



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן  
YESHIVA KETANA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday

June 11, 2023

Pre1a Siddur Play

Thursday

June 15, 2023

Middle School Honors  
Dinner

Sunday

June 18, 2023

Siyum Mishnayos Father-Son  
Breakfast

Monday

June 19

Dismissal: K:3:00, P-8: 4:00

Tuesday

June 20, 2023

Last Day of Preschool

Wednesday

June 21, 2023

Eighth grade Graduation

Thursday

June 22, 2023

Last day of sessions

Dismissal: 12:30

# REUVEN REVIEW

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פרשת בהעלתך כ' סיון תשפ"ג



Talmidim of 7th & 8th grade had the zechus and opportunity to hear and meet Rav Dov Landau shlit"a, Rosh Yeshiva of Slabodka Yeshiva in Eretz Yisroel



Dr. Gleis meeting with staff prior to the recent lockdown drill. Thank you, Mr. Balsam, for working on all the details of the drill and to all the staff and talmidim for participating effectively. May the



8th grade davening program  
rewards trip





Rabbi Katz speaking at a siyum Rabbi Horowitz's class was making on Parshas Vayeishev



Our school library still needs books to line our shelves!

## MAZEL TOV!

Rabbi & Mrs. Rawicki on the engagement of their daughter!

R' Yehudah & Huvi Brodie on the birth of a baby girl!

S'gan Rosh HaYeshiva and Rebbetzin on the birth of a granddaughter!

Aryeh Brodie on his baby sister!

Moshe Berman on his Bar Mitzvah!

Mr. & Mrs. Berman on their son's Bar Mitzvah!

Rabbi Shonek on his engagement!

Shaya Czegledi on the birth of his baby sister!



Miss Mitzmann's 2nd grade working on their end of year booklet



8th grade playing basketball at Rabbi Gonter's house

PLEASE SHARE WITH US! Please email any Mazel Tov information to [reuvenreview@ohrreuven.com](mailto:reuvenreview@ohrreuven.com)!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mordy Eizik, Pre1a

Dovi Friedman, Pre1a

Yaakov Reich, K

Aaron Silber, 4th

Sammy Tenenbaum, 5th

## בהעלותך

### The Good, Old Days

זָכַרְנוּ אֶת־הַדָּגָה אֲשֶׁר־נֹאכַל בְּמִצְרַיִם חֵלֶם אֶת הַקֶּשֶׂאִים וְאֶת הָאֶבְטָחִים וְאֶת־הַבָּצְלִים וְאֶת־הַשִּׁימִיּוֹם:

We remember the fish that we used to eat free in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic.

**זכרנו את הדגה.** לא הזכירו פה פירות החשובים כי לא היו נותנים להם וכן מה שהזכירו את הדגה כי היו נותנים להם מהדגים הנבאשים, שהיו להם ד' וה' ימים משנצודו, לכן לא אמרו את הדגים או את הדג, כי בכ"מ שתמצא דגה הוא הדג הנבאש, ממה שכתוב והדגה אשר ביאור מתה

We remembered the fish. They didn't mention the important fruits here because they weren't given them, and, as for the fish, they (the Egyptians) gave them from the rotting fish, which had been caught four or five days prior, that's why they didn't say *dag*, but *dagah* because whenever you find *dagah* it refers to the spoiled or rotting fish.

- Haksav V'hakabalah

Nostalgia is a seductive liar

- George Ball

Is there anything more absurd than the complaints of the *asafsuf*, crying for meat while recalling the good old days of their Egyptian food menu? How is it even possible for anyone having suffered the horrors of Egyptian bondage to look back fondly on any aspect of the experience? Were they actually ready to return to the humiliating subjugation and bondage of Egypt for some fish, fruit, and vegetables?

The question is compounded with the observation of the *sefer Haksav V'hakabalah* who notes that the list of foods the people claimed to enjoy in Egypt contains no significant or important fruit, and the fish they pined for was days-old fish on the verge of spoilage. This is what they longed for?

As is common, however, it is our question that is flawed, for we fail to recognize our own human nature in the Torah's narrative. The people, here, provide a classic example of the power of nostalgia and the selective memory that accompanies it. All of us as we age fondly

remember and long for the good old days, frequently forgetting that the good old days weren't necessarily all that good.

Consider those who pine for the good old days of the European *shtetl*, where grinding poverty, disease, anti-Semitism, and government sponsored, aided, and abetted pogroms were a constant threat. Nostalgia, though, becomes a lens filtering out all that and allowing through a rose-colored picture of wonderful times where we imagine everyone was learned, observant, and fulfilled. Whether it happened or not is of no concern to the power of nostalgia, for in the world of nostalgia, fantasy and history are easily and comfortably interchangeable.

Are the *Bnei Yisroel* in the *midbar* any different? They are nostalgic for the Egypt of their youth, and so they forget or ignore the terrible torture of the *Mitzrayim* experience, choosing instead to recall or invent a rosy picture of the good times of the past. In truth, they sound like every old man who talks about how much better things

were when he was growing up, including how they walked five miles in the snow to school, uphill both ways, “and we were happy!”

The point is that as long as there has been time, there have been people pining for the good old days and lamenting how bad things are today, and as long as there have been parents and children, parents have been complaining about kids “today” and about how much better things were when they were young. And, just as your parents were wrong to believe the world was coming to an end because your generation was different from theirs, you are just as wrong to believe that it is so because your children’s generation is so different from yours.

As parents, we must be keenly alert and aware for when nostalgia lies to and fools us. We cannot and should not throw our hands up wishing we could go back to a time past to bring our kids back with us and raise them there. We need to live in the here and now and raise our children for the world in which they live, not the world we would like them to occupy, especially because that world was probably never as great as we like to think it was.

*Good Shabbos  
Rabbi Gottlieb  
Principal*



בס"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 10

- 1) How many מצוות are in the הדברות?
- 2) If you counted 10 generations from יהודה, who would you arrive at?
- 3) What is the abbreviation that רבי יהודה made for the 10 מכות?
- 4) What is the special name given to the 10 days, starting with ראש השנה and ending with יום כיפור?
- 5) אברהם אבינו passed all 10 tests that ה' gave him. Name 3 of them.
- 6) The בני ישראל in the מדבר 'tested' ה' 10 times. Name 3 of the tests.

## WINNERS FOR 'ALL ABOUT 8' RAFFLE

Avi Weg  
Eli Rubin  
Meir Rubin  
Aharon Becker

Yaakov Moeller  
Yosef Mayerfeld  
Avraham Hellman  
Meir Leib Muntner