



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן
YESHIVA KETANA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday,
August 29, 2021

1st day of Selichos
sessions begin at 10 AM

Monday,
August 30, 2021

1st day of general studies
Dismissal 1st-8th: 4 PM
No transportation
K-P: Orientations

Tuesday,
August 31, 2021

K-P: 1st day of Sessions
Dismissal: K-P: 12,
1-8 4 PM
No Transportation

Wednesday,
September 1, 2021

K: 3:00, P: 3:40, 1-8: 4:00
No Transportation

IMPORTANT NOTES

If you have not been
getting any yeshiva wide
emails, please send an
email to mail@ohrreuven.com
as soon as possible.
Thank you!

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YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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י"ט אלול תשפ"א

פרשת כי תבוא

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES!

Amsel Family, Baum Family, Drillman Family, Ehrenpreis Family, Eizik Family, Freedland Family, Friedman (Moshe & Eliana) Family, Friedman (Dovid & Faige) Family, Gelb Family, Gelbman Family, Greenstein Family, Grohman Family, Kelman Family, Kohl Family, Kohn Family, Rosenfeld Family, Schwartz Family, Stein Family, Venokur Family, Wassner Family, Wolfson Family, Yablonsky Family, and the Zlotnick Family.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS!

Rabbi Avi Horowitz-3rd grade, Rabbi Boruch Vann -Mesivta G.S. Assistant Principal, Rabbi Shmuel Zipper-Kodesh Assistant Rabbi; G.S. Assistant to Rabbi Gottlieb, Miss Malky Weissmandl-Pre-1A assistant, Mr. Aaron Kadish-Social Studies 6th, 7th and 8th grade, Dr. Ellen Levy-Science 6th & 7th grade, Dr. Mark Kauderer-Math 7th & high school, Rabbi Yidel Katz-Kodesh Assistant Rabbi, Miss Dina Rosenberg-Preschool Assistant, Mrs. Chaya Yehudis Dank-Pre1A Assistant

Our Rosh HaYeshiva visiting each classroom!



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Chinuch for Life!

PARNES HAYOM SPONSORSHIP - Tizku L'Mitzvos!

Mr. & Mrs. Amitay Stern sponsored a day of learning as a zchus l'refuah shleima for Yoav ben Tziporah.

If you would like to sponsor a day of learning, please be in touch with Mr. Berman @ dberman@ohrreuveu.com

1st day at yeshiva, welcome back!



Thank you to the N'shei for sponsoring the ices by nit checking!



1st grade created edible pencils at their orientation!

PLEASE SHARE WITH US! Please email any Mazel Tov information to reuveu@ohrreuveu.com!

MAZEL TOV! (INCLUDING SUMMER MAZEL TOVS)

Mazel tov to Rabbi Gottlieb upon the birth of a granddaughter!

Mazel tov to Mrs. Weitz (admissions office) upon the birth of a grandson!

Mazel tov to Shlomo and Chaim Cohen upon the birth of a baby brother!

Mazel tov to Yekutiell Yehuda Nadoff upon the birth of a brother! Mazel tov to Dovid and Dun Elhyani upon the birth of a nephew.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! (SUMMER BDAYS)

Shimon Wincelberg	Pinny Reichman	Tzvi Neuhauser
Aaron Weitzman	Asher Singer	Yissy Seleski
Shmuly Salamon	Mordechai Frommer	Gavriel Silber
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Joseph Ben Shlomo	Eliezer Spivak	Elchonon Light
Dovi Friedman	Menachem Tepper	Dani Miamon
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Eli Rubin	Moshe Berman	Moishy Bernstein
Aryeh Wincetowsky	Chaim Cohen	Menachem Breningstall
Chaim Gavriel Babani	Eli Fine	J.J. Gotesman
Dovid Czertok	Shimon Greenspan	Yoel Weisberg
Shmuel Katz	Zevi Halton	
Moshe Lampert	Nachi Kohn,	

כי תבא Confession

וְאָמַרְתָּ לִפְנֵי ה' אֱלֹקֶיךָ בְּעֶרְתִּי הַקֹּדֶשׁ מִן הַבַּיִת וְגַם נִתְּתִיו לְלוֹי וְלִגֵּר לִיתּוֹם וְלְאַלְמָנָה כֹּכֵל מִצְוַתְךָ אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתָנִי לֹא עֲבַרְתִּי מִמִּצְוֹתֶיךָ וְלֹא שִׁכַּחְתִּי:

you shall declare before the Hashem your G-d: "I have cleared out the consecrated portion from the house; and I have given it to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, just as You commanded me; I have neither transgressed nor neglected any of Your commandments:

בערתי הקדש מן הבית בחטאינו ובעונות אבותינו הוסרה העבודה מהבכורות אשר להם היו ראויות תרומות ומעשרות באמר ואטמא אותם במתנותם בהעביר כל פטר רחם וזהו וידוי מעשר שהזכירו רז"ל:

because of our and our fathers' sins the privilege of performing Temple service was removed from the firstborn, who otherwise would also have been the recipients of all the various tithes. Ezekiel 20,26 refers to this when he writes: *בהעביר כל פטר רחם*, "and I defiled them through their own gifts, when causing each first born to pass," the prophet calls this line the *confession* represented by the fact that the tithe cannot remain in the home but must be given to Levites who supplanted the family priest, the firstborn as a result of their having participated in the sin of the golden calf.

-Sforno

The potential possibilities of any child are the most intriguing and stimulating in all creation.

-Ray L. Wilbur

The fiscal cycle for farmers in the land of Israel runs in three year units, two series of three years, followed by a year-long break of *shemitta*. During each of the three year cycles, the farmer is obligated to separate a series of tithes from his produce to be given to the Kohen, the Levi, with the final tithe in years one, two, four, and five to be brought to and consumed in Yerushalayim, and in years three and six to be given to the poor.

The close of each of the three-year cycles brings with it the obligation to properly disburse and dispose of all tithes that one has set aside. That disbursement and disposal, *biur maaseros* is accompanied by a formal-text, verbal declaration, the *viduy maser*, or *maser* confession. The text of the statement includes, among other things, a declaration that "I did everything precisely as commanded." That is quite a bold statement in and of itself, but even more striking when considering the title given to that declaration, "The Confession of the Tithes." Confessions are made of contrition, regret, remorse and admission of guilt. They are not built of the confident declaration that one has done everything perfectly.

Rav Obadiah Sforno points to one facet of the declaration to explain the confessional part, "I have removed all *kodesh* from my home." That, says the *sforno* is a subtle acknowledgement that the need to remove the various *matnos kehunah* and *leviyah* from one's home is a reflection of our national failure.

How so?

At our initial exodus from Egypt, the *avodah* in the soon-to-be-built *mishkan* was the domain of the first-born. The *bechor* in each family would represent the family and the people as a whole in the *avodah* and would be the beneficiaries of the various gifts mandated by the Torah from the yield of the land. That changed with the *chet haegel*, the people, save for *shevet levi*, succumbing to the primal urge for idolatry, causing the

avodah to be taken from the first born and transferred to the *kohanim*.

If not for the *chet haegel* no one would need to disburse and dispose of any *kodesh* in the home, for he would simply have given it to the *bechor* of his home. The need for *biur maaseros* is a result of the *chet haegel*. The declaration, "I have removed all *kodesh* from my home" is thus a confession that our sins have caused the *kodesh* to be removed from my home and given to others outside.

The *sforno's* perspective should give pause to all who strive to build a home of *kedusha* that will raise children worthy of *avodah*. There are two vital lessons, and they are intimately connected to one another.

The first is that our children have the potential for greatness. Little, they are largely blank slates waiting for a world to be painted upon them. We are the artist who will do that painting, and we need to view our children through the lens of that potential greatness. What would you do different if you knew you were raising the future *Kohen Gadol*? What if you are?

The second lesson is that our choices will determine if our children will rise to the greatness within. Much like our forefathers in the *midbar* who cost their children the opportunity of the *avodah* due to their momentary lapse, a failure they would be condemned to confess repeatedly, even a momentary lapse on our part can derail our children's rise to greatness. With all the pitfalls that confront our children in their formative years, we cannot afford to let our guard down and risk their success. The stakes are simply too high.

Do we want to spend forever celebrating our children's success or lamenting what might have been?

Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal