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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday-Thursday,
September 19-30, 2021

No Sessions- Sukkos

Friday,
October 1, 2021

Sessions resume

Tuesday,
October 5, 2021

Back to School Night

Monday,
October 11, 2021

Dismissal K-8 3 PM
No Transportation

Friday,
October 22, 2021

No Sessions
Torah Umesorah Convention

IMPORTANT NOTES

Reminder: Back to School Night was rescheduled for Tuesday, October 5th.

Mechiras Arba Minim at Yeshiva with our Rosh HaYeshiva!



Rabbi Prupas with his 7th graders shopping for Arba Minim!



On the day of the Chofetz Chaim's Yartzeit, talmidim were saying *tehilim* and learning *Mishna Berura* in a special booklet provided by Dirshu!



Yonah Coren leining *Bar Mitzvah*!

Rabbi Biller's 2nd grade working on their *Sukkos* projects!

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



PLEASE SHARE WITH US! Please email any *Mazel Tov* information to reuenreview@ohrreuen.com!

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel tov to Rabbi Kohn (6th grade Rebbe) upon the birth of a baby girl!

Mazel tov to Ami Wanounou upon the birth of a nephew!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Chaim Alter Gelb, Kindergarten
Yitzy Rubin, Kindergarten
Aryeh Rosenfeld, Pre1-A
Shneur Light, 4th grade
Moshe Brachfeld, 4th grade
Yitzchok Meir Richmond, 5th grade



Rabbi Horowitz's 3rd grade working on their *Sukkos* projects!

האינו Cynicism

וַיֵּרָא ה' וַיִּנְאֹץ מִכַּעַס בָּנָיו וּבנותיהו:

Hashem saw and was vexed, and spurned His sons and His daughters.

וירא ה' וינאץ מכעס בניו ובנותיו דור שאבות מנאצים להקב"ה כועס על בניהם ועל בנותיהם ומתים כשהם קטנים
A generation in which the fathers abhor the Holy One, Blessed be He, He is angered at their sons and their daughters, and they die when they are small.

A cynic is a man who knows the price of everything, and the value of nothing

-Oscar Wilde

The *gemara* in *kesuvos* offers a frightening consequence for parents who provoke the anger of G-d, citing the *possuk* in this week's *parsha* indicating that children will *chas v'shalom* die young as a result. The proposed consequence is frightening enough to drive anyone to stay in line, but is curious, especially in light of the principle that children are generally not punished for the sins of the fathers.

Many commentators distinguish between underage children, who may fall victim to the consequences of their parents' misdeeds, vs. children over the age of majority who can no longer suffer the fallout of the sins of their fathers. I might suggest, however, that the *gemara* here is offering a firm lesson in parental attitude and how it affects our children.

The word choice in the *possuk* is instructive. The word *וַיִּנְאֹץ* has a connotation that implies more than just

provoke. Some render the word as "abhor," a translation that adds color to its meaning. You may

recognize the root from the *viduy* we said on Yom Kippur, נאצנו. The word implies more than just the act

of sin. It is an attitude that belittles and demeans G-d and religion. We have a word for it in English. That

word is cynicism.

Being raised in the milieu of Orthodox Jewish life is a double-edged sword. On the one hand, there is the comfort and ease of the familiar. We are not foreigners in a *shul* or in a *Bais medrash*. One who comes to Torah on his or her own later in life may be somewhat lost and confused.

But, that latecomer to Judaism is likely to enter a *shul* wide-eyed with awe and reverence, while those who have grown up with it will be hard-pressed to be impressed. Too often that comfort and familiarity crosses the line to cynicism.

Cynicism fits the Justice Potter Stewart standard. It is hard to

define, but you know it when you see it. The cynic has plenty to say about *rabbanim*, about his children's schools, and about *shuls* and other Jewish institutions, and most of what he says isn't flattering.

The cynic questions the sincerity and motivation of *roshei yeshiva* and *rebbeim*, wondering aloud if they are in it for the money or the *kavod*, but certain that they aren't in it for the sake of Heaven. Likewise, the cynic questions those who work on behalf of the *shul*, and shares his wisdom on the corruption involved in tuition costs, *shul* membership fees and organizations of *tzedakah* and *chessed*.

Yes, every cynic has a kernel of truth on which to base his beliefs and thoughts, but the cynic cannot see any good because he is too focused on the bad. And, when the cynic constantly shares his thoughts with his children, he converts those children to young cynics, and that is deadly for children.

Youthful vigor is built on optimism, hope, and belief in the ability to do good and to effect change in the world. Cynicism is the pinnacle of hopelessness, frustration and doubt. Hope is life. Cynicism is death. The Torah tells us in this week's *parsha* that one who provokes G-d by his cynicism doesn't only provoke G-d. He destroys his children along the way. The best thing the cynic can do for his children is to keep his thoughts to himself.

Making our children cynical deprives them of their youth and of their shot at life. They may end up finding themselves knocked down by life enough times to become cynical themselves, but they may not. Shouldn't we give them the chance to hope, to believe, and to try to change the world?

Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal



פרשת האזינו
שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



*This week's שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום program is
not yet sponsored*

*Wishing all a
Wonderful Yom Tov!!!*

MOST פרשיות of this year

are still available for sponsorship!

Please help support this wonderful program.

Monthly (4 weeks) sponsorship: \$175

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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

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דשמחת בהגדר

דהדרת אק שמחה



SO.....

SMILE



Please email to: pictures@ohrreuven.com

1 picture (only)

of your son/s performing the sukkos mitzvohs –

Shaking lulav, sitting in a סוכה, helping build the סוכה

We are looking forward to decorating our entrance bulletin board with them after Sukkos.



חג כשר ושמח!





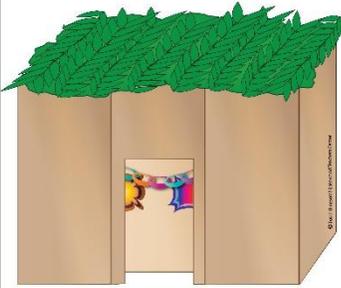
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תשבו בעין תהדרה

SLEEPING IN THE SUKKAH

GRADES 5 - 8



	Date	Slept in the Sukkah
1st night – יו"ט	טו תשרי (Sep 20)	
2nd night – יו"ט	טז תשרי (Sep 21)	
3rd night - חוה"מ	יז תשרי (Sep 22)	
4th night - חוה"מ	יח תשרי (Sep 23)	
5th night - חוה"מ	יט תשרי (Sep 24)	
6th night - חוה"מ	כ תשרי (Sep 25)	
7th night – הו"ר	כא תשרי (Sep 26)	

Mitzvah of Sleeping in Sukkah Celebration Party:

1 night: 1 Slice of Pizza

First 2 nights or any 3 nights: 1 Slice of Pizza + Ice cream

All night (weather permitting): 1 Slice of Pizza + Ice cream + \$10

Talmid's Name _____

Grade _____

Parent's Sig.: _____