



YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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Parshas Behaloscha

Candlelighting 8:11 PM

Please click below to enjoy this week's Message from R' Rawicki



**Pre-1A drive
through Siddur**

Party!

Mazal Tov to our Pre1A talmidim!

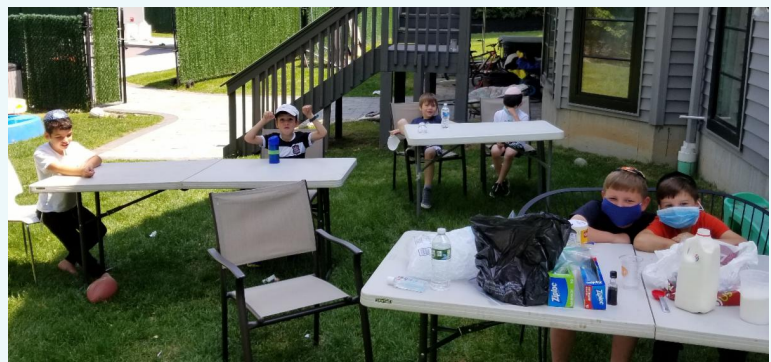
[Click to watch our video highlights of the beautiful event.](#)



KINDERGARTEN ADMISSIONS FOR STAFF, PARENTS & ALUMNI

You are already members of the Ohr Reuven family, and at Ohr Reuven, family comes first. Kindergarten Admissions is now open exclusively for the YOR family for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have a son that was born between December 1, 2016 and November 30, 2017, you can [click here](#) to apply.

Backyard learning with Rabbi Lowy, Rabbi Myski, Rabbi Peikes, Rabbi Prupas, Rabbi Weissman, Rabbi Robinson, and Rabbi Kohn's classes!



Thank you to the following hosts of the "backyard get together with rebbe":

Peikes, Robinson, Brachfeld, Vaksman,

Deutsch, Adler, Eisenstadt,
Greenspan, Silber,
Kurzmann and Zisman.



Meir Kivelevitz's *matan torah* project in 2nd grade!

Registration Message:

If you didn't get an email from the business office with your family's 20-21 registration information, please send an email to businessoffice@ohrreuven.com.

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](#)

Zoom ID: 498-711-4157 -- Password: ykor



Mishnyos Program Siyum on Seder Nezikin in KC!

Close to 20 kids celebrating the mishnayos chabura's, finishing seder nezikin! They started in yeshiva and continued every day on zoom!



Parent Feedback

"This is just a short note that cannot fully express our appreciation for the memorable moment yourself, the wonderful morahs, the Yeshiva, and the sponsors, created for the talmidim today.

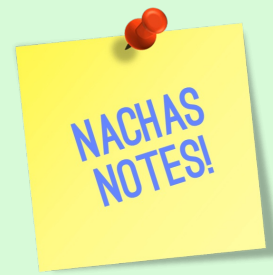
We listened on the "radio", and watched on "zoom" as each individual talmid was treated to a beautiful, personalized siddur, and made to feel super special.

It was a thoughtful and tasteful extravaganza that would have been well received under ANY circumstances. From your introduction of each talmid, to the greeting from the morahs, the siddur itself, the photo opportunity, the special "party" bag, all the way to the send off with ices, we loved every second of it!!!

Keep up the great work!

Scott & Dorit Needleman"

Thank you for sharing your feedback with us!



Zoom Class Schedules

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[Click Here](#) for Pre-1A Zoom Schedule

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Happy Birthday!

Shmuel Tenenbaum- 2nd grade
Zevy Deutsch- 5th grade

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and any **Mazel Tov information** to **reuvenreview@ohrreuven.com!**



Parshas Bihaloscha Swimming Upstream

(ג) וְיִהְיֶה בְּנִסְעֵי הָאָרֶץ וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה קוּמָה | ה' וַיַּצֵּצוּ אֹיְבֶיךָ וַיִּנָּסוּ מִשְׁנָאִיךָ מִפְּנֵיךָ: וּבְנִחָה יֹאמֶר שׁוּבָה ה' רַבּוֹת
אֱלֹפֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: (ג) (ס)

When the Ark was to set out, Moshe would say: Advance, O Hashem! May Your enemies be scattered, and may Your foes flee before You! And when it halted, he would say: Return, O Hashem, you who are Israel's myriads of thousands!

תנינא להא דתר האב חייב בבנו למול ולפדותו וללמדו תורה ולהשיאו אשה וללמדו אומנות ויא אף להשיטו במים

We learn in this mishna that which the Sages taught in a baraisa: A father is obligated with regard to his son to circumcise him, and to redeem him if he is a firstborn son who must be redeemed by payment to a priest, and to teach him Torah, and to marry him to a woman, and to teach him a trade. And some say: A father is also obligated to teach his son to swim

-Kiddushin 29a

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out."

-Dr. Seuss

One of the great mysteries of the Torah is found in this week's *parsha*. Two *pesukim*, which comprise their own mini-*parsha*, are set off by an upside-down letter *nun*. The presence of the separate *parsha* is well addressed by the early commentators, but the reversed and inverted letters chosen to bookend the *parsha* are not.

I once heard a beautiful insight from Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm that was echoed a similar idea I had heard in the name of Rav Elyashiv. Rabbi Lamm noted that the Aramaic word for fish, "*nuna*," bears striking similarity to the Hebrew letter *nun*. He suggested that the inverted letters *nun* marking off this *parsha* are meant to evoke the image of fish swimming against the current. The message, sandwiched between episodes of groupthink that proved disastrous to The Jewish People, is that it is imperative that we teach ourselves, and by extension, our children, to swim against the prevailing tide.

Rav Elyashiv saw the same idea in the directive the *gemara* gives in *kiddushin*, instructing fathers to teach their children to swim. While the plain-meaning of the *gemara* demands that fathers prepare their sons for survival in dangerous conditions, the selection of swimming as the model of that responsibility is intriguing. Rav Elyashiv offered that the *gemara* is subtly conveying that same idea, that a major component of parental responsibility is teaching our children how to avoid being carried by the current of ideas that surround them and to swim, instead, in their own direction.

We are all aware of the incredible danger that peer

pressure plays in the lives of our children, especially in their adolescence. The big question is what do we do about it? What skill set is there that shields children from the influence of peer pressure? While there is no simple solution, I would offer some ideas that have been found helpful.

Like all parenting, start with modeling the behavior you wish to inculcate in your children. What is your and your family's approach to peer pressure? Do you keep up with the Joneses? Do you follow the fads, trends, and fashions that are the latest and greatest in your social circle? Or, do you instead take pride in thinking independently and in bucking trends and fads? There is no guarantee that your children will do as you do, but the odds are definitely in your favor if you model the behavior you want.

Instill in your children a strong moral compass and a clear sense of right and wrong. Don't wait for them to face issues that you know will come their way when you are not there to guide them, or delude yourself into thinking your children will not face those temptations. They will, and if you have discussed them in advance and prepared them for the eventuality, they will be in a much better position to confront those situations. Give them something to stand for, and when the time comes, they might just stand for it.

Foster your children's self-esteem and self-worth. Self-esteem is not built through exaggerating or falsifying children's abilities. They see right through hypocrisy and disingenuousness. Self-esteem, instead, is fostered through identifying natural strengths and abilities in children, and then encouraging their development and growth. Giving

children real skills and real responsibility and allowing them to feel the sense of accomplishment of carrying out those responsibilities is what will build self-esteem.

Believe that your children are the most important thing in your life and share that belief with them. They crave love, support, understanding, and popularity. If they do not get those needs met from you, they will seek to fill them elsewhere, and will fall to the worst sorts of peer-pressure to endear themselves to those whose affection they seek. Children who are adored by parents, grandparents, and other important adults in their lives are far more resistant to peer pressure than those who are not.

Build the insulation against peer pressure when your children are young. That protective layer needs time to set and harden in order to be effective. Wait until peer-pressure comes calling, and you will be unable to do much to stop its irresistible draw.

Teach your children to swim upstream, to fight against the current and to hold fast to the values and ideals you want for them. Teach them to swim like a fish and you will feed them for a lifetime.

*Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal*



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First

Last

Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

Class: (Please Check One)

☐ 1st Grade – 5 פסוקים

☐ 2nd Grade – 10 פסוקים

☐ 3rd Grade – 15 פסוקים

☐ 4th Grade – 20 פסוקים

☐ 5th Grade – 25 פסוקים

☐ 6th Grade – 30 פסוקים

☐ 7th Grade – 40 פסוקים

☐ 8th Grade – The whole פרשה

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

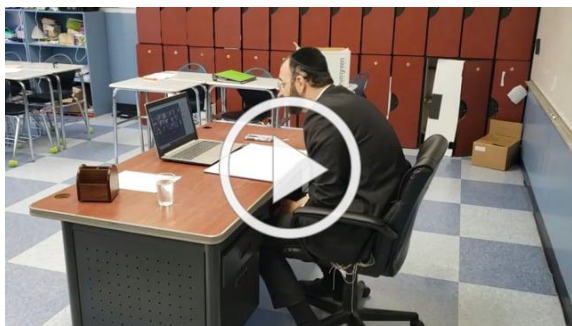
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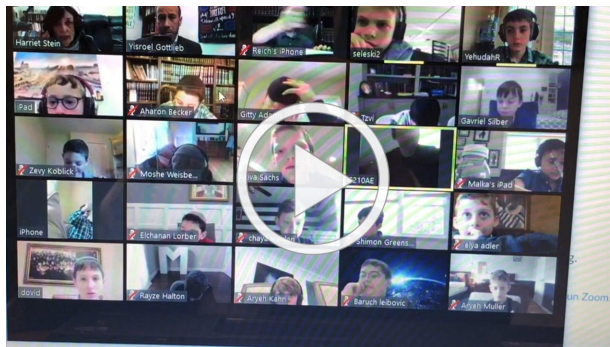
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