



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

Looking
forward!

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

In case of inclement weather, the Yeshiva will send out an email and text. You can also call the Yeshivas message lines.

Yeshiva Ketana message line:
845.362.8362, x 199. Mesivta
message line: 845.362.8362, x 198

REUVE N REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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4:14 PM

ד כסלו תשפ"א

פרשת תולדות

Mazel Tov to the Rosh HaYeshiva and Rebbetzin upon the wedding of their son Mordechai Rudinsky (alumnus) to Aliza Smilow!



This year the school-wide programs in YKOR are focusing on living with the *hachra* of Hashem in our daily lives. This month we zoomed in on the importance and making part of our regular vocabulary the phrases 'ברוך ה' בעזרת ה' חסדי ה' and 'אם ירצה ה'. This ultra-important concept of *Shem Semo* comes up throughout many times. For us, to combat the *chay* of today's society, we need to internalize that *Talmidim* received cards whereon they kept track of their "ברוך ה'" count in and out of yeshiva (used in a sentence or as a real meaning expression). On the yeshiva had a major raffle. Some *talmidim* walked away with prizes, but the real winners were all *talmidim* who participated in this most important program!

Prize Winners:

Osher Vaksman	Tzvi Silber
Shmuel Katz	Moishy Kaplovitz
Shmuel Seleski	Avrohom Peikes
Rafi Weinraub	Yitzi Richmond
Akiva Weinraub	Gavy Babani
Uzi Kurzman	Ahron Yehuda Feiner
Menachem Tepper	

N'shei Tea

Please see flyer attached.



We are carefully monitoring the state protocols and will run our event according to all the rules with the greatest concern for health and safety. Whether in-person or over Zoom, the N'shei tea promises to be a fun, exciting, fabulous event!

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From Kindergarten to Kollel and Beyond!

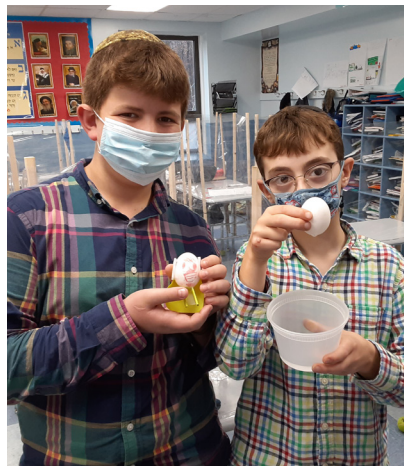
Thank you N'shei for the special Rosh Chodesh Kislev Treat! If you would like to sponsor a month's Rosh Chodesh treat please email peshieneedleman@gmail.com



Yonah Coren and Dovid Rosenberg distributing the Rosh Chodesh treats sponsored by the Nshei!



Rabbi Brodie with Eli Fleisher celebrating his bar mitzvah in yeshiva!



Rabbi Kohn's 6th graders presenting a pierced eggshell from mishnayis shabbos!



Rabbi Lowy showing his 4th graders a poster that hangs in their classroom of an outline of how Benei Yisroel's traveled from Mitzrayim to Har Sinai!

PARENT FEEDBACK

"L'chvod Rebbe, Thank you so much for all your hard work and dedication towards the boys. I can't imagine that it's been easy for you to teach on zoom, yet you make every lesson so exciting that my son is eager to learn. Hashem should give you koach to continue your avodas hakodesh of chinuch habanim."

"TYH that our boys are back! Rebbe and Mrs Radzik worked so hard to keep the boys in track during their days at home. When I saw the picture of the second graders holding up a welcome sign i literally started crying. Have Nachas from your beautiful Talmidim."



2nd Grade welcoming the 1st grade back from quarantine!

Staff Changes

Welcome to YOR: Mrs. Freidy Ziet and Mrs Chaya Green!

Mrs. Freidy Ziet is joining the yeshiva's business office staff and will assume the responsibilities of Mrs. Shani Amsel who has been working remotely over the last few months. Mrs. Amsel has been very busy with her other work at the Monsey Mevasser and we wish her much continued hatzlocha! Mrs. Freidy Ziet can be reached at ex. 108 and businessoffice@ohrreuven.com.

Mrs. Chaya Green joined the yeshiva's office and is assuming the responsibilities of Mrs. Perry Schwartz who has been working remotely. She can be reached at cgreen@ohrreuven.com.

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

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel tov to Rabbi Bamberger, (Mashgiach) upon the birth of a grandson!

Mazel tov to Momo Grossberger upon his brother Shmueli's (Alumnus) wedding!

Mazel tov to Eli Fleisher upon his Bar Mitzvah!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Binyamin Berman, Kindergarten
Meyer Lampert, Pre1-A
Aryeh Dahan, 2nd grade
Nechemia Gold, 7th grade

תולדות Stay-Fresh Packaging

וַיַּעֲתֹר יִצְחָק לַה' לִנְכַּח אִשְׁתּוֹ כִּי עֲקָרָהּ הוּא וַיַּעֲתֹר לוֹ ה' וַתֵּהָרֵר רִבְקָה אִשְׁתּוֹ:
Isaac pleaded with the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD responded to his plea, and his wife Rebekah conceived.

וַיַּעֲתֹר לוֹ. לֹא וְלֹא לָהּ, שֶׁאֵין דּוֹמָה תְּפִלַּת צַדִּיק בֶּן צַדִּיק לְתְּפִלַּת צַדִּיק בֶּן רָשָׁע, לְפִיכָךְ לוֹ וְלֹא לָהּ

[AND THE LORD] WAS ENTREATED OF HIM — of him and not of her, because there is no comparison between the prayer of a righteous person who is the son of a righteous person and the prayer of a righteous person the child of a wicked-person — therefore God allowed himself to be entreated of him and not of her ([Yevamot 64a](#)).

דאמר רבי אבהו מקום שבעלי תשובה עומדין צדיקים גמורים אינם עומדין שנאמר שלום שלום לרחוק ולקרוב לרחוק ברישא והדר לקרוב

As Rabbi Abbahu said: In the place where penitents stand, even the full-fledged righteous do not stand, as it is stated: “Peace, peace upon him who is far and him who is near.” Peace and greeting is extended first to him who is far, the penitent, and only thereafter is peace extended to him who is near, the full-fledged righteous.

-Berachos 34b

There are no seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child. There are seven million.

-Walt Streightiff

One of the classic modalities of the study of Torah *B'iyun*, in analytical depth, is the raising and resolving of a *s'tirah*, a contradiction. The structure of such an analysis involves the finding of two seemingly contradictory statements or rulings and then the formulation a new conceptual understanding that can allow these two conflicting sources to exist in harmony. Rashi in our *parsha* based on the *gemara* in Yevamos provides us with the first of two contradictory statements that beg resolution. Rashi tells us that although both Yitzchok and Rivkah prayed for children, it was Yitzchok's prayers and not Rivkah's that were answered, for there is no comparison between the prayer of the righteous born of the righteous and the prayer of the righteous born of the wicked. Advantage, it seems, goes to those born into piety.

Contrast that thought, however, with the *gemara* in Brachos, where Rabi Avahu tells us that those born into piety cannot stand in the place where the penitents stand. Advantage to those not born into piety, but who come to it on their own. The positions seem at odds, and one may be tempted to say that there is simply a difference of opinion. I have always felt that these two assertions are perfectly compatible, and that their resolution offers us an important lesson in *chinuch*.

There are both advantages and disadvantages to growing up in a home where piety and meticulous care in *mitzvah* observance are part of the fabric of that home. Likewise, there are plusses and minuses to one's growing up in a home where that is not

the case, and coming to *mitzvah* observance on one's own. For one who grew up eating whatever, whenever and wherever, the restrictive nature of *kashrus* and other food related restrictions must be quite challenging. Likewise, for those who have grown up with a permissive lifestyle, the restrictive nature of a Torah lifestyle can prove daunting. By contrast, for someone who has grown up never having experienced the taste of the forbidden, it is much easier to resist succumbing to its temptation.

Conversely, it is much harder to inspire or excite one who has grown up with a *frum* lifestyle than one who has not. Beginning *ba'alei teshuva* are wide-eyed with excitement over a *Shabbos seudah* or a *yom tov* experience, while those who have grown up with these experiences their whole life are often jaded and unmoved by them. It is one of the many reasons why *kiruv rechokim* is much easier than *kiruv kerovim*.

I believe that these two seemingly contradictory sources are actually addressing different experiences. The *gemara* in *Brachos* tells us that where *ba'lei Teshuva* stand and withstand the temptations of the experiences they have known, they are far greater than those who were born into religious observance. But, when a person who has grown up his whole life with Torah and *tefilah* is able to bring the same fire, excitement, and passion to the experience as the beginning *ba'al teshuva*, that is evidence of greatness. For Rivkah, her time spent praying for a child might have been her first real exposure to *tefilah*. For her, the joy and excitement of the new would have been natural.

Yitzchok had *davened* thousands of times before, yet he managed to pray with the same fervor as Rivkah. As Rashi tells us, there is no comparison between the equivalent prayers of the penitent versus the son of a righteous person.

The contrast between the perspective of one who has grown up in an atmosphere of religious observance vs One who has not highlights a particular challenge in parenting. How do we keep the *mitzvah* experience fresh and exciting for our youth who will encounter it every day as they grow? What will keep them from becoming jaded, bored, and disillusioned? While there is no easy answer, recognizing the challenge is the first step to overcoming it.

Oftentimes, we, the adults in our children's lives, are particularly enamored by an exciting thought, experience, or encounter that has infused life and energy into our own religious experience, and we are overeager to share that experience with our children. What we fail to realize is that the excitement of our experience is due to its novelty and freshness, a new perspective on that which we had known our whole lives, making it alive and exciting. But, if we flood our children with the sum total of all our religious experience in their youth, what excitement will be left to renew their joy in religious experience?

That *geshmake vort* on the *haggadah* that you enjoy so much because it offers such a different perspective on the concept only brings you joy because you have had the benefit of years of an alternative, simpler understanding. If you expect that sharing that idea will excite your children, you are sadly mistaken. It will simply be the way they were taught the topic, and they will be robbed of the opportunity to be blown away by the novel perspective when they get older. Release profound ideas and thoughts slowly and judiciously so that there's always a fresh, new layer of excitement for your children, even if they've grown up with it.

Leave space for your children to explore, discover, and be inspired in Judaism. Rabi says it best in Chulin

(7a) "*makom hinichu li avosai*," "my predecessors have left me space (to innovate)." Give your children the knowledge of one born into it, but leave them the space to, their whole lives, feel the excitement of a fresh *ba'al teshuva*.

*Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal*

**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
DISTANCING &
MASK REQUIRED**

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QUESTION OF THE DAY

THIS MONTH'S PIZZA & SODA WINNERS

SHAYA VILINSKY

YOSEF FRIEDMAN (4th)

YOEL WEISBERG

MENACHEM BRENINGSTALL

NAFTALI RUBIN

DOVID CZERTOK

MENACHEM REIDER

DOVI LEFF

Extra slice will come with class pizza. Please come to Rabbi Plotzker for soda





בס"ד



QUESTION OF THE DAY

ONE RAFFLE TICKET PER QUESTION ANSWERED!

Answers should be written on Q.O.D. cards and placed in mailbox outside office.

QUESTIONS ON פרשת תולדות

1) What is the name of the special place that
יִצְחָק אָבִינוּ & רִבְקָה אִמֵּינוּ went to daven for children?

2) What special event happened at that place previously?

3) Which son was older – יַעֲקֹב אָבִינוּ or עֵשָׂו?

4) Which body part is the "יעֲקֹב" (hence named יַעֲקֹב)?

5) What בְּרָכוֹת got the יַעֲקֹב אָבִינוּ when it was יוֹם טוֹב?
from יִצְחָק אָבִינוּ?

6) הַקוֹל קוֹל יַעֲקֹב וְהַיָּדִים יְדֵי עֵשָׂו said: יִצְחָק אָבִינוּ

The voice is the voice of יַעֲקֹב and the hands are the hands of עֵשָׂו.

What lesson can we learn from this to apply to our lives?

WINNERS FROM פרשת חיי שרה

SEE ATTACHED SPECIAL ROSH CHODESH QOD RAFFLE WINNERS