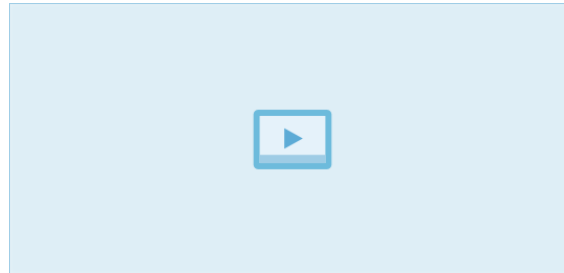




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Mazel tov to  
**Rabbi and Mrs. Gottlieb** (YK  
Principal)  
upon the upcoming chasuna  
of their son Akiva!



### End of Year Drive by Parade!

We have many student pictures from the event. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view all the pictures. The pictures will be available to view or download through this link until Sunday June 28th at

1:00 PM.



## 20-21 School Year - Registration Reminder!

The **ERATE form** in particular is important to have by **July 1st** - please [click here](#) to submit the ERate form online. See your personalized registration email for other information and the rest of your registration forms.

Please [click here](#) to review the standard medical requirements for the upcoming school year,

**Supply lists and calendar information** will be updated on the website as they become available.

**8th grade Rafting trip.....**

## Lost and Found!

The office is going through items that were left uncollected in the yeshiva building.

The lost and found will be emptied **Tuesday, June 30th** and unclaimed items will be discarded, given away or donated. If you want to pick up an item or look through the lost and found, please call the office or email [mail@ohrreuven.com](mailto:mail@ohrreuven.com) before coming.





### Raffle Campaign Update

The drawing for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners is being pushed off as there are many who have reached out to the office to say they still have raffle tickets and raffle money to bring in. **The new drawing date will be Monday June 29th.**



Don Elhyani's plant from discovery zone in Mrs. Radzik's first grade class!

### Happy Birthday!

Moshe Weisberg, 4th grade  
Avromi Kopstick, 5th grade

### Mazel Tov!

Mazel tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Gottlieb (YK Principal) upon the upcoming chasuna of their son!



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## קרח A Very Limited Monarchy

המעט כי העלינו מארץ זבת חלב ודבש להמיתנו במדבר כי תשתר עלינו גם השתר:

Is it not enough that you brought us from a land flowing with milk and honey to have us die in the wilderness, that you would also lord it over us?

כי תשתר עלינו. העלינו ממצרים כדי שתשתר עלינו גם השתר. גם שררות רבות אתה ואחייך

That you would lord over us – you took us out of Egypt in order to lord over us. And you took many positions of authority, you and your brother.

-Ibn Ezra

Use power to help people. For we are given power not to advance our own purposes nor to make a great show in the world, nor a name. There is but one just use of power and it is to serve people.

-George W. Bush

Perhaps most appalling about Korach's unjust attack on Moshe is his accusation that Moshe has taken the leadership position in order to exercise dominion over the Jewish People. This is the Moshe who intervened to save the people from annihilation and asked for his own name to be erased from the Torah if he would not prevail. This is the same Moshe who suffered through indignity after indignity and struggle after struggle to keep the people afloat. This is the same Moshe who all but turned in his resignation at the end of the Parsha two weeks ago, only to be rebuffed by G-d who would not accept that resignation. What would possess Korach to accuse Moshe of abusing his office to exercise power over the people?

The answer lies in the psychological concept of projecting. The theory of psychological projection dates all the way back to the father of modern psychology, Sigmund Freud. Freud observed how many of his patients would take feelings and emotions that they were having and ascribe them to others. In Freud's perspective, projection is a way for a person to process his or her own emotions. The classic example of projecting would be one who has an urge to steal and now thinks that everyone around has that same urge.

Korach was hungry for power. That power would give him authority over all those around him, and he projected that same perception of power on to Moshe Rabbeinu. Korach's own view of power blinded him to the way that Moshe exercised his power as a true servant of the people. Real leaders use their power as a tool to serve the people, and not to have the people serve them. Moshe's life was spent in the service of the people, and he selflessly gave everything he had for their benefit. Korach's own perception of power, projected on to Moshe Rabbeinu, clouded his vision, obscuring the true nature of a leader of the people.

What is true of a leader of men and of nations is also true of a leader of children and of a home. Parents often say "this is not a democracy" in response to various requests or even demands by their children. It's true, it is not a democracy. It is far worse.

Parenthood means being a servant to one's constituents, and it means exercising one's power only for their benefit and gain. Parenthood, like political leadership, is a gift from G-d, and it is Hashem entrusting you to faithfully use the authority of your office in the service of those whom he has placed under your charge and care. Parenthood must follow the Moshe model of leadership, and not the Korach model.

Unfortunately, all too often parents miss the mark on this one with tragic consequences. Many times parents, frustrated at their lack of mobility in the workplace and society in general, take their frustration out on their home and their children. They view their home as their little fiefdom, and their children as the vassals of their state. Those parents will run their home as a dictatorship, barking orders on a whim, demanding what they will from their children, and expecting strict obedience and subservience. They will not get it, and if they do, it will come at the cost of their children's dignity and ability to function as normal human beings. Dictatorships make for very unhealthy homes.

That does not mean that homes should be democracies with policies voted on by the children. What it means, rather, is that parents need to take charge and make decisions not based on their own need for power, control and authority, but based on what is in the best short and long-term interest of their children. Parents will, perforce, dictate laws and rules, but not because "I say so," but because "I have a duty to say so for your benefit."

How can you tell what kind of parent you are and what kind of home you are running? A simple litmus test: On those occasions where you must pull rank and exercise your authority over your children, do you enjoy it, or do you do so reluctantly because it is something you must do? If you enjoy it, time to rethink your approach to parenting. You want to be a Moshe parent, not a Korach one.

Good Shabbos,  
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
Principal



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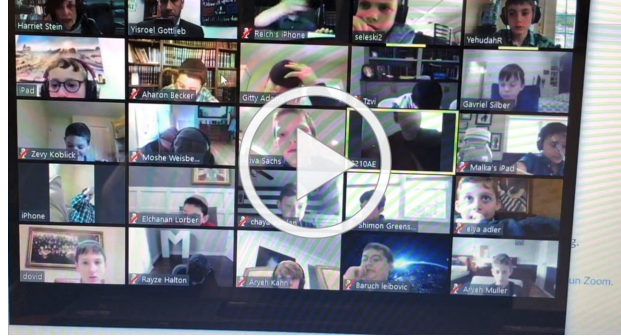
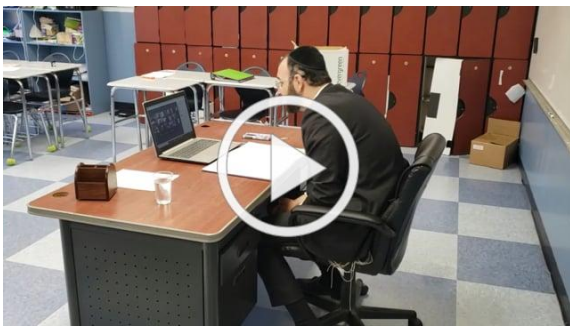
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