



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן
YESHIVA KETANA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday,
November 26, 2020
Legal Holiday- No
Transportation, Dismissal:
K- P @ 12 PM, 1-8 @ 1 PM

Friday,
November 27, 2020
Regular ER Transportation,
No Suffern Central & North
Rockland Transportation

Motzei Shabbos,
December 5, 2020

N'shei Tea
@ 8-9:30 PM

Thursday,
December 10, 2020
Erev Chanukah
Early dismissal: K @ 12 PM,
P-8 @ 1 PM

Friday,
December 11-14, 2020
Chanukah Vacation-
No Sessions

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.

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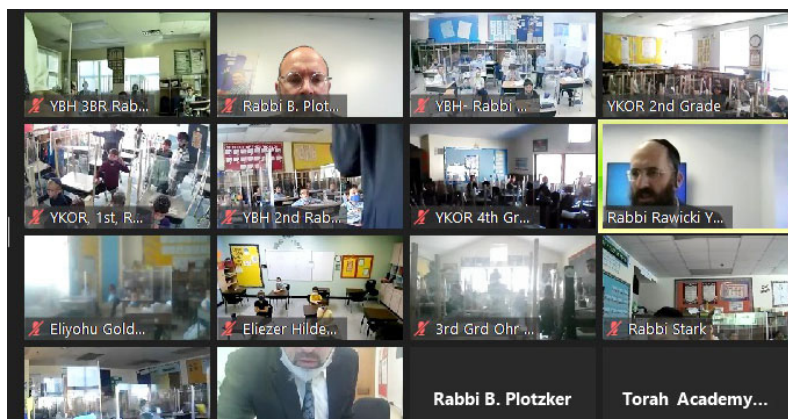
YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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פרשת חיי שרה כו חשוון תשפ"א



This past week Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven relaunched our Matnas Shabbos program - but this time with a twist! Due to social distancing restraints, we are unable to have all the classes together in the auditorium, so learning from the past month's experiences, we did it via Zoom, with each class logging in from their classroom and projecting onto the board. BUT WAIT! Thinking in true Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven style, we realized that if anyway we are on zoom, why don't we invite other yeshivos to join us. And so it was. This past week the Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven Matnas Shabbos program was joined by yeshivos Bais Hillel, Passaic NJ, and Torah Academy of Jacksonville, FL, with additional yeshivos potentially joining next week! Klal Yisroel Am Echad!!



Rabbi Plotzker launching the yeshiva's Recycle for Ruchniyos campaign (see attached flyer). Noam Deutsch from 2nd grade putting in the first water bottle!

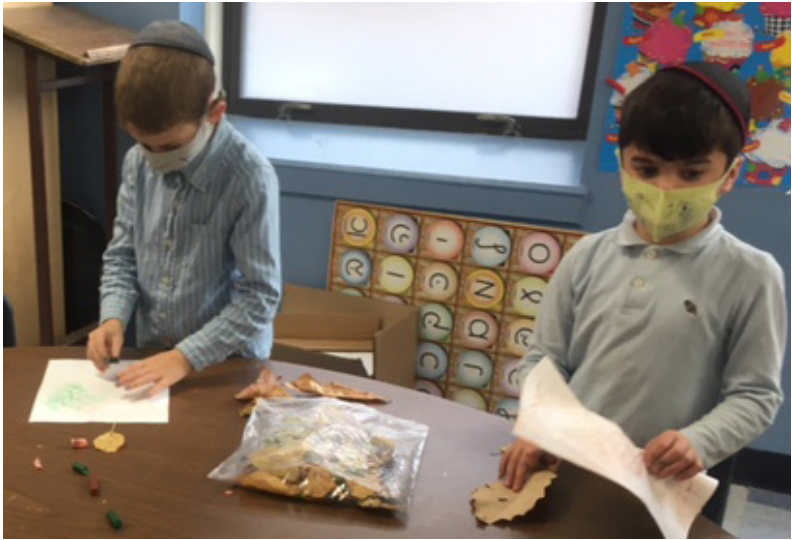
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From Kindergarten to Kollel and Beyond!



Rabbi Myski's 1st grade class, learned in last week's parsha about the mitzvah of bikur cholim. They had a ZOOM bikur cholim visit with Mr. Berman after his surgery. Refuah shleima!



Mrs. Radzik's 1st graders working hard on their fall project!

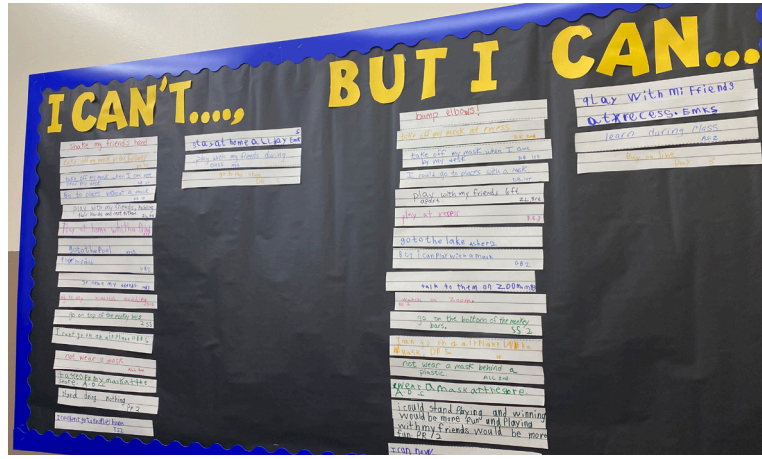


Aharon Becker sharing a PowerPoint that he created in honor of Veterans Day!

Reminder: please have your son bring his own water bottle to yeshiva. There is a water machine that the boys use to refill their bottles when needed. Thank you!



Rabbi Weissman's 2nd graders acting out last week's parsha - when the malachim pulled Lot inside.



1st through 3rd grade boys wrote collaborative line poems that expressed the ability we have to always focus on the positive and what we can do.

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

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel tov to Dovid and Dun Elyhani upon the birth of a niece!

Mazel tov to Rafi Koegel (Alumnus) upon his recent marriage!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Natan Tzvi Friedman, Kindergarten

Michael Katz, 1st grade

Elimelech Sternbuch, 2nd grade

Daniel Ben Shlomo, 3rd grade

Hillel Hook, 6th grade

Eli Fleischer, 8th grade

חיי שרה

Yes-Men, No, Man

וַתֵּשָׂא רִבְקָה אֶת עֵינֶיהָ וַתֵּרָא אֶת יִצְחָק וַתִּפֹּל מֵעַל הַגָּמֶל: וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל הָעֶבֶד מִי הָאִישׁ הַלֹּךְ הַהוּא בַּשָּׂדֶה

לִקְרָאתִנוּ וַיֹּאמֶר הָעֶבֶד הוּא אֲדֹנִי וַתִּקַּח הַצִּעִר וַתִּתְכַּס:

Raising her eyes, Rivka saw Yitzchok. She alighted from the camel and said to the servant, “Who is that man walking in the field toward us?” And the servant said, “That is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself.

ותקח הצעיר ותתכס. מרוב פחד ובושה כמו שמבינה שאינה ראויה להיות לו לאשה ומאז והלאה נקבע בלבה פחד. ולא היתה עם יצחק כמו שרה עם אברהם. ורחל עם יעקב. אשר בהיות להם איזה קפידא עליהם לא בושו לדבר רתת לפניהם. משאכ רבקה. וכו' הקדמה להסיפור שיבוא ב' תולדות שהיו יצחק ורבקה מחולקים בדעות. ומכאן לא מצאה רבקה לב להעמיד את יצחק על דעתה בדברים נכוחים כי היא יודעת האמת כי עשו רק ציד בפיו.

She took the veil and she covered (herself) Out of great fear and shame as she thought she was not worthy of being his wife. From then on fear was fixed in her heart, and she was not with Yitzchak as Sarah was with Avraham or Rachel with Yaakov. For they, when they had some complaint against them they were not shy to speak forcefully to them. Rivkah was not so. All of this serves as an introduction to the following story in Parashas Toldos that Yitzchak and Rivkah were of different opinions. Nevertheless, Rivkah could not find the capacity to bring Yitzchak to her way of thinking with clear evidence, for she knew the truth that Eisav was deceiving Yitzchak.

-Haamek Davar

I don't want any yes-men around me. I want everybody to tell me the truth even if it costs them their job.

-Samuel Goldwyn

Let's face it, we like to be right. We like people around us to tell us we are right, and we don't like when they question our positions or worse, undermine our authority. As much as that is true in all of life, it is doubly so in situations where there is a power imbalance in our favor. In those instances, we want to be the kings and queens of our castles and we want our words to be the last on any matter of importance. And, as in all circumstances, when we overcome the urge to be surrounded by yes-men and allow ourselves to be challenged, we allow our errors to be caught and our decisions to be that much better. Nowhere is that more true than in marriage and in parenting.

The Netziv, in a compelling comment on the initial meeting between Rivkah and Yitzchak, sees that encounter as setting the tone, and the wrong tone, for the duration of their marriage. Rivkah is awed and intimidated by the imposing image of her intended, Yitzchak, and she falls from her camel and hides her face in shame when she first sets eyes on him. As the Netziv explains, Rivkah never overcomes that initial intimidation and, at each stage of their marriage, as she has vital information that could correct Yitzchak's misperceptions of Eisav, she is too reticent to share that information. While the Netziv sees the imbalance of power in Yitzchak and Rivkah's relationship as Divinely engineered to allow the story

of Yaakov and Eisav to unfold as it does, his observation on marriage is vital for us all.

Hashem created a structure that has, at its ideal, two parents who are responsible for raising children. Both father and mother each play unique roles and serve unique functions in the raising of the children, but they are also equal partners in rearing their offspring. The presence of two, independent minds often in possession of two, independent opinions on matters of child-rearing is not a hindrance to raising our children. Quite the contrary, it is precisely the conflict of ideas that brings out truth and wisdom.

Couples sometime misunderstand the need to speak to their children in one, unified voice as a need to think in one, unified voice. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Divine Design placed two people of different backgrounds and mindsets in charge of raising the next generation precisely because each has what to contribute to the conversation. That same Divine Design provides a hierarchy for which of the two will have the final say when they cannot otherwise come to a meeting of the minds, but that provides for the final say, not the only say.

Parents who would prefer their spouse become wise enough already to see how smart they truly are and would therefore

concede every point of every discussion are doing themselves, and more importantly, their children a terrible disservice. Likewise, a spouse too reticent to speak up and offer opinion where needed is harming the family and the children. Had Rivkah had the courage to call out Yitzchak for his misguided perspective on Eisav, the course of history would have been altered.

The *gemara in Bava Metzia* tells us that after Resh Lakish passed away, Rav Yochanan was distraught without his *chavrusa*. The *chachomim* sent R' Elazar Ben Peda to replace Resh Lakish. For every idea that Rav Yochanan shared, the *gemara* relates, R' Elazar Ben Peda immediately responded "I have a *beraisa* that supports your position." At that, Rav Yochanan became even more distraught, exclaiming, "For each *halacha* I shared with Resh Lakish, he challenged me with 24 questions and I gave him 24 answers, thereby expanding the study, and all you do is tell me I'm right!"

Rav Yochanan did not want to be surrounded by yes-men, but by those who would challenge him and force him to expand and refine his thinking. We often think our marriages should be relationships of the Rav Yochanan and R' Elazar Ben Peda variety, where our spouse constantly declares how correct we are. But, if we want to expand our horizons in raising our children and really get things right we need to develop our marriages in the Rav Yochanan and Resh Lakish relationship mode. So, the next time your spouse tells you you're right, pause for a moment and kindly and gently ask him or her to tell you why you might be wrong.

*Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal*



Reminder: Class Start Times

Sunday:

Grades 1-8 at 9:15

Monday-Friday:

Grades 6-8:

Minyan at 7:45,
Class starts at 9:00

Grades K-5:

Class starts at 9:15

If you are driving your son to yeshiva,
please make sure that he arrives
at least 5-7 minutes before class start time.

Please make sure your son has his health check form
ready in his hand for a quicker entry into the building.
(for more forms, please contact the main office)

We appreciate your cooperation!



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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

בס"ד

RECYCLE FOR RUCHNIYUS



Yeshivas Ohr Reuven is assisting in raising money
for a young child who is deaf.

As a zechus for him, the family is aiming to purchase
a Sefer Torah in honor of his bar mitzvah,
which is in three years.

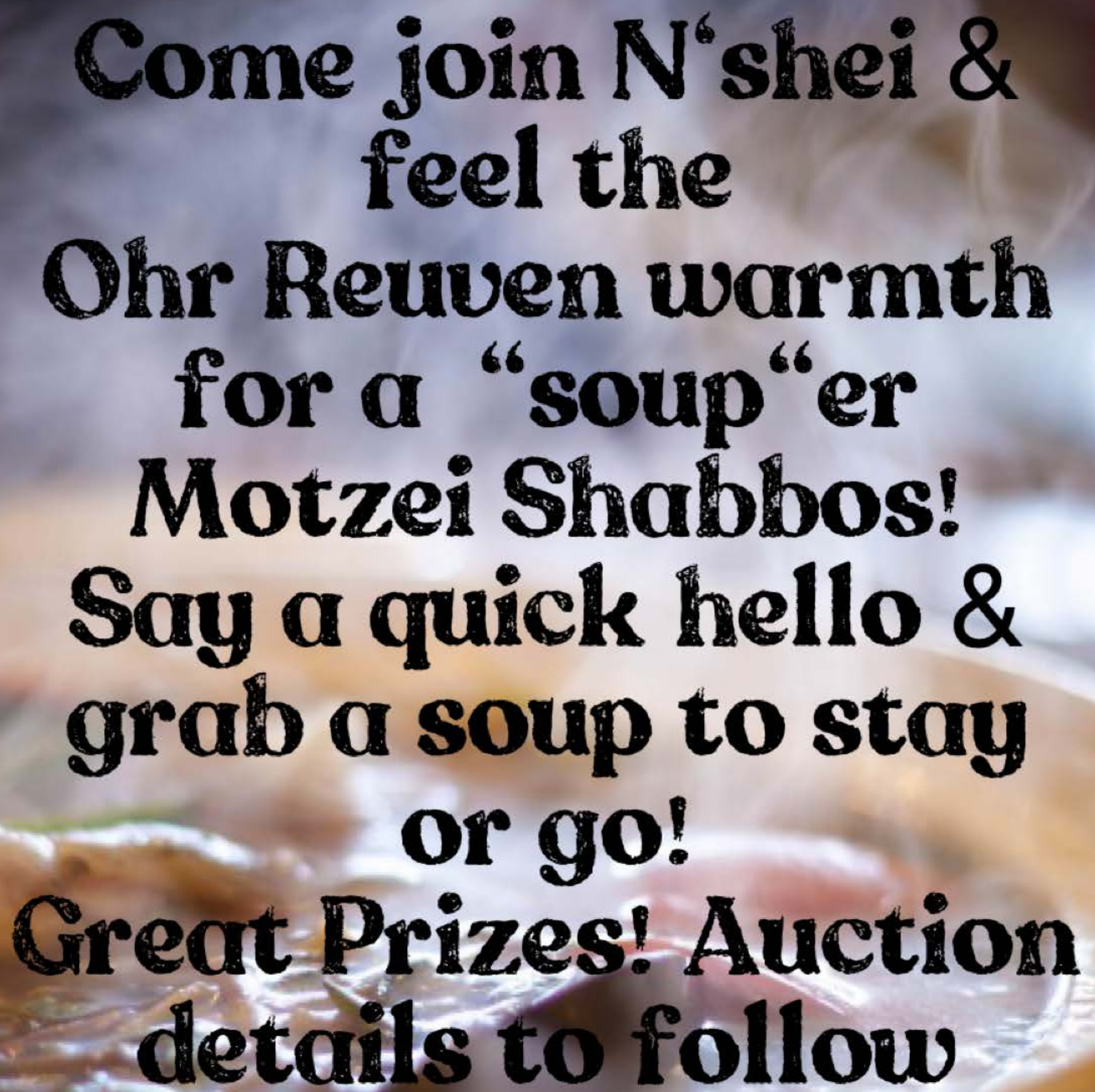
As a simple fundraiser,
we will be collecting water bottles (only) for recycling.
(recycling containers on the main floors)



To arrange other pickup sites,
please text/call Chavi Klein 845-825-3502

To donate, please mail your check to:
Ahavas Yisroel
141-17 72nd Drive, Flushing NY 11367

Thank you and tizku l'mitzvos.
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A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a bowl of soup. The soup is light-colored, possibly chicken or vegetable broth. There are several dumplings visible, some with a golden-brown crust. Green leafy vegetables are also in the soup. The background is out of focus, showing more of the bowl and some other items on the table.

**Come join N'shei &
feel the
Ohr Reuven warmth
for a "soup"er
Motzei Shabbos!
Say a quick hello &
grab a soup to stay
or go!
Great Prizes! Auction
details to follow**

**DECEMBER 5TH
AT THE HOME OF
SHAINDY & CHANANIA SILBER
40 SKYLINE TERRACE
8PM-9:30PM**

**SOCIAL
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