

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday December 19, 2021

Parent Teacher Conferences DISMISSAL 1-8 @ 12 PM

Γhursday December 23, 2021

Reg ER & NR, No SC Transportation

Friday December 24. 2021

No Transportation Dismissal K-8 @ 12 PM

Monday-Wednesday December 27-29, 202

Regular ER & NR No SC Transportation

Thursday December 30, 2021

Dismissal K-8 @ 3 PM No Transportation

Friday-Sunday

December 31- January 2, 2021

Off shabbos-No sessions

IMPORTANT NOTES

We apologize that the PTC auto-scheduler did not work as programmed. If you swapped appointments with another parent, it would be helpful if you can please email office@ ohrreuven.com with that info. Thank you so much!

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פרשת ויחי

Parent Teacher Conferences - This Sunday! Please check the PTC location guide (attached) to see where your appointments will take place.



The middle schools minyan program kvod hatefillah qualifiers!





Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade talmidim preparing for their Eretz Yisroel projects.







Our 5th grade Rebbi, Rabbi Robinson's son's upsherin in yeshiva!





Mrs. Radzik's 1st grade class during their writing workshops.





Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade making various different knots out of Twizzlers® to get an understanding and excitement of the Gemara they are learning- the sugya of "Strings of Fish".

When at school for PTC, please check the lost and found. Unclaimed items will be donated or discarded.



Rabbi Lowy showing his 4th grade talmidim how a finger raffle worked in the ביהמ^{*}ק.





7th graders enjoying their outdoor recess.



Rabbi Billers 2nd grade talmidim learning about the Shipur B'dibur Domino effect!

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

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel tov to Rabbi Brodie upon his grandson Tuvia's upsherin! Mazel tov to Aryeh Brodie upon his brother Tuvia's upsherin!

Mazel Tov Yitzi Meir and Shlomo Richmond upon the birth of a baby brother!

Mazel tov to Gavi Itzkowitz upon the birth of a baby sister!

Mazel tov to Rabbi Robinson upon his son's upsherin!

Mazel tov to Aaron Needleman upon putting on tefilin!

Mazel tov to Natan and Dani Friedman upon the birth of a baby brother!

Mazel tov to Yehuda Schwartz upon his sister's chasuna!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Arye Golomb, Kindergarten Eitan Menachem Vilinsky, 2nd grade Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

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ויחי Envy

ּנְיָברֶךְ אֶת יוֹסֵף נַיֹּאמֵר הָאֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר הִתְּהַלֹכוּ אֲבֹתַי לפנָיו אַבּרָהָם וְיִצחק הָאֱלֹהִים הָרֹעה אֹתי מֵעוֹדִי עד הַיּוֹם הַיֶּה: And he blessed Joseph, saying, "The G-d in whose ways my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked,The G-d who has been my shepherd from my birth to this day—

ַנְיברֶךְ אֶת יוֹסֵף נַיֹּאמֵר הָאֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר וְגו', בּהַאי קְרָא אִית לאָסְתַּכּלא בּיהּ, נַיְברֶךְ אֶת יוֹסֵף, דְּלא אַשְׁכּחָן הָכא בּרָכה דִּברִיךְ ליה

ליוֹסֵף אֵלֹּא לבנוֹי. אִי לבנוֹי, וַיִברַכם מִבּעי ליה, מַהוּ וַיִברֶדְ אֶת יוֹסֵף, וְלֹא אֲשְׁכֹּחַן הַכֹּא דְּאָתְבּרִידְ יוֹסֵף. אַמֵּר רְבִּי יוֹסֵי, אֶת דַּיִיקָא,

פּתִיב אֶת יוֹסֵף, בּרְכתָא דִּבנוֹי הֲנָה, וְכִד אִתְבּרְכאן בּנוֹי, אִיהוּ מִתְבּרֶדְ. דְברְכתָא דִּבנוֹי דְבר נָשׁ בּרְכתֵיה אִיהִי.

There is what to examine in this *possuk* "He blessed Yosef, for we do not find here a *bracha* that he gave to Yosef, only to his sons. Said Rabi Jose, "that, specifically: it 'to Yosef' that was the *bracha* to his sons, for when his sons are blessed, he is blessed. The blessings of one's children are his blessings."

-Zohar

A man will be jealous of anyone, except for his child and his student

-Sanhedrin 105b

Yosef is told that his father is ill. The end is near. He brings his two sons along with him to visits their grandfather one final time before he passes, a last chance to be blessed by the family patriarch. Yaakov assesses the three men before him and proceeds, as the *possuk* tells us, to give a *bracha* to Yosef first. Except that he doesn't. The *bracha* given to Yosef is absent from the narrative, which jumps straight to the blessing Yaakov bestowed on Menashe and Ephraim.

What is going on?

The Zohar takes note of the missing *bracha* and offers an elegantly simple perspective. The *bracha* to Menashe and Ephraim was Yosef's *bracha*, for what more could a parent want than to see his child succeed? If they are blessed, then Yosef, their father, is blessed.

It is the nature of parents to want to see their children succeed and to exceed their own success. As the *gemara* tells us, one may be jealous of any individual save for his own child or student. But, what happens when one is jealous of their child's success? What then?

Psychologists tell us that parents should ideally have nothing but pride in their children's accomplishments, but real life does not always live up to the ideal. In the real world, parents who may have missed out on their dreams may find themselves envious of children who they watch live out those dreams.

Envy can manifest in parents of adult children, but it can

also arise in parents of young children as well. A parent may find him or herself jealous of a child's popularity, his skill and prowess on the ball-field, or his academic success. A parent-child relationship where the parent is envious of the child is an unhealthy one, but that unhealthy situation grows far worse if the parent refuse to recognize the problem and take steps to remedy it.

Because we are conditioned to believe that parents are never jealous of their children, and that an envious parent is an abnormal one, parents who find themselves envying their children will deny the obvious and try to explain away any behavior and action that would indicate otherwise. But, in truth, although it is unhealthy for a parent to envy a child, it is far from unheard of, and it can, and must be addressed.

There are two points of attack in addressing a problem like this. The first is the parent's own sense of self-worth and esteem. A parent envious of a child is clearly one who feels inadequate on some level in his or her own life, and would do well to better focus on celebrating his own accomplishments and feats. The cure for jealousy of any kind is to train yourself to stop looking at others and to instead look at yourself.

Of course, that's much easier to do with a stranger, and much harder to do with your own child.

The second prong of attack is specific to the parent-child dynamic, although it is an outgrowth of the first. Parents who are jealous of their children operate under a basic

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misconception, failing to see that their child's success is a product of the work and effort they, the parents, put into that child. Parents should and must view their child's success as their success. If my child accomplishes more than I, if my child travels farther along the road of life than I ever did, it is because I paved the way for him to get there.

That is what the *gemara* means that one is never jealous of his child and his student. The true teacher's goal is to spark a student to learn and grow until he exceeds the master. If the student grows to be greater than the teacher, the teacher has accomplished his goal. Similarly, the parent's goal from the outset should be for his children to exceed him in every way. If we approach parenting from the perspective of making our children exceed us as our primary goal, then we will be unable to feel any envy of them when they fulfill our goals and our dreams for us, for their success is our success.

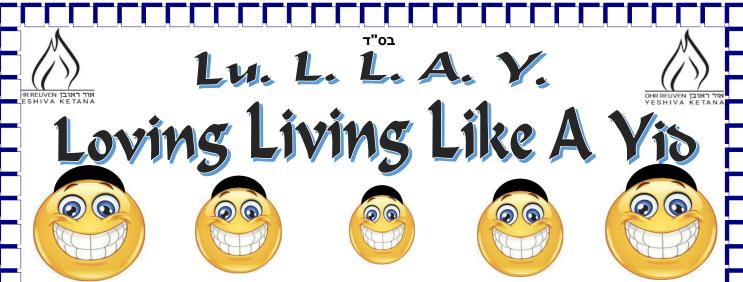
Good Shabbos, Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb Principal

Parent Teacher Conferences Location Guide

Grades K-2: First Floor			
Grade	Teacher	Room	Floor
K	Mrs. Faigy Biller\ Miss Bracha Yagen	#102	1 st Floor
Pre-1A	Mrs. Deena Goldring\ Miss Batsheva Litke	#106	1 st Floor
1 st	Rabbi Myski	#109	1 st Floor
1 st	Mrs. Radzik	#105	1 st Floor
2 nd	Rabbi Biller	#101	1 st Floor
2 nd	Miss Mitzmann	#103	1 st Floor

Grades 3-5: Third Floor			
Grade	Teacher	Room	Floor
3	Rabbi Horowitz	#301	3 rd Floor
3	Mrs. Gendel	#303	3 rd Floor
4	Rabbi Lowy	#304	3 rd Floor
4	Mrs. Stein	#300B	3 rd Floor
5	Rabbi Robinson	#302	3 rd Floor
5	Mrs. Leibovic	#305	3 rd Floor

Grades 6-8: Second Floor			
Grade	Teacher	Room	Floor
6	Rabbi Kohn	#201	2 nd Floor
7	Rabbi Prupas	#206	2 nd Floor
8	Rabbi Peikes	#202	2 nd Floor
7	Dr. Kauderer	#207A (in the main office, left side)	2 nd Floor
8	Rabbi Perry	#207C (in the main office, back)	2 nd Floor
6 & 8	Ms. Paretzky (sign-in)	#204 (conference room)	2 nd Floor
67,8	Dr. Levy (sign-in)	#203A	2 nd Floor
6,7,8	Rabbi Kahana (sign-in)	#203B	2 nd Floor
6,7,8	Mr. Kadish (sign-in)	#203C	2 nd Floor



KEEP'A YOUR YARMULK'A ON

One should wear his yarmulka at all times, even during recess.











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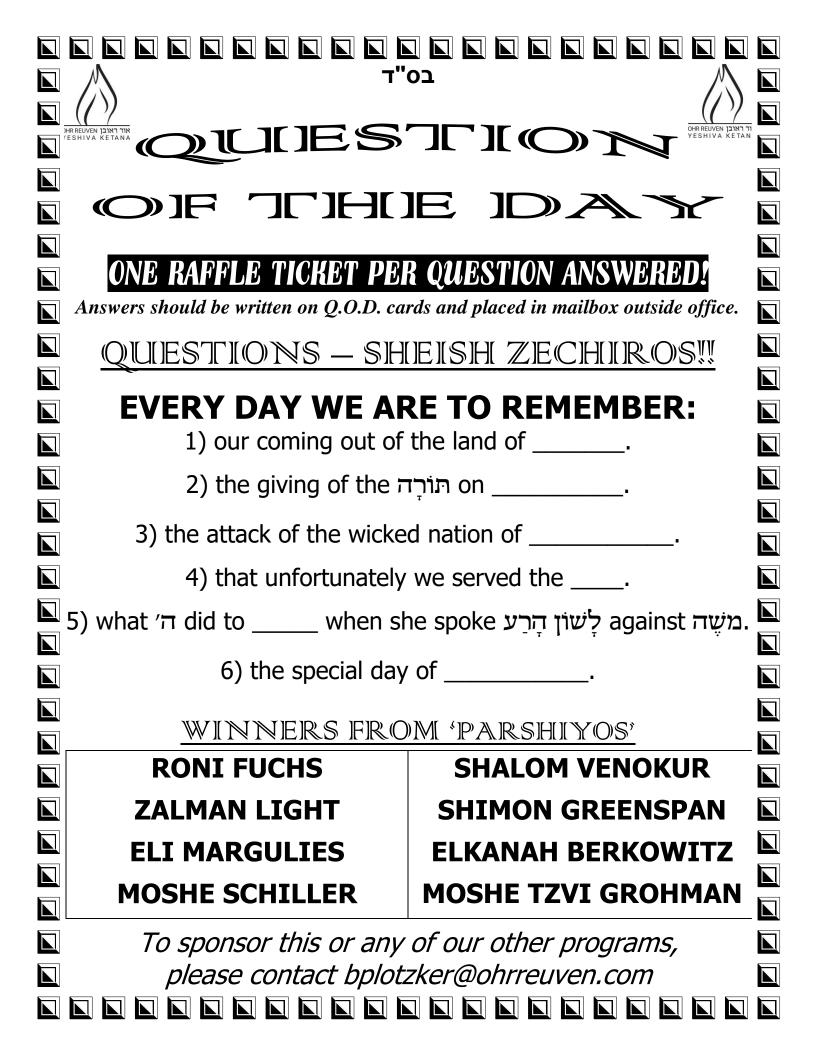
I KEPT MY YARMULKA ON THE ENTIRE RECESS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Talmid's name	Talmíd's name	Talmíďs name	Talmid's name	Talmíd's name	Talmíd's name



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☐ 5 th Gra	de – 25 פסוקים	
☐ 6 th Gra	de – 30 פסוקים	
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\square Bonus: Did double the grade required amount!		
	Parent's signature	
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