



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן
YESHIVA KETANA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Erev Yom Kippur
No Sessions

Monday, September 28, 2020

Yom Kippur
No Sessions

Thursday, October 1- Monday
October 12, 2020

Sukkos Vacation
No Sessions

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Sessions Resume

Motsi Shabbos, October 31,
2020

Move the clock back an Hour

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Regular ER & NR
Transportation, No Suffern
Central Transportation

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Legal Holiday- Early Dismissal
K-8 @ 3 PM

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sometimes yeshivawide emails go to a spam or junk folder. If you haven't been getting yeshiva emails, please check your junk folder and mark NOT JUNK. If you have any question, please email sshucht@ohrreuven.com.

REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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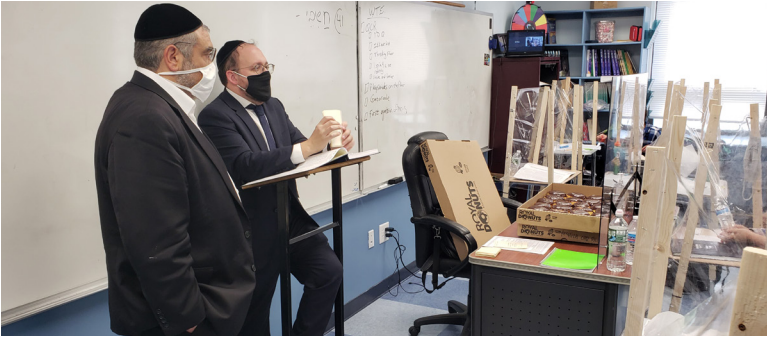


Dovid Benjamin getting his Esrog checked by the Rosh HaYeshiva at the Mechiras Arba Minim last night!

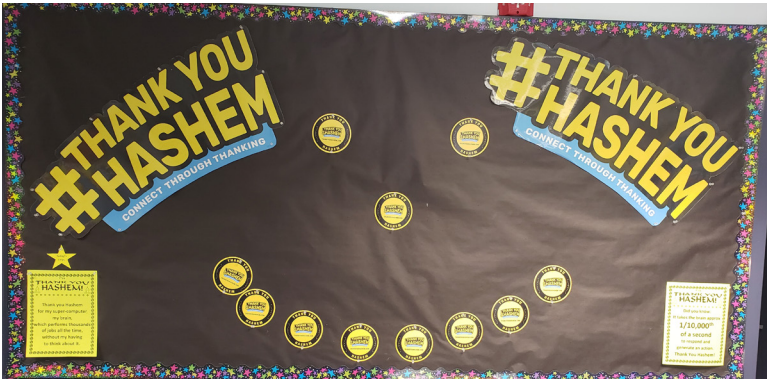


Rabbi Robinson's class listening intently to a story about the Chazon Ish. The Chazon Ish would daven mincha as early as possible because he was so excited for the opportunity to publicly talk with Hashem.

In honor of the Chofetz Chaim's yortzeit on 24th of Elul, the talmidim learned halochos from the Mishna Berurah, stories about the Chofetz Chaim, and the importance of guarding ourselves from Loshon Hora. A special English version of the sefer Chofetz Chaim was raffled off to each class (2-8). The class winners were: Tzvi Silber (2nd grade), Daniel Gottesman (3rd grade), Shaya Czegledi (4th grade), Shimon Greenspan (5th grade), Avi Weg (6th grade), JJ Gottesman (7th grade), Dovid Kurzmann (8th grade).



In this week's post shacharis shmooze to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade, Rabbi Brodie spoke about the importance of small improvements and taking upon ourselves a *kabala* for the new year. Talmidim, with the guidance and assistance of their Rabbeim, worked out individual kabbalos to work on over the next few months. All talmidim received a donut just for making a *kabala*. After Sukkos there will be a pizza party, and a fleishig seudah, for talmidim that are still keeping their *kabala*. We are very proud of our talmidim!



At the entrance to yeshiva, the bulletin board smiles at the talmidim and reminds them to thank Hashem for all! Each day a different Thank You Hashem awareness or amazing fact about the human body is posted, reminding us that Hashem is truly the *מפליא לעשות*!



Our Kindergarten boys, Dovid Benisti and Shlomo Richmond, showing off their kaporos project!

PARENT FEEDBACK

"A major Yasher Koach for keeping the school running so impressively in these challenging circumstances. We are very grateful."

"Just wanted to thank you for getting the year off to a great start. BH, Chaim has been very excited about Yeshiva and your class - and over Rosh Hashana he was very focused on his learning and chazering (including collecting as many 'Prutos' as he could!). Chaim learned with me and even got together with a few of his friends from the neighborhood to learn over YT! Wishing you and the whole class and Yeshiva much continued Hatzlacha and a Gut Gebentched Yahr."

"Thank you so much for this email and guidelines. I am so happy that my son is still able to be in school and gain so much from in-person learning. I can only imagine the difficulties and challenges that the logistics of keeping the school open entail and really want to express my appreciation for your continued efforts on behalf of the talmidim."

Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven has many special programs running throughout the year. To sponsor or co-sponsor, please contact Rabbi Plotzker: bplotzker@ohrreuven.com, 845 538 6302. Tizku L'mitzvoahs!

PLEASE SHARE WITH US! Please email any Mazel Tov information to reuvenreview@ohrreuven.com!

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel tov to Rabbi Lowy (4th grade rebbe) upon the birth of a granddaughter!

Mazel tov to Davi Robinson upon his bar Mitzvah!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Eli Brody, Pre1-A
Shmuel Eliyahu Adller, 5th grade
Aryeh Mayerfeld, 7th grade
Yaakov Meir Gilden, 8th grade

Lows and Highs

וַיָּבֹא מֹשֶׁה וַיְדַבֵּר אֶת כָּל דִּבְרֵי הַשִּׁירָה הַזֹּאת בְּאָזְנֵי הָעָם הוּא וְהוֹשֶׁעַ בֶּן־נֹחַן:

Moses came, together with Hosea son of Nun, and recited all the words of this poem in the hearing of the people.

יכתוב משה את דברי השירה הזאת על ספר עד תומם. דאמרו רבותינו ז"ל ([פסחים פז](#)): לא גלו ישראל לבין האומות אלא כדי שיתוספו עליהם גרים. דישראל מעלים הנצוצות הקדושות שבתוך האומות ועל ידי זה נוטלים מאתם כל הנצוצות. ולהכי נקרא דברי משה שאמר בפרשת האזינו שירה שרומז על שמחה, הגם שנאמר בו שישראל יהיו בגלות, אף על פי כן הגלות גופא הוא שמחה שיעלו ישראל נצוצות הקדושה מאתם ואז בכלות מאתם הקדושה ממילא יכלו. וזהו ויכתוב משה את דברי השירה הזאת, שנקרא שירה שמורה על השמחה הגם שנאמר בו גלות. לזה אמר עד תומם, פירוש שהגלות גורם להאומות כליה, כי ישראל מעלה מתוכם נצוצות הקדושה:

Our sages in *Pessachim* 87 state that the only reason that the Jewish people were exiled and scattered among the various nations is in order for their presence to attract worthy people amongst the gentiles to have a chance to convert to Judaism. Only the Israelites are able to help these "sparks" of holy spirits among the gentiles which have "fallen" from their celestial home to rehabilitate themselves through becoming attached to the Jewish nation. This is also why the words Moses addresses to his nation on this occasion have been entitled "שירה," "song," expressing one's feelings of joy poetically. This is so in spite of the fact that the Israelites at the time are in exile on foreign soil and may be presumed not to feel joyous at all. The positive aspects to exile, which are exclusive to exile, actually are a joyful experience, as, once the "lost souls," i.e. "sparks" of spirituality scattered among the gentile people have been repatriated, there is nothing to hinder G'd from annihilating the remainder of these people.

-Kedushas Levi

Parenthood is the biggest emotional roller coaster you will ever ride. Some days you will feel like you have been on it forever. Some days the ride is over almost before you get your seatbelt fastened

-Marie Masterson

Perhaps the most terrifying predictions of the horrors that will befall the Jewish people in the course of their history are found not in Parashas Bechukosai or in Ki Savo, but right here in Ha'azinu. In the Parsha, Moshe calls upon heaven and earth to bear witness to the historical mission of the Jewish people, the reward for fulfilling that mission, and the terrible consequences that await when they fall short of their mandate. It is a beautiful Parsha, yet a frightening one. Interestingly enough, it is called a song. Rav Levi Yitzchak MiBerdichev notes that the word "*shira*", song connotes happiness, and he questions the propriety of referring to such a terrible series of predictions as a Shira.

The Kedushas Levi explains that, in fact, the highs and lows of Parshas Haazinu directly reflect the nature of songs. Songs rise and fall in high parts and low parts. In fact, without a low-part a song cannot have a high part. Just as in song there are ups and downs, good and bad, so too Jewish history will be filled with its ups and downs, and the poetic foretelling of that

history is referred to as song.

But still, the term song itself is inappropriate for the low parts, for the negative. Again, the Kedushas Levi explains that the low parts, the bad times and events only look bad in the moment. In the long run, they too are part of what leads to the ultimate good and are therefore really happy moments. What in the short run seems tragic and horrid looks very different in the long run. Haazinu is a *shira* because it is a long-run view of Jewish history.

The Kedushas Levi's idea helps frame our perspective on parenting. Parenting is the world's greatest emotional roller coaster, filled with the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. Parenthood is the world's greatest *shira* because it covers the full range of emotion. But, it can also give you whiplash.

The key to successful and happy parenting is to recognize the two ideas of the Kedushas Levi in your parenthood experience. First, parents need to take a long-run view of parenthood.

PARENTING *in the* PARSHA

Too often parents get caught up in the moment and live and die by every single victory or setback their child experiences. Parents will also sometimes panic because they get caught in the moment their child declares how much he hates them. The wise parent recognizes that he is experiencing the steep climbs and sharp falls of life's parenting roller coaster. He also realizes that over the long run these highs and lows tend to balance out. Patience is the operative word.

The wise parent also recognizes that the setbacks of youth are what lead to the successes of adulthood. The lows are simply the path to get to the highs. It is hard to see that in the moment when you are traveling to the emergency room with your child or you have been summoned to a meeting with the principal about your child. In those moments, it is critical that you take a deep breath and remember that raising children is a *shira*, it's a song, and the low part you are at now is simply the build up to the high part that will come later. Do that and you'll enjoy the thrill of the ride.

*Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal*

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Yom Tov Planning, Covid, and Keeping School Open

Dear Parents,

As we approach the *yom tov* of Sukkos, *z'man simchaseinu*, and the extended school break, we implore you to bear in mind the potential consequences for your children and for the Yeshiva as you plan travel, trips, and social gatherings over the *yom tov*.

B"H, we have been very fortunate to this point to avoid a shutdown and even to avoid having to send home an isolated class or group of students due to potential exposure. That good fortune is the result of our strict policies, our vigilance in enforcing those policies, and the phenomenal cooperation and support of our parent body. We have had multiple talmidim across all grades who have stayed at home and logged in through Zoom in keeping with our Covid protocols, ensuring that our Yeshiva as a whole remains safe and secure.

Our goal is to continue in-person instruction, without interruption, for the remainder of our calendar year. Reaching that goal will require continued vigilance and cooperation by our entire Yeshiva family. The current uptick in Covid-positive cases in our community and in other frum communities combined with the advent of the yomim tovim presents a particular risk for all Yeshivos, including ours. The increased travel between communities for yom tov, chol hamoed trips, and the extended, close contact that simchas Torah is poised to engender, provide this virus that is still smoldering in our communities the opportunity to explode once again.

Setting aside potential public health concerns attached to a strong reemergence of this virus, a widespread outbreak will almost certainly cause us to have to switch to remote learning for multiple classes, and potentially for even the whole school.

The good news is that you have the power to help preserve our ability to maintain in-person instruction. As you plan your *yom tov* and *yom tov* travel, please bear in mind the following:

- Avoid travel to areas with a high incidence of Covid cases
- Avoid crowded places, especially any crowded indoor spaces
- Be wise in inviting company and accepting invitations from others. A visit in the *Sukkah* at a safe distance is low-risk. An indoor visit is higher risk
- Proper mask wearing and frequent handwashing will help prevent infection
- If you travel to any region on the New York State quarantine list, you will have to quarantine. No student will be allowed to come to school until his quarantine period has been completed
- Health experts are warning that simchas Torah has the potential to be a super-spreader event in the *frum* community. Be wise and safe with your family over *simchas Torah*. Try to attend a *shul* that is following safety protocols
- Do not send any child to Yeshiva after the break if he is feeling unwell.
- If your child has had an exposure to someone who tested positive for the virus, he may not return to school until he has quarantined for 14 days from the time of his last exposure to the positive case.

We intend to do everything in our power to resume and continue in-person learning after the *Sukkos* break. Your diligence and cooperation will determine if we can meet that goal. Please help us help our kids stay in school by following the suggestions above.

With best wishes for a *g'mar chasima tova* and a good *yom tov*,

Rabbi Yosef Rawicki
Menahel

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal

Mr. Avraham Balsam
Administrator



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שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



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is sponsored in honor of*

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to enable us to be back in yeshiva!*

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First

Last

Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

!!WEEKLY PRIZES!!

Class: (Please Check One)

- ☐ 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 – 50 פסוקים

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

☐ **Bonus: Did double the grade required amount!**

Parent's signature

ב"ס

דעם ציט צוהער

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SO.....

SMILE



Please email to: pictures@ohrreuven.com

1 picture (only)

of your son/s performing the sukkos mitzvohs –

Shaking lulav, sitting in a סוכה, helping build the סוכה

We are looking forward to decorating our entrance
bulletin board with them after Sukkos.



חג כשר ושמח!



For Grades 4 - 8



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The following must be completed legibly. Entry blanks must be completed to be considered.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Age: _____

Grade: _____

THE FOLLOWING IS A RECORD OF HOURS THAT I LEARNED EACH DAY DURING MY SUKKOS VACATION:

Thursday October 1 st .	_____	יג' תשרי	Wednesday October 7th	_____	ג' חול המועד
Friday October 2 nd	_____	יד' תשרי	Thursday October 8th	_____	ד' חול המועד
Shabbos October 3 rd	_____	א' סוכות	Friday October 9 th	_____	הושענא רבה
Sunday October 4 th	_____	ב' סוכות	Shabbos October 10 th	_____	שמיני עצרת
Monday October 5 th	_____	א' חול המועד	Sunday October 11 th	_____	שמחת תורה
Tuesday October 6 th	_____	ב' חול המועד	Monday October 12 th	_____	אסרו חג

Total Hours Learned: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

ALL
PARTICIPANTS
WILL RECEIVE
A PRIZE!

Registration Forms must be received in our office by Monday Oct. 19' אי' דראש חדש מר חשוון

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- ◆ You must be a member of Kesser Mishnayos in order to receive the Shas.

SIGN UP NOW!

(Please print clearly)

Date: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tel. (_____) _____ - _____

Parent's email Address _____

Yeshiva _____

Grade _____

Rebbe _____

Parents Signature _____

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Raffle

Grades 1-2: Until שני

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**GRAND RAFFLE
ON OCTOBER 25TH**

IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE A
WEEKLY RAFFLE
FOR A \$25 GIFT CARD

שבת פרשת

Name _____

Yeshiva _____ Grade _____

Phone _____ Parent's Signature _____

Please fill in the information below clearly:

☐ Learned 15 minutes on
Erev Shabbos/Friday Night

☐ Learned on Shabbos
(Grades 1-4) 15 minutes / (Grades 5-8) 30 minutes

☐ Learned שנים מקרא
ואחד תרגום

☐ Bonus

You can do any or all of the above options, if you do all three options please mark a check in the bonus box.

First time participants should also fill out the information below:

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Completed forms must be received by Friday, October 16th to be included in the raffle.
Completed forms should be faxed to 646-595-2402 or emailed to egoldberg417@gmail.com.

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