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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday

February 12, 2023
5th Grade Hascholas
Gemarah

Monday

February 20, 2023
No Transportation
Dismissal K-8: 1:00
Rebbeim & Teacher In-Service

Tuesday

February 21, 2023
No Suffern Central
Transportation

Tuesday

February 28, 2023
YK Carnival Day

Friday

March 3, 2023
YK Dress Up Day

Monday

March 6, 2023
Ta'anis Esther
Dismissal K: 12:00, P-8: 12:30

Tuesday-Wednesday

March 7-8, 2023
Purim, Shushan Purim
No Sessions

IMPORTANT NOTES

In case of inclement weather, the Yeshiva will send out an email and you can also call the Yeshiva's message lines.

Yeshiva Ketana message line:
845.362.8362 x 199.

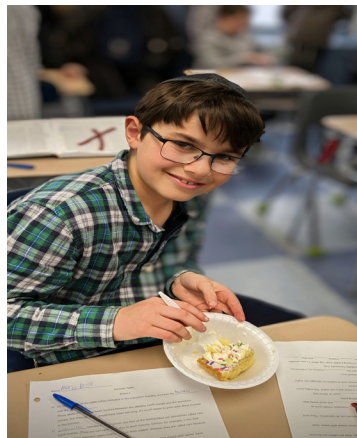
*Mazal Tov to the Rosh Yeshiva and Rebbetzin
on the upcoming chasunah of their son
Yaakov Rudinsky to Tamar Kohn!*



Rabbi Myski's First Graders receiving a bracha on Tu B'Shvat from the Skulen Rebbe of Monsey.



Rabbi Senter Greeting our 3rd graders



Celebrating the birthday of Dmitri Mendeleev, the inventor of the periodic table



The Pre1a making edible trees לכבוד ט"ו בשבט



YKOR 2023 Raffle Campaign to begin Rosh Chodesh Adar!!



As in past years, Yeshiva K'tana Ohr Reuven's 12th annual raffle campaign will begin on Rosh Choder Adar 5783!

This year the boys can look forward once again to fantastic prizes as well as new and amazing class prizes! Each class will have the opportunity to experience everything from pizza parties to exciting class trips. As Purim approaches we want each and every Talmid to do their best collecting on behalf of the Yeshiva and make a Kiddush Hashem wherever they go!



Shmuel & Michael Katz with the Mezbiz rebbe from Eretz Yisroel while visiting the Katz home on Tu Bishvat



Miss Mitzmann's 2nd grade enjoying hot cocoa



11 boys in Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade class celebrating their finishing of the entire Mesechtes Shabbos with the new Mishna Yomi program. Thank you to Rabbi Vilinsky for arranging and sponsoring the siyum!



Arieh Kahana learning with the rosh yeshiva as a prize his mother won at the N'shei tea



Rabbi Horowitz's 3rd grade building what the Mishna says is the smallest Kosher Succah

YESHIVA KETANA SCHOOL LIBRARY

Volunteers Needed to assist in scanning books into the library management program. Availability in AM is preferred. Call Mrs. Rosenberg x128

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Ezra Friedman, K
- Yitzi Genack, Pre1a
- Shlomo Richmond, 1st
- Dovid Stansky, 7th
- Moshe Zev Tepper, 3rd

MAZEL TOV!

The Rosh Yeshiva & Rebbetzin on the upcoming chasunah of their son, Yaakov to Tamar Kohn!

Rabbi & Mrs. Noam Peikes on the birth of a baby girl! Daniel, Avraham, Yehuda, & Moshe Peikes!

YKOR Feature:

If midwinter break started, why are there knapsacks in the hallway?



When Yeshiva let out on Wed, January 25th at 12:30 PM for the mid-winter break, over 30 talmidim weren't ready for vacation just yet.



After enjoying a delicious, gala lunch sponsored by the Hook and Peikes Families, they headed into the bais medrash for a serious retzufos seder.



For almost TWO HOURS straight, the talmidim learned with a geshmak; chazering Gemara, learning Mishnayos, Chumash, and Navi. The Kol Torah resonated in the air throughout the room. Rabbi Rawicki was awed as the kedusha of the moment filled the air. The talmidim were joined by their Rebbeim and many talmidim took advantage of this to learn b'chavrusa with their rabbeim. We are extremely proud of the talmidim for their sincere display of hasmadah and ahavas haTorah!



יתרו

One Small Step, One Giant Leap

וְלֹא-תַעֲלֶה בְּמַעֲלֹת עַל-מִזְבְּחִי אֲשֶׁר לֹא-תַגִּילָה עֲרוֹתָהּ עָלָיו:

Do not ascend My altar by steps, that you may not be exposed upon it.

דרש בר קפרא מנא הא מילתא דאמור רבנן הוּו מתונים בדין שנאמר ולא תעלה במעלות, וסמיך ליה ואלה המשפטים Bar Kappara taught, based on a homiletical interpretation of a verse: From where is this matter that the Sages stated derived: Be temperate in judgment (Avot 1:1)? As it is written: “Neither shall you go up by steps onto My altar” (Exodus 20:23), i.e., do not ascend hurriedly, and juxtaposed to it, it is written: “Now these are the ordinances that you shall set before them”

- Sanhedrin 7b

Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together

- Vincent Van Gogh

The closing of the current Parsha is clearly and obviously out of place. The theme of the Parsha, at large, is the giving of the Torah. That theme will continue with the specific laws in next week's Parsha focusing, notably, on interpersonal, civil concerns, emphasizing the divine nature of that body of law as well.

The *mishkan* will come later, occupying the better part of five *parshios* at the close of the *sefer*. And yet, the narrative of the Torah is interrupted with a disembodied command about the construction of a proper *mizbeach*, culminating in a directive to build a ramp, rather than steps leading to that *mizbeach*. The obvious question: what is it doing here?

The commentators in the beginning of next week's Parsha point to the *gemara* in Sanhedrin discussing the link between the closing command of this week's Parsha and the opening of the next, regarding judges and the application of the law. The *gemara*, in one opinion, sees the ban on ascending to the *mizbeach* via stairs homiletically, a metaphor for rushing to complete a goal. It is, in the opinion of this *gemara*, a warning for judges to have the

humility to slow down and seek guidance and help in their decisions. Don't leap, climb slowly. It is a valuable warning.

I might suggest an alternative approach based on the homiletics of the *gemara*. The admonition, do not climb steps to my *mizbeach*, is a warning about the ways and means of advancing oneself in character building. We do not succeed in advancing by giant leaps and bounds, but by moving forward in continual baby steps. It is sound advice, and it is the difference between those who grow and move forward in their character development and those who spend their lives spinning their wheels but never getting anywhere.

How many of us have lofty, grand ideas every year Rosh Hashana or at other significant calendar points during the year? How many set out to do amazing, incredible things, only to crash and burn soon after? Think about people who go on crash diets, losing thirty pounds in a month and then gain back forty, as opposed to those who may lose one or two pounds a month and manage to keep it off.

Almost without fail, they who take small steps at a time are able to retain their gains, while those who leap almost invariably fall backward. Patience is the greatest virtue when it comes to meaningful, lasting change.

If that is true for adults, how much more so is it true for the children in our charge. It is unfair to them and to us to expect behaviors to shift fully overnight. Behaviors change and evolve slowly, one small step at a time.

Behavioral scientists talk about operant conditioning, the idea that one can slowly, over time, reinforce and shape behavior through both positive and negative reinforcement. Those same cognitive scientists talk about shaping when it comes to conditioning a behavior, slowly bringing the subject closer and closer to the desired behavior until you can bring him to the goal.

The classic example is BF Skinner who trained rats, placed inside a specially designed box, to press a lever in order to get food. The rats would learn to associate the lever with food and would then press it for the food reward, but first the scientists conducting the study needed to get the rats to press the lever. They did so by rewarding the rats as they got close to the lever, conditioning those rats to keep moving towards the lever until they finally pressed it and found the food reward.

Human beings are certainly not rats, but when it comes to shaping their behavior, there is much in common. If you are looking to modify and change your child's behavior, it is useless and counterproductive to attempt to foster an immediate, complete turnaround in the child. Set for the him, and for yourself, small, realistic, readily attainable goals that guide him in the direction of the behavioral change you want to eventually see. Be patient, waiting until one

behavioral change has firmly taken hold before moving on to the next one.

When it comes to modifying children's behavior, there really are two choices: attempt to change it all at once, fail and be frustrated, or take it slow, step-by-step, and watch your child grow and advance. The Torah tells us to choose the latter, climb not by bounding steps, but by tiptoeing up the ramp, one small step at a time.

*Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal*



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ב"ס"ד



QUESTION OF THE DAY

ONE RAFFLE TICKET PER QUESTION ANSWERED!

Answers should be written on Q.O.D. cards and placed in mailbox outside office.

QUESTIONS ALL ABOUT '4'

- 1) List the 4 אַמְהוֹת.
- 2) What are the 4 פְּרָשִׁיּוֹת in תְּפִילִין?
- 3) What are the names of the 4 בְּגָדִים of a קְהֵן הַדִּיּוֹט?
- 4) What are the names of the 4 parts of שׁוּלְחַן עָרוֹךְ?
- 5) Which 4 categories of people need to bring a קַרְבֵּן תּוֹדָה, and nowadays would say בְּרַכַּת הַגּוֹמֵל?
- 6) What are the 4 גְּלוּיּוֹת? (We are in the last one now)

ALL ABOUT 3 – RAFFLE WINNERS

Y. A. KOHL
RONI FUCHS
TZVI SILBER
MEIR DUNNER

RAFI WEINRAUB
YEHUDA FRIEDMAN
ELIYAHU ROTHMAN
SHIMON GREENSPAN



פרשת יצרו
שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



*This week's שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום program
is sponsored anonymously*

*in honor of
All the Rabbeim, Moros, Support,
and Office Staff
Thank you for all you do for our talmidim*

**Almost all of the פרשיות of this year
are still available for sponsorship!**
Please help support this wonderful program.

Monthly (4 weeks) sponsorship: \$225
One week sponsorship: \$65

To sponsor a פרשה
please contact Rabbi Plotzker:
bplotzker@ohrreuven.com

First

Last

Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

!!WEEKLY PRIZES!!

- 1st Grade – 5 פסוקים
- 2nd Grade – 10 פסוקים
- 3rd Grade – 15 פסוקים
- 4th Grade – 20 פסוקים
- 5th Grade – 25 פסוקים
- 6th Grade – 30 פסוקים
- 7th Grade – 40 פסוקים
- 8th Grade – 50 פסוקים

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

- Bonus: Did double the grade required amount!**

Parent's signature

ג'ס"ד

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FEB 12

6:45 - 8:45 PM

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