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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday
November 4, 2022
Torah Umesorah Convention
K-8 No Sessions

Motzei Shabbos
November 5, 2022
Move the clock back one
hour



Friday
November 11, 2022
Legal Holiday,
No Transportation
Dismissal K-8: 12:30

Sunday
November 13, 2022
3rd Grade Hascholas
Mishnayos

Sunday
November 20, 2022
1st Grade Hascholas
Chumash



Zevy Deutch, Moshe Grossberger, and Hillel Hook receiving their honor roll certificate from our general studies principal Rabbi Gottlieb



R' Kohn's 6th grade learning in the Ohr Reuven Bais Medresh



R' Myski's 1st graders starting their lashon dikduk workbook

**COMING
SOON!**

**YESHIVA
KETANA
SCHOOL
LIBRARY**

Dear Parents,

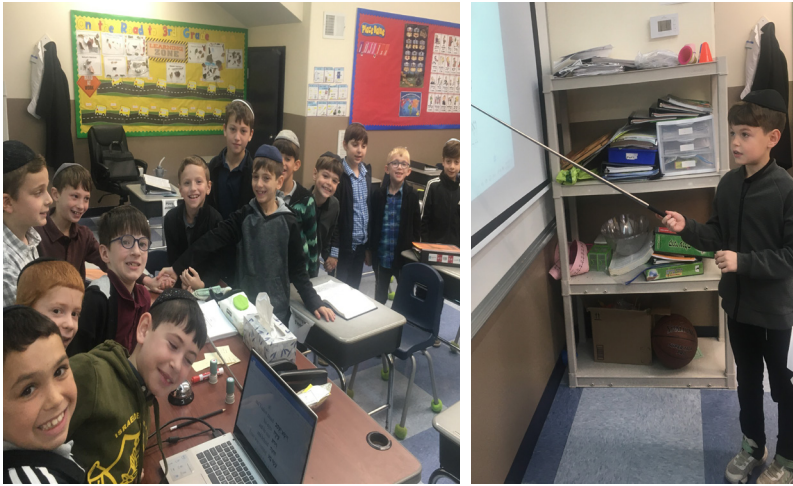
We are now in the process of building a library for our school and are happy to accept donations of new and gently used books for our library. All book donations should be appropriate for a Yeshiva setting for boys in grades K-8. If you know someone looking for a new home for their children's books collection or if you have books you are looking to clear out, please bring them to the Yeshiva office and help us build a fabulous library for our *talmidim*.

The following websites are suitable guidelines for purchasing new books:
<https://kosherbooks.org/books#download-list>
<https://menucha classrooms.com/collections/secular-books>

RABBI YISROEL GOTTLIEB
Principal, General Studies
Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven

IMPORTANT NOTES

Reminder: Please make sure to label your son/s clothing to keep the lost and found empty, Thank you!



Mazal Tov to Rabbi Horowitz's 3rd grades finishing of a פרק of חומש this week!

Reminder! Transportation change policy:
Please use the busupdates@ohrreuve.com email by 2:15 (m-th) or 11:15 (f) for homebound transportation changes.



Morah Jenny's Kindergarteners learning about the letter בי

Kindergarten Admissions:
Last call for Kindergarten Admissions for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have a son that was born between December 1, 2018 and November 30, 2019 we welcome you to apply. Please <https://ohrreuve.com/admissions>



Rabbi Peikes with his talmidim at RJFL

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

- MAZAL TOV!**
- Roni Fuchs on the birth of a baby sister!
 - YKOR alumnus Eli Koegel on his engagement to Leeba Pransky from Atlanta!
 - YKOR alumnus Buroch Bloom (YKOR talmid Tuvia's brother) on his engagement to Mindy Katz from Passaic!
 - YKOR alumnus Yoni Cohen on his engagement to Yocheved Stern from Lawrence!
 - Mrs. Freidy Ziet (business office) on her son, Yitzchak Nesanel's upsherin!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Gavriel Adler, 2nd
Aryeh Leib Lipszyc, 4th

לך לך

Unconditional Love

אל-תִּירָא אַבְרָם אֲנִי מִגֵּן לְךָ שְׂכָרְךָ הַרְבֵּה מְאֹד:

“Fear not, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great.”

אל תירא אברם כו' במדרש כי אברהם הי' ירא שכשיהי' אדם אחר טוב ממנו שיניחו השי"ת והבטיחו אל תירא כו'
Midrash: Avraham was afraid that when there will be another person greater than he, Hashem will set him aside. Hashem promised him [don't fear].

- Chiddushei Ha'Rim

I love you because you're you

- Children's book by Liz Baker

There is a clear non-sequitur in the middle of this week's *parsha*. Immediately following Avraham's incredible triumph over Kedarlaomer and company, Hashem appears to Avraham, beginning the conversation by reassuring Avraham, “do not be afraid.” What was he afraid of to prompt that reassurance?

The *midrash* offers a fascinating perspective, one that lends itself to myriad possibilities in interpretation. Avraham Avinu, it seems, was afraid of being replaced. He saw how Adam had gone from being G-d's favorite to being supplanted by Noach as he exceeded his predecessor in action and deed. Noach, in turn, found himself replaced once Avraham came along and exceeded him. “What,” wondered Avraham, “would prevent another from coming along and pushing him to the side?” That was the latent fear, gnawing at Avraham, to which G-d was responding when He said, “Fear not, Avram.”

Despite the breadth of interpretation, there remains the plain, simple meaning to this *midrash*, one that speaks to a near-universal concern of all human beings. We all fear being replaced. In our professional lives, in our personal lives, in our relationships, we all fear that someone better, more talented, and more capable may come along and overshadow us until we are expendable.

That universal fear compounded in children who lie with the fear they may lose their status as their parents' favorite, especially with the birth of a new sibling. Often, children see their value in their being cute and being the baby of the house. Now that this new baby has come along, they are reasonably afraid that they will not be loved as much. That fear can manifest in the child acting out and, at times, even manifest attempting to harm the new baby.

Even when a new baby is not in the picture, a child may still live in fear of the loss of his parents' love and support. A child who feels loved because he is smart, because he does well in school, because he is a good athlete or a talented artist may feel enormous, unhealthy pressure to maintain his status in order to retain his parents' love.

Some parents are even deliberate in linking their love for their child to that child's accomplishments, mistakenly believing that in doing so they will provide the child the incentive to continue to accomplish. That is sorely misguided parenting. In tying their love to particular goals and milestones they do not inspire their children, they simply apply enough pressure to break them. No one can function under the constant crush of feeling they must be perfect or risk being replaced, certainly not a young child.

So, how do parents reassure their children they will not be replaced? The *chiddushei HaRim* offers us the formula for that, as well. He writes that Avraham wanted Hashem to assure him that His love is an *ahava she'ainah teluyah b'davar*, a love not contingent upon anything. Avraham wanted the assurance that G-d's love for him was not performance dependent, but that Hashem loved him simply for who he was, not what he did. The *chiddushei HaRim* explains that Avraham's request is what underlies the concept that even when a Jew sins he is still considered a Jew, loved by Hashem, for that love is not dependent on anything.

That is the winning formula for parents as well. We must constantly show, remind, and assure our children that "I love you because you're you." That does not mean we cannot spur our children to do their best. We can. We can be proud of their accomplishments, and we can share their disappointment in their failures. But we cannot lead them to believe that any accomplishment will make us love them more or any failure will make us love them less.

A child who knows that no matter what his parents still love him is a child who has the comfort and security to truly shine and succeed.



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.

SEVEN MITZVOHS M'DRABONON

What מצוה am I?

- 1) We do this מצוה on ראש חודש and יום טוב.
- 2) We do this מצוה on Purim.
- 3) This מצוה is the 3rd מסכת in ש"ס.
- 4) We are supposed to do this מצוה at least 100 times each day.
- 5) We do this מצוה 18 minutes before שקיעה of ערב שבת.
- 6) We do this מצוה starting the 25th of כסלו.
- 7) We do this מצוה before we eat bread.

CHODISHI TISHREI RAFFLE WINNERS

Pizza Winners	Soda/Ices Winners
Avi Weg	Coby Spitz
Tani Kahana	Meir Dunner
Michael Katz	Chaim Cohen
M. L. Muntner	Momo Tepper
Yitzi Richmond	Aryeh Genack
Yaakov Weitzman	Avraham Peikes
Elkanah Berkowitz	Moshe Weisberg
Shimon Greenspan	Benjamin Needleman



פרשת לך לך
שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



This week's שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום program is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Y. Amsel

*A tremendous thank you to
Rabbi Lowy, Mrs. Stein and Mrs. Mann
as well as
the entire YKOR staff and Hanahlah
for all that you do
for our 4th grade and the entire Yeshiva!
We appreciate it so much!*

**MOST of the פרשיות of this year
are still available for sponsorship!**

Please help support this wonderful program.

Monthly (4 weeks) sponsorship: \$175

One week full sponsorship: \$50

One week partial sponsorship: \$30

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

First

Last

Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

!!WEEKLY PRIZES!!

Class: (Please Check One)

- 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
