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פרשת שמות

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday
January 16, 2023
No Transportation
Dismissal K-8: 3:00 PM
General Studies In-Service

Motzei Shabbos
January 21, 2023
N'shei Tea



Thursday - Monday
January 26-30
Mid-Winter Vacation
K-BM No Sessions

Sunday
February 12, 2023
5th Grade Hascholas
Gemarah

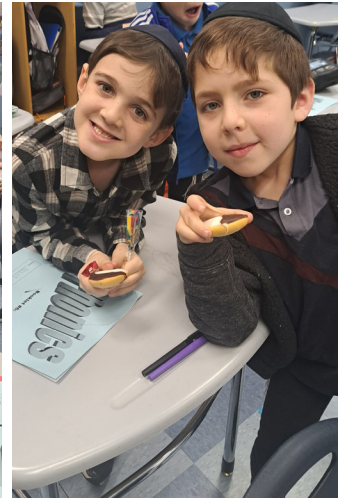
*Mazal Tov to the Rosh Yeshiva and
Rebbetzin on the birth of a granddaughter!
Mazal Tov to our Menahel, Rabbi Rawicki on the birth of a grandson!*



Rabbi Myski's 1st graders learning
in their small Kriah groups

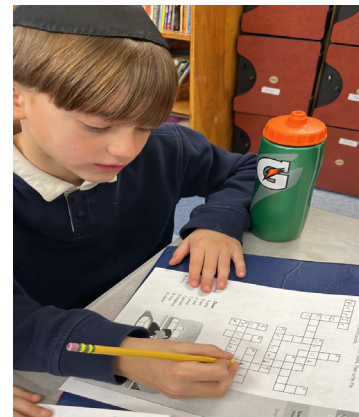
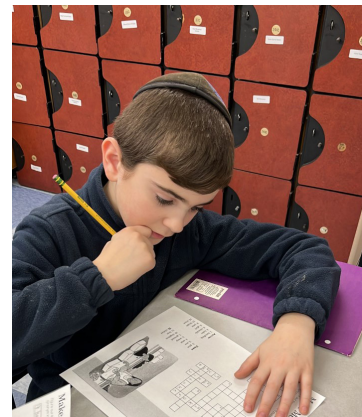
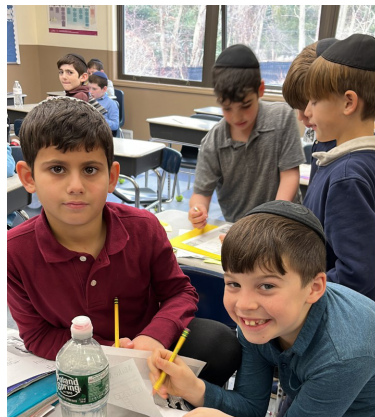


Miss Mitzmann's 2nd grade celebrating
Morah Hadassah's engagement

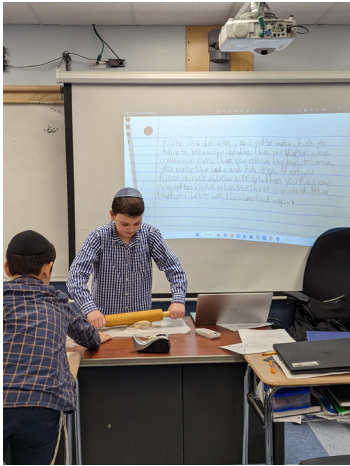


IMPORTANT NOTES

Save The Date:
N'shei Tea
Motzei Shabbos
Jan 21



Mrs. Stein's 4th grade doing a "do now" crossword puzzle



Ms. Paretzky's 6th graders presenting their "how-to" paragraphs



Rabbi Lowy's 4th graders learning and practicing how finger raffles were done in the **בהמ"ק**



Kindergarten building Moshe Rabeinu's basket

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

MAZEL TOV!

The Rosh Yeshiva and Rebbetzin on the birth of a granddaughter!

Moshe and Sara Rudinsky upon the birth of a baby girl!

Rabbi & Mrs. Rawicki upon the birth of a grandson!

Mazel tov to Rabbi Biller and his wife (2nd grade Rebbe) on the birth of a baby boy!

PARENT FEEDBACK:

- My husband and I were blown away when at supper last night, someone bothered our son. His response was: I am going to use my prefrontal cortex! I am going to stop and think! I am not going to just let my amygdala go crazy! He then shared with us what Mrs. Leibovic taught him about the brain with the model of the brain etc...It was super impressive!!!! The kids asked "who is Mrs. Leibovic?" To which he answered: "she's my feelings Morah" Every student in every Yeshiva should be blessed to have this opportunity and be in an environment that puts emphasis on social emotional learning and wellbeing!!!!

- The way Morah Jenny weaves the theme of the week through every story and lesson, the way my son knows the aleph bais cold, she's really doing something very well and with Mrs. Plotzker. Morah Jenny is firm but very loving and she knows exactly what a bunch of leibadik 4-5-year old's need. I'm so impressed how she runs the classroom and how my son is so happy to go to school every day and comes home really knowing the material well and gives it over to us. I am so happy with the kindergarten Morah, Thank you so much!



Rabbi Kohn's 6th graders presenting their Eretz Yisroel Projects

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Arveh David Kurtz, 3rd

Aaron Needleman, 8th

Davey Schiller, 2nd

Eli Wassner, Pre-1A



שמות

Resistance Training

וְכַאֲשֶׁר יֵעָנּוּ אֱתוֹ כֵּן יִרְבֶּה וְכֵן יִפְרֹץ וַיִּקְצוּ מִפְּנֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

But the more they were oppressed, the more they increased and spread out, so that the [Egyptians] came to dread the Israelites.

כי באמצעות העינוי והצרות תתברר בחינת הטוב מהרע ותסמך אל חלק הטוב ותתברר בחינת הרע מחלק הטוב ותסמך אל בחינת הרע, וב' פרטים אלו רמזים באומרו לרע לו והוא עצמו שאמר הכתוב וכאשר יענו אותו כן כשיעור העינוי היו מוציאים ומבררים חלק הטוב ומתרבה חלק הטוב וכן יפרוץ.

when one has to endure persecution and troubles, the good is distilled from the evil joining other areas which are totally good. Similarly, the Torah here tells us the same thing. The more persecution the Israelites suffered the more "good" was released from what had been only a mixture of good and evil previously.

- Ohr Hachaim

Growth only really comes at the point of resistance, but that is the moment that we tend to stop. Because it hurts... pushing our limits, is a muscle that can be cultivated like any other - incrementally.

- Joshua Waitzkin

One of the most startling and striking statements of the *parsha* is only startling and striking because it goes against the grain of our preconceived notions and ideas. We search for explanation and meaning, blinded to the plain meaning by deeply rooted misconceptions.

The Torah tell us that as the Egyptians persecuted the *Bnei Yisrael*, so did they increase and so did they multiply. It does not tell us that despite the persecution the *Bnei Yisrael* prospered, but it implies that the growth of the Children of Israel in Egypt was the result of their oppression. That anomaly sparks much reflective commentary. But, perhaps no remark is more poignant than that of the Ohr Hachaim.

The Ohr Hachaim cites the Zohar in supporting the notion that suffering and tribulation are actually of benefit. The Ohr Hachaim sees the benefit of that suffering in more *kabbalistic* terms, the trials and tribulations serving to

uproot the evil from within. But, the notion of the Ohr Hachaim is true across the board. Growth doesn't happen in spite of the hardships we face; it happens because of them.

Anyone who has ever engaged in physical fitness understands that you build strength and stamina by pushing yourself against resistance. The key in fitness is to calibrate that resistance to a point just beyond your current limit, growing and expanding your capacity and strength. One's psychological, emotional, and spiritual fitness follows the same path. To grow and strengthen, one must work against and overcome resistance, not avoid it.

The *Bnei Yisrael* were placed in *Mitzrayim* for one, solitary purpose, to transform this modest family into a nation that would alter the course of human history. How do you build a people into a mighty, noble, and morally confident nation? Not by coddling and protecting them, but by



forcing them to fight against the resistance of oppression, bondage, and injustice. The cruel harshness of their Egyptian overlords was no accident. It was Divinely designed precisely to provide the resistance necessary for the growth of the *Bnei Yisroel*. As they oppressed them, so did they grow, and so did they multiply.

The parenting connection? By now, it should be clear and obvious. It is hard for parents to sit by and watch their children struggle socially or academically. But, there are two very different ways that parents react to their children's struggles. One is to support the child by helping and guiding him to cope with his challenges, offering empathy, training, advice, and assistance. The other approach is to take charge of the situation and remove the stressor from the child's life, what is commonly called snowplow parenting.

The second parent believes himself to be helping his child. After all, the child now seems happy and free of stress. But, that child has not grown at all. He has neither gained nor advanced, and has only learned that when he faces adversity it will be someone else's job to remove that difficulty.

The first parent, who leaves the challenge in place but provides the child the tools and support to navigate that challenge has truly helped his child to grow. That child may struggle for now, and that parent may wonder if he is doing good by his child in not simply neutralizing the source of the child's consternation. It is in those moments of doubt that we, as parents, need to remind ourselves that the sight of our children pushing up against resistance is the sight of them growing, maturing and advancing. Isn't that what our job is all about?

*Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal*



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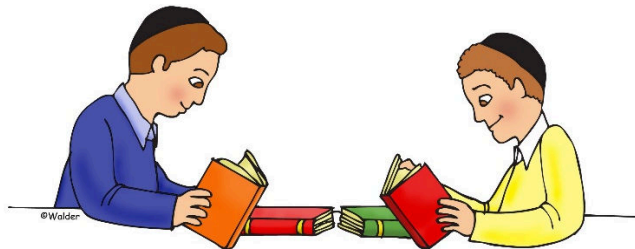
ישנתם

We are pleased to inform you of the launching of our YK² ישנתם program,

Each week the talmidim will receive a different yedia to know by heart.

(A study sheet with a one letter study guide will be provided)

Points will be awarded based on the level of the yedia.



Small prizes will be awarded for mastering each week's goal.
Bonus prizes will be given for every 250 points.

Talmidim who accumulate over 1000 points will be part of our end of year ישנתם banquet.

Talmidim can be back tested on previous week's yedios.

See other side for a list of this year's yedios and point levels.



To sponsor this or any of our other programs please email bplotzker@ohrreuveen.org



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<u>Week Number</u>	<u>V'shinantom Topic</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Al Hamichya	100
2	Shevatim	50
3	Months of the year	50
4	Asher Yotzar	100
5	Parshios in Chumash Beraishis	75
6	Parshios in Chumash Shemos	75
7	Parshios in Chumash Vayikra	75
8	Parshios in Chumash Bamidbar	75
9	Parshios in Chumash Devarim	75
10	Brochos on Events in Nature	75
11	Sefarim in Neviim	75
12	Sefarim in Kesuvim	75
13	Mesechtos in Seder Zeraim	75
14	Mesechtos in Seder Moed	75
15	Mesechtos in Seder Noshim	75
16	Mesechtos in Seder Nezikin	75
17	Mesechtos in Seder Kodshim	75
18	Mesechtos in Seder Taharos	75
19	First paragraph of Aleinu	100
20	Second paragraph of Aleinu	100
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE		1,550



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אשר	יהודה
יוסף	יששכר
בנימין	זבולן



One letter study guide

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Save the Date!

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

NSHEI TEA

&

AUCTION

MOTZEI SHABBOS

JANUARY 21, 2023

8:00PM

AT THE HOME OF

MR. AND MRS. YOSSI & CHAYA LIGHT

1 LOIS LANE



Look out for more information
on our exciting raffle prizes!

Please note that tickets will only be sold at the tea this year
and will not be able to be purchased in advanced.



N'SHEI REBBI PRIZES

THE ROSH HAYESHIVA, RABBI RUDINSKY
15 MINUTE CHAVRUSA WITH THE ROSH YESHIVA

RABBI RAWICKI

2 FREE BLUE NOTE PRIZES (10 WINNERS)

RABBI GOTTIEB:

FREE SLURPEE (2 WINNERS)

RABBI MYSKI - GRADE 1

5 WINNERS TO BE REBBI'S HELPER FOR THE DAY

RABBI BILLER - GRADE 2

FREE HOMEWORK PASS (5 WINNERS)
FREE TEST PASS (5 WINNERS)
EXTRA SHABBOS TREAT (5 WINNERS)
REBBI'S HOMEWORK STAMPER (2 WINNERS)

RABBI HOROWITZ - GRADE 3

5 FREE REBBI DOLLARS
FREE PRIZE FROM PRIZE STORE
FREE HOMEWORK

RABBI LOWY - GRADE 4

AN OVERNIGHT KUGEL FOR THE CLASS!
PICK A PRIZE FROM REBBI'S PRIZE BAG (5 WINNERS)

RABBI ROBINSON - GRADE 5

2 MA'AH COIN AND HOMEWORK PASS

RABBI KOHN - GRADE 6

2 GOLD COINS - 3 WINNERS
SPIN THE WHEEL - 3 WINNERS

RABBI PRUPAS - GRADE 7

HOT COCOA IN CLASS (3 WINNERS)
NIGHT OFF HOMEWORK (3 WINNERS)
GAME OF HORSE WITH REBBI
CHANGE MORNING SONG TO SONG OF BOY'S CHOICE (1 DAY)

RABBI PEIKES - GRADE 8

HOT COCOA (5 WINNERS)
5 SCRATCH OFF TICKETS
HALF HOUR CHAVRUSA TIME WITH REBBI
MAKE YOUR OWN CASE CHASE GAME

RABBI PLOTZKER - GRADES 1-8

1 COLD CAN OF SODA FOR FOUR WEEKS (3 WINNERS)

RABBI ZIPPER - GRADES 5-8

2 SCRATCH OFF CARDS (2 WINNERS)

RABBI KATZ - GRADES 1-5

REBBI'S HELPER



Annual Tea & Auction

JANUARY 21 2023 | 800PM

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TICKET PRICE: \$10 EACH • 12 TICKETS FOR \$100



\$1000 CREDIT TO EISENBERGER-ADLER ORTHODONTICS
Towards A Full Orthodontics Treatment
Sponsored By The Adler Family



ONE LARGE CARVING BLOCK RESERVE PLATTER
Valued at \$300



FREE SCHOOL LUNCH FOR ONE BOY FOR SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR
Sponsored by Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven



VALENTINO DESIGNER WALLET
Sponsored by the Reichmann Family



APPLE AIRPODS
2 winners



PHOTOSHOOT WITH SRIVKI
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\$250 GIFT CARD TO FIRESIDE



\$1000 OFF FULL SUMMER OR \$500 OFF HALF SUMMER TO CAMP CHEVRA



\$100 GIFT CARD TO JUBILEE
\$150 GIFT CARD TO CUFF & CO
Sponsored by the Perkowski family



\$150 TO SYLK
\$100 GIFT CARD TO LIMAGE
Sponsored by the Berman family



WINE PACKAGE VALUED AT \$500
SPONSORED by the Hook family



1 SUBSCRIPTION TO THE LOOP
2 BABKAS FROM BABKATOURE
\$36 GIFT CARD TO TORAH TREASURES
\$75 GIFT CARD TO THE LACED SHOE