

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, April 30, 2021 Lag B'omer

Sunday, May, 9, 2021



Yeshiva Dinner!-more info to come.

Sunday, May, 16, 2021

Erev Shavuos-Regular sessions

Monday & Tuesday, May, 17-18 2021 Shavuos- No sessions

Monday, May, 31, 2021

Early dismissal grades 1st-8th @1 PM No transportation

IMPORTANT NOTES

Registration files for the 2021-2022 school year will be sent out by the business office next week.

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פרשת שמיני

2021 YKOR Raffle campaign update: Exciting news!! Our YKOR raffle campaign is coming to a close for this year. Our Talmidim have done an outstanding job of making this year's campaign one of the best ever! We will be ordering individual prizes



for the talmidim the week of April 18th and the deadline for submitting tickets and money will be Friday, April 16th. Be sure to stay tuned next week as we draw the winner of the YKOR monster bike! Thank you again to our amazing Rabbeim and talmidim for a super job!





Pre-pesach program for 6th-8th grade where they had Rabbi Schabes and Rav Gav as special guest speakers!

Rosh Chodesh Sponsorship Opprotunity!

if you would like to sponsor this month's Nshei Rosh Chodesh treat, please contact Peshie Needleman at 845.494.2360. This can be in honor of your son, his Rebbe or Morah, a birthday, a yahrtzeit, or any other occasion your can think of!





Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade class acting out the cases of the gemara they were learning!



Yaakov Yosef Freedland with his Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven pesach pillowcase that was sent to all our incoming talmidim!







Mrs. Goldring's Pre1-A boys playing "Kriah Park the Car Game" and enjoying being back at school!







Rabbi Peikes' 8th grader's learning a voluntary retzufos seder for the first two hours of their Pesach vacation!

PARENT FEEDBACK

"The idea of the boys selling their chometz with a shtar to Hans was such a clever and creative idea. It really made the concept real for our son!"



After many months of hard work Rabbi Weissman's 2nd grade finished their ksiva book!

YESHIVA'S ANNUEL DINNER



Our Annual Dinner is a special opportunity for us to share with you the yeshiva's accomplishments and

growth. We are preparing for a beautiful evening and are looking forward to seeing you at this year's 30th Anniversay Dinner, a tent event held at the Yeshiva's campus, on Sunday, May 9th! You can send in your rsvps and ad text online at ohrreuven.com/dinner, by email to dinner@ohrreuven.com or by mail/in person to the yeshiva's office.

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

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel tov to Rabbi Myski (1st grade rebbe) upon the birth of a boy!

Mazel tov to Heshy Loeb upon the birth of a baby brother!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Shlomo Pinchas Cohen, Pre1-A Yosef Shmuel Benisti, 1st grade Pinchas Joseph, 7th grade

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שמיני Empty Threats

ַניֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל אַהֲרֹן הוּא אֲשֶׁר דָּבּר ה' לאמֹר בַּקְרֹבִי אֶקָדשׁ וְעל פּגֵי כל הָעם אֶכַּבד וַיִּדֹם אַהְרֹן: Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the Hashem meant when He said: Through those near to Me I show Myself holy, and gain glory before all the people." And Aaron was silent.

בקרבי אקדש ועל פני כל העם אכבד .הודיע לו סיבת העונש שבא לשני תכליתים נעלים. חדא כדי להראות חומר מקדש וקדשיו. וכדי לאיים בזה על הכהנים לדורות שיהיו נזהרים הרבה בקדשי ה. וזה מאמר משה בקרובי אקדש. בבני אדם

הקרובים אליו יתקדש בעיני ישראל שיכירו בזה עוצם קדושתו ורוב ההכרח להזהר בחילול קדושתו חו

He informed him of the reason for the punishment which came for two lofty purposes. One, to show the severity of the temple and its *kodashim*. And in order to instill fear in the priests for generations to be very careful with the *kodashim* of Hashem. And this the statement of Moshe: "With the people close to Me I will be sanctified, with those closest to Him, He will be sanctified in the eyes of Israel who will recognize in this the power of its holiness and the great necessity to be careful from desecrating its holiness.

-Haamek Davar

You don't need a foreign policy expert to tell you empty threats and promises don't work. Ask any parent of a rebellious teenager.

-Kathleen Troia McFarland

One would be hard-pressed to find a day as greatly anticipated as the first of Nisan in the second year of the *midbar* experience. The *mishkan*, having been completed some three months earlier will finally be erected, finally reaching and fulfilling the promise of *Yetzias Mitztrayim*. The hope and great excitement make the tragedy of the day all the more real and painful. The deaths of Nadav and Avihu are not just a blow to Aharon, they are a blow to the entire people.

To his great credit, Aharon shows Herculean restraint in his silence, a silence made possible, in part, by Moshe's curious words of comfort, "That is what Hashem meant when He said, 'I will be sanctified with those closest to me, and I will be honored before all the nation." It is clear that the deaths of Nadav and Avihu were a tool to bring about a kiddush Hashem. It is also clear that there was predetermined that someone or someone's would need to die to create that Kiddush Hashem. What is not clear is why. The Netziv of Volozhin offers a beautiful insight that is highly instructive for both parents and educators. The deaths of Nadav and Avihu established two vital principles. Firstly, it engraved in the minds of the masses the severity and seriousness of the mishkan and of the kodashim. Whereas prior one may have been skeptical of the consequences of violating the sanctity of the mishkan, after the deaths of Nadav and Avihu, no one was skeptical anymore.

The second principle established by the deaths of Nadav

and Avihu was the care and caution that the *kohanim* would for all time exercise in their interactions with the *mikdash* and with *kodashim*. Certainly, the fear of G-d was placed, quite literally, in the *kohanim* with regard to the *mishkan* and *korbanos* after they witnessed the deaths of Nadav and Avihu. Thus, the deaths of Nadav and Avihu were the direct cause for the all-time sanctity of the *mikdash* and the proper reverence for it.

To put the Netziv in modern terms, relevant for parenting and teaching, Hashem had to show the people he meant business. Threatening consequences would not be enough. In fact, threatening consequences and then not following through on them would be worse. The people would quickly learn that there is no sanctity to the *mishkan* and that nothing would happen to them if they were to violate that sanctity. There would be chaos, as respect for and awe of the *mishkan* would break down fully.

Instead, the sudden, unexpected deaths of Nadav and Avihu for a seemingly minor infraction sent a clear, unequivocal message to the people that this is serious, they need to be on guard, and they'd better follow every rule.

Iwas reminded of this Netziv while watching a demonstration of how not to be a parent over this past *chol hamoed*. The demonstration was courtesy of the (non-Jewish) family in front of us on the mini-golf course, a father, a mother, and two young sons. The children's behavior was well-below standard, with them fighting, running around all over the

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course, and even running across holes being played by other groups. The parents recognized that their children's behavior was unacceptable, and they seemed to genuinely want to change it. But they were doomed from the start.

Each act of misbehavior was followed by a threat from the parents that was then not followed through on when the act was repeated. Instead, the next act of misbehavior was followed through by an escalation of threat, once again ignored by the parents when the behavior that they warned against was perpetrated. As you can imagine, the children's behavior just grew worse, the parents grew more frustrated, and no one was very happy.

Imagine, if instead of that scenario, the parents had told the boys clear rules, clear consequences, and then followed up on those consequences. "You may not run across the holes on the course. If you do run across the holes, we will need to stop the game immediately and go home." Now, imagine the children ignored and violated the rule and the parents calmly and matter-of-factly packed them up and took them home. Yes, the kids would be upset, the parents would be too, and they'd be out the \$36 they paid for mini-golf. How much will a therapist charge per hour to get their kids to behave in their teenage years?

The deaths of Nadav and Avihu provide a lesson for us all. The lesson is not that one has to react so harshly (we are not charged with protecting the sanctity of the *mikdash* and *kodashim*), but that one must impose consequences and follow through on them. If those consequences are imposed early in the game, then one is ensured that rules will be followed from then on. If not, then you have basically told your children not to follow the rules. What message would you like to send?

Good Shabbos, Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb Principal



SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021 כייז אייר תשפייא

TENT EVENT | YESHIVA CAMPUS RECEPTION 5:30 PM DINNER 6:00 PM

CELEBRATING OUR MANGUNAL CLASS

Michael Lupin - Yaakov Tversky Dovid Y. Berman - Shimmy Walfist Dovid Leiner - Binyamin Klein Shmuel Klipper

Rabbi Dovid Apter

навотzas натован awasb Rabbi Binyamin Płotzker

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To sponsor a פרשה please contact Rabbi Plotzker: bplotzker@ohrreuven.com

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Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)
!!WEEKLY PRIZES!!
Grade – 5 פטוקים
Grade – 10 פסוקים
Grade – פסוקים 15
Grade – 20 פסוקים
Grade – פסוקים 25
Grade – 30 פסוקים
Grade – 40 פסוקים
Grade – 50 פסוקים
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nus: Did double the grade required amount!
Parent's signature

