



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן
YESHIVA KETANA

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Wednesday,
February 17, 2021
Carnival Day
Regular ER & NR
transportation,
No SC transportation

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

Sunday,
February 21, 2021
3rd grade Mechiras Yosef
play

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
message line: 845.362.8362, x 198

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פרשת משפטים



Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade class worked hard to earn a well-deserved snowtubing trip! Each boy in the class reviewed all the gemara they learned this year at least five times. The class as a whole reviewed the Gemara over 1100 times, on their own spare time! May they all continue to grow and continue bringing great nachas to us all!



Talmidim enjoying the welcome - back treats that Rabbi Rawicki gave out after winter break!

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Rabbi Weissman entertaining some *tamidim* during a snowy recess!



Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade class enjoyed delicious ice cream as a reward for their exciting "Finger On the Place" program!



Rabbi Lowy's 4th grade practicing how the *kohanim* kneel, bow, fall on their faces, and the *bracha*!

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



Thank you to the N'shei for this month's Rosh Chodesh treat!



Sponsorship: In honor of JJ and Daniel Gotesman's wonderful rabbeim, Rabbi Prupas and Rabbi Biller, Dedicated teachers Mrs. Fuchs and Mrs. Gendel, and L'zecher nishmas Frumit Rina bas Shlomo Aharon.

Purim Info

Please note due to Covid and Purim falling on Friday this year we present you the opportunity to bring *mishloach manos* to the rebbeim and teachers in school on Wednesday, February 24th. We will hold a full Purim celebration for each class, complete with dress up and dancing so rest assured that the children will satisfy their need for in-person Purim fun with their Rebbeim. In addition, we specifically request that talmidim do not bring in *mishloach manos* to exchange with their friends, as in-school exchanges invariably lead to unnecessary hurt feelings and frustration.

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

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel to Mrs. Chani Rosenstock (4th grade assistant) upon the birth of a baby boy!

Mazel tov to Avrohom Kram upon the birth of a baby sister!

Mazel tov to Shmuli Fishman upon his *bar mitzvah*!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Shlomo Richmond, Kindergarten
Dovid Kurzmann, 8th grade

משפטים

Sympathy in Sin

כִּי יִגְנֹב אִישׁ שׁוֹר אוֹ שֶׁה וַיִּטְבְּחוּ אוֹ מִכְרוּ חֲמֵה בָקָר יִשְׁלַם תַּחַת הָזֶר וְאַרְבַּע צֹאן תַּחַת הַשֶּׁה:

When a man steals an ox or a sheep, and slaughters it or sells it, he shall pay five oxen for the ox, and four sheep for the sheep.

חמשה בקר וגו'. 'אמר ר' יוחנן בן זכאי חס המקום על כבודן של בריות שור שהולך ברגליו ולא נתבזה בו הגנב

לנשאו על כתפו, משלם חמשה, שה נשנשאו על כתפו, משלם ארבעה הואיל ונתבזה בו, בבא קמא ע"ט

Rabban Yochanan ben Zaccai said, "The Omnipresent has much consideration for the honor of His creatures: when an ox — an animal that can walk by itself — has been stolen and sold or slaughtered, in which case the thief had not to degrade himself by carrying it on his shoulder, he has to pay fivefold restitution. In the case of a lamb, however, which he had to carry on his shoulder, he has to pay only the fourfold, because he was forced to degrade himself by carrying it".

Kids act out when they feel threatened, sad, angry, or overwhelmed

-Lisa Sadikman

You're a farmer. You work your land and raise your sheep and cattle. You wake up one morning to find the barn door open, the pen breached. There has been a theft. You are missing a sheep and an ox is gone as well. You call the local police, who promise to do what they can. They call back. Bad news. Although the thief has been found, the sheep and ox are not coming back. The thief acted quickly, slaughtering both and selling the meat before being discovered. What is your remedy?

Fortunately, the Torah recognizes the severity of the crime and the impact on you. The thief will be forced to repay not just the value of the stolen animals, and not even the standard double-payment for theft. For the ox, he will pay five times the value, principle plus four. For the sheep, he will also pay, but not quite as much. The compensation for the sheep, four times the original value, principle plus three. Why the difference? The thief, it seems, had a harder time in stealing the sheep, needing to carry that sheep out, embarrassing the thief who stole it, while the ox walked out on its own, sparing the thief the shame of carrying the animal.

What? The guy who stole from you, the one who violated the sanctity of your space and property, he gets sympathy because the theft was hard for him! Where is the justice in that? Why is that right?

There is a profoundly important lesson here for life, one that is especially important for parents of misbehaving young children. Empathy is vital to human relationships, and is essential in helping to rehabilitate and restore those who have strayed from the proper path. The Torah perspective on compensation for theft and other harms is not limited to making the victim whole. It is also about making the perpetrator whole, restoring this individual to productive membership in society at large. That requires of us to attempt to place ourselves in the shoes of the perpetrator, to understand what may have driven him to theft, and to let him know that as frustrated and angered as we are by his actions, we have not forgotten that he too is a human being in need of empathy and support.

When we take active steps to validate the emotional state

and the needs of the criminal element in our society, we take the first step to inviting them back into society. The thief who may have felt his whole life that he is unheard, uncared for and unimportant is now shown that we recognize and value his dignity even in the course of the commission of a crime.

The same needs to be true of our relationship with and reaction to our children. Kids will misbehave at times, and some kids will misbehave many times. Old fashioned parenting notions dictated that showing kindness to a misbehaving child is wrong as it only encourages the child to repeat the offending behavior. That notion is not only false, it is counterproductive.

A child usually acts out if he or she feels threatened, sad, angry, or overwhelmed. The bad behavior isn't the illness the child is suffering from; it is a symptom of an underlying malady that is driving the misbehavior. Failure to show empathy to the child and to validate his or her feelings only compounds the child's feeling of anger, sadness, or fear helping and perpetuates the bad behavior by the child.

Parents can and should differentiate between a child's behavior and his feelings and emotions, offering zero tolerance for bad behavior while providing real empathy, support, and validation for the child's emotional state. "It is never OK to punch and kick your sister. That kind of behavior will not be tolerated." "But, that kind of behavior is surprising and unexpected. Something seems to be troubling you. What is going on?" You might even go so far as informing your child that you know how embarrassed he might be for engaging in behavior that is inappropriate and beneath his dignity, and let him know how bad you feel for him that he has to suffer that indignity.

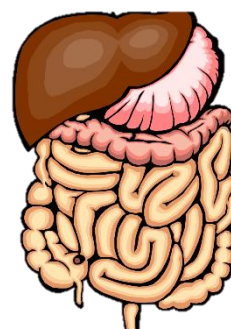
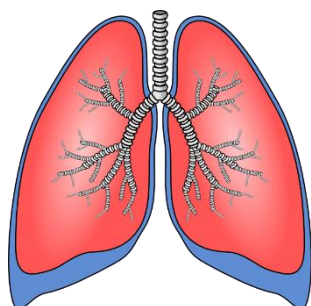
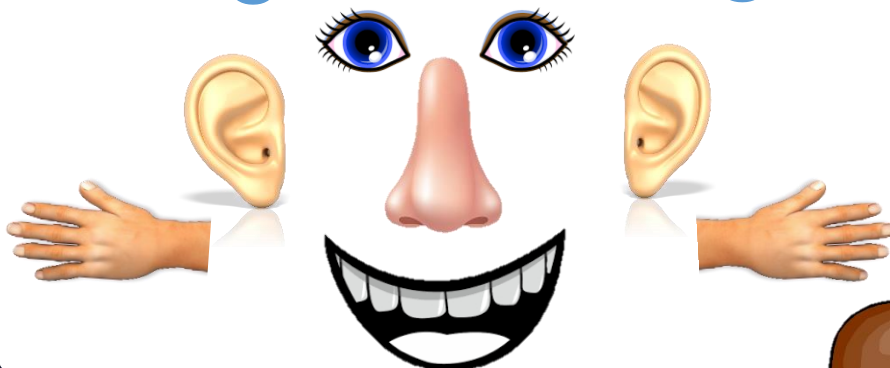
The Torah finds room for empathy for the stranger who stole your sheep validating him and the shame he encounters in the theft. We can find room for empathy for our children when shame, guilt, anxiety, fear, or sadness drive them to poor behavior.

*Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal*

בס"ד

יֵצֵר

אֵלֶּיךָ



With many people in כָּלֵל יִשְׂרָאֵל needing a רְפוּאָה,
over the month of אֶדָר and beyond,
YKOR will beH be focusing on the powerful בְּרָכָה of אֲשֶׁר יֵצֵר.

Talmidim will learn about and be encouraged to make their אֲשֶׁר יֵצֵר
slowly and clearly from a written text.

Signs will be placed outside the bathroom wash areas with names of
חֻלֵּי יִשְׂרָאֵל.

If you have a someone you would like the talmidim to have in mind,
please email the name to bplotzker@ohrreuven.com.

וְיִהְיֶה רְצוֹן שֶׁתִּשְׁלַח מְהֵרָה רְפוּאָת הַנֶּפֶשׁ וּרְפוּאָת הַגּוּף לְכָל חֻלֵּי יִשְׂרָאֵל!

Purim Carnival on Febuary 17



PING PONG
SKEE-BALL
HOCKEY SHOT
SPACE INVADERS
BASKETBALL
PRIZES
MARSHMALLOW FLUFF
FOOTBALL THROW
AND MUCH MORE

Specials!!

\$5.00- 18 tickets, soda and
popcorn

\$7.00-25 tickets, soda, pop-
corn and cotton candy

Prices

Tickets: \$0.25 each

Popcorn: \$0.75

Soda: \$0.75

Cotton Candy: \$1.50

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE ONE AND ONLY 8TH GRADE



פרשת משפטים
שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



*This week's program
is sponsored by Rabbi & Mrs. Z. Fuchs
in honor of the*

*Wonderfully dedicated and talented
Hanholo, Rabbeim, Teachers, and Staff.*

*May you have only nachas from
your families and all your talmidim!*

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:
bplotzker@ohrreuven.com

First

Last

Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

!!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



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 פִּרְשֵׁת מִשְׁפָּטִים

- 1) Name 2 of the 4 types of שׁוֹמְרִים, watchmen.
- 2) What were the two words that כָּלֵל יִשְׂרָאֵל said when ה' asked them if they want the תּוֹרָה?
- 3) What is done to an עֶבֶד עֵבֶרִי if he wants to stay past 6 years?
- 4) Every 7 years in אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל we may not plant or work the fields. What is the special name given to this year?
- 5) What are the names of the נְשֵׁלֵשׁ רְגָלִים?
- 6) For how many days was מִשְׁה רִבְנוּ on הַר סִינִי each time?
(He went up 3 times. Each for the same amount of time.)

PIZZA RAFFLE WINNERS FROM שַׁבָּט!

PINNY REICHMANN DOVI LEFF MOSHE LAMPERT
AVRAHAM PEIKES RONI FUCHS HUDA FRANCES
YOSEF FRIEDMAN (4th) YAAKOV WEITZMAN

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YKOR PROGRAM

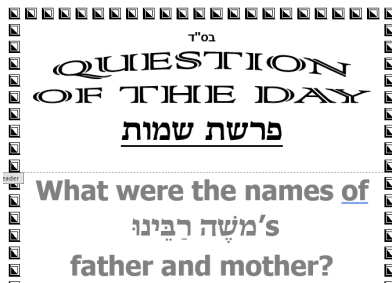
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

(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

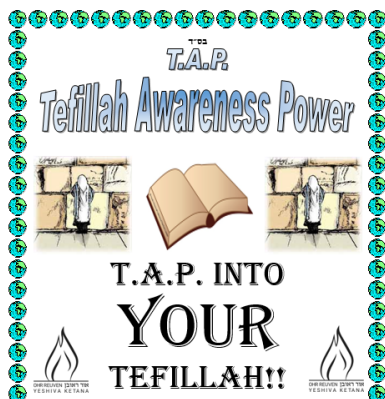
Grades 1 - 8
\$50 Weekly



Tefillah Awareness Program

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

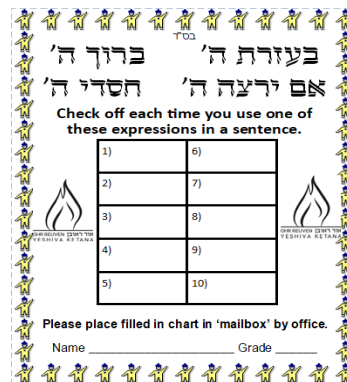
Grades 6 – 8
\$125 monthly



School-wide Programs

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

Grades 1 - 8
\$250 monthly



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