



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן
YESHIVA KETANA

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Friday,
November 26, 2021

Regular ER Transportation
No SC and NR

Sunday,
November 28, 2021

Erev Chanukah
1st grade Haschalos
Chumash Celebration

IMPORTANT NOTES

TEXTING # UPDATE:
(855)-456-6665 is the
new number for Yeshiva
Ketana Ohr Reuven relat-
ed texts. You may want to
save/update the # in your
contacts.

REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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כג חשוון תשפ"א פרשת חיי שרה



In honor of our *talmidim's* bar mitzvos, each boy has the opportunity to spend time with our Rosh Yeshiva learning about the *chashivus* of tefilin in small groups. What a privilege!



The Pre1-A class brought their full tzedakah box to Rabbi Rawicki. This year a special program was instituted by Mrs. Amy Gottlieb and family in memory of her father Moshe Zev Ben Yosef z"l, providing nickels to enable every boy to give tzedakah every day!



Our Rosh Yeshiva teaching Yehuda Yitzchok Freedland the Aleph Beis at his Upsherin!



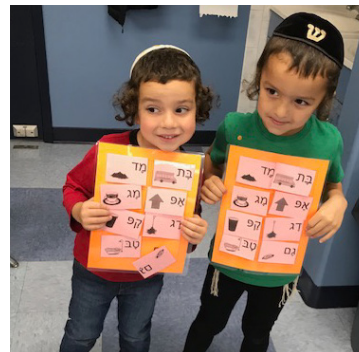
Rabbi Rawicki reviewed with our 4th grade talmidim how to write script, hebrew letters neatly.

PARENT FEEDBACK

"Dear Rabbi Rawicki, We just wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude. Our son absolutely loves the Matnas Shabbos program. He comes home on Friday and right away puts his Matnas Shabbos pamphlet at his place at the Shabbos table. He sings the song and tells us about what you did that Friday. He also loves to hear the story that is included. It truly enhances our Shabbos! Also wanted to say how much our son loves Rabbi Myski. He is learning so much and is excited about learning new parts of Davening, telling us about the Parsha and stories. When I just mentioned to him that he doesn't have school this Friday, he said: "oh no!! I love school!" Kol HaKavod for ensuring that Yeshiva is a positive and joyful place! May Hashem give you continued strength to do this important Avodas HaKodesh!"



Our Mashgiach, Rabbi Bamberger, speaking with the 8th graders.



Pre1-A matching pictures to closed syllable Kriah words.



7th graders measuring their pulse rate before and after exercise.

PLEASE SHARE WITH US! Please email any Mazel Tov information to reuveenreview@ohrreuven.com!

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel tov to Pinny, Tuviah and Hashi Reichman upon their brother Yaakov Shamshon upsherin!

Mazel tov to Shneur Kurkus upon the birth of a brother!

Mazel tov to Pinny Needleman upon the birth of a nephew!

Mazel tov to Yaakov Yosef Freedland upon his brother Yehuda Yitzchok's upsherin!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Asher Anshel Weg, Kindergarten
Elkanah Chaim Berkowitz, 5th grade
Dovid Benjamin, 5th grade
Shimon Dahan, 8th grade



Computers in grades 3 and 4.



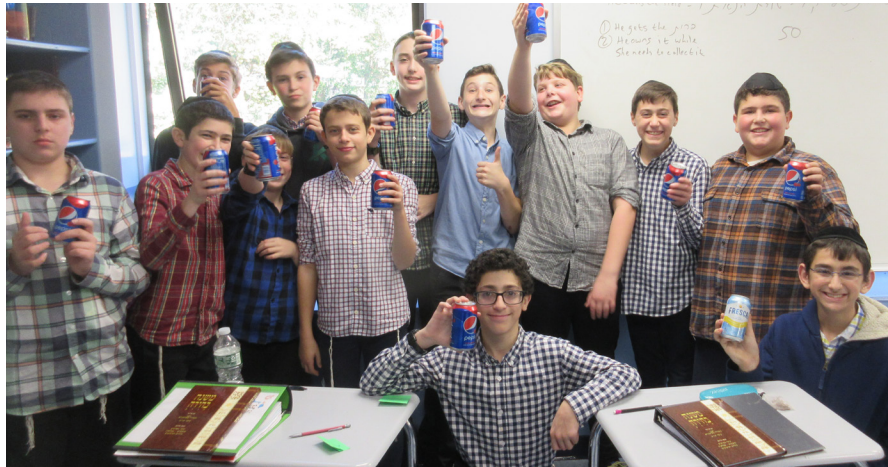
6th graders testing monocular vs binocular vision.



Pictures from our Mesivta!



Mrs. Leibovic's 5th grade taking advantage of the beautiful weather by playing a vocabulary review game outside.



Winners of Rabbi Peikes's 8th grade parsha game!

TORAH UMESORAH CONVENTION

See what our Rabbeim brought home to our talmidim from the convention this past Friday:

How to strengthen the relationship between Rebbe and Talmid in every aspect. How to help students emotionally. How to make the yeshiva the brightest spot for a student who everything else in his life is not so bright. The power of hischadshus at this meleches hakodesh. Many helpful tips and tricks and more!

The level of professionalism, energy for constant improvement and innovation, and sense of mission that I observe and feel at every TU convention I've been to, gives me a tremendous boost and renewal of pride of being privileged to teach tinokos shel beis rabban every day!

Thank you for encouraging the rebbeim to join the Torah Umesorah Convention this year. I feel I gained a lot from hearing from and speaking to master mechanchim from all across America. It also gave us chizuk and reinforced the idea that we are part of the most prestigious group in the world, the group that is teaching Torah to the future of klal yisroel.

The convention this year was a great experience, I have already incorporated some of the things learned into my class. I look forward to being able to reach every talmid with the new techniques that were taught.

I really gained a lot from the convention this year. I collaborated with many other Rabbeim and I now have a brand new Chazara system that I can't wait to implement!

How to applaud a Talmid for asking in class that he doesn't understand something. Showing each Talmid how much he does know. Other highlights of the convention were the addresses of The Philadelphia Rosh Hayeshiva Harav Shmuel Kamenetsky Shlita and Harav Hillel David shlita.



Rabbi Plotzker at his Torah Review Center booth at the Torah Umesorah convention!



Some of our rabbeim at the convention!

חיי שרה

Cuddle, Not Coddle

וַתָּמָוֶת שָׂרָה בְּקִרְיַת אַרְבַּע הוּא חֶבְרוֹן בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וַיָּבֹא אַבְרָהָם לִסְפֹּד לְשָׂרָה וּלְבַכּוֹתָהּ׃

Sarah died in Kiriath-arba—now Hebron—in the land of Canaan; and Abraham proceeded to mourn for Sarah and to bewail her.

וַיָּבֹא אַבְרָהָם לִסְפֹּד לְשָׂרָה מֵהֵיכָן בָּא... בֵּא מֵהָר הַמּוֹרִיָּה לְפִיכּוֹ נִסְמָכָה עֲקִידָה לַיְהוּדִי חַי שָׂרָה

And Avraham came to eulogize Sarah—From where did he come? from where did he come? From Mount Moriah.

The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.

-Denis Waitley

Parents are often cautioned “be nice to your children; they will choose your nursing home.” There is much truth and value in that pithy advice, but a more fitting recommendation might be, “be inspiring to your children, as they will deliver your *hesped*.”

It is a sobering, but important thought. What we inspire our children to become will, in turn, become how they recall us when the time will come. This week’s *parsha* features the first record of a *hesped*, as Avraham comes to eulogize his beloved wife and to weep for her loss. The Torah does not disclose the contents of that *hesped*. Wouldn’t you love to know what he said?

The Midrash Rabbah, according to Rabbi Binyomin Nadoff, very subtly offers insight into the topic of Avraham’s address. Rabbi Nadoff, *a”h*, a longtime *mechanech* and *mohel* and one of the instrumental builders of the Pittsburgh Torah community, also happens to be the great-grandfather to my youngest grandchild. He points to the *midrash* cited above that asks where Avraham came from when he arrived to eulogize his wife. He arrived, says the Midrash, from *har hamoriah*, from the Akeidah.

The Midrash is not offering us a roadmap of Avraham’s travels. Rather, it is telling us the event Avraham brought with him around which he would build his remarks about his dear, departed wife. Avraham came armed with the story of the *Akeidah*, the story of a young man who willingly and knowingly went to have himself brought as a sacrifice to G-d, and of the woman who raised a child to such greatness. The *Akeidah* would serve as the basis for Avraham’s *hesped*.

It is an arresting thought that should give all of us pause. At the end of the day, our legacy is bound, in no small part, in the children we raise, and what we raise them too. That certainly does not mean that we are defined by outcomes, for outcomes are in the hands of G-d and of the children themselves. But, we are defined by the attempts we make to inspire and drive our children to find the greatness within themselves. That is the ultimate legacy.

Consider the times you have sat at a *levaya* and listened to the *hespeidim*. Of course, there is sweetness and beauty in the recollections of simple moments of family time, food, and the delights of a child raised by a loving, caring parent. But the true marks of greatness are the recollections of a parent’s sacrifices made and examples set to bring out their child’s greatness.

Ultimately, our legacy will not be determined by how much we coddled our children as they were young. We are meant to cuddle our children, not coddle them, and there is a major distinction. When we coddle them, we block any adversity from crossing their path, robbing them of the opportunity to see what they are truly made of and what they can really become. When we cuddle them, we hold them tight and make them feel loved and supported enough to not be afraid to go out and challenge themselves to face the adversity that life may throw their way.

I once saw a comment from Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, quoting Eric Auerbach, that the narratives of the bible are “fraught with background,” meaning that we see the surface of the story, and are left to fill in the gaps from our own imagination and thinking. There is little in the *pesukim* about Avraham and Sarah’s parenting approach. We know that Sarah was concerned enough about Yishamel’s negative influence on young Yitzchak that she demanded his removal from the house. More than that is speculation.

But, we suspect that even though Sarah protected Yitzchak, she was not overprotective, cuddling, not coddling. What is our evidence for that? The same *hesped* that Avraham delivered for her at the end. We know that she was a mother who raised a child capable of going to the Akeidah with conviction and joy. We know what it takes to raise such a child. Do we have what it takes within ourselves?

Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal



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שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



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First

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Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

!!WEEKLY PRIZES!!

Class: (Please Check One)

- ☐ 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



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 FAST DAYS!!

- 1) What is the name of the fast on תש"י?
- 2) What month is Tisha Bav in?
- 3) On what date in תמוז is there a fast day?
- 4) Who was killed on the 3rd day of תש"י?
- 5) What month is תענית אסתר in?
- 6) Who needs to fast on יד ניסן?

WINNERS FROM 'DATES'!!

**1) AHARON BECKER
2) SHLOMO EICHLER
3) MOSHE SCHILLER
4) MENACHEM
BRENGINSTAL**

**5) HILLEL HOOK
6) SHAYA BRODY
7) AVI WEG
8) CHAIM TZVI
EISENSTADT**

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