



OHR REUVEN **אור ראובן**  
YESHIVA KETANA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday,  
January 18, 2020  
Dismissal: K-8th @ 3 PM  
No Transportation

Thursday,  
January 21, 2020  
No ER transportation for dismissal.  
Regular SC & NR  
Dismissal: K @ 12 PM  
P-8th @ 1 PM

Note  
Change

Friday-Tuesday  
January 22-26, 2020  
No sessions  
Winter break

Wednesday,  
January 27, 2020  
Sessions resume

Sunday,  
February 7, 2020  
Hascholas Gemara

## 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  
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# REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

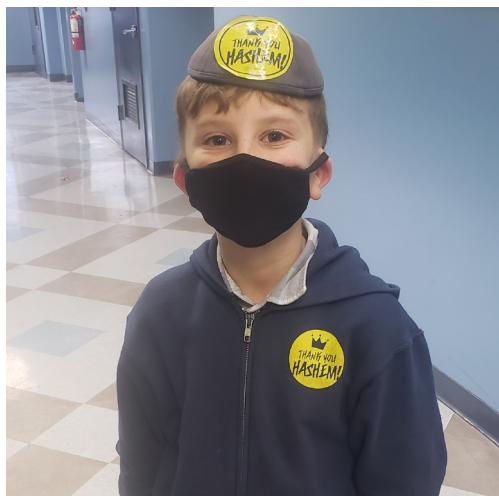
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פרשת שמות כד טבת תשפ"א



The Rosh HaYeshiva speaking to our 6th-8th graders after minyan.



לך: מודים אנחנו לך - In line with Chanukah being the Yom Tov of LeHodos U'LiHallel, to thank and praise Hashem, Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven launched a Thank You Hashem program in the weeks prior to Chanukah. Each class started off their day with their own individual list of 3 different things to thank Hashem for. The TYH's were documented and hung up in the classrooms for the talmidim to review. Each day's TYH had to be different than those said earlier, and the lists of things to thank Hashem for grew and grew. Each talmid received various Thank You Hashem prizes distributed throughout the program, sponsored by "TYH Nation". At the end of the program all lists were reprinted grade by grade and are proudly displayed in the main hallway (and attached to this Reuven Review) for all to see and internalize how much we have to be thankful to Hashem for and more. Thank you Hashem for this program!





Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade boys making various different knots out of Twizzlers® to get an understanding and excitement of the Gemara they are learning- the sugya of "מחרוזות של דגים"!



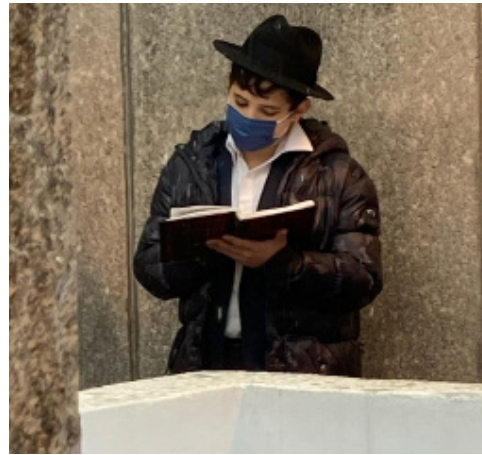
Our 7th grade got a special treat this week- a hands on demonstration about Tefillin and Safrus by our very own in house Sofer! Rabbi Shonek showed the boys samples of unfinished batim and klaf so that the boys could get an understanding of how their tefillin are constructed. He capped off the presentation by writing a few words on a parsha he is currently writing for tefillin. It was fascinating and engaging and the boys learned so much! Thank you Rabbi Shonek!



Rabbi Peikes speaking the 2nd grade about his Rebbe their Gadol Of The Week, Reb Nosson Tzvi Finkel Zt"l!



Rabbi Weissman's 2nd grade boys filled up their first page in their Gadol Albums with their special Gedolim pictures!



Nati Zisman davening at the Ohel of the Lubavitcher Rebbe zt"l on the day of his hanochas tefilin!



Rabbi Shonek and his brother explaining to the 5th grade basic halochos of shechita!

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**MAZEL TOV!**

Mazel tov to Shmuly Salamon (K) upon the birth of a new sister!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Yair Slatas, Pre1-A  
Pesach Dovid Schiller, Pre1-A  
Daniel Gotesman, 3rd grade

## שמות The Voice of Hashem

וַיֵּרָא ה' כִּי סָר לְרֹאוֹת וַיִּקְרָא אֵלָיו אֱלֹקִים מִתּוֹךְ הַסִּינָה וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה מֹשֶׁה וַיֹּאמֶר הֲנִנִּי:

When Hashem saw that he had turned aside to look, Hashem called to him out of the bush: "Moshe! Moshe!" He answered, "Here I am."

אָמַר רַבִּי יְהוֹשֻעַ הַכֹּהֵן בֶּר נְחֻמִּיָּה בִשְׁעָה שֶׁנִּגְלָה הַקְדוּשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא עַל מֹשֶׁה טִירוֹן הָיָה מֹשֶׁה לְנִבְיָאָה, אָמַר הַקְדוּשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא אִם נִגְלָה אֵינִי עָלָיו בְּקוֹל גָּדוֹל אֵינִי מִבְעֵתוֹ, בְּקוֹל נְמוּךְ בּוֹסֵר הוּא עַל הַנְּבִיָּאָה, מָה עָשָׂה נִגְלָה עָלָיו בְּקוֹלוֹ שֶׁל אָבִיו, אָמַר מֹשֶׁה הֲנִנִּי, מָה אָבִא מִבְּקֶשׁ, אָמַר הַקְדוּשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא אֵינִי אֲבִיד אֶלָּא אֱלֹקֵי אָבִיךָ, בִּפְתוּי בִּאתִי אֵלֶיךָ כַּדִּי שְׁלֹא תִתְּנֶנָּה, אֱלֹקֵי אֲבֹרָהֶם אֱלֹקֵי יִצְחָק וְאֱלֹקֵי יַעֲקֹב.

R. Yehoshua the Kohen b. Nehemiah said, When the Holy Blessed One revealed Himself to Moshe he was a prophetic novice. The Holy Blessed One said, If I reveal Myself to him in a great voice I will frighten him, with a small voice I will sour him on prophecy. What did He do? He revealed Himself to him with the voice of his father. Moshe said, "Here I am! What does father ask?" The Holy Blessed One said, "I am not your father, rather I am the G-d of your father. I came to you with seduction so that you would not be afraid."

- Shemos Rabbah

I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection.

-Sigmund Freud

What does G-d sound like? It is a funny question, but think about it. G-d does not have a voice in the human sense. Hashem has no physical characteristics. As Rashi often explains on the Chumash, any reference to Hashem as possessing physical attributes is simply metaphor, meant for us to understand Hashem on our level. But, if Hashem is beyond the realm of the physical, how does He appear to a person?

Hashem cloaks himself in the guise of the physical so that we can relate to him. His appearance will differ by situation, as the *midrash* relates and we describe in song in Rav Yehuda HaChasid's beautiful Anim Zemiros. Hashem appears as a hoary-headed elder on the day of judgment, but as a young warrior with flowing black locks of hair on the day of battle. It would seem, then, that Hashem would also sound different based on the situation. What, then, did He sound like when first appearing to Moshe at the burning bush?

The *midrash* offers an intriguing though. Rabi Yehoshua Hachohen says that Hashem appeared to Moshe in the voice of his father, Amram. In fact, the voice sounded so much like that of Amram that Moshe responded, "What does father want?" Why choose the voice of his father? The *midrash* indicates that the purpose was to avoid frightening Moshe at his initiation to *nevuah*. But, that explanation is not fully satisfying as there are plenty of other innocuous voices that could have been employed. Is there a lesson in specifically using the voice of his father?

Perhaps, the *midrash* is offering us an important insight into how one's relationship with and view of his father influences his relationship with and perspective of the *Ribono Shel Olam*. The description of Hashem as our father carries with it great weight and meaning. To a child, a father is a G-d-like figure, all-powerful, and all-knowing. The child is fully dependent

and reliant on his father, and desperate for his love, attention and approval. To a child, the voice of his father is the voice of G-d. And that places an awesome responsibility on fathers to be the voice they want G-d to sound like to their children.

If a father's voice is the voice of constant anger and impatience, then children grow up viewing Hashem as a G-d of anger and impatience. If a father is constantly critical of his children, especially if he is always finding and pointing out fault in their religious practice, children will view G-d as looking to catch them and find fault in them. That does not guarantee that children will leave the fold, but it does make it likely that even if they stay in the fold they will have very misguided perceptions of G-d and of religion. Theirs may be a religion of bitterness and anger, one where their *frumkeit* manifests in them always looking to catch others being wrong and where religiosity and criticism are one and the same.

On the other hand, if the voice of a father is one of calm, love, support, and patience, then a child will grow up perceiving G-d as kind, loving, calm, and patient. A father who finds praise rather than fault and joy instead of bitterness will instill in his children a belief that Hashem is a G-d of joy and of belief in people. That child is far more likely not just to stay in the fold, but to have a healthy relationship with G-d and with religion. His *frumkeit* is likely to manifest in spreading joy, comfort and support to others, just as his father had done for him and just as he sees his Father in Heaven doing for him as well.

What Does Hashem sound like? If you are a parent, to your children, he sounds just like you. Make sure you sound like the G-d you want your children to hear.

Good Shabbos,  
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
Principal



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שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



*Parshas Shemos'*

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**!!WEEKLY PRIZES!!**

- ☐ **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 – 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



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# YKOR PROGRAM

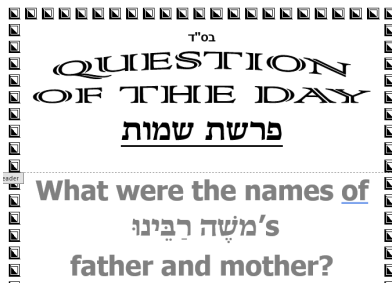
## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

(SAMPLES BELOW)

### Question of the day:

Daily parsha question posted on bulletin board – raffles and prizes:

Grades 1 - 8  
\$25 weekly



### Shnayim Mikrah V'echod Targum:

Talmidim fulfill an important mitzvah while practicing their kria. (required amount varies by grade).

Prize for all qualifiers  
Grades 1 - 8  
\$50 Weekly



### Tefillah Awareness Program

Talmidim learn pirush hatefilla with bi-weekly quizzes with raffles and prizes for quiz averages..

Grades 6 – 8  
\$125 monthly



### School-wide Programs

Monthly programs focus on different areas of hashkafa and hanhaga. Essential life lessons and ruach.

Grades 1 - 8  
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# 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 שמות

- 1) What were the names of מֹשֶׁה רַבֵּינוּ's father and mother?
- 2) What were the names of the two famous midwives in מִצְרַיִם?
- 3) What is the name of the person who rescued מֹשֶׁה רַבֵּינוּ from the Nile River?
- 4) In what type of bush did ה' appear to מֹשֶׁה רַבֵּינוּ?
- 5) What was מֹשֶׁה רַבֵּינוּ told to remove before he approached the burning bush?
- 6) What were the names of מֹשֶׁה רַבֵּינוּ's wife and father-in-law?

## RAFFLE WINNERS FROM פרשת ויחי

ELI MEIR KOPSTICK   MORDECHAI BRICK  
ARI LYPSTYK   AARON SILBER   DOVI POLLAK  
YOMO GUTMAN   SHMUEL KATZ   MOSHE SCHILLER



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# THANK YOU HASHEM!

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Thank You Hashem for making me a Jew

Thank You Hashem for giving me an amazing school

Thank You Hashem for giving us a great Rebbe

Thank You Hashem for my family

Thank You Hashem for Chanukah

Thank You Hashem for everything

Thank You Hashem for giving us things

Thank You Hashem for Torah

Thank You Hashem for making me a good lego builder

Thank You Hashem for good games

Thank You Hashem for my parents

Thank You Hashem for creating the world

Thank You Hashem for Shabbos

Thank You Hashem for my neshamah

Thank You Hashem for the ability to move my limbs

Thank You Hashem for Mitzvos

Thank You Hashem for my house





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# THANK YOU HASHEM!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Thank You Hashem for water  
Thank You Hashem for making us yidden  
Thank You Hashem for clothing  
Thank You Hashem for being able to talk  
Thank You Hashem for giving us the Torah  
Thank You Hashem for Colors  
Thank You Hashem for \$  
Thank You Hashem for my house  
Thank You Hashem for my parents  
Thank You Hashem for teeth  
Thank You Hashem for taste  
Thank You Hashem for being able to walk  
Thank You Hashem for my feet  
Thank You Hashem for no extra fingers  
Thank You Hashem that my fingers are separate  
Thank You Hashem for being able to hold things in my hand  
Thank You Hashem for being able to move my hands  
Thank You Hashem for giving us ears to hear  
Thank You Hashem for eardrums that don't burst  
Thank You Hashem for helping us finish Perek Yud Tes  
Thank You Hashem for giving us finger nails  
Thank You Hashem for planet Earth being in the perfect spot  
Thank You Hashem for trees that help us breathe  
Thank You Hashem for grass because that way there is less mud  
Thank You Hashem that the sun goes away at night so it's easy to fall asleep  
Thank You Hashem for our lungs  
Thank You Hashem for our lungs are hole-free  
Thank You Hashem for a healthy brain  
Thank You Hashem that we are not bleeding in our brain  
Thank You Hashem that we have a skull that protects our brain  
Thank You Hashem that our body still works when we are sleeping  
Thank You Hashem for traffic lights so that we don't crash  
Thank You Hashem for shoes and socks so our feet don't get hurt  
Thank You Hashem for pavement because that way it's not muddy  
Thank You Hashem for giving us an amazing Yeshiva  
Thank You Hashem for giving us friends  
Thank You Hashem that we have a memory  
Thank You Hashem for the Thank You Hashem program  
Thank You Hashem for making us Yidden  
Thank You Hashem for giving us food and water  
Thank You Hashem for giving us healthy hearts  
Thank You Hashem for giving us clothing  
Thank You Hashem for we can see  
Thank You Hashem that we can talk





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# THANK YOU HASHEM!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Thank you Hashem that You created us  
Thank you Hashem that we are normal and healthy  
Thank you Hashem for the Torah and that we can learn it  
Thank you Hashem for a sense of humor  
Thank you Hashem that we go to yeshiva  
Thank you Hashem for being successful in catching animals  
Thank you Hashem for making me a Jew  
Thank you Hashem that giving me bean bags  
Thank you Hashem that I'm not paralyzed  
Thank you Hashem for my beautiful face  
Thank you Hashem that I am able to think  
Thank you Hashem that I'm in third grade  
Thank you Hashem for pickles  
Thank you Hashem for my five senses  
Thank you Hashem that I'm not homeless  
Thank you Hashem that I got a blue note  
Thank you Hashem for peas and carrots  
Thank you Hashem for Thank You Hashem stickers  
Thank you Hashem for giving back our neshama  
Thank you Hashem everything  
Thank you Hashem for my amazing yeahiva  
Thank you Hashem for beautiful colors  
Thank you Hashem for air  
Thank you Hashem for making us win the war with yevanim  
Thank you Hashem for trees which gives us oxygen  
Thank you Hashem for pez candy  
Thank you Hashem for clothes  
Thank you Hashem for sun, moon and stars  
Thank you Hashem for moshiach  
Thank you Hashem for good books  
Thank you Hashem for raffles  
Thank you Hashem for snow days  
Thank you Hashem for Zoom  
Thank you Hashem for cute babies  
Thank you Hashem for good food  
Thank you Hashem for vacation



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# THANK YOU HASHEM!

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Thank You Hashem for winning matnas Shabbos

Thank You Hashem for being able to learn torah

Thank You Hashem for able to make it to Yeshiva

Thank You Hashem that Elkanah is back

Thank You Hashem for taste

Thank You Hashem for smell

Thank You Hashem for my heart

Thank You Hashem for breathing

Thank You Hashem for being alive

Thank You Hashem for learning in person instead of on zoom

Thank You Hashem for my friends

Thank You Hashem for almost no fights in the class

Thank You Hashem for the holes in our body

Thank You Hashem for forgetting

Thank You Hashem for being able to move my arms and legs





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# THANK YOU HASHEM!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Thank You Hashem for our brains  
Thank You Hashem that I can see  
Thank You Hashem for all my fingers  
Thank You Hashem for my Ears  
Thank You Hashem for my Rebbeim  
Thank You Hashem for the entire world  
Thank You Hashem for bone marrow  
Thank You Hashem for my family  
Thank You Hashem for hair  
Thank You Hashem for my digestive system  
Thank You Hashem for my ability to ski and exercise  
Thank You Hashem for our beards  
Thank You Hashem for letting us talk to You  
Thank You Hashem for being alive  
Thank You Hashem for my eyes  
Thank You Hashem for being able to walk  
Thank You Hashem for my parents  
Thank You Hashem for music  
Thank You Hashem for cars  
Thank You Hashem for davening  
Thank You Hashem for mitzvos  
Thank You Hashem for my legs  
Thank You Hashem for my Heart  
Thank You Hashem for being able to breathe  
Thank You Hashem for candy  
Thank You Hashem for Yom tov  
Thank You Hashem for Shabbos  
Thank You Hashem for toys  
Thank You Hashem for sports  
Thank You Hashem for video games  
Thank You Hashem for air  
Thank You Hashem for my brain  
Thank You Hashem for Food  
Thank You Hashem for being healthy  
Thank You Hashem for yeshiva  
Thank You Hashem for police  
Thank You Hashem for recess





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# THANK YOU HASHEM!

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Thank You Hashem for being able to throw and catch  
Thank You Hashem for being able to keep the place with my finger  
Thank You Hashem for being able to open windows  
Thank You Hashem for my eyebrows  
Thank You Hashem for my legs which let me walk  
Thank You Hashem for my eyes which help me daven  
Thank You Hashem for food  
Thank You Hashem for my Rabbeim and Teachers  
Thank You Hashem for being able to learn  
Thank You Hashem for putting taste in food  
Thank You Hashem for my friends and neighbors  
Thank You Hashem for my bed to sleep  
Thank You Hashem for my eyes  
Thank You Hashem for money to buy food  
Thank You Hashem for my house  
Thank You Hashem for my feet which let me to run and play sports  
Thank You Hashem for my family  
Thank You Hashem for my lungs  
Thank You Hashem for being able to say brochos  
Thank You Hashem for my Rebbe's Chazarah program  
Thank You Hashem for my heart that pumps  
Thank You Hashem for making it easy to breathe  
Thank You Hashem for my ears that hear  
Thank You Hashem for technology which helps for learning  
Thank You Hashem that every day is a new day  
Thank You Hashem for my feet which let me walk to shul to daven  
Thank You Hashem for glasses which help me see  
Thank You Hashem for doctors  
Thank You Hashem for my knees  
Thank You Hashem for for giving us this program



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# THANK YOU HASHEM!

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Thank You Hashem for letting us finish the 1<sup>st</sup> Mishnah  
Thank You Hashem for my Rebbe  
Thank You Hashem for music  
Thank You Hashem for cotton candy  
Thank You Hashem for my eyelashes  
Thank You Hashem for my opposing thumbs  
Thank You Hashem for my toes  
Thank You Hashem for bringing us back whole every day  
Thank You Hashem for my hand eye coordination  
Thank You Hashem for tech that help us learn  
Thank You Hashem for my pupils  
Thank You Hashem for flavors  
Thank You Hashem for my tastebuds  
Thank You Hashem for my eyebrows  
Thank You Hashem for my memory  
Thank You Hashem for written knowledge  
Thank You Hashem for "Praying with Joy"  
Thank You Hashem for my lips  
Thank You Hashem for my 2 ears which help with balance/location  
Thank You Hashem for oil burning  
Thank You Hashem for color  
Thank You Hashem that I am healthy and everything is working  
Thank You Hashem for Glasses  
Thank You Hashem for being able to smell  
Thank You Hashem for the different smells we can smell  
Thank You Hashem for the stability of the government  
Thank You Hashem for running water  
Thank You Hashem that Klal yisroel has money  
Thank You Hashem for changing weather  
Thank You Hashem for the gift of Tefillah  
Thank You Hashem for my clothing  
Thank You Hashem for my immune system  
Thank You Hashem for my super cool teeth  
Thank You Hashem for the diverse animal world  
Thank You Hashem for trees  
Thank You Hashem for pizza  
Thank You Hashem for fresh air  
Thank You Hashem for my nerves  
Thank You Hashem for Rabbi Plotzker





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# THANK YOU HASHEM!

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Thank You Hashem for food food  
Thank You Hashem for kosher technology  
Thank You Hashem for lead pencils  
Thank You Hashem for being able to speak  
Thank You Hashem for being able to walk  
Thank You Hashem that food has different taste  
Thank You Hashem that food has different colors  
Thank You Hashem that my nerves that help me feel  
Thank You Hashem that my nerves react properly  
Thank You Hashem for healthy foods  
Thank You Hashem for my amazing education  
Thank You Hashem for the extra ticket at Nshei tea  
Thank You Hashem for tefillah  
Thank You Hashem that I was born in this generation  
Thank You Hashem for Tap quizzes  
Thank You Hashem for being able to run around  
Thank You Hashem for being of pleasant appearance  
Thank You Hashem for cholent  
Thank You Hashem for the different seasons  
Thank You Hashem for covid vaccine  
Thank You Hashem for shoes  
Thank You Hashem for that our sports team won – Ari  
Thank You Hashem for fruits and vegetables  
Thank You Hashem for Chanukah  
Thank You Hashem for my ability to be creative  
Thank You Hashem for my sight  
Thank You Hashem for Rabbi Plotzker  
Thank You Hashem for Rabbi Rawicki  
Thank You Hashem for Rabbi Gottlieb  
Thank You Hashem for Rabbi Kahana  
Thank You Hashem for Miss Paretzky  
Thank You Hashem for Mrs. Salvay  
Thank You Hashem for Rabbi Prupas  
Thank You Hashem for paper  
Thank You Hashem for pens  
Thank You Hashem for coffee  
Thank You Hashem for Shabbos  
Thank You Hashem for vacation