 25 פטוקים ם 5th Grade – 25 פטוקים סוקים 5th Grade – 25 פטוקים פטוקים 6th Grade – 30 פטוקים פטוקים 8th Grade – 50 פטוקים			
My son completed שנים מקרא ואחד תרוגום for this פרשה in the amount specified for his class. Parent's signature			



Erev Shabbos & Shabbos

שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום Raffee Grades 1-2: Until שני Grades 3-4: Until שלישי Grades 5-6: Until רביעי Grades 7-8: Whole	לז"נ הרב ירחמיאל שלום משה בן הרב ישראל זצ"ל מגיד שיעור -ישיבה דרך חיים	GRAND RAFFLE ON MARCH 26 IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE A WEEKLY RAFFLE FOR A \$25 GIFT CARD	
Name Grade			
Phone Parent's Signature			
Please fill in the information below <u>clearly</u> :			
☐ Learned 15 minutes on Erev Shabbos ☐ Learned on (Grades 1-4) 15 m		Motzei Shabbos nutes / (Grades 5-8) 30 minutes □ Learned שנים מקרא	
First time participants should also fill out the information below: Address			
City			

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:

פרשת יתרו YESROEL MEIR MIMON CHEDER D'MONSEY