



OHR REUVEN **אור ראובן**
YESHIVA KETANA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday-Wednesday,
September, 6-8, 2021

Rosh Hashana-No Sessions

Thursday,
September, 9, 2021

Tzom Gedalia
Dismissal: K@12 PM, P-8
@ 12:30 PM
1st day of ER & NR
Transportation

Monday,
September, 13, 2021

Back to School Night
1st day of Suffern Central
Transportation

Wednesday-Thursday,
September, 15-16, 2021

Yom Kippur-
No sessions

IMPORTANT NOTES

Often geshiva-wide emails are sent via ConstantContacts and depending on your inbox settings, emails may get marked as spam, junk or promotions... Please check your inbox folders and settings so you are less likely to miss a yeshivawide email. If you have not been getting any yeshiva emails, please send an email to mail@ohrreuveen.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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פרשת נצבים



Talmidim of Rabbi Lowy's 4th grade blowing the shofar!



The 6th grade had the honor of having Elia (6th grade) & Gavriel Adler (1st grade) blow the shofar for the class!

As in past years, the Rosh HaYeshiva has graciously agreed to make himself available to help those interested in selecting their Arba Minim. There will be Lulavim and Esrogim available for purchase in the Yeshiva.

Where: Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven Dining Room

Date: Tuesday, September 14, 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Please Note: This will be the only time that the Rosh Yeshiva is available to help. Please respect his time and come during the specified hours only.





Rabbi Prupas's 7th graders learning geshmak during station rotation!



Rabbi Plotzker discussing davening with the 8th grade!



Joel Weisber and JJ Gottesman get their shlich tzibbuer certificates from Rabbi Plotzker!

LOST AND FOUND-PLEASE LABEL YOUR ITEMS!

The Yeshiva Ketana's lost and found is located by the preschool office. Please remember to label all personal belongings- the labels may not be able to prevent the items from getting lost, but may help them be returned to you if they are found.

Claims for lost items could be claimed between 1:30 and 5:00 Monday - Thursday.

PARNAIS HAYOM SPONSORSHIP

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



Rabbi Kohn's 6th-grade class reenacts a threshing floor as they bring the Gemara they are learning to life!

PLEASE SHARE WITH US! Please email any Mazel Tov information to reuveinreview@ohrreuvein.com!

MAZEL TOV! (INCLUDING SUMMER MAZEL TOVS)

Mazel tov to Yehuda Gottlieb upon the birth of a niece!

Mazel tov to Aryeh Mayerfeld upon his bar mitzva!

Mazel tov to Rabbi Horowitz's 3rd graders for beginning to learn Rashi!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bentzion Steinman, Pre1A

Aryeh Genack, 2nd grade

Yehuda Peikes, 2nd grade

Aryeh Venokur, 4th grade

Eliezer Yehuda Spivak, 5th grade

Sammy Walden, 6th grade



נצבים

Conflict of Interest

וְשָׁב ה' אֶלְקִידָךְ אֶת שְׁבוּתְךָ וְרַחֲמֶךָ וְשָׁב וְקִבַּצְךָ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים אֲשֶׁר הִפִּיצְךָ ה' אֶלְקִידָךְ שָׁמָּה:

then Hashem your God will restore your captivity and take you back in love. He will bring you together again from all the peoples where Hashem your G-d has scattered you.

וְשָׁב ה' אֵלֶיךָ אֶת שְׁבוּתְךָ הִנֵּה לוֹ לִכְתֹּב וְהָשִׁיב אֶת שְׁבוּתְךָ

וְעוֹד יֵשׁ לוֹמַר שֶׁגָּדוֹל יוֹם קְבוּץ גְּלוּת וּבִקְשֵׁי כָאֵלוֹ הוּא עֲצָמוֹ צָרִיךְ לִהְיוֹת אוֹחֵז בְּגִידוֹ מִמָּשׁ אִישׁ אִישׁ מִמְקוֹמוֹ כַּעֲנֵן שְׁנֵאֵמַר

“וְאַתֶּם תִּלָּקְטוּ לְאֶחָד אֶחָד בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל” (ישעיהו כז)

Furthermore the following may be said in explaining the strange form ... וְשָׁב — that the day of the gathering of the exiles is so important and is attended with such difficulty that it is as though He (God) Himself must actually seize hold of each individual's hands dragging him from his place (so that God Himself returns with the exile), as it is said, ([Isaiah 27:12](#)) “And ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel”.

Parents are the bones on which children cut their teeth.

-Peter Ustinov

There is an unfortunate convention in many Yeshivos today, even the ones that value the study of *chumash* and Rashi, to skip over the Rashis dealing with *dikduk*. The paucity of knowledge in the grammar of the Hebrew language is the obvious cause of that attitude, for without basic Hebrew grammar, those comments of Rashi remain wholly unintelligible.

The shame in that approach is that we deprive ourselves and our children of some of Rashi's insights into the meaning and message of the Torah. A *dikduk* Rashi is not about the rules of grammar. That is not his purpose in writing on *mikra*. It is Rashi using the grammatical structure as a springboard to deliver the vita lessons contained within.

One such Rashi stands out in this week's *parsha*. He notes an anomaly in word choice in the *parsha*, an oddity that is somewhat lost in translation. In English, the word “return” can indicate that the subject is returning, himself or causing something else to be returned. (ex: I returned from vacation. I returned the book) In Hebrew, the causative form of the verb return is *heishiv*, while the direct action form is *shav*. Therefore, when the Torah wants to say that “G-d will cause you to return,” the proper form of the verb should be *v'heishiv*. But, that is not the word chosen. Instead, the word used is *shav*, indicating that G-d, Himself, will return.

Why the grammatical oddity?

It is, in Rashi's perspective, a deep insight into the nature

of our eventual return from exile, an insight with much implication for us as parents. The return from exile, Rashi explains, will not be easy and Hashem, so to speak, will take each of us by the hand and lead us back. “He will return,” for he will be holding our hand and leading us back.

It is a striking and profound idea in Rashi. Exile is a mess of our own making, our failures causing us to be ejected from our land and condemned to wander from country to country until we mend our ways and earn the right to return. Yet, when the time comes and we have come close, but not all the way there to deserving redemption and return, Hashem will not stand by and tell us we got what we deserved. Instead, he will reach his hand toward each and every one of us and pull us back with him.

It is a classic model of Hashem as parent. His children have created problems of their own. They have made their own mess, and they deserve the consequences necessary to bring them to fix it. But, because they are children, they lack the maturity, wisdom, and ability to repair that mess on their own. Who can they turn to for help? Who else but their father?

Sound familiar? If it doesn't, it will soon enough. Children have the audacity to not only create plenty of problems of their own making, forcing you to impose consequences when they do and then compound the problem by needing you to help them figure their way out of the mess they made. That makes for a very challenging moment in parenting.

The knee-jerk reaction is to dig in and insist that the child made this mess and he must figure out how to fix it himself. But, that reaction is wrongheaded and counterproductive.

Every parenting moment is a teachable moment, and this one is no exception. Just as a child needs to learn consequences for his actions, he needs to learn the skills to repair the problems he has caused, and he needs a parent to take him by the hand to teach him how to do so. That requires you, as a parent, to play two opposing roles at one and the same time.

On the one hand, you are the one imposing and enforcing consequences on the child. On the other, you will be the child's coach and teacher to help him negate those consequences. That would seem a conflict of interest on your part, but that is a mistake. It is only a conflict if you view the consequences imposed as your purpose and goal. But, if you keep your eyes on the prize and recognize that the goal is the education of your child, there is no contradiction.

By both keeping the consequences in place and helping your child to bring an end to those consequences you are following the model set by G-d himself, taking your child by the hand and returning along with him.

*Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal*



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September 3, 2021

Dear Parents שיחיו,

Sending your precious child off to school each morning in the care of his *Rebbe* and teacher is a great statement of faith and trust in the Yeshiva with whom you choose to partner in raising that child. At Ohr Reuven, we appreciate that trust and value our partnership, especially as we guide our children through these challenging times.

An integral component of that partnership is our annual back-to-school night, which affords you the opportunity to meet your son's teacher and *Rebbe* and to learn about the classroom in which your son will, *LY"H*, spend each day this year. Back-to-school night also offers the *Rebbe* and teacher the opportunity to meet you, the loving, caring parents behind our precious *talmidim*.

This year's annual Back To School Night will take place on Monday Evening, September 13, ז' תשרי, in your son's classroom.

The following is the schedule for the evening's presentations:

TIME:	PRESENTATIONS FOR GRADES:
7:45 – 8:15	Limudei Kodesh Presentations for Grades: Kindergarten, 2, 4, 6, & 8
8:15 – 8:45	General Studies Presentations for Grades: 2, 4, 6, & 8, Pre 1A- 8:15-8:55
8:45 – 9:15	Limudei Kodesh Presentations for Grades: 1, 3, 5 & 7
9:15 – 9:45	General Studies Presentations for Grades: 1, 3, 5 & 7

Schedule for Middle School								
	8:15 – 8:25	8:25- 8:35	8:35- 8:45	8:45 – 8:55	9:15 – 9:25	9:25- 9:35	9:35- 9:45	9:45 – 9:55
Grade 6	Dr. Levy	Mr. Kadish	Miss Paretsky/ Mrs. Mann	Rabbi Kahana				
Grade 7					Dr. Kauderer	Dr. Levy	Rabbi Kahana	Mr. Kadish
Grade 8 Regular	Rabbi Kahana	Dr. Levy	Mr. Kadish	Miss Paretsky/ Mrs. Mann				
Grade 8 Honors	Rabbi Perry	Rabbi Kahana						

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Due to the large number of parents בלע"ה that will be attending the Back to School Night presentations, the Yeshiva has arranged for parking assistance on our campus. Please assist the traffic flow by carefully following the parking attendants' instructions.

Rabbi Yosef B. Rawicki
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פרשת צבים
שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



This weeks program is שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

*In honor of the amazing
Hanhalla, Rabbeim, Teachers,
and Administrative staff
that enable YKOR to be
the wonderful yeshiva it is!!*

Thank you for all you do!

ALL 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!!

- ☐ 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