



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן  
YESHIVA KETANA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday,  
June, 6, 2021

Pre1-A Siddur Play

Thursday,  
June, 10, 2021

6,7 & 8 Minyan Trip

Sunday,  
June, 13, 2021

2nd Grade's Siyum Hashana  
at 10:15 AM

Father & Son Breakfast for  
all 6,7,8 Graders, Shachris  
@7:45 AM followed by  
breakfast and siyumim and  
Maseches Megillah

Honors Dinner

Monday,  
June, 14, 2021

8th Grade Graduation Trip

Tuesday,  
June, 15, 2021

7th Grade Siyum Trip

## IMPORTANT NOTES

**REGISTRATION FORMS - DUE!**  
Thank you to all the parents who  
already submitted their completed  
registration forms for the upcoming  
school year! If you have not yet  
completed registration, please send  
in your completed registration to  
the Business Office as soon as possible.  
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# REUVE N REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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כה סיון תשפ"א

פרשת שלח



**Rabbi Weissman's 2nd grade had a guest speaker who spoke about Naftali Rubin's great great grandfather, the Dumbover Rebbe their "gadol of the week"!**



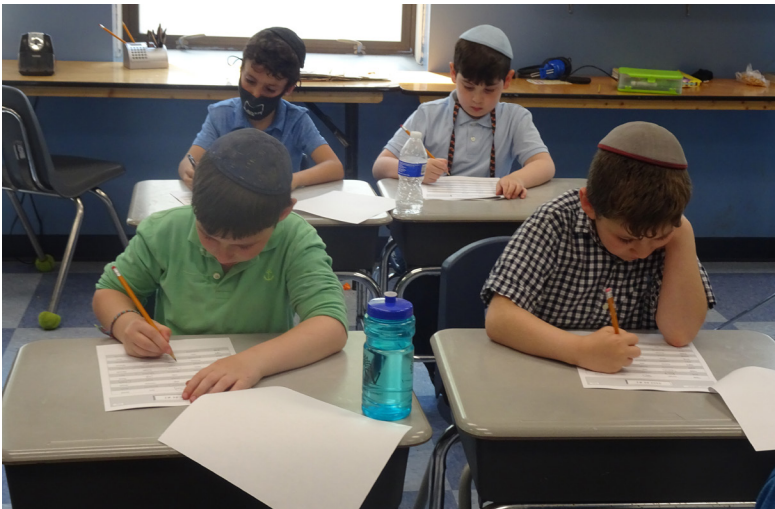
**Pre1-A talmidim preparing for their Siddur Play this Sunday!**

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**Rabbi Lowy's 4th grade learning about the threads that were needed for the *mishkan*!**



**Rabbi Weissman's 2nd graders taking a quiz on 84 *shoroshim*!**

## GOING TO THE DOCTOR BEFORE CAMP?

Please make sure to review the Message from the Nurse's Office in the Registration Packet that was emailed (and is available online) to see if your son needs any updated health records/immunizations before the start of the next school year. Please send the updated medical forms to [businessoffice@ohrreuven.com](mailto:businessoffice@ohrreuven.com) so we can have the information when confirming registration and preparing admit cards in the summer.



## CALENDAR INFORMATION

### Updated dates for the end of this school year:

- June 6 - Pre 1A Graduation and Siddur Play
  - June 8 through 10 - Grade 8 General Studies Final Examinations
  - June 10 through 14 - Grades 6-7 General Studies Final Examinations
  - June 13 - 6-8 Siyum Mishnayos
  - June 13 - Yeshiva Ketana Honors Dinner
  - June 16 - 8th-grade graduation
  - June 16 - 2021 last day for preschool students dismissal 12:00 PM
  - June 17 - 2021 last day for grades 1-8 1:00 dismissal
  - June 20 - Mesivta Graduation
- ### Important dates for the upcoming school year:
- August 24 - First day of sessions grades 2-8 and orientation for first grade
  - August 25 - First day of sessions for first grade; full day
  - August 30 - Preschool orientation
  - August 31- First day for preschool; half day
  - September 1- First full day of sessions for preschool
  - Jan 21-25 - Yeshiva Ketana Mid-Winter Vacation
  - Jan 21-24 - Mesivta Mid-Winter Vacation
  - June 20 - Last day of sessions for preSchool
  - June 23 - Last day of sessions for grades 1-8

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

### MAZEL TOV!

Mazel tov to Shlomo Reich upon his brother Yakov's upsherin!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Chaim Zanvil Metal, 2nd grade  
Shaya Czegledi, 4th grade  
Yitzchak Zev Halton, 5th grade  
Moshe Berman, 5th grade  
Menachem Rieder, 7th grade



# PARENTING *in the* PARSHA

## שלח Negative Energy

במספר הימים אשר תרתם את הארץ ארבעים יום לנה יום לנה תשארו את עונתיכם ארבעים שנה וידעתם את תנאותי:

You shall bear your punishment for forty years, corresponding to the number of days—forty days—that you scouted the land: a year for each day. Thus you shall know what it means to thwart Me.

This teaches us that the *meraglim's* sin of *lashon hara* was not in speech alone. The crux of their crime was the negative thought that brought about their slanderous words. This is always the case when a person speaks *lashon hara* — the essence of slander is the act of seeing or hearing that which motivates him to relate what he saw or heard.

-Rav Chaim Shmuelewitz, Sichos Mussar

Protect your enthusiasm from the negativity of others.

-H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

*Parashas Shelach* has the distinction of falling in graduation season. More often than not, *Shelach* is the *parsha* read the week before or after a graduation ceremony. It therefore gets a lot of play in graduation speeches, and many of those speeches and speakers choose to highlight a beautiful and vital insight from Rav Chaim Shmuelewitz in the Sichos Mussar.

Rav Chaim discusses the measure-for-measure punishment meted out to the people, one year per day for the sin of the *meraglim*, condemning the nation to forty years of wandering in the desert, corresponding to the forty-day journey of the spies. While the justice seems quite poetic, Rav Chaim notes that it is not poetic at all. The sin of the *meraglim* did not unfold over a forty-day period. The forty days were spent scouting the land, a neutral act that could have ended in many possible ways. The sin was limited to the night of their return when they slandered the land. Where is the justice in forty years for forty days?

Rav Chaim explains that, in truth, the negative report they returned regarding the Land of Israel did not exist in a vacuum. The negative report reflected and was born from a negative attitude, an attitude of cynicism and negativity that had them, for all forty days, view everything they saw in the worst possible light.

The *gemara* in Sotah details a few of the times the *meraglim* badly misread the situation, most notably when they found the entire nation attending funerals when they. Rather than seeing the kindness Hashem had bestowed on them in ensuring that the people would be too preoccupied to notice them, they concluded that the land itself was deadly and “kills its inhabitants.” Likewise, they took the gargantuan fruits of the land as evidence of a population of indomitable giants rather than seeing the bounty that awaited them.

What cause them to go so awry and read everything so wrong? Their negativity colored everything they saw black and bleak. Negativity and cynicism have a way of doing that to people. They drain people of hope, rob them of enthusiasm, and empty them of optimism. The fate of the nation was a product of the *chet* of their spies, and the spies sin played out over forty full days of negativity, cynicism, and pessimism.

Perhaps, the forty-year sentence as also necessary to erase any vestige of the fathers' negativity from their children. For, negativity and cynicism are an insidious poison that can spread through a population, robbing an entire people of enthusiasm and hope. It would take the death and replacement of the entire generation to rid them of that negative attitude and prepare them to enter the land on with hope, faith and optimism.

Rav Chaim's pointed insight into the precise sin of the *meraglim* offers both a timeless and very timely lesson in parenting. Children are generally positive by nature. Youth and optimism are synonymous. Adults develop cynicism and negativity through years of experience, but that cynicism does them no good, and is pure poison for their children when they repeatedly expose their kids to it. To rob children of hope dreams, and positivity is to rob them of their youth and the opportunity that youth brings. In turn, robbing children of enthusiasm robs the world of the great things they can do and accomplish when they are too young and foolish to yet know that they cannot change the world.

We live in a political and social climate of constant negativity. Everything and everyone is bad, evil, and horrible as the world itself conspires against all of us to block our aspirations and goals. The Twitter-verse is awash in negativity, where cynicism and anger will earn you scores of followers, while optimism and positivity will leave you very much alone indeed.

# PARENTING *in the* PARSHA

With the world opening up again and people's social lives resuming in full, we can now gather together at one another's Shabbos tables to air out a year of pent up negativity. We can talk openly about what is wrong with the Yeshivos, the shuls, politicians, the economy, and just about every other aspect of life. Your children are sitting there at that same Shabbos table, drinking from the poison of negativity being passed around that very table.

If we are not careful to avoid negativity ourselves, or, at the very least careful about avoiding it in front of our children, we make them into negative people. They become the kids who won't participate in anything because "it's all stupid," and will belittle and dismiss everything and everyone as bad and not worthwhile. In short, overexposing our children to negative attitudes and cynical perspectives robs them of their childhood and steals some of the accomplishments of their adulthood as well. Who wants that for their children?

*Good Shabbos,  
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
Principal*



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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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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 פרשת שלח

- 1) How many מַרְגְּלִים were sent altogether?
- 2) What was יְהוֹשֻׁעַ's name before it was changed?
- 3) Which special city in אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל did כָּלִב go to daven in?
- 4) How long did it take the מַרְגְּלִים to go around אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל?
- 5) Name two of the fruits that the מַרְגְּלִים brought back.
- 6) What is the name of the special color for צִיּוֹנִית that is taken from the חֶלְזוֹן?

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## *Grand Prize Winners*

**A Set of Shas, Mishnayos or Gemara** - Yaakov Freedman - Cheder Toras Zev  
**Segway Ninebot Electric Scooter** - Yona Weiss - Torah Day School of Phoenix

## *First Place Winners*

### **SNOW CONE MAKER**

Daniel Weiss - Yeshiva Ohr Yehuda  
Shimshy Lerch - Tashbar Primary School, U.K  
Elsafan Balakhane - Tashbar Sephardic Yeshiva Ktana  
Shlomo Condiotti - Yeshivat Keter Torah of Deal  
Avi Sassoon - Talmudical Academy of Baltimore

## *Second Place Winners*

### **RAZOR SCOOTER**

Sholom Felder - The Lakewood Cheder  
Yisroel Flinkenstein - Torah Academy of Minneapolis  
Eliyahu Ziembra - Torah Day School of Dallas  
Noah Jacob - Torah Prep School of St. Louis  
Akiva Shinensky - Torah School of Greater Washington  
Moshe Blum - Torah Vodaath  
Akiva Aharon Wyckoff - Yeshiva Aaron Yaakov Ohr Eliyahu, LA  
Dovi Bamberger - Menorah Primary, London UK  
Yitzzy Nadata - Yeshiva Bais Hillel of Passaic  
Yaakov Greenberg - Yeshiva Beth Yehudah

## *Third Place*

### **CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN**

Aryeh Leib Hunger - Yeshiva Derech Hatorah of Cleveland  
Shmuel Dovid Goldstoft - Yeshiva Ketana of Long Island  
Aharon Zelig Pearl - Yeshiva Ketana of Queens  
Avromy Frommer - Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven  
Yaakov Dov Krausz - Yeshiva Ktana of Bensonhurst  
Dovid Falk - Yeshiva Ktana of Manhattan  
Avraham Yosef Linda - Yeshiva Ktana of Waterbury  
Henach Weiner - Yeshiva Merkaz Hatorah - RJJ  
Emanuel Namdar - Yeshiva of South Shore  
Chaim Rotberg - Yeshiva of Spring Valley

## *Fourth Place* **DRONE**

Mordechai Schuster - Yeshiva of Spring Valley  
Eliyahu Zev Segal - Yeshiva Ohr Boruch  
Nosson Tzvi Golding - Yeshiva Ohr Yehuda  
Ariel Ryba - Yeshiva Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch  
Yehuda Abraham - Yeshiva Tiferes Torah DLakewood  
Yaakov Blumenkrantz - Yeshiva Torah Temimah  
Avraham Safdieh - Yeshivat Ateret Torah  
Shaul Matur - Yeshivat Ohel Torah

Yehuda Ozeri - Yeshivat Mekor Chaim  
Meir Yammark - Yeshiva Ahavas Torah  
Moshe Pilchick - Yeshivas Stolin  
Ephraim Tress - The Lakewood Cheder  
Ammun Iskhakov - Yeshiva Shaarei Zion  
Lawrence Dana - Yeshivat Shaar Torah  
Yod Yitzhak Ehman - Talmudical Academy of Baltimore

## **REMOTE CONTROL CAR**

Simcha Braunstein - Cincinnati Hebrew Day School  
Shlomo Hanson - Derech Hatorah of Rochester  
Aron Herscovitz - Gateshead Mechina  
Elyon Gellis - Hebrew Academy of Cleveland  
Yosef Levani - Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh  
Yehuda Steinberg - Keser Torah Primary School  
Yeshaya Dovid Feuer - Mitzur Yeshiva  
Avrumi Erlich - Pades House Primary School



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