



## YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

Dear Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven Family, שיחיו

Parents of a certain age (or perhaps grandparents) may remember Sy Sperling. Mr. Sperling, the founder of The Hair Club for Men, was famous for a series of commercials he ran in the late 1980's which he would conclude by declaring "I'm not only the Hair Club president, but I'm also a client!" I often feel like the Sy Sperling of Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven.

As both principal and parent, I am privileged to a vantage point few, if any, others have. I will take the opportunity of these few lines to pull back the curtain and offer you a glimpse of the quiet greatness I have been witness to over the last few, extraordinary months.

I have watched the *Menahel, Shlit"a* go to incredible lengths to care for every *talmid* and every family. He has worked tirelessly and relentlessly to support the academic, social, emotional, and physical well-being of each *talmid*. After collaborating to set up a remote learning program that is the envy of every other school in the community, Rabbi Rawicki has continued to work long days and late nights meeting the diverse needs of our families and our faculty. His leadership in steering our ship through these rough waters has been exemplary.

I have seen Mrs. Levinger and her support staff live the meaning of "No Child Left Behind." They have reached through the screen to touch every child in need of support, and have been unflagging in their effort to ensure that the most vulnerable members of our student population would not suffer in this strange, new learning environment.

I have been privy to *Rebbeim* and teachers alike setting up personal Zoom sessions and even in-person, one-on-one, socially-distant learning sessions to meet the needs of every last student. I have watched our outstanding faculty continue, until the last week of school, to invest their all in keeping the learning fresh, exciting, and stimulating for their amazing *talmidim*.

I have also been blessed to see our remarkable parent body, juggling myriad personal and professional responsibilities while supporting their children's education and still taking the time to offer a constant stream of words of encouragement and gratitude to staff and administration.

Adversity, they say, can bring out the best or the worst in people. I am privileged to witness, daily, the best of some truly phenomenal people. And remember, I'm not just the principal, I'm also a client!

Good Shabbos,  
**Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb**

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# REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

Vol. 7 Issue # 30

Parshas Shlach

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## Important Schedule Changes Schedule

**Sunday, June 21st** - Due to a faculty meeting, talmidim will only have their first session 10:00-11:00

## 20-21 School year calendar information.

**Tentative 20-21 Calendar dates assuming that we will have a regular schedule and are subject to change.**

**First day of yeshiva** will IYH be Thursday, **September 3rd**. K-1 Student orientation, 2-8 first day of sessions.

**Mid winter break , Friday, February 5th- Tuesday, February 9th**

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### **Registration**

Registration is an annual process for all our families and emails with personalized registration files were sent out last week. The ERATE form in particular is important to have by July 1st - please [click here](#) to submit the ERate form online.

Please see your personalized registration packet email for other information and the rest of your registration forms. If you did not receive that email with your family's registration forms attached or if you have any questions, please reach out to the business office at [businessoffice@ohreuven.com](mailto:businessoffice@ohreuven.com) so that we can assist you.



**Thank you to the following families who hosted the "backyard get together with rebbe": Brick, Feiner, Halberthal, Reichman.**

### **Medical Forms - reminder!**

Please [click here](#) (can link to the form on the YK website that has medical requirements to review the Medical Requirements for registration (standard requirements, any updated requirements will be sent out as made available) to see if your son needs any updated health records/immunizations before the start of the next school year. Please send the updated medical forms to [businessoffice@ohrreuveen.com](mailto:businessoffice@ohrreuveen.com) so we can have the information when confirming registration over the summer.



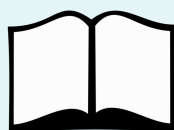
The YKOR long awaited bike raffle was held this past Monday in yeshiva. Our Menahel Rabbi Rawicki drew the name of the winner from among all of the submitted raffle tickets - and the winner is - **SHALOM GROSS!!**

We congratulate Shalom on his win and hope he enjoys the prize for many years to come.

1st, (\$1000) 2nd (\$500 Evergreen gift certificate) & 3rd (\$250 Tuvias gift certificate) place winners will be drawn on Monday June 22nd. If you still have raffle money or tickets at home send it in now to be a part of the raffle drawing!

### **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**

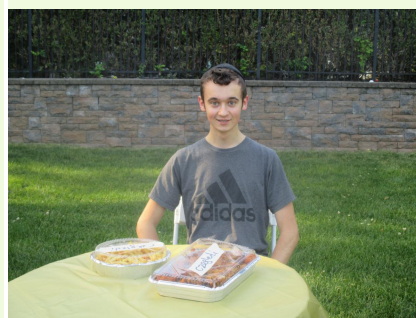
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**Mrs. Radzik's 1st Grade 1st grade launches helium balloons, played a mask game and did some math with chalk on the side walk!**



**8th grade Dougies social distanced siyum!**  
**Thank you to the Brachfeld family for hosting, and the Gamzehl family for sponsoring!**



## **Zoom Class Schedules**

**[Click Here](#)** for Kodesh Zoom Classes

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

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Meir Rubin Learning in Rabbi Weissman's class over Zoom!

## **Happy Birthday!**

**Mordechi Menachem Frommer, 2nd grade**

**Chaim Tzvi Eisenstadt, 5th grade**

**J.J. Gotesman, 6th grade**

**Shlomo Zalman Gottlieb, 6th grade**

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## PARENTING *in the* PARSHA



### שלח Negativity Bias

במספר הימים אשר תרתם את הארץ ארבעים יום לנה יום לנה תשא את עונתיכם ארבעים שנה וידעתם את תנאיתי

You shall bear your punishment for forty years, corresponding to the number of days—forty days—that you scouted the land: a year for each day. Thus you shall know what it means to thwart Me.

אלא מיכן או לומדים שחטא לשון הרע שחטאו בו המרגלים לא היה רק בדיבור אלא עיקרו של חטא נעוץ במחשבה הרעה שהביאתם לידי דיבור לשון הרע

Rather, from here learn that the sin of slander committed by the *meraglim* was not only in speech. Rather, the primary sin was planted in the evil thought that brought them to evil speech.

-Sichos Mussar

"When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around"

-Willie Nelson

One of the most important insights that modern psychology has offered us into the human mind is the constant presence of negativity bias. Negativity bias is the tendency to notice and recall bad news and negative events in far greater quantity than good news or positive events. Psychologists see this phenomenon as an evolutionary adaptation of the brain. Overlooking the positive carries little risk, but miss a negative and it might be the end of you. However, that protective adaptation can be very harmful in human relationships.

Rav Chaim Shmuelewitz, in a beautiful discussion of the sin of the *meraglim*, sees their negativity bias as the root cause of their sin and the impetus for their punishment. As Rav Chaim observes, the poetic justice of condemnation to one year in the *midbar* for each day of the sin of the *meraglim* isn't as fitting as it seems on the surface. The actual sin of the *meraglim* was only a few moments of slandering the Land of Israel, not the forty-day journey through the land.

Rav Chaim explains that the *lashon hara* spoken by the *meraglim* is really a symptom of a more insidious, underlying problem. People speak negatively when they view things negatively. The real problem of the *meraglim* wasn't the words they spoke, but the forty days they spent traveling through the land focusing only on the negative and not seeing the positive. With so much good to see, the *meraglim* fell to the trap of negativity bias. In doing so, they condemned themselves and their generation to die a slow, drawn-out death in the desert, one year for each day of only noticing the bad.

Negativity bias causes parents to be frustrated with children and causes them to focus on the negative behaviors of their children. The more parents notice and criticize the negative, the more children begin to believe in their own inadequacy, and that becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. Negativity bias also

harms marriages, eroding *shalom bayis* as spouses overlook all the good done for them and focus, laser-like, on any bad.

What can we do about negativity bias? Like all other biases, the first step is to be aware of its existence. Once you know it's there, you begin to look for it and you can stop yourself from falling into its trap. The second step is to fight fire with fire. That means that we need to consciously focus on the good that is around us and to make note of it.

Often, when dealing with children who are overly negative in their outlook, we insist that before they share any bad news with us, they must share at least one good thing that happened. We should do the same thing with ourselves. Whenever you notice anything bad, pause and find a blessing to count. That is especially important when dealing with your children. You may be frustrated with a child, and you may be justified in that frustration. You may have told your son to clean his room one-hundred times already, and he still hasn't done so. But, that negative shouldn't obscure how nicely he treats his younger sister, or how well he did at the doctor.

Try not to just notice the positive in your children, but to point it out to them, as well. Let them know how you noticed them being responsible, careful, conscientious, etc. Do more than point out the positive behaviors. Name the character traits that those behaviors exemplify. The more you notice and make note of the good in your children, the more you will come to believe in their goodness. More importantly, the more you notice the good, the more they will believe in their own goodness, and the more that goodness will be realized as they go through life.

Good Shabbos,  
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Principal



This weeks שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום program is sponsored in honor of

**YKOR's amazing Hanhalla -**

**Rabbi Rawicki,**

**Rabbi Gottlieb,**

**our amazing Rabbeim,**

**Moros, & Teachers,**

**our amazing office staff,**

**and amazing administration,**

**and our amazing talmidim,**

who through these weeks of potential disruption of learning have kept the flame of Torah and Tefillah burning bright!

Hashem should bless all with health, happiness, and only nachas!

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Prizes will be distributed upon return to Yeshiva Be"H

First

Last

Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

Class: (Please Check One)

☐ 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 5 פסוקים

☐ 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

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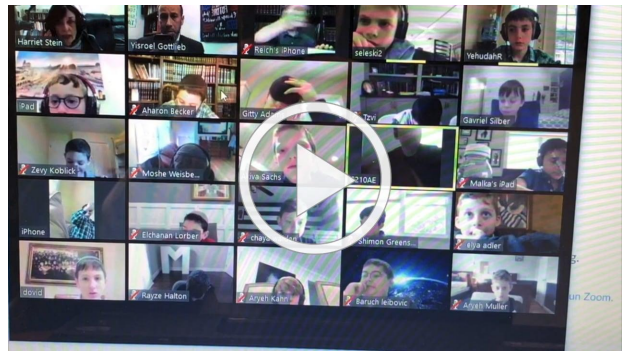
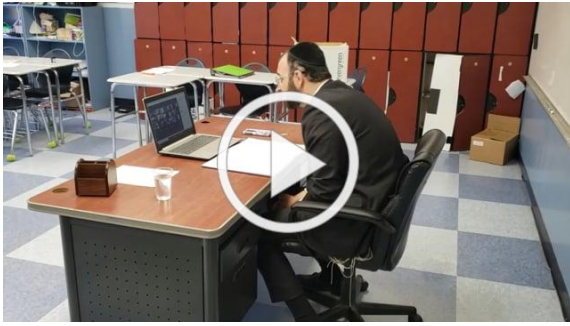
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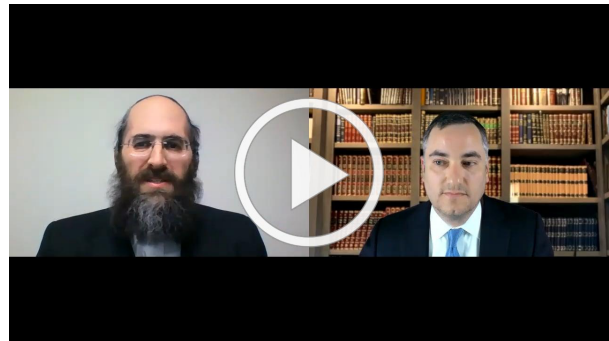
## Remote Learning



## Top Ten Tips For Schooling at Home



## How To Help Your Kids Succeed While Schooling at Home Dr. Scott Goldberg



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