

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Erev Chanukah 1st grade Hascholas Chumash Celebration

November 30, 2021 Pre1-A Mommy and Me Event @ 10:15 AM

December 1, 2021 Kindergarten Mommy and Me Event @ 10:30 AM

December 2, 2021 Dismissal K @ 12, P-8 @ 12:30

Friday-Monday December 3-6, 2021 Chanukah vacation No sessions

IMPORTANT NOTES

TEXTING # UPDATE: (855) 456-6665 is the new number for Yeshiva Ketana Ohr **Reuven related texts.** EMAIL UPDATE: The main office's general inbox has been changed to office@ohrreuven.com

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פרשת וישב







Reb Yosef Mendelevich, a refusenik, inspiring the Mesivta and Middle School with his experiences from behind the Iron Curtain. The picture on the right Rabbi Mendelvich is showing how he made a yarmulka from his handkerchief while in prison.

Thank you to all those who sponsored towards the tea, helped set it up so beautifully, stayed late to help clean up afterwards and just helped make it all happen!



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Our Menahel, Rabbi Rawicki, with some of the LULLAY neigel vasser raffle winners - week 1!



Mazal tov to our 2nd grade talmidim on finishing פרק י'ח!



Our 8th grade busy chazzaring Mishnayos.



1st grade proudly building sentences!



Mazel tov to the 6th grade for completing the סוגיא of יאוש שלא מדעת



5th graders working on their writing in Mrs. Leibovic's writer's workshop.





Our mesivta and 8th grade had the privilage of hearing Rabbi Leff, Rav of Moshav Matisyau and grandfather of our 5th grader Dovi Leff.





Last week the 2nd grade role-played how Yaakov prepared for meeting Eisav with presents, davening and war.





Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade talmidim continued their geshmake chazara in the Ohr Reuven Beis Medrash.



3rd grade sitting so nicely during last week's fire drill.

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MAZEL TOV!

Mazel tov to Mrs. Leibovic (5th grade teacher & guidance counselor) upon the birth of a granddaughter!

Mazel tov to Baruch Leibovic upon the birth of a niece!

Mazel tov to Shimon Wincelberg upon the birth of a baby sister!



Pre1-A boys engaged in activities relating to the letter Rr.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dovi Baum, Kindergarten Yehuda Schwartz, 1st grade Menachem Goldstein, 4th grade Aron Moshe Fuchs, 5th grade Yehuda Eliyahu Frances, 5th grade Moshe Grossberger, 7th grade Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

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וישב

Dream Big

ַנְיְקַנְאוּ בוֹ אֶחָיו וְאָביו שָׁמַר אֶת הַדָּבר:

So his brothers were wrought up at him, and his father kept the matter in mind.

שמר את הדבר הָיָה מַמְתִין וּמְצפּה מָתַי יָבֹא, וְכן שֹׁמֵר אֱמֵנִים) ישעיהו כ"ו ,(וְכן לֹא תִשְׁמֹר על חַשָּׁאתִי) איוב י"ד – לֹא תַמְתִין He awaited and looked forward to the time when this would come to pass. In the same sense we have for faithfulness" (i.e., for the performance of a promise) and (Job 14:16)שומר (Isaiah 26:2) "that watch הרא תשמור" – שלא תשמור" – which means "thou dost not wait for my sin" – שלא היי ש

or my sin — which means "thou dost not wait for my sin – כא תשמור". Rashi-

There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other is wings.

- Johann Wolfgang Van Goethe

The trouble with the annual, repeating cycle of the Torah reading is that we get to watch the same people make the same mistakes year after year, and all we can do is stand by, helpless, unable to steer them away from disaster (sounds a lot like parenthood). This is one of those *parshios*.

It is obvious to all of us that Yosef and his brothers are headed for disaster. The combination of his father's favoritism and Yosef's ambitious dreams is simply too much for his siblings to bear. It is true that before the fact no one could have predicted just how horrifically this would all end, but it was clear to all that it would not end well. How did Yaakov miss all the signals?

Yaakov's reaction to Yosef's report of his dreams is far from definitive. A read of the text with Rashi's comments as background reveals just how measured and limited his response was. He does not tell Yosef that his dreams of grandeur are ludicrous or that there is no way he will ever grow to dominate his brothers. Yaakov focuses on a minor detail, noting how it is impossible for Yosef's mother to come bow before him as she is no longer alive. That is hardly a wholesale rejection of the musings of his beloved child.

If Yaakov's refusal to unequivocally reject Yosef's dreams is not clear enough yet, the Torah's ending narration to the episode makes it abundantly clear. The final say on the matter of the dreams is "v'aviv shomar es hadavar," "and his father waited expectantly for the matter to come to fruition." Yaakov's halfhearted rebuke is reminiscent of the father who tells his child to never use his hands against the class bully while secretly hoping his son will punch the kid out. But, how could Yaakov not have realized the horrible danger he was putting his family in by not putting an end to Yosef's dreams?

I would suggest that Yaakov knew full-well the risk involved in allowing Yosef to keep dreaming of greatness. But, he also knew the risk of stifling his son's dreams. Yaakov's approach was a simple risk-rewards analysis, and he risked the potential harm to allow for the possible reward of a child who would be allowed to dream big and reach for those dreams.

The experience of Yaakov and his sons is an extreme example

of a common phenomenon. Often, children have ridiculous dreams, hopes of greatness, grandeur, and exceptionalism. Those dreams are usually fraught with risk, and parents are apt to guide their children away from their dreams to a more pragmatic and sensible approach to life. But, when we don't let our children dream, we don't allow the dreams of today to grow to the reality of tomorrow.

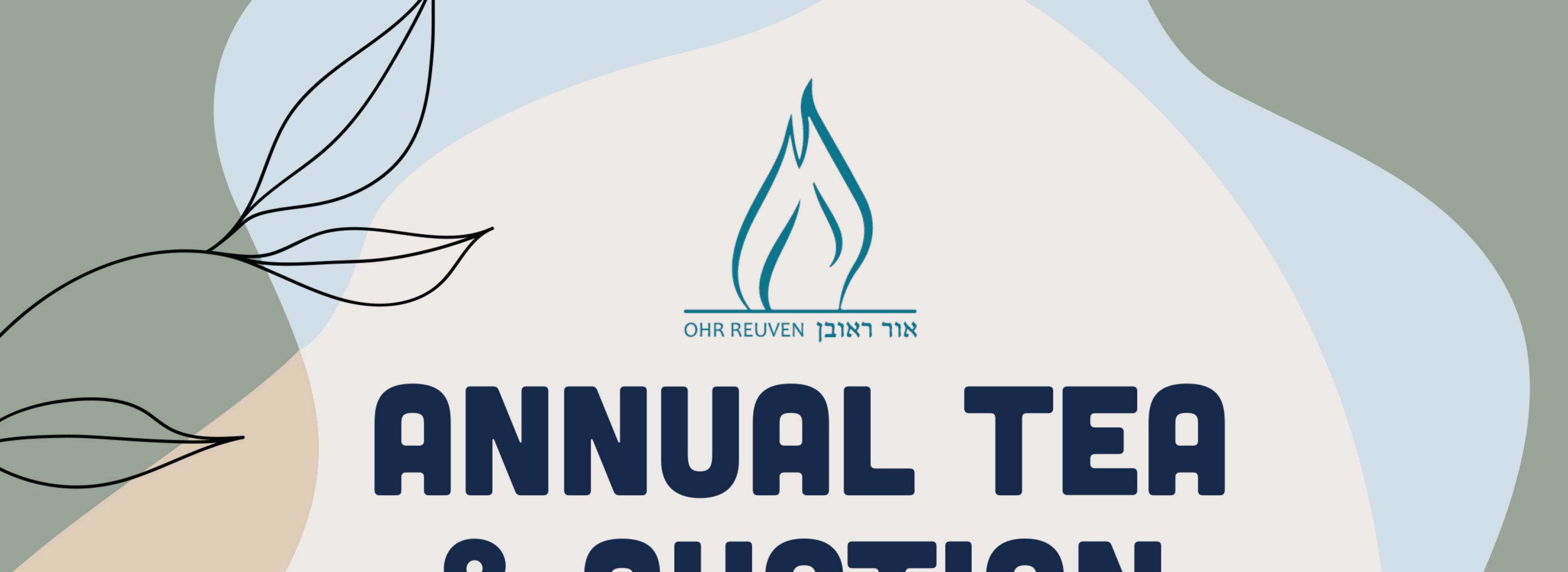
How many titans of industry, prominent athletes, inventors, artists, musicians, scientists, and even *Rabbonim* and *Roshei Yeshiva* were urged by their parents to get a solid education and go into a well-paying, safe, secure occupation? Had they listened, we might live without Mozart, devoid of Van Gogh, and bereft of some of the great personalities who have shaped our world into what it is today.

Children are naturally inclined to dream the impossible dream. It is the adults around them who worry about the practicality of those dreams and the risk involved in pursuing them. Too infrequently do we consider the risk of failing to pursue those dreams.

The greatness in Yaakov was his realizing the risk involved in stifling Yosef's dreams, and he adamantly refused to do so. Was that a dangerous route to take? Absolutely! But, safer than the alternative path of crushing his son's dreams.

Do we properly value the risk of steering our children away from their dreams?

Good Shabbos, Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb Principal



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CHANGE MORNING SONG TO SONG OF BOYS CHOICE (1 DAY)

WINNER: YAKOV FISHMAN

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WINNERS: EZZY FRIEDMAN, MOSHE KAPLOVITZ AND AVRAHAM HAAS

WINNERS: HILLEL HOOK, ELCHONON LIGHT AND YEHUDAH GOTTLIEB NIGHT OFF HW (3 WINNERS)

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WINNERS: AHARON BECKER AND ARYEH MULLER

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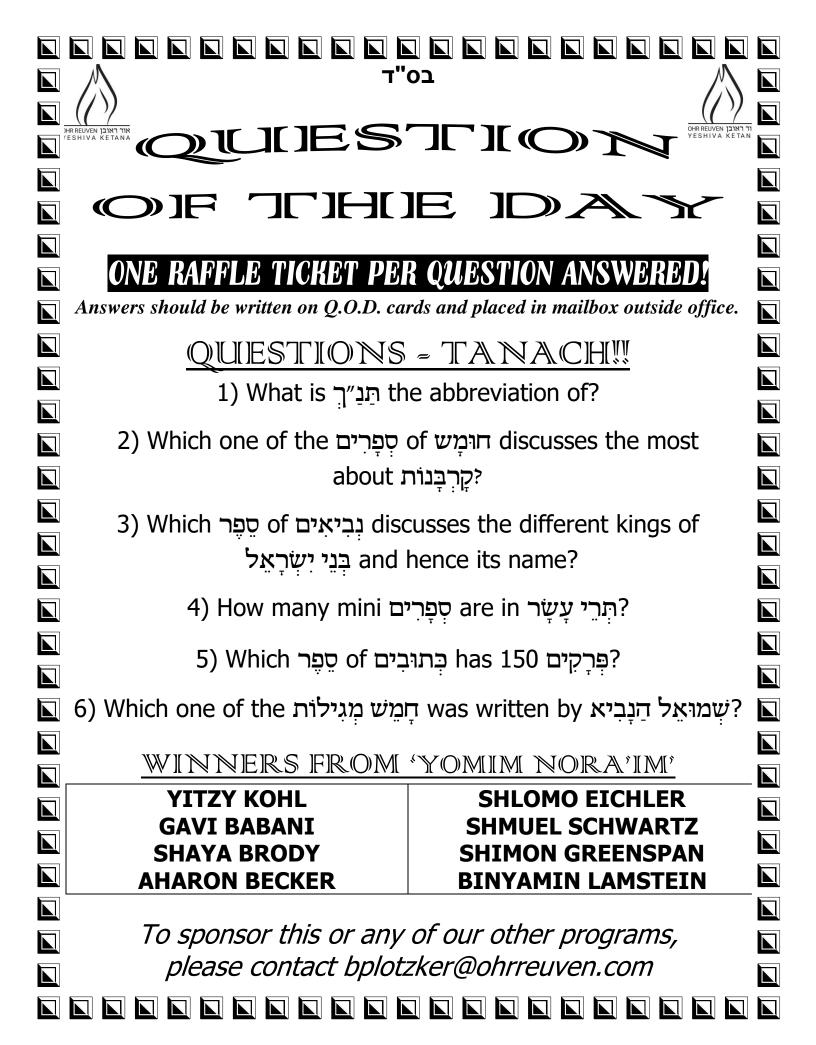
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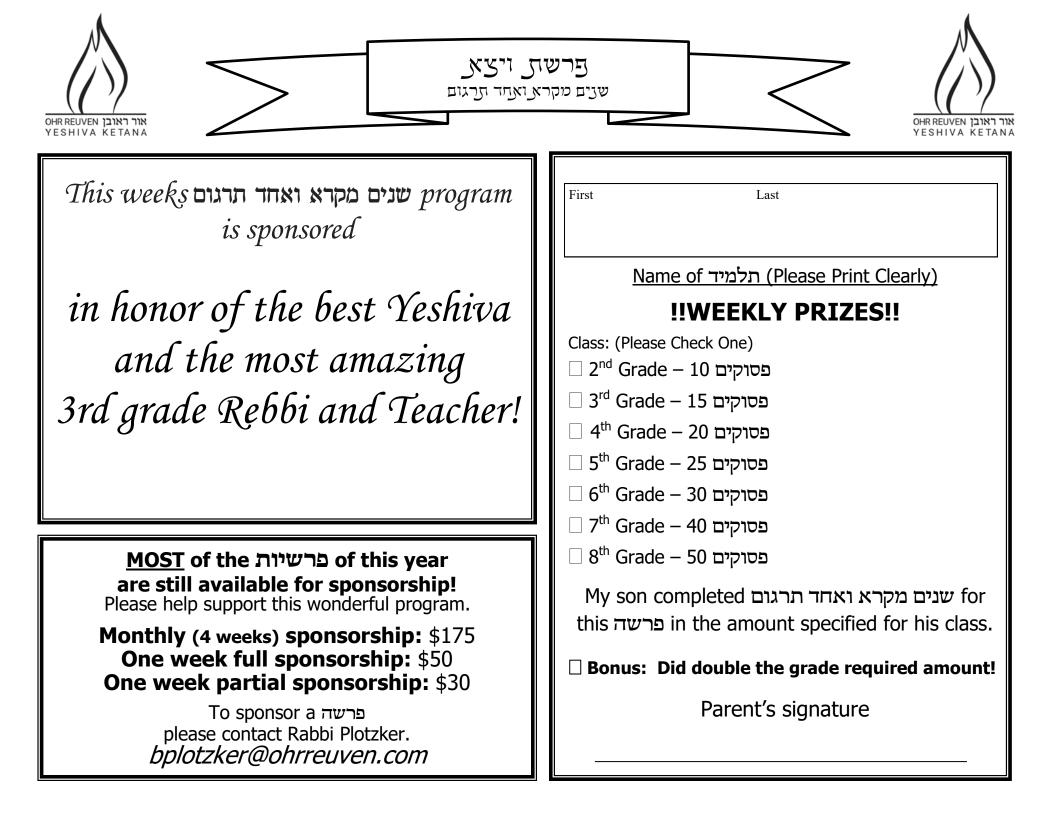
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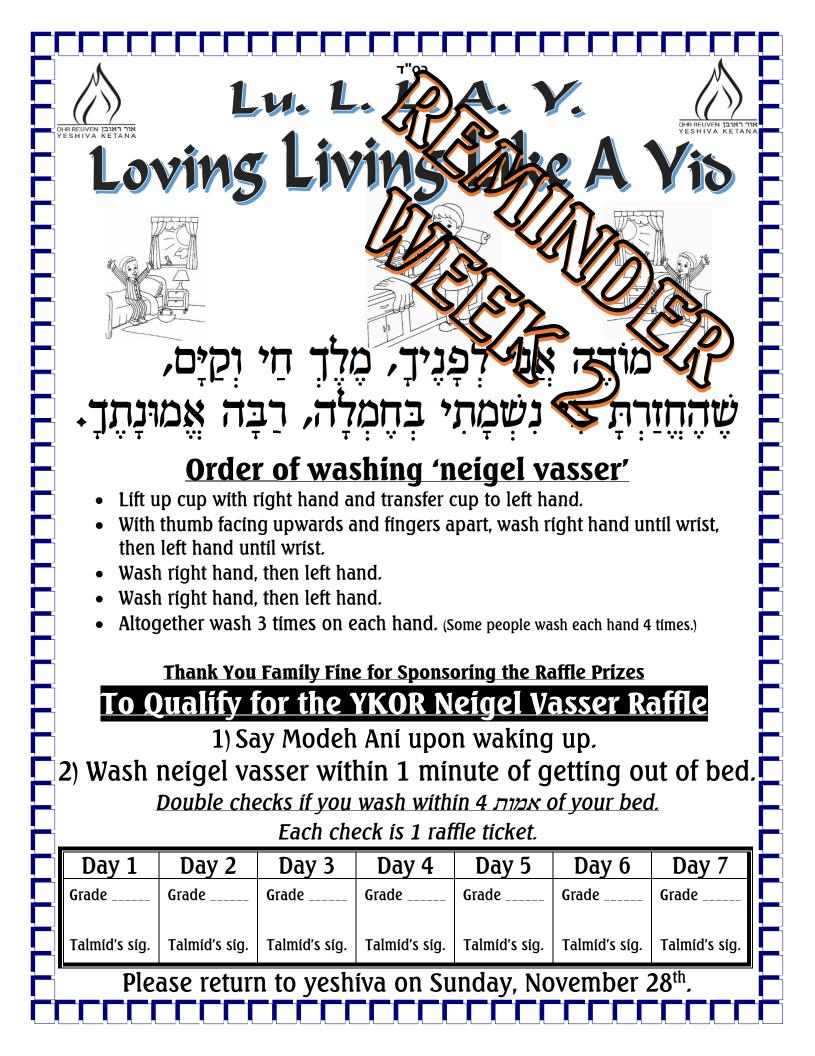
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