



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן  
YESHIVA KETANA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Motzei Shabbos,  
November 6, 2021**



Move the clock back  
an hour

**Thursday,  
November 11, 2021**

Dismissal K-8 3 PM  
No Transportation

**Motzei Shabbos,  
November 20, 2021**

Annual Nshei Yeshiva  
Ketana Ohr Reuven Tea

See flyer attached for more info

**Thursday,  
November 25, 2021**

Dismissal K-8 1 PM  
No Transportation

**Friday,  
November 26, 2021**

Regular ER Transportation  
No SC and NR

# REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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פרשת תולדות



**Mazel tov to Rabbi Horowitz and his 3rd graders on their Hascholas Mishnayos!**  
Thank you to Yeshivas Ohr Reuven Alumnus, Eitan Berlin for taking such beautiful pictures of the event.



**Our S'gan Rosh HaYeshiva, Rabbi Brodie, learning the Sheish Mitzvos Temidi'ios with the 8th Grade!**

## OFFICE UPDATES

### 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@ohrreuveen.com](mailto:office@ohrreuveen.com)

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**Rabbi Plotzker celebrating 12,000 Brochos and Ameins with our Brochos Chavrusos program!**



**7th grader talmidim shteiging during Friday Frenzy with Rabbi Prupas!**



**Nechemiah Gold's bar mitzvah in Yeshiva. Mazel tov!**



**Station Rotation in Mrs. Radzik's 1st grade.**

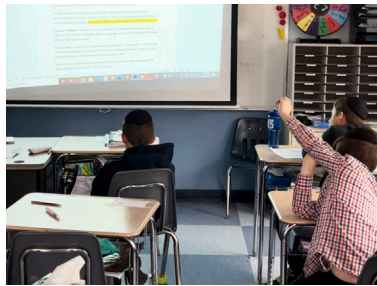


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## PARENT FEEDBACK

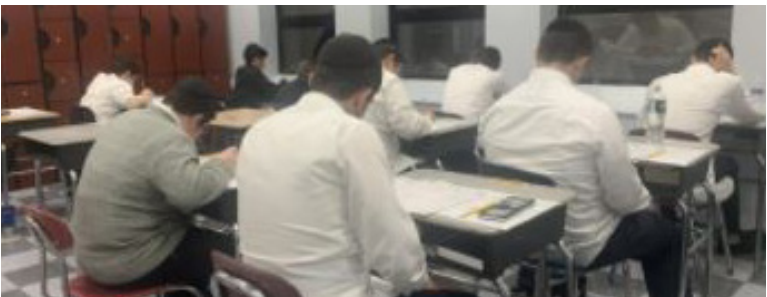
"Wow, what a beautiful event! Thank you so much for making the Hascholas Mishnayos event so beautiful and exciting. It was so super organized and the hard work put in was so clearly evident. The warm atmosphere and smiles on all the boys faces is a testament to how happy the boys are in Rabbi Horowitz's 3rd grade class b"H and how happy they are to be in the best Yeshiva. Mordechai loved singing on stage and we are still thinking about it! May Hashem bench you all with unlimited bracha!"



**6th graders finding important details for summarizing.**



**Mr. Kadish working with his 7th graders on social studies.**



**Congratulations to our mesivta 11th grade, for completing the PSAT/NMSQT Exam!**

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

## MAZEL TOV!

Mazel tov to Moshe Bernstein upon the birth of his first nephew!

Mazel tov to Nechemiah Gold and Momo Grossberg upon their bar mitzvahs!

Mazel tov to Mrs. Mann (4th grade teacher) on the birth of a new granddaughter!

Mazel tov to Mrs. Radzik (1st grade teacher) on the birth of a new grandson!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Gavriel Adler, 1st grade  
Isaac Chaim Wolf, 1st grade  
Aryeh Leib Lipszyc, 3rd grade

## תולדות Favoritism

וַיֵּאָהֵב יִצְחָק אֶת עֵשָׂו כִּי צִיד בָּפִיו וְרִבְקָה אֲהָבָת אֶת יַעֲקֹב:

Yitzchok favored Esav because <sup>e</sup>Lit. “game was in his mouth.” he had a taste for game; <sup>e</sup> but Rebekah favored Jacob.

ויאהב יצחק וגו' גורם נוסף שבדאי הייתה לו השפעה רעה, היה רגשותיהם החלוקים של ההורים כלפי בניהם. אחדות דעות בין ההורים לעניין גידול ילדיהם; ואהבה שווה לכל הילדים, אף לאותם הלקויים במידותיהם (הזקוקים לאהבה ומסירות אף יותר מהחולים בגופם); הם הם התנאים היסודיים ואבני הפינה לכל גידול ילדים מוצלח.

Another cause that doubtless had a negative effect were the divergent feelings the parents had toward their sons. A unified perspective between parents regarding the raising of their children and equal love for all their children, even those defective in their character (who require even greater love and investment than those with physical defects), those are the fundamental conditions and the cornerstone for all successful child rearing.

-Rav Shamshon Raphael Hirsch

Parents are humans, and we often have children that we can relate to better - maybe have personality that's more like ours - or interests that are more similar to ours.

-Dr. Pamela Schuetze

Do you have a favorite child? Of course not! Who would admit to liking any of their children more than any others? We love all our children equally, except that often we love some more equally than others.

Psychologist and child-expert, Dr. Pamela Schuetze observes that a parent's taking a liking to one child over another is a normal part of the human condition. The simple fact is that we do not equally like all people whom we encounter in our lives. Some are similar to us and share similar interests. Some amuse and entertain us, while others annoy and grate on us. Some may have quirks we find charming and engaging, others may have idiosyncrasies we find annoying.

As much as we would like to believe that we are above such pettiness when it comes to our own children, the mere mortals among us are not. Some of our children try our patience more than others; some connect with us better than their siblings, and some offer us PTA conferences that are a dream; others, a nightmare.

Dr. Schuetze informs us that attempting to deny the existence of the issue actually helps to fuel the problem. Because we convince ourselves that we don't show favor to any one child over another, we take no steps to mitigate the problem, and that can be extremely harmful.

Rav Shamshon Rapahael Hirsch in a lengthy and somewhat controversial commentary, offers opinion as to where Yitzchak and Rivkah went wrong in their parenting, resulting in their raising a son like Esav. The opening portion of that comment is well-known, and we have discussed it previously in these pages. It is, however, the second, lesser-known part of the comment that may be even more intriguing and more vital.

The *possuk* itself offers the facts that Rav Hirsch relates. Yitzchak and Rivkah each had a favorite child. Yitzchak loved Esav, Rivkah favored Yaakov. That much is clear. The subtext of that dynamic is what Rav Hirsch sees at least as partially responsible for the harm. Disunity of approach in parenting and obvious favoritism for one child over another provides a recipe for disaster in child-rearing.

As Rav Hirsch explains so beautifully, parents may be tempted to shower extra love and attention to a physically handicapped child, but a morally handicapped child deserves and needs even more love and parental involvement than his physically limited counterpart. It was the uneven love shown to the two children that led to the great rivalry between them and set Esav down the path to an immoral life.

Rav Hirsch's observation is magnified in light of modern psychological research which shows the effects of favoritism on children. Surprisingly, not only is the less-favored child harmed when parents play favorites, the favored child also suffers harm, often greater than the damage to his lesser-loved sibling. A favored child may recognize the inherent lack of fairness in his status and may live with a constant anxiety that his undeserved status may be taken from him at any moment.

Additionally, a favorite child may feel the pressure to live up to his favored status and fear that any simple mistake may cost him his place. He may also feel a sense of entitlement, believing that everyone around him should treat him as special, setting him up for frustration, disappointment, and failure in social interactions and in schooling.

Esav's failures as an adult may, in Rav Hirsch's thought, be more the result of his being his father's favorite than of being

less-favored by his mother! And, if Yitzchak and Rivkah cannot avoid partiality in parenting, can we expect any better of ourselves?

Now that we know that we cannot avoid favoritism in parenting, how do we mitigate the harm?

Start by recognizing that the problem exists and be alert for it in yourself. Listen to others as well who may try to tell you that you are playing favorites rather than becoming defensive and denying it. When your child comes to you with a complaint of unequal treatment, don't try to prove him or her wrong. Empathize, validate, and then show them how much you value them and want to spend time with them.

Find ways to spend special, alone time with each one of your children. Plan your weekly errands, and designate one child to accompany you on each. Love uniquely, not equally. Find that which is special in each of your children, value it and praise it. Don't praise the child, but the action that he has taken and the quality shown. Not, "you are my smart child," but instead, "You worked hard to answer all the questions on your test correctly." In doing so you limit jealousy and rivalry.

The first step to fixing any problem is to recognize that there is a problem. Rav Hirsch sees the Torah here alerting us to the possibility of our favoring one child over the others. We need to keep our antennas raised to see it in ourselves. When we see it, we can begin to fix it.

*Good Shabbos,  
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
Principal*





פרשת תולדות  
שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



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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.

☐ **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 SHALOSH REGALIM!!!

- 1) What is the special name of the *שבת* before *פסח*?
- 2) How many *מצות* do we put under the *קערה*, the seder plate?
- 3) Name two 'fours' that we have on seder night.
- 4) What is the name of the special white robe that many men wear at the *סדר*?
- 5) The matzah flour is watched so that it does not become *חמץ*. The name of this special *מצה* is ....
- 6) Which *מגילה* do we lain on *פסח*?

## PIZZA & SODA WINNERS FROM CHESHVAN!!!

**1) NOAM DEUTSCH  
2) EZZY FRIEDMAN  
3) YEHUDA SMOLEN  
4) MOSHE LAMPERT**

**5) AHARON BECKER  
6) MOSHE SCHILLER  
7) SHLOMO EICHLER  
8) SHIMON GREENSPAN**

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SAVE THE DATE:

# THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL NSHEI YKOR TEA, AUCTION AND SHOPPING SPREE!!!

MOETZEI SHABBOS, NOVEMBER 20TH

8:00 PM

LOCATION: YESHIVA

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## SOME PRIZES:

Grand Prize Irene Shaitel" cut by Gali

Photoshoot with Srivki

\$1000 off a full summer at Camp Chevra

or \$500 off half a summer



Wine package donated by the Hook family

Interior Design with Tzippy Shternbach

\$600 Jet Blue Voucher

Free Airline Ticket (\$600.00 credits  
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