

#### YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

Dear Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven Family, שיחיו

It was so beautiful and heartwarming to see everyone who came to our La"g Ba'Omer driveby parade. The opportunity for all of us to get out of the house, to see one another in person, and to enjoy each other's company while maintaining health and safety protocols was a real treat.

I am uncertain who enjoyed our day more, the students, or the staff. Many parents shared with us how much their children enjoyed seeing their *Rebbeim* and teachers and how special it was to get a treat bag from the Yeshiva on La"g Ba'Omer. A few even commented that this was the first time they didn't mind waiting in a long carpool line.

Many Rebbeim and teachers also shared what a delightful pleasure it was for them to see the shining faces of their precious *talmidim*. Some expressed how they hadn't realized how much they missed the boys until they got the opportunity to see them in person. All of us, *Rebbeim*, teachers, and *hanhalla*, when we saw our beloved *talmidim*, were reminded why we do what we do, and walked away with renewed inspiration to continue to do all we can to support our boys at this time.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make Tuesday possible. Thank you to *Rebbeim* and teachers who joined us, and thank you to all the parents who made the effort to come and take part. We may have to see each other on Zoom for now, as we continue to wait until we can return in person, but our La"g Ba'Omer event will give us the strength we need to wait it out.

**Good Shabbos** 

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb Principal, General Studies

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# REUVEN BEWEITH STATES OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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Parshas Behar Bechukosi

Candlelighting 7:50 PM

Please click below to enjoy this week's Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven Fitness and Fun Montage Month Two!



Lag B'omer Drive By Parade!

















A very special thank you to the YKOR Nshei for sponsoring our amazing Lag Baomer Meet & Greet Drive by Parade.

#### The Hanhalla, Rebbeim, Teachers, Parents and Talmidim of YKOR

# **Congratulations to this week's Davening Winners!**

#### Enjoy your prizes!

Sunday: Eliezer Dovid Baldinger, Yehuda Saperstein,

Menachem Perkowski, Dani Maimon

Monday: Dovi kaplowitz, Yehuda Gotleib, Shimon Dahan,

Shneur Kurkus, Elchonon Light

Tuesday: Elchonon Light, Shneuer Kurkus, Ezzy Friedman,

Shlomo Eichler, Shlomo Gottleib Yehuda Gottleib

**Wednesday:** Shlomo Gottleib, Yaakov Kirschner, Elchonon Light, Moishy Czigledi, Moishy Kaplowitz - Mincha, Avi weg -

Mincha

**Thursday** Yehuda Weisberg, Shalom Gross, Ezzy Friedman,

Dovi Morell, Ezzy Friedman - Mincha

Friday: Yehuda Gottleib, Menachem Perkowski, Elchonon Light,

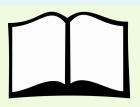
Moshe Lorber, Yosef Friedman.

#### **Reminder Davening Times Grades 5-8**

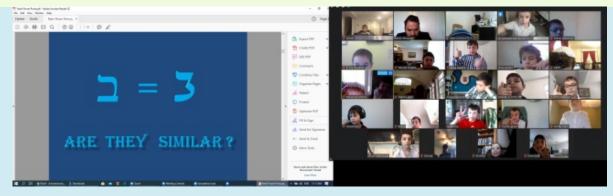
Shacharis: Mon-Fri @ 8:20, Sun @ 8:45

Mincha: Mon-Thu @ 1:50 Click here for the zoom link

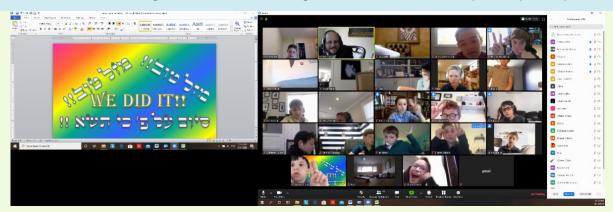
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Come join us!
Aside from the
exciting daily
shacharis and
mincha raffles, all
talmidim who did
not win a raffle but
joined our
shacharis minyan 5
out of 6 days,
automatically wins
a prize!



#### R Weissman's 2nd grade started learning Rashi Letters with a special powerpoint!



Rabbi Lowy's 4th graders finishing parshas ki sesa!

Mrs. Radzik's 1st graders enjoying their treat from their math



Mrs. Radzik says that now we can learn "s'more"!

celebrations!



## Parent Feedback

"What a beautiful treat it was to see all the staff, principals, Rebbeim and teachers! We wished we could have gone around the circle a second time:) Ari's face says it all!

Thank you so much For everything you do for all the boys!"

"What a hit! Thank you all so much for the wonderful "parade"

My boys loved seeing the Rebbeim, teachers and staff members! The warmth and positivity was felt by everyone and is what makes YKOR the special family that it is!

"Huge shoutout to Rabbi Rawicki, Rabbi Gottlieb and Rabbi Plotzker who have been working on ideas and coordinating the logistics! they really care about our boys! We are so blessed!"

"Rabbi Rawicki, Rabbi Gottlieb, Rabbi Plotzker, Rebbeim and Moros......
WHAT AN EVENT!!!!! WOW!!!!!! IT WAS JUST PERFECT!!!!

I can't thank you all enough for the outstanding "parade" that you pulled off. Everything ran so smoothly and efficiently. My kids were SOOOOO excited to see the Hanhala, their Rebbeim and teachers. I'm sure there was so much effort put into making the event as spectacular as it was, and it is truly appreciated.

As is, we are so grateful for "Zoom" Yeshiva. This was just the icing on the cake. May Hashem shower each of you with health, safety and happiness. May we be zoche to be back together, in closer quarters, very soon, iyh."

Thank you for sharing your feedback with us!

## Zoom Class Schedules

Click Here for Kodesh Zoom Classes

Click Here for General Studies Zoom Classes

Click Here for Pre-1A Zoom Schedule

**Click Here** for Kindergarten Zoom Schedule

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

# PARENTING in PARSHA



#### בחקותי Homeland Security

וֹאִישׁ כּי יַקְדָּשׁ אֵת בּיתוֹ קֹדֵשׁ לה"

If anyone consecrates his house to Hashem

'צריך כל אחד לדאוג לקדש את ביתו כמ"ש איש כי יקדיש את ביתו וגו

Everyone Must concern himself with sanctifying his home as the posuk states, "when a man consecrates his home"

-Chiddushei Ha'Rim

The strength of a nation derives from the integrity of the home.

-Confucius

One of the bucket list destinations that attracts tourists from around the world, is the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights. Those northern lights, visible from areas above or near the Arctic Circle, are produced by the earth's magnetosphere blocking the solar radiation that would otherwise render our planet hostile to life. Our home planet is constantly bombarded by the invisible energy that is produced by the sun, and the equally invisible magnetosphere protects us form that radiation. The battle between the two can be seen playing out in the stunning spectacle of the northern lights. Have we considered the invisible shield needed to protect our homes?

The Chidushei Ha'Rim homiletically interprets the posuk, איש כי יקדיש את, as a mandate for each of us to consecrate and sanctify our homes. In our daily lives, and the lives of our children, we are constantly bombarded by forces, ideas, ideologies, and cultural norms that attack and undermine our values and ideals. There is nothing new under the sun, and the Jewish people have always dealt with the challenge of cultures and societies at odds with Torah values. Today the difficulty in the battle today is the constant, pervasive nature of the threat and the depth to which that threat penetrates our lives and our homes.

Our highly connected, high-tech world has us interfacing with a broader society and with outside forces in almost every facet of our lives. Smartphones and social media have us connected to a 24-hour news cycle and to people we would otherwise never come in contact with. Google Home and Alexa bring the outside world into our kitchens and living rooms. Our cars, our appliances and almost everything in our lives is steadily being connected to the internet, creating one, massive network of everyone and everything. That fact brings an incredible amount of convenience to our lives. It

also brings incredible challenge.

Behind every one of these smart-devices stands a powerful company that wants to get between you and your money, and often wants to sell you not just a device, but a lifestyle. Large, multinational corporations often have progressive social agendas that are very much at odds with Torah values. They bombard the consumer with a steady stream of news articles, advertisements and notifications that aggressively push their worldview and their values on the consumer. A quick visit to any of the major online news aggregators will confirm the truth of the allegation.

Children are especially vulnerable, still developing their worldview and easily swayed. Our homes are meant to be the incubator in which we raise or children in a pure, sterile environment until they grow strong enough to withstand the onslaught of foreign ideas and ideologies. When we allow the sanctity of our homes to be breached, we rob our children of the opportunity to grow up in the pure Torah environment that they need to develop properly. Only after our children have been raised with the proper perspectives and values will they be prepared to properly assess and reject opposing worldviews and ideas.

We, as parents, are the magnetosphere that protects our home. Doing all that we can to keep the outside influences outside of our homes protects and shields our children. Weighing the potential costs to our children's *chinuch* against the potential benefits of convenience might just make us reconsider the purchase of the latest, greatest device for our homes. Vigilance in guarding and protecting the sanctity of our homes will make them the environment for raising the next generation of Torah Jewry. After all, a nation is only as strong as the integrity of its homes.

Good Shabbos, Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb Principal Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

# PARENTING in PARSHA



בהר

#### Me Time

ּבַּר אֶל בּגַי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלהֶם כּי תָבֹאוּ אֶל הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי נֹתֵן לכם וְשָׁבתה הָארֶץ שַׁבּת לה׳: Speak to the Israelite people and say to them: When you enter the land that I assign to you, the land shall observe a shabbos of Hashem.

שבת לה. לשם ה

For Hashem

-Rashi

כמו שילאה הגו בעשות המלאכות הכבדות עד שינוח וינפש ואז ישוב למזגו השוה, כן צריכה הנפש גם כן להתעסק במנוחת החושים כעיון לפתוחים ולענינים הנאים עד שיסור ממנה הליאות

Thus, just as the body becomes exhausted from hard labor, and then by rest and refreshment recovers, so is it necessary for the mind to have relaxation by gazing upon pictures and other beautiful objects, that its weariness may be dispelled

-Ramba"m, Shmone Perakim, Chapter 5

Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for. Each of us needs to withdraw from the cares which will not withdraw from us

-Maya Angelou

Our society has a word, rooted in this week's parsha, for a year-long break from one's work obligations. That term is the sabbatical, borrowed, of course, from the shemita year. In many fields of work, especially in academia, employers will grant their employees a year of paid leave from work. During that time, employees are free to work on other projects, to de-stress and disconnect, and to explore their creative side in many areas. What possesses employers to be so generous as to offer employees a year of paid vacation? Simply put, self-interest.

Employers in fields that tend lead to burnout, or in areas that require creativity, freshness, and up-to-date research are more likely to give their employees a sabbatical because it is in the employer's best interest. The sabbatical keeps the best and brightest in that field of work, as they rejuvenate themselves to return to work more capable and productive than before.

In that sense, the sabbatical year is aptly named, as the *shemita* year, as well, is not simply a vacation from the annual toil in agriculture. *Shemita*, as Rashi implies, is the opportunity for us to step away from our routine, to focus on Hashem, and to refresh and rejuvenate to better serve our Boss. *Shemita*, serves as a model of the necessity for some down-time from our constant obligations so that we will better discharge those obligations when we return to them.

There is no obligation in the world as constant and consistently demanding as parenting. From the time parents bring their oldest child home from the hospital and discover, at 3:00 AM, that children do not come with an off switch, until their

youngest child is capable of being left alone, parents are always responsible and always on duty. The prospect is rather daunting, to say the least. That is why parents need to schedule in their own sabbatical time.

Parents who are wise enough to make sure they get some time away will have greater patience and tolerance for their children when they return to "work". They will have the freshness of perspective to pull themselves and their children out of the ruts they may have fallen into and will do their children more good by being off duty for a time instead of being constantly on. Parents who feel compelled to always be on duty run the risk of burnout, impatience, and intolerance when dealing with their children.

Clearly, parents must balance their need for downtime with their children's needs for parental involvement and attention. Extended away-time for parents during the school year is rarely going to be good for a child's education. Constantly being left in the care of babysitters of questionable competence will not do children much good either, and even quality babysitting will be detrimental for children in excess. Parents would do well to take turns giving one another a night off once in a while, so that the children will have the benefit of a parent at home, while the other spouse enjoys the time to refresh. Parents can, and should take time for themselves as a couple where they will leave their children in the care of friends, relatives or a babysitter, but they need to very carefully weigh the how, when, and why of those times against the effect it will have on their children.







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□ 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







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