



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן
YESHIVA KETANA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday,
February 7, 2021
Hascholas Gemara

Monday,
February 15, 2021
No transportation
Early dismissal K-P @12
1st-8th @1

Tuesday,
February 16, 2021
Carnival Day
Regular ER & NR
transportation,
No SC transportation

Wednesday & Thursday,
February 17 & 18, 2021
Regular ER & NR
transportation,
No SC transportation

Friday,
February 19, 2021
Dress Up Day

IMPORTANT NOTES

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

Yeshiva Ketana message line:
845.362.8362, x 199. Mesivta
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YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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פרשת יתרו

Yeshivas Ohr Reuven 2021 Raffle Campaign to begin Rosh Chodesh Adar!

As in past years, Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven's 10th annual raffle campaign will begin on Rosh Choder Adar 5781!

This year the boys can look forward once again to fantastic prizes as well as new and amazing class prizes! Each class will have the opportunity to experience everything from pizza parties to exciting class trips. As Purim approaches we want each and every *talmid* to do their best and collect on behalf of the Yeshiva – with a special emphasis on health and safety. Remember to wear a mask (not just for purim) and keep your distance when possible! Please note: all of last year's class and individual totals will be added to this year's totals as recorded. All drawing prize levels (1st prize, 2nd prize, and 3rd prize) from the 2020 raffle campaign will be drawn at the conclusion of the 2021 raffle campaign (yes, we still have all the tickets from 2020!) **Looking forward to an amazing campaign!**



Rabbi Weissman's 2nd graders had a major *siyum* on *Parsha Vayera*, with a special visit from our S'gan Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Brodie!



A special Thank You to Srivki Weisberg for coming in to take pictures for the special *Tu B'Shevat* magnets! Thank you also to all the parents of students who were not there that day who sent in pictures from home! We hope by now that you all received the picture magnet mailing! If you did not receive your magnet in the mail (or if you maybe received someone else's magnet in your envelope:)), please email mail@ohrreuven.com.



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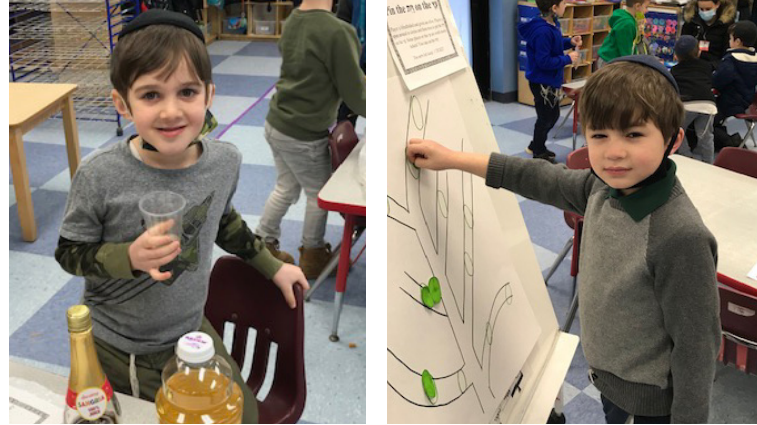
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From Kindergarten to Kollel and Beyond!

PARENT FEEDBACK

“Eli learned from our dining room this morning, and it was so fascinating, we all wanted to join Rabbi Peikes’s class!”

“Thank you for arranging the zooms. It made the day easier. Our son loved the stories. Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven has so many talented *rebbe*s who can do funny voices! (R’ Plotzker’s stories)”



Pre1-A's Tu B'Shvat carnival last week!



Rabbi Peikes's 8th grade *talmidim* Retzufos Learning!

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Elisha Kohn, Kindergarten
Yossi Eisenstadt, Kindergarten
Izzy Golomb, 1st grade
Moshe Zev Tepper, 1st grade
Avraham Peikes, 4th grade
Akiva Weinraub, 4th grade
Dani Alexander, 6th grade
Nissan Gavriel Itzkowitz, 7th grade
Yoni Mause, 7th grade
Shmuel Fishman, 7th grade



Rabbi Peikes's 8th grade *talmidim* enjoying their *siyum* on finishing the 1st perek of *makkos masechtos moed katan* and *beitza*!

End of Year Calendar Changes:

Last day of school, Thursday, June 17th

8th Grade Graduation, Wednesday, June 16th

First day of sessions for the 2021-2022 school year will be Tuesday, August 24th



The Yeshiva would like to thank Mr. Lavi Needleman and the entire Hatzacha landscaping crew for their tireless work in having Yeshiva plowed and working on removing the mounds and mounds of snow.



Lost & Found! The Yeshiva Ketana's lost and found is located on a table near the Yeshiva Ketana's shul/lunchroom. Please review the items pictured below and ask your son to check for any missing items. Items may have been added since the pictures below were taken. The lost and found will be emptied on Wednesday February 10th. Unclaimed items will be kept by Mrs. Sarah Rosenberg in her office for 1 week before discarded, given away or donated.



יתרו

בני ר' חייאור' יהושע בן לוי חד אמר יתרו קודם מתן תורה היה וחד אמר יתרו אחר מתן תורה היה

The sons of Rabbi Yisroel and Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi engage in a dispute concerning this issue. One says that the episode with Yitro was before the giving of the Torah, and one says that the episode with Yitro was after the giving of the Torah.

-Zevachim, 116a

ועם כל זה אני שואל, על הדעת הזו כשאמר הכתוב וישמע יתרו כל אשר עשה ה' למשה ולישראל עמו כי הוציא ה' את ישראל ממצרים, ולמה לא אמר ששמע מה שעשה למשה ולישראל במתן התורה שהוא מהנפלאות הגדולות שנעשו להם, כמו שאמר (דברים ד לב) כי שאל נא לימים ראשונים אשר היו לפניך למן היום אשר ברא אלהים אדם על הארץ ולמקצה השמים ועד קצה השמים הנהיה כדבר הגדול הזה או הנשמע כמוהו, השמע עם קול אלהים מדבר מתוך האש כאשר שמעת אתה ויחי:

And nonetheless I ask about this opinion, when the verse [here] states, "And Yitro heard all that the Lord had done for Moshe and for Israel His people, that the Lord had brought Israel out from Egypt" - and why did it not state that he heard that which He did for Moshe and for Israel at the giving of the Torah, about all of the great wonders that He did for them, as it stated (Deuteronomy 4:32), "You have but to inquire about bygone ages that came before you, ever since Hashem created man on earth, from one end of heaven to the other, 'Has anything as grand as this ever happened, or has its like ever been known? Has any people heard the voice of Hashem speaking out of a fire, as you have, and lived?'"

-Ramban

You had to be there

-Everyone

One of the great curiosities of *matan Torah* can easily be overlooked, tucked away in a subtle position regarding the chronology of events in this week's *parsha*. A simple debate with enormous implications unfolds toward the end of *maseches Zevachim*. There, Rabi Hiya and Rabi Yehoshua Ben Levi dispute whether Yisro's return along with Moshe's wife and two sons occurs before *matan Torah* as implied by the order of the *pesukim* or after. Consider, for a moment, that the one who stakes out the position that Yisro arrived after *matan Torah* is essentially arguing that Moshe allowed his children to miss the seminal event of Jewish history, the giving of the Torah! How can we fathom that Moshe would allow such an oversight?

much as you'd like to, you can't. You need to recognize that you will never be able to transmit the inspiration of your experiences to your children, and to teach them with the full cognizance and awareness that they did not see what you saw, hear what you heard, and experience what you experienced. How could Moshe teach them to do that? He could start with his own children, leaving them at the grandparents for *matan Torah* and forcing himself to teach those who missed the party.

A momentary step back to consider Moshe's role and purpose may shed some light. Moshe's mission was not just to ascend to the mountaintop and come back down bearing the Torah in hand. Had he managed to bring Torah to the generation of the wilderness and then failed to pass it on, his mission would have been an abject failure. But, it is much easier to transmit the Torah to those who saw G-d and witnessed the heavens open up atop *Har Sinai* than it is to teach that generation how to transfer the Torah to their children who were not there. Moshe's true mission was the latter, to ensure they would pass the torch to those not yet born.

That is much easier said than done. How do you teach an experience? How do you transfer the inspiration you gleaned from that experience? The answer, unfortunately, is that as

Moshe and his children lay out a parenting challenge for all time. It is a problem that most acutely affects *baalei teshuva*, in parenting, but is common to all of us. How many have felt the frustration of watching children roll their eyes back as we emotionally belt out a *zemer* or *nigun* that inspires us. I have witnessed, at times, parents' misguided attempts to try to recreate their own inspiration for their children, clueless to the fact that what may have inspired them as adults against the backdrop of their life experiences will be highly unlikely to have the same effect on their young children. I recall once engaging with a parent who had been deeply moved and inspired by a certain *chassidish rebbe* and his *tish*, and he took his young son to participate in the *tish*. But, while the father in his first encounter with the *rebbe's tish* saw community, spirituality, connection, and the presence of the Divine, his

son saw a bunch of men in strange coats and funny hats speaking a foreign language and singing unfamiliar songs.

The key is not to try to recreate your own experiences for your children, nor to expect them to be inspired by your sharing the memory of your experiences with them. Instead, try to foster opportunities for children and young adults to have age-appropriate, inspirational experiences of their own. Look at the world not through the lens of your generation but that of your children. The Torah is timeless, but the path each generation carves to reach the same destination is unique. Be open and alert to what is inspiring the kids today and give your children the opportunity to participate.

We will all constantly face the challenge of trying to pass the value of our experiences to our children and the frustration that accompanies that attempt. Moshe *rabbeinu* laid the groundwork for dealing with that challenge when he led by example, transmitting Torah to his children who missed the original.

*Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal*



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!!WEEKLY PRIZES!!

- ☐ 1st Grade – 5 פסוקים
- ☐ 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

Many פרשיות of this year

are still available for sponsorship!

Please help support this wonderful program.

Monthly (4 weeks) sponsorship: \$175

One week full sponsorship: \$50

One week partial sponsorship: \$30

To sponsor a פרשה please contact Rabbi Plotzker:
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