

# REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN...

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## *Eighth Grade Ushers Welcome Parents to Back to School Night*

(L-R) Yaakov Stamm,  
Yehuda Lichstein, Moishy  
Herman, Menachem Gruen



## *Rosh Hayeshiva Gives a Shmooze Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan*



## *Pre-1A - The Letter 'T'- Healthy Teeth Experiments With Eggs and Soda*



*Third Graders Actively Participating in Their General Studies Small-Group Rotations*



*7th Grade Math Students Receive Instruction in Small Group While Their Classmates Practice Their Skills Using The Aleks Program*



## *Mazel Tov*

Mesivta Rebbe - **Rabbi Freedland & Business Manager, Mrs. Freedland** on the birth of a baby boy  
7th grader- **Aryeh Leib Brachfeld**, *Mesayim Masechos Kelim*  
7th grader- **Yosef Saragossi**, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
7th grader - **Avi Noam Demibtzer & 2nd grader Akiva Yitzchok Dembitzer** on becoming an uncle  
8th - **Mayer Friedman**, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
8th grader - **Dovid Hass & 4th grader Avi Hass** on the birth of a new baby sister,  
grandparents - **Mr. and Mrs. Manny & Susan Haas** and **Mr. and Mrs. Yanky & Adina Deutsch**,  
great-grandmothers - **Mrs. Rahel Medetsky & Mrs. Anna Deutsch**

**Save the Date!**  
**N'shei Tea**  
**Sunday,**  
**November 11th**  
**at 10:30 a.m.**



# *Grades First Through Third On Their Trip To Ruach Hachaim Park As A Reward For Their Sukkos Learning*



K Yosef Mayerfeld,  
Pinny Needleman  
6 Elisha Dear,  
Yisroel Yona  
Feiner



## *N'shei Oppurtunity*

If you are interested in sponsoring a Rosh Chodesh treat for our boys, please call or text Peshie Needleman 845-494-2360. You can choose whichever month is meaningful to you and sponsor in honor of your sons birthday or Rebbe or a yahrtzeit.



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# Parenting in the Parsha

## פרשת לך-לך Kids, Not Clones

לך-לך מארצך וממולדתך ומבית אביך אל-הארץ אשר אראך

Go forth from your land and from your birthplace and from your father's house to the land that I shall show you

Be Who You Were Meant to Be

-Title of a Children's Book

Suppose that every prospective parent in the world stopped having children naturally, and instead produced clones of themselves. What would the world be like in another 20 or 30 years? The answer is: much like today.

-Nathan Myhrvold

One of the great frustrations that parents grapple with is children who carve out a very different path for themselves than that which they learned in their parents' homes. That frustration in turn leads to tension, as parents see their children begin to diverge from their own path and they attempt to redirect those children to the road they desire. The frustration and tension are magnified by parents feeling that they have somehow failed at raising this child, and had they been more meticulous in parenting they would have seen a different outcome.

This is wrongheaded and destructive thinking. Kids are not clones of their parents and they were never intended to be.

When Hashem appears to Avraham, he instructs him to take leave of his land, his birthplace and the house of his father and לך לך, go to "you". Hashem is telling Avraham that he needs to carve his own path in life apart from his upbringing. The instruction to Avrohom is really an instruction to all of us. Each one of us is shaped and formed by the experience of our upbringing. Yet, we are not meant to be clones of our parents. Instead, we are asked to forge our own path in our lives.

The Ben Ish Chai in his commentary, *Chasdei Avos to Pirkei Avos, perek 2*, discusses the balance that is necessary for a proper Torah life. One must tap in to the *mesorah*, the tradition of his parents and grandparents and all those who came before him. But, that is merely the start. One must build upon that tradition and become the unique individual he was meant to be through his own study, thought, and investigation.

*Lech Lecha me'artzecha u'mimoladtecha, umibais avicha* connotes both of those facets. On the one hand the *possuk* instructs Avrohom, and by extension all of us, to leave behind his upbringing and move to his own identity, *lecha*. On the other hand, the Hebrew prefix *mi*, from, connotes the idea that you are taking and drawing from that which is identified. In this case, *lech lecha*, go to be you, but that you should be informed by the threefold nature of your upbringing: your land, the place of your birth, and your father's house.

Hashem instructed Avraham to draw on all that he learned in his upbringing in order to then carve his own path in life, and that is the lesson for us as well.

G-d designed a world that does not have us reproduce by cloning. On the biological level and on the theological level, each human being is meant to be unique.

When parents come to parenthood with misguided notions that their children are meant to be clones of them in their manner, demeanor and outlook, they set themselves up for disappointment and failure. When parents understand that they are charged with a mission to guide a developing soul to be himself, they are poised for success and happiness.

I once had the opportunity to go with one of my sons to visit a number of Yeshivos in *Eretz Yisroel* that he was looking into attending. On one of our visits, one of the *rebbeim* commented to me, "so, you're deciding where he should go?" I replied, "my job is to help guide. He will decide where he should go; it's his life."

When we are prepared to embrace the person that our child is, rather than fixate on what he or she is not, we raise happy, well-adjusted, and successful children.



פרשת לך לך  
שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



*This week's program  
is sponsored by  
Dr. & Mrs. Ephraim and Zipi Book*

לע"נ

*Mrs. Yutta Zicherman A"H  
(Chanoch Book's grandmother)*

*Whose yorzeit is this Shabbos, י"א חשוון*

*May the זכות of the learning generated by this  
program be a זכות for her נצחיים.*

**Many פרשיות of this year**

**are still available for sponsorship!**

Please help support this wonderful program.  
Sponsor a week in honor of a שמחה, a birthday,  
in memory of a loved one, or for any reason at all!

To sponsor a פרשה please contact Rabbi Plotzker.  
[bplotzker@darcheinoam.org](mailto:bplotzker@darcheinoam.org)

First

Last

Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

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 – The whole פרשה

My son completed שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום for  
this פרשה in the amount specified for his class.

Parent's signature

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Machzikei Torah  
Zichron Yitzchak



מחזיקי תורה  
זכרון יצחק

## LEARNING PROGRAM

# Erev Shabbos & Shabbos



שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

*Raffle*

Grades 1-2: Until שני  
Grades 3-4: Until שלישי  
Grades 5-6: Until רביעי  
Grades 7-8: Whole פרשה

לז"נ הרב ירחמיאל שלום  
משה בן הרב ישראל זצ"ל  
מגיד שיעור - ישיבה דרך חיים

**GRAND RAFFLE  
ON DECEMBER 16TH**

IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE A

WEEKLY RAFFLE  
FOR A \$25 GIFT CARD

שבת פרשת

- Learned 15 minutes on Erev Shabbos    ◦ Learned 15 minutes (Grades 1-4) / 30 minutes (Grades 5-8) on Shabbos    ◦ Learned 15 minutes on Motzei Shabbos    ◦ Learned שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Completed forms must be received by Wednesday, December 12th to be included in the raffle.  
Completed forms should be faxed to 646-595-2402 or emailed to [egoldberg417@gmail.com](mailto:egoldberg417@gmail.com).

**ALL  
LEARNING  
COUNTS!**

**Grand raffle will take place on December 16th**  
**50 PRIZES WILL BE RAFFLED OFF!!**

EREV SHABBOS / FRIDAY NIGHT

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

SHABBOS

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

MOTZEI SHABBOS

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_