



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן  
YESHIVA KETANA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday-Sunday  
April 13-24, 2022  
No sessions- Pesach



Monday  
April 25, 2022  
Sessions resume

Tuesday -Thursday  
April 26,-28 2022  
Math State Testing- grades  
3rd-8th

Friday  
May 27, 2022  
No NR & SC transportation,  
Regular ER

Monday  
May 30, 2022  
No Transportation  
Dismissal K-8th @ 1 PM  
Yeshiva Dinner-see flyer attached

## IMPORTANT NOTES

Registration files for  
the 2022-2023 school  
year will be sent by the  
business office shortly  
after Pesach.

# REU VEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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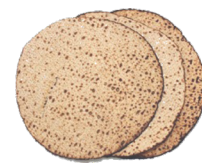
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פסח



*Have A Chag  
Kasher V'sameach!*



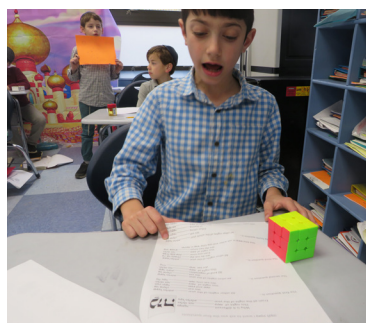
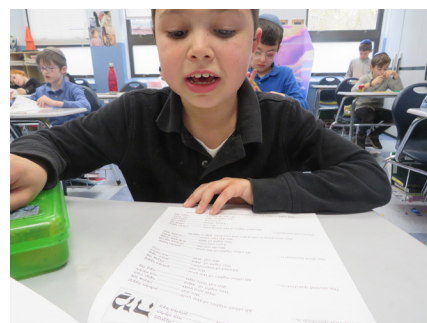
Rabbi Myski's 1st grade talmidim going to the Rav (our Menahel, Rabbi Rawicki)  
to sell the chometz with a mock mechiras chometz shtar!



Rabbi Prupas's 7th grade having a great  
time preparing their haagados and  
learning about Pesach!







Rabbi Biller's 2nd grade talmidim reviewing the *mah nishtana*!



Rabbi Peikes's 8th grade talmidim with their *hagados* for Pesach.



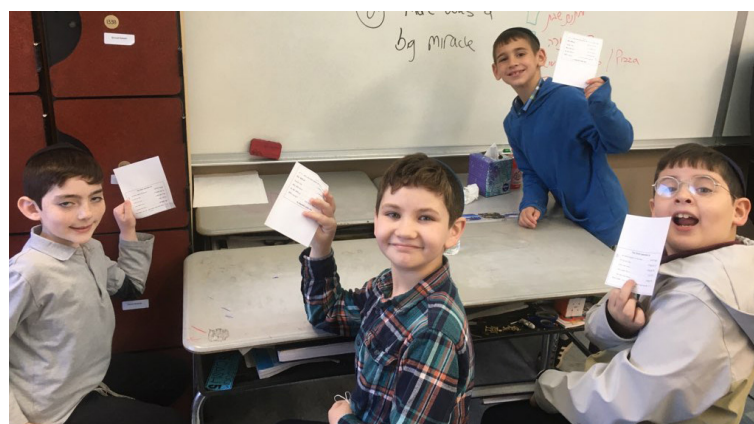
Pesach preparation in the Pre1-A classroom!



Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade talmidim going over their *hagados* for Pesach.



Our Kindergarten boys preparing for Pesach!



Rabbi Horowitz's 3rd graders practicing the *mah nishtana* in groups with their self-made *mah nishtana* cards!



Rabbi Lowy's 4th grade preparing for Pesach!



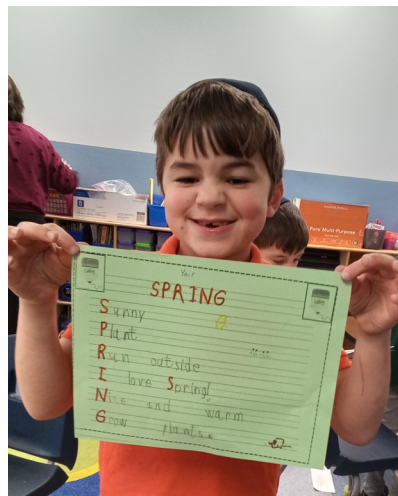




**Rabbi Reznick shlit"a of Yeshivas Mir Yerushalayim and Toras Chaim visited our 6th and 8th graders!**



**Chaim Zanvil Metal receiving his \$75 gift certificate to Torah Treasures as his chosen prize for winning the LuLLAY tying your shoes raffle!**



**Yair Slatos, from 1st grade, wrote a beautiful acrostic poem during station rotation!**



**Many talmidim, Rebbeim, parents, and community members attended the Rosh HaYeshiva's Siyum Hashas this past Sunday morning. Mazel tov to the Rosh HaYeshiva shlit"a on this meaningful siyum!**



**Talmidim enjoying sports leagues!**

### MAZEL TOV!

Mazel tov to Our S'gan Rosh Hayeshiva, Rabbi and Mrs. Brodie upon their grandsons' *Pidyon Haben*! Mazel tov to the parents Mendy (Alumnus) and Adina!

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Shlomo Pinchas Cohen, 1st grade  
 Yosef Shmuel, 2nd grade  
 Yehuda Meir Schwartz, 4th grade  
 Daniel Wolfson, 6th grade  
 Moshe Grant, 8th grade  
 Pinchas Joseph, 8th grade

### CLEANING UP FOR PESACH?

If you find any extra **yamulkas**, please send them in to the Yeshiva office to help stock the **yamulka gemach**. Thank you!



## A Good Moed

A few years ago, I wrote a piece on parasha Mikeitz on the theme of why be visible. That discussion has great relevance to chol hamoed, and I take the liberty of publishing it once again, as a refresher is always of value. Before Yaakov's sons descended to mitzrayim for food, he offered them a bit of advice. his succinct advice, "lamah tisra'u", "Why be visible?" In that pithy comment Yaakov avinu captured a truism of Jewish history. Visibility is never good for the Jews. We have always done well when we keep a low profile, not as well when we don't.

There are, however, times where by force of circumstance, we find ourselves quite visible and on display for the world at large, and it is at those times that we must be extra-vigilant. Chol Hamoed is one such time.

Chol Hamoed and the bevy of activities that we avail ourselves of to entertain ourselves and our families create multiple points of intersection between the Orthodox Jewish world and the broader society. Those interactions do not always paint us in the best light, and, in doing so, endanger our mission and our place in the broader society. We often loosely use the term chilul Hashem to describe those negative interactions and conversely the term Kiddush Hashem to describe those that are positive. That sometimes leads people to debate the finer points of the halachic intricacies of chillul and Kiddush Hashem as laid out in the gemara in Sanhedrin, distracting them from the point.

I would suggest that there are three overarching considerations that should color all of our interactions with the broader community as we embark on our varied Chol Hamoed trips.

The first is our broader mission in the world. Rav Shamshon Raphael Hirsch writes extensively of the purpose and goal of the galus, in part, as a means for us to spread the light of Torah values to the broader society. We are to be an Ohr LaGoyim, a light unto the nations, setting the example for morality, propriety, decency, and respect for them to follow. Our public behavior needs to always meet the standard of being worthy of emulation. When we fall short of that standard, we have failed in our mission, and have brought darkness instead of light into the world. As the gemara tells us in Yoma, she'tihei shem Shamayim mis'aheiv al yadecha, we must cause, by our actions, the Name of Heaven to be beloved in the world. If people don't point to us, to our children and our families and say "Fortunate are those parents who raised their children in Torah values", then we have failed to live up to the mandate of the gemara.

The second point is what is often our failure to display and to act with true concern for the welfare of others. We are commanded to have compassion for all living things, and to act upon that compassion. That compassion extends to all human beings. The Neztiv of Volozhin, in his introduction to the Ha'amek Davar to Bereishis, points out the genuine concern and compassion that Avraham displays for all human beings, even the amoral residents of the city of S'dom. That concern displayed by the avos for all of mankind is what earns sefer Bereishis the title of sefer HaYashar in the eyes of Chaza"l. We sometimes fail to display and possibly even fail to feel compassion for others. We are in a rush to get ahead in line, to reach our destination, and to get our needs met and we sometimes don't display the necessary compassion for our fellow travelers or our service providers. That too is a failure on our part should it happen.

The third point is more pragmatic and transactional in its nature, but no less important. This past Friday, I had a conversation with the daughter of a Holocaust survivor who related the following story: Her father had been the last in a long line of shoachim in a small town in Germany. After the Nazis passed anti-shechita laws,



he risked his life to continue providing kosher meat to the community. One night, at midnight there was a knock on his door. A local town policeman informed him that he had overheard that the Nazis were going to arrest him the next day and ship him off to a concentration camp. He quickly packed whatever he could and escaped in the dead of night. I asked the daughter why she thought the German police officer had risked his own safety to save her father. She responded that the German police officer had been a classmate of her father's in school and her father had been nice to him. Now he wanted to repay her father's kindness.

It is not the first nor second time I have heard a similar story. The fact is that the vast majority of the non-Jewish world will ultimately draw their conclusions about Jews based on their own personal interactions and experiences with Jews. If they see Jews as kind, caring, considerate and compassionate, they are likely to harbor that image for life. If they see selfishness, rudeness and indifference, they will carry that impression as well.

Many years ago, Rav Yaakov Kamenetsky zt"l was sitting in a doctor's waiting room. In the waiting room was a five-year old non-Jewish child. Reb Yaakov spent the time in the waiting room playing with the child, rolling a ball back and forth. When asked why he saw fit to spend his time playing with the child rather than immersed in a sefer Rav Yaakov explained that he wanted to make sure that the child would grow up with a favorable impression of an elderly Jew with a beard.

When we interact with the broader world, we are investing in the future of the Jewish people in this country. If we leave a favorable impression of Jews, we lay the groundwork for future security and peace for the Jewish people. I leave the converse unsaid.

How do we apply these principles in practice as we engage the world on chol Hamoed? Some simple suggestions:

Whatever activity you are engaged in, learn and follow the rules of engagement, and stay in bounds. You, or your children may find it amusing to bowl any way you please or to play mini-golf or drive go-karts against the usual practice. Don't.

Do show genuine care and concern for other people and their children. Befriend and be kind to those whom you encounter. Be kind and courteous to the service providers who help you. Tip generously, but not ostentatiously. The idea isn't to flaunt your wealth, but to share your blessings with those around you.

Don't litter. Pick up after yourselves and be neat and careful. Even if others are doing it, your yarmulke or sheitel holds you to a higher standard. Keep your children close and watch them carefully. Treat them with respect and insist that they treat all with respect as well.

Talk to your Uber drivers and the bus drivers. Learn their names and use them. Always be kind, polite, considerate and aboveboard, and if you're ever asked why you are so kind and considerate, tell them your religion demands it!

A Chag Kasher V'Sameach

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Principal





*Save  
the Date*

MONDAY

MAY 30

כ"ט אייר

תשפ"ב

THE ATRIUM

401 W, Route 59  
Monsey, New York

GUESTS OF HONOR

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Elchonon Boruch  
& Sarki Galbut***

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& Mindy Gotesman***

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***Rabbi Eliezer Myski***

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R' Hillel Perry***

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# YKOR PESACH PROGRAM 3<sup>RD</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: 3 \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_

**FILL IN THE AMOUNT OF POINTS IN EACH BOX**

Day	שחרית	מנחה	מעריב	Learning			Parents Signature
	Double points with a minyan			Double points if you learn with someone			
	40 pts	20 pts	20 pts	15-30 min 20 pts	30-45 min 45 pts	45+ min 75 pts	
Wed. April 13 יא ניסן							
Thu. April 14 יב ניסן							
Fri. April 15 יג ניסן							
Sat. April 16 יד ניסן							
Sun. April 17 טו ניסן							
Mon. April 18 טז ניסן							
Tue. April 19 יז ניסן							
Wed. April 20 יח ניסן							
Thu. April 21 יט ניסן							
Fri. April 22 כ ניסן							
Sat. April 23 כא ניסן							
Sun. April 24 כב ניסן							
<b>Totals</b>	<b>Davening:</b>			<b>Learning:</b>			<b>Total:</b>

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3<sup>RD</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup>

**THE MORE YOU DO,  
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**750 - 1000** points earns a donut & soda

**1000 - 1500** points earns a donut, soda, and ice cream

**1500+** points earns a donut, soda, ice cream, and pizza

**1750+ POINTS**

**Entered into a \$300 raffle**

(12 winners of \$25)

**Every 250 points over 1750 is another raffle entry**

Please hand in your sheets to the office

by Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup>

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# התמדה בחג הפסח

*Program*

**Grand Raffle:**  
**May 23rd**  
50 prizes will be raffled off

לז"נ הרב ירחמיאל  
שלום משה בן הרב ישראל זצ"ל  
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**BONUS PESACH RAFFLE:**

For learning a minimum of  
12 hours over Yom Tov: \$100

**BONUS PESACH RAFFLE:**

For learning a minimum of  
9 hours over Yom Tov: \$75



**BONUS PESACH RAFFLE:**

For learning a minimum of  
6 hours over Yom Tov: \$50

**BONUS PESACH RAFFLE:**

For learning a minimum of  
3 hours over Yom Tov: \$25

Earn one ticket for each half hour of learning between Thursday, April 14th  
and Sunday, April 24th (except during Yeshiva Hours)

You can earn tickets for any learning over יום טוב except during תפילה or קריאת התורה.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Yeshiva \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**MINUTES LEARNED**

**PARENT'S SIGNATURE**

First time participants should also fill out the information below:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Completed forms must be received by May 13th to be included in the raffle.  
Completed forms should be faxed to 646-595-2402 or emailed to egoldberg417@gmail.com.

**Grand raffle will take place on May 23rd**  
**50 PRIZES WILL BE RAFFLED OFF!!**

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WILL RESUME  
AFTER PESACH!**