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### Message From Rabbi Brodie

## Dear N'shei Ohr Reuven Family,

As you may know, my son, Rafael Chaim Dov ben Risa Shoshana, has been in critical condition in the ICU since April. It is impossible to describe the last eight months in a way that conveys the sheer incredulity of the situation. Although he is in constant pain and has had many setbacks, overall, Rafael Chaim Dov has slowly BH seen small improvements. He remains in extremely critical condition.

My daughter in law, Huvi Brodie, in an effort to accrue as many zchuyos as possible for Rafael Chaim Dov, has taken upon herself to arrange a special women's shiur on Sunday morning from 11-12 in my home, 64 Parker BLVD. Babysitting is provided. The suggested donation is \$10. Please RSVP at huviswigs@gmail.com or text 917-843-6911.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have been davening, saying Tehillim, baking challah, doing mitzvos and chessed for a zchus refuah shleimah. May all of your efforts allow Rafael Chaim Dov to return home with his wife, Miriam to their adorable baby, Etty with a refuah shleimah b'mheirah.

Thank you, *Benzion Brodie* 



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# **Parenting in the Parsha**

# פרשת וישלח

# **Boundary Lines**

## ויבא יעקב שלם עיר שכם אשר בארץ כנען בבאו מפדן ארם ויחן את־פני העיר

Yaakov arrived safe in the city of Shechem which is in the land of Canaan—having come thus from Paddan-Aram and he encamped before the city.

ויחן את פני העיר, נכנס עם דמדומי חמה, וקבע תחומין מבעוד יום

And he camped facing the city, he entered with the setting sun and established boundaries while it was still day Bereishis Rabbah 11:8

If people are good only because they fear punishment, and hope for reward, then we are a sorry lot indeed.

Albert Einstein

After years of travel and flight from harm, Yaakov finally makes his journey back to the Land of Canaan where he sets up shop outside the city of Shechem. The *midrash* offers an insightful thought, commenting that Yaakov established *techumim* outside the city of Shechem. It would have been more appropriate to say that Yaakov measured the *techumim*, rather than reporting that he established *techumim*. *Techum* is a fixed reality based on one's location. You don't set the *techum*, just report it. The *midrash* indicates therefore that Yaakov established the entire concept of *techum*, the idea that there are boundaries beyond which one may not travel on Shabbos. Why here? Why now?

*Techum* is more than just a technical rule within the laws of Shabbos. *Techum* is a concept, a value that Shabbos teaches and reminds us related to life. That value is the value of boundaries. When we set limits and rules for our children, they feel safe and in control. They also learn self-control and regulation through the boundaries set for them. Yaakov was now ready to settle and focus on raising his kids. He began by setting boundaries.

Those boundaries should be set in time, space, and action. For example, a regular bedtime does more than just ensure that a child is not tired the next day in school or camp. A regular bedtime gives the child the comfort and security of structure and routine. It also trains the child to live his own life within the framework of structure and routine.

Regular mealtimes provide children with the same structure and routine. Kids need rules governing what they can watch and when, what they may eat and when, and where they can be and when. Knowing that which is off limits to them and that which is allowed conditions a child to see life through the lens of boundaries. Boundaries act as a metaphorical hug, wrapping the child in the embrace of the framework of the limits and rules of life.

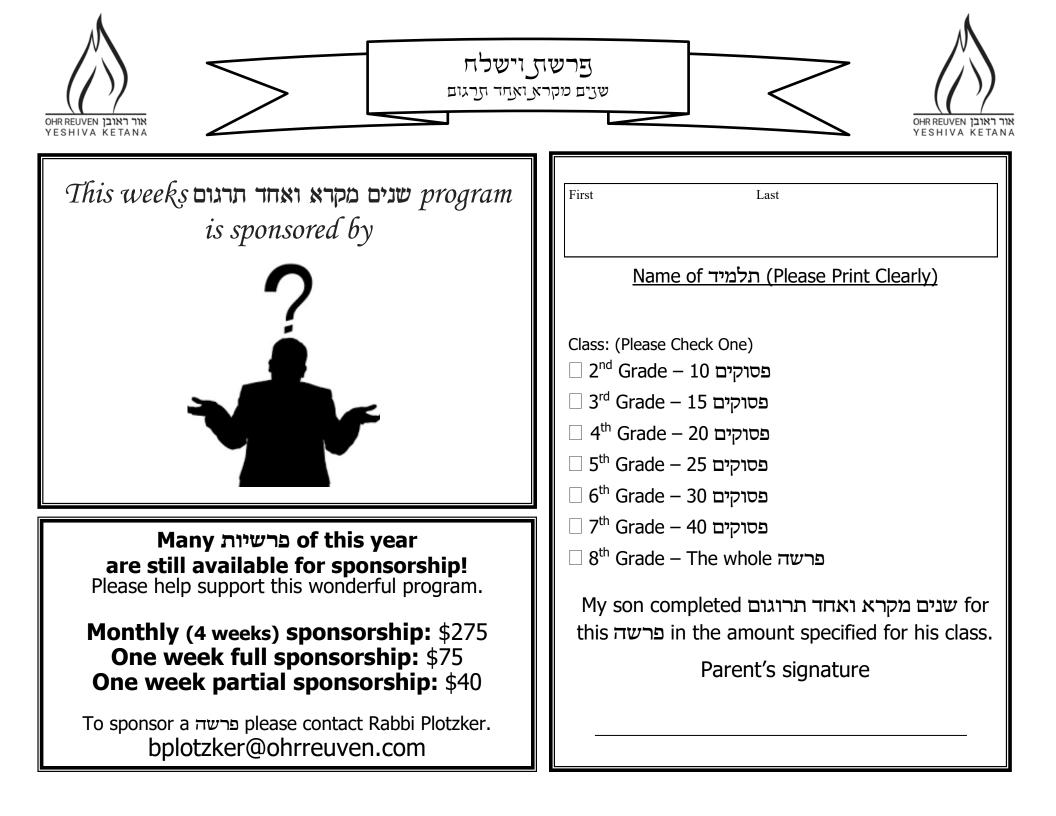
Many times parents struggle with setting boundaries, fearing their kids not liking them or shying away from confrontation. Setting limits when children are young will ensure that you will create a framework to avoid conflict in the long run and that your kids will like you better. Fail to set those boundaries and you are courting a life of confrontation and dislike.

#### How do you set limits?

Be clear about your expectations. Be fair, consistent and calm in making those expectations known. Make sure that consequences for failing to meet those expectations are fair, measured and consistently meted out. Be sure that your expectations are age-appropriate. Set the example for your children by modeling the behavior you want to see from them. Expect a child to push and test the boundaries. It's what kids do. When they do, remain firm, fair, and kind, but consistent in your expectations.

Children who grow up in an environment without clear boundaries are often anxious, uncomfortable and wholly unprepared for success in school and in life. They are bound to spend a lifetime in a world limited by boundaries and they will be expected to abide them. Prepare your child in a home with clear boundaries and you will have prepared your child for life. Fail to set boundaries in your home and you have prepared your child to fail. The choice is yours.

Good Shabbos Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb





Dear Parents,

*Chanukah* is just around the corner, which means it is time for our annual *Chanukah* campaign for our dedicated *Morahs*, teachers, assistant teachers, *Hanhala* and office staff. As a sign of *Hakoras Hatov*, we will be presenting a gift to each of our staff members from our children.

Our dedicated *Limudei Kodesh Rebbeim* and assistant *Rebbe* have not been included in this campaign as it would be more appropriate for the parents to show their appreciation by personally presenting a gift to their child's *Rebbe*.

The N'shei is proud to be able to conduct this campaign and to make it quite simple for you. Please give **\$25** per child, fill out the list below and **return it to your class mother as soon as possible**. Your quick response will enable us to present the gifts to our terrific and deserving staff in time for *Chanukah*.

Please make sure to fill out the form below and send it to your class mother as soon as possible with a check made payable to **Yeshivas Ohr Reuven**. If you prefer, you can pay through chase quick pay using <u>nsheiykor@gmail.com</u>. The deadline for the *Chanukah* collection will be **Wednesday, November 28th**.

Wishing all a Freilichen Chanukah, The YKOR N'shei

#### **Class Mothers:**

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