



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן  
YESHIVA KETANA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday,  
April 30, 2021  
Lag B'omer

Sunday,  
May, 9, 2021

Yeshiva's Anniversary  
Dinner!

←  
*Looking  
forward!*

Sunday,  
May, 16, 2021

Erev Shavuot-Regular  
sessions

Monday & Tuesday,  
May, 17-18 2021

Shavuot- No sessions

Monday,  
May, 31, 2021

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

## IMPORTANT NOTES

Please send in your  
dinner info! see  
attached!

# REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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פרשת תזריע מצורע

## 2021 YKOR Raffle campaign Update!

We have a WINNER!

As part of the YKOR 2021 raffle campaign this past Monday we were lucky enough to have our very own Menahel Rabbi Rawicki draw the winner of the YKOR monster bike raffle. AND THE WINNER IS....

Osher Vaksman (3rd grade)!!!

Congratulations to Osher Vaksman! we hope he will enjoy his new bicycle for years to come. As a reminder, we will be ordering individual student prizes the week of April 18th. Hatzlocha to all and thank you again to the Rabbeim and talmidim for an amazing 2021 YKOR Raffle campaign!



Thank you to the N'shei for the special Rosh Chodesh prizes!





**Rabbi Plotzker giving out yummy cotton candy to the 4th Graders for winning the brachos contest!**



**Rabbi Lowy's 4th grade showcasing their prizes that they won from the pesach chinese auction!**

## YESHIVA'S ANNIVERSARY DINNER



-An opportunity for you to show appreciation to your son's rebbeim, moros and staff!

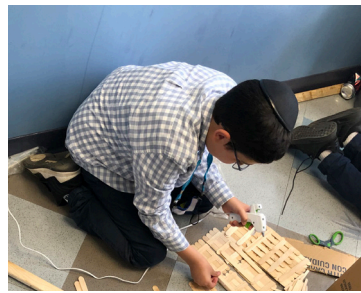
-An occasion for you to spend with friends, other parents and the Yeshivas Ohr Reuven family!

-An evening that will leave you feeling fortunate to be part of this beautiful mosad!

You can send in your RSVPs and dinner ad to dinner @ohrreuve.com or you can submit it online at www.ohrreuve.com/dinner



**Rabbi Shonek helping Eli Stein adjust his tefillin. Mazel tov to Eli on his recent bar mitzvah!**



**Project Based Learning in Action!**



**Rabbi Weissman's 2nd grade started learning Rashi Letters!**

**PLEASE SHARE WITH US!** Please email any Mazel Tov information to [reuveireview@ohrreuve.com](mailto:reuveireview@ohrreuve.com)!

## MAZEL TOV!

**Mazel tov to Mrs. Rivky Katz (private Kriah specialist) upon the birth of a baby boy!**

**Mazel tov to Rabbi Peikes's 8th grade on their Ever Growing Mishnayos Program's siyum on maseches sotah!**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Yehuda Meir Schwartz, 3rd grade**

# PARENTING *in the* PARSHA

## תזריע-מצורע Life for Sale

זאת תהיה תורת המצורע ביום טהרתו והובא אל הכהן:

This shall be the ritual for a leper at the time that he is to be cleansed. When it has been reported to the priest,

מעשה ברוכל אחד שהיה מחזיר בעירות שהיו סמוכות לצפורי והיה מכריז ואומר, מאן בעי למזבן סם חיים, אודקין עליה, רבי ינאי הנה יתיב ופשיט בתורקליניה שמעיה דמכריז מאן בעי סם חיים, אומר ליה תא סק להכא זבין לי, אומר ליה לאו אנת צריך ליה ולא דכונותך, אטרח עליה סליק לגביה הוציא לו ספר תהלים הרצה לו פסוק: מי האיש החפץ חיים, מה כתיב בתריה) [תהלים לד, יד](#) טו: (נצר לשונך מרע, סור מרע ועשה טוב. אומר רבי ינאי אף שלמה מכריז ואומר) [משלי כא, כג](#): (שומר פיו ולשונו שומר מצרות נפשו. אומר רבי ינאי כל ימי הייתי קורא הפסוק הזה ולא הייתי יודע היכן הוא פשוט עד שבא רוכל זה והודיעו, מי האיש החפץ חיים

Keep your face always toward the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you.

- Walt Whitman

It is the most well-known *midrash* on this week's *parsha* and perhaps the single most famous of all *midrashim*. It is the encounter between Rabi Yanai and the merchant, the spice peddler turned morality salesman, crying out "who wants the elixir of life?" In response to Rabi Yanai's inquiry, the peddler states, "you and your kind do not need it." Rabi Yanai insists, and the peddler takes out the book of Tehilim, showing his eager customer the *possuk* "who is the man who desires life? Refrain your tongue from evil."

Rabi Yanai's response: "all my life I have read this *possuk*, never knowing how simple it is, until this peddler came along and related it." What did Rabi Yanai see that we are missing? In the *midrash* that I see, the peddler adds no more to the understanding of the *possuk* than we would have without his involvement. How does this peddler's experience clarify the simple meaning of this *possuk* to Rabi Yanai, and what is the simple, plain meaning to which he refers?

A suggestion: It takes a certain type of person to walk around selling life. That would be the type of person who is happy and satisfied with his own life. A miserable individual who has a terrible life doesn't see much value in it and certainly not in lengthening the span of that life. Such a person would not be the one you would expect to find walking around broadcasting for sale of the elixir of life.

A peddler's life is tough. Peddlers work hard, they travel from town to town and village to village for meager wages and barely make ends meet. Rarely is a peddler at home,

rarely does he see his family, and rarely if ever does he have time off to enjoy life. It is just one long day of hard work after another.

Rabi Yanai was thus surprised to find this peddler, in the words of the peddler himself, "wanting life." What was it about this particular traveling salesman that made him so happy with his lot that he wanted more of it and wanted to share that joy with others? The answer lay in the peddler's response to Rabi Yanai. Watch how you speak, and "refrain from evil speech." How you speak affects how you think and how you feel. If you badmouth everything, then everything is bad, and if you view everything in life as miserable, then you are miserable.

But, if you take a positive view of everything, then all around you is good, bright, and positive. Your happiness is a reflection of your attitude about your lot more than a reflection of your actual lot in life. It is the old adage, "you can't necessarily control the things that happen to you, but you can control how you react to them."

Rabi Yanai saw this peddler so satisfied and happy with what would be a miserable life to so many others. He also recognized that the man was sharing his personal formula for a happy life. The secret is in how you speak. Speak positively and things are positive; talk negatively and they are negative. The peddler was essentially saying not "if you want life refrain from speaking evil," but, "if you refrain from speaking evil you will want life!" That was the simple understanding of the *possuk* that had eluded Rabi Yanai until he met this peddler.

# PARENTING *in the* PARSHA

For parents, the lesson is obvious and vital. It starts with our own attitude and extends to the attitudes our children display to the things in their lives. If we exude negativity, that negativity takes hold in our children and we and they are unhappy. But if we radiate positive energy and joy, that positivity becomes contagious and our children follow their parents example in being happy in life.

Cognizance and vigilance in the way we speak are essential. We need to monitor the words we use and make sure that we are not complaining about problems, but celebrating joys and privileges. Our children will imitate our speech and will view the world through the lens of positivity.

In addition to monitoring our own speech, we need to monitor the speech of our children and guide them to speaking optimistically and positively. When they say something negative, we ask them to say something positive. When they see bad, we need to open their eyes to see good.

If we teach ourselves and our children the lesson of Rabi Yanai's peddler, they too will want life; they will appreciate what they have and feel blessed enough to want even more of it.

*Good Shabbos,  
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
Principal*



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שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



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First

Last

Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

**!!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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# 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 פרשיות תזריע ומצורע**

- 1) How many days old must a boy be to have a מילה?
- 2) What was the main עבירה that caused one to receive צרעת?
- 3) How far away must one stay from a מצורע?
- 4) Which city in ארץ ישראל could not have צרעת on houses?
- 5) What colors could be צרעת on clothing or the walls of a house?
- 6) List one item that is incorporated into the קרבן's 'birds מצורע'?

## **PIZZA WINNERS FROM חודש אדר!!!**

**DOVI LEFF  
COBY SPITZ  
YISSY SELESKI  
DANIEL SILBER**

**AHARON BECKER  
ELCHONON LIGHT  
MOSHE BRACHFELD  
YOSEF FRIEDMAN (6<sup>th</sup>)**

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# ידיעות ME יודע

As we gear up for מתן תורתנו  
the talmidim of YKOR are sharpening their ידיעות התורה!

Between now and Shavuos,  
the talmidim are being challenged to memorize  
3 different number based ידיעות each week.



Next week's ידיעות

סדרי משנה 6

6 מצוות תמידיות (constant mitzvahs)

6 זכירות (events to remember each day)



Memorizing 2 out of 3 earns a ticket in the **weekly** raffle!  
Memorizing 3 out of 3 earns a ticket in the **BONUS** round!

**\$250 dollars in all!!!!!!!**



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יודעי שמך ולומדי תורתך לשמה!

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# ידיעות ME יודע

## Next week's ידיעות

### סדרי משנה 6 (זמן נקט)

|          |            |           |
|----------|------------|-----------|
| נָשִׁים  | מוֹעֵד     | זָרְעִים  |
| טָהֳרוֹת | קִדְּשִׁים | נְזִיקִין |

### 6 מצוות תמידיות (constant mitzvohs) (א-ל-ל) (B'NOLTA)

|                            |   |                                 |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Who 'ה' 'is':              |   |                                 |
| יְחִיד ה'                  | לֹא יִהְיֶה לָךְ  | אֱמוּנָה בַּה'                  |
| Hashem is <b>O</b> ne      | There is <b>N</b> o other power than Hashem                   | <b>B</b> elieve in Hashem       |
| Our relationship with 'ה': |   |                                 |
| יִרְאָת ה'                 | לֹא תִתּוּרוּ אַחֲרֵי לְבַבְכֶּם                              | אֶהְבֶּת ה'                     |
| Awe and fear of Hashem     | Don't be pulled away from Hashem by <b>T</b> hought or desire | Love Hashem with all your heart |

### 6 זכירות (events to remember each day) (MAMESH)

|                            |                       |   |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Mitzrayim<br>Coming out of | Amalek<br>Attack of   | Miriam<br>speaking Lashon Hora<br>and getting tzoraas |
| Eigel<br>Sinning with      | Shabbos<br>The day of | Har Sinai<br>Giving of Torah and<br>events on         |