



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן  
YESHIVA KETANA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday,  
October 11, 2021

Dismissal K-8 3 PM  
No Transportation

Friday,  
October 22, 2021

No Sessions  
Torah Umesorah Convention

Sunday,  
October 31, 2021

Hascholas Mishnayos

Thursday,  
November 11, 2021

Dismissal K-8 3 PM  
No Transportation

Thursday,  
November 25, 2021

Dismissal K-8 1 PM  
No Transportation

## IMPORTANT NOTES

Please see message from  
the Admissions Office



# REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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ב' חשוון תשפ"א

פרשת נח



4th grades receiving their Kriah Knockers prizes from Rabbi Rawicki!



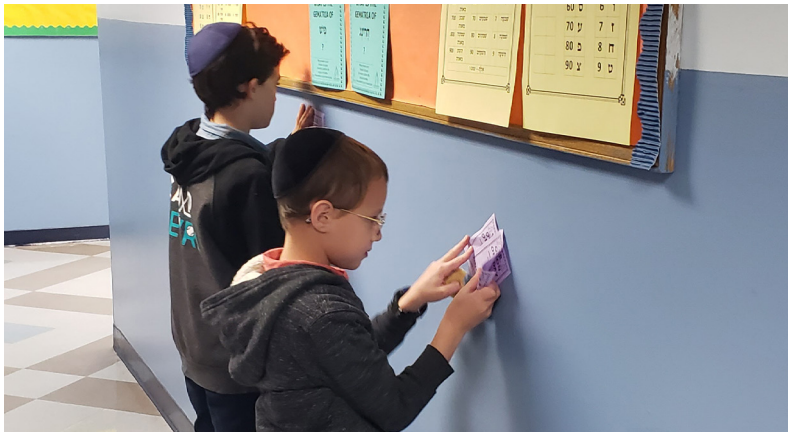
More pictures of our talmidim from Succos!

### Message from the Admissions Office:

If you have not yet submitted a kindergarten application for your son for the upcoming 22-23 school year, please submit it as soon as possible. Thank you!  
Applications are submitted on-line at [ohrreuven.com/elementary](http://ohrreuven.com/elementary).



Registration is now open for the Chess Wizards after-school program Fall Sessions! The program is beginning on October 25, so please register as soon as possible. Please note that the program will only run if enough people sign up. See attached flyer for more information.



Talmidim answering the "Question of the Day"!



Alumni Reunion BBQ at Rabbi Peikes's, for last year's graduating class and beyond!



Shimon Dahan's Bar Mitzvah at Yeshiva!

Thank you to the N'shei for sponsoring the refreshments and student treats at Back to School Night!

The prizes for our Sleeping in the Succah program will be given out next week when our Rosh Yeshiva is back from Eretz Yisroel.



Mrs. Gendel's 3rd graders working on their math review drills!



Thank you to the N'shei for sponsoring the staff and student rosh chodesh treats!



If you would like to sponsor the monthly N'shei Rosh Chodesh treat, please contact Peshie Needleman at 845.494.2360. This can be in honor of your son, his Rebbe or Morah, a birthday, a yahrtzeit, or any other occasion you can think of!

### PARNES HAYOM SPONSORSHIP

If you would like to sponsor a day of learning please be in touch with Mr. Berman @ [dberman@ohrreuvein.com](mailto:dberman@ohrreuvein.com)

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY! (INCLUDING SEPTEMBER)

Akiva Vilinsky, Kindergarten  
Yaakov Yosef Freedland, Pre1-A  
Hashi Reichman, Pre1-A  
Eli Brodie, 1st grade  
Yehuda Balsam, 2nd grade  
Avraham Hellman, 2nd grade  
Shalom Adler, 4th grade  
Yaakov Weitzman, 5th grade  
Aharon Becker, 6th grade  
Elya Adler, 6th grade  
Aryeh Kahn, 6th grade  
Pinchus Kohn, 6th grade  
Levi Tenenbaum, 7th grade  
Yonah Coren, 8th grade  
Mayerfeld, Aryeh, 8th grade

## נח Divine Messages

וַיִּקַּח שֵׁם וַיִּצַּת אֶת הַשְּׂמָלָה וַיָּשִׂימוּ עַל שְׂכָם שְׂנִיָּהֶם וַיִּלְכוּ אַחֲרָיִת וַיִּכְסּוּ אֶת עֲרֹת אֲבִיהֶם וַיִּפְּנִיָּהֶם אַחֲרָיִת וְעֲרֹת אֲבִיהֶם לֹא רָאוּ:

But Shem and Japheth took a cloth, placed it against both their backs and, walking backward, they covered their father's nakedness; their faces were turned the other way, so that they did not see their father's nakedness.

**איזה חכם הלומד מכל** אדם ר"ל שאם רואה דבר איסור בחבירו מסתמא יש בו שמץ מנהו, כמו המסתכל במראה וכו'.

If one sees a violation by his friend, it is assumed that he has a measure of that violation within him, like one looking in a mirror etc.

-Toldos Yaakov Yosef

You can learn many things from children, how much patience you have, for instance

-Franklin P. Jones

One of my guilty pleasures is the Lubavitcher Rebbe's *sichos* on the *parsha*. Although not a Lubavitcher, I have often found his insights and discussions profound, enlightening, and stimulating. Illiterate in Yiddish as I am, my window into the Rebbe's Torah on the *parsha* is the Otzar Likutei Sichos, a Hebrew-translated compilation of select *sichos* from over the years.

In this week's *parsha* he discusses a famous thought from the *Baal Shem Tov*. The Besh"t teaches that if one sees another in transgression of a particular prohibition, that is a Divine indication that the observer is also guilty of that particular sin. The *rebbe* questions why that is so, wondering why it cannot be true that Hashem has presented the observer with an opportunity to fulfill the Torah *mitzvah* of *hocheach tocheach es amisecha*.

He develops a nuanced idea that he applies to resolve a redundancy in the language of the *possuk* above describing the care which Shem and Yafes took to preserve their father's dignity.

As the Lubavitcher *rebbe* explains, the message one is sent by his seeing another in the act of transgression is a function of his reaction to the sight. What do you notice when you see another in the act of committing a violation of Torah law? Do you see transgression, or do you see opportunity?

Two people can view the same event but see very different things. Some will see the negative and notice the flaws in others. Others will see the positive, the opportunity for growth and for *mitzvah*. One who watches another in the act of committing a sin and sees only the failure is one who is guilty of that sin himself. But, one who sees another in the same act and instead sees opportunity for himself to help another improve and the chance for his fellow to improve can be comfortably confident that he has been shown the violation in order to facilitate his *mitzvah* of *hocheach tocheach*.

Note the redundancy in the *possuk's* description of how Shem and Yafes took care of their father. It says "they walked backwards and covered their father's *ervah*" and then

immediately repeats, "they faced backwards and did not see their father's *ervah*." The Lubavitcher *rebbe* explains this not as a repetition, but an entirely new point. When Shem and Yafes beheld the shame of their father, they did not see shame. Instead, all they saw was an opportunity to help and do good.

The Rebbe's magnificent perspective is especially instructive for parents. One of the most frustrating experiences in raising children is seeing our own failures and shortcomings in our children. For many of us, our children are like mirrors held up before us, too often reflecting back our image in what are not our finest moments. Much of the tension that sometimes exists between a parent and child is due to the child being exactly like the parent and the parent being unable to handle the image of his or her own failures held up before him all the time.

But, what do you see when your child reflects your own shortcomings? What do you notice? do you see failure or do you embrace opportunity?

If your child's behavior hits too close to home, and you see your own failures in him, that is a Divine message that you need to work on your own shortcomings, and your child who sees you struggle to overcome those failings will try to do the same. If you see your child display behaviors that you have worked so hard to move past, him reflecting the younger version of yourself that you have thankfully left behind, then what you are really seeing is opportunity, the chance for you to help another along a journey that you have already traveled yourself.

In either case, the next time your child gets under your skin with behaviors that dredge up some of your worst moments, do not allow the stress of the moment to make it a source of tension. Instead, recognize, like the Baal Shem Tov taught, that this is a message from Above, and consider the Lubavitcher Rebbe's brilliant analysis to figure out just which message you have been sent.

Good Shabbos,  
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
Principal



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שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



*This week's program  
is sponsored by  
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*May the זכות of the learning generated by this  
program be a זכות for him לנצח נצחים.*

**MANY 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](mailto:bplotzker@ohrreuven.com)

First

Last

Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

**!!WEEKLY PRIZES!!**

Class: (Please Check One)

- ☐ 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.

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## Class Information

School Name: Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven School

Dates: 10/25, 11/01, 11/08, 11/15, 11/22, 12/06  
12/13, 12/20, 12/27

No Class on: 11/29

Class Day and Time: Monday  
1st grade: 4:00-5:00 pm  
2nd-4th: 4:15-5:15 pm  
Total # of Classes: 5th-8th: 5:15-6:15 pm  
9 classes

Price: \$144 Location: 257 Grandview Ave,  
Suffern, NY 10901



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