



# REUVEN REVIEW

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday  
November 3, 2023  
Torah Umesorah Convention  
K-8 No Sessions

Friday  
November 10, 2023  
Dismissal K-8 12:30  
No Transportation

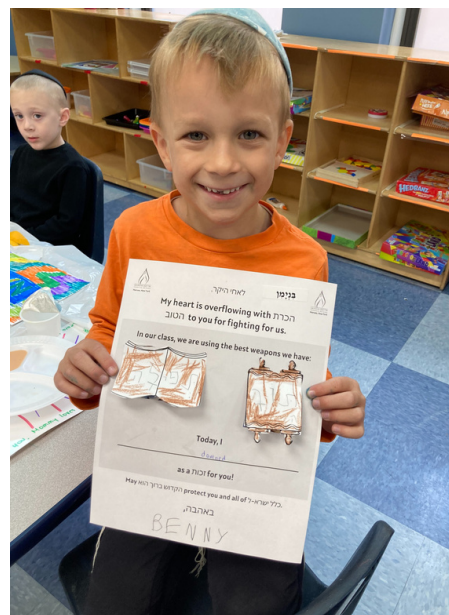
Sunday  
November 12, 2023  
3rd grade Hascholas  
Mishnayos



Rabbi Plotzker speaking to the first graders at his grandchild, Shua's birthday party



First week of the Matnas Shabbos program

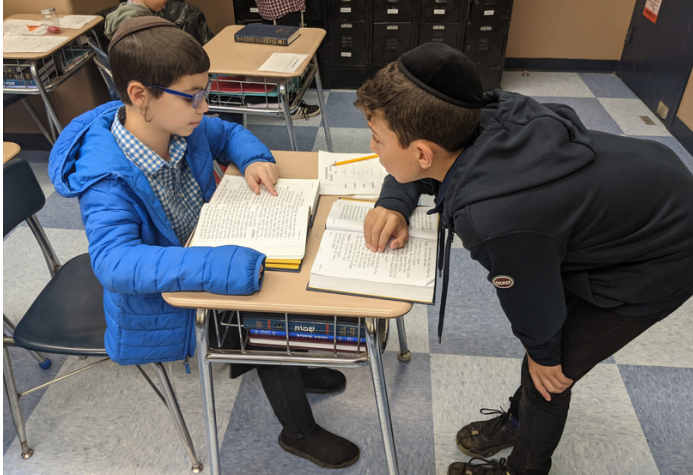


P-2 letters to Israeli soldiers



Pre-1a enjoying the library





Rabbi Robinson's 5th grade practicing קריאה with their daily קריאה chavrusa



8th grade on a hike with S'gan Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Brodie

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

## MAZEL TOV!

Mrs. Leibovic (Support Director) on the birth of a granddaughter!

Moshe, Yehuda, & JJ Zlotnick on the engagement of their sister!

Akiva & Rafi Weinraub on their brother, Yoel's (YOR Alumnus) engagement!



The middle school students receiving their Honor Roll certificates from Rabbi Gottlieb



6th grade working on building stories collaboratively while practicing proper sentence structure.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Elkana Berkowitz, 7th  
Aryeh Margulies, 4th





Miss Paretsky's sixth graders celebrate a month of coming on time to class.



Our Talmidim joining Major Kinus Tefillah for "Tashbar" in ALL Schools



Noam Duetch receiving his prize for Kriah Knockers!



The YK talmidim enjoying the petting zoo for Parshas Noach!



**Yeshiva Ketana  
School Library**

**Open Afternoons**

**Mon.-Thurs.**

**1 pm to 5 pm**



**Parents: Encourage your sons to visit the library!**



Chinuch at Yeshiva Ohr Reuven is about to get even

Brighter!



And you  
are the light!

Stay Tuned...



## לך-לך

### Kids, Not Clones

לך-לך מארצך וממולדתך ומבית אביך אליהארץ אשר אראך

Go forth from your land and from your birthplace and from your father's house to the land that I shall show you

לך לך (בראשית יב א). להנאתך ולטובתך ושם אעשך וכו', ועוד שאודיע טבעך בעולם וכו'. רוצה לפרש תיבת לך האין ילך אדם אל עצמו  
For your benefit and your good. "and there I will make you, and further, I will make you known in the world."  
The intention is to explain the word *lecha*, to you, how a person can go to himself

- Agra D'Kallah

Suppose that every prospective parent in the world stopped having children naturally, and instead produced clones of themselves. What would the world be like in another 20 or 30 years? The answer is: much like today.

-Nathan Myhrvold

One of the great frustrations that parents grapple with is children who carve out a very different path for themselves than that which they learned in their parents' homes. That frustration in turn leads to tension, as parents see their children begin to diverge from their own path and they attempt to redirect those children to the road they desire. The frustration and tension are magnified by parents feeling that they have somehow failed at raising this child, and had they been more meticulous in parenting they would have seen a different outcome.

This is wrongheaded and destructive thinking. Kids are not clones of their parents and they were never intended to be.

When Hashem appears to Avraham, he instructs him to take leave of his land, his birthplace and the house of his father and לך לך, go to "you". Hashem is telling Avraham that he needs to carve his own path in life apart from his upbringing. The instruction to Avrohom is really an instruction to all of us. Each one of us is shaped and formed by the experience of our upbringing. Yet, we are

not meant to be clones of our parents. Instead, we are asked to forge our own path in our lives.

The Ben Ish Chai in his commentary, Chasdei Avos to Pirkei Avos, *perek 2*, discusses the balance that is necessary for a proper Torah life. One must tap in to the *mesorah*, the tradition of his parents and grandparents and all those who came before him. But, that is merely the start. One must build upon that tradition and become the unique individual he was meant to be through his own study, thought, and investigation.

*Lech Lecha me'artzecha u'mimoladtecha, umibais avicha* connotes both of those facets. On the one hand the *possuk* instructs Avrohom, and by extension all of us, to leave behind his upbringing and move to his own identity, *lecha*. On the other hand, the Hebrew prefix *mi*, from, connotes the idea that you are taking and drawing from that which is identified. In this case, *lech lecha*, go to be you, but that you should be informed by the threefold nature of your upbringing: your land, the place of your birth, and your father's house.



Hashem instructed Avraham to draw on all that he learned in his upbringing in order to then carve his own path in life, and that is the lesson for us as well.

G-d designed a world that does not have us reproduce by cloning. On the biological level and on the theological level, each human being is meant to be unique.

When parents come to parenthood with misguided notions that their children are meant to be clones of them in their manner, demeanor and outlook, they set themselves up for disappointment and failure. When parents understand that they are charged with a mission to guide a developing soul to be himself, they are poised for success and happiness.

I once had the opportunity to go with one of my sons to visit a number of Yeshivos in Eretz Yisroel that he was looking into attending. On one of our visits, one of the *rebbeim* commented to me, “so, you’re deciding where he should go?” I replied, “my job is to help guide. He will decide where he should go; it’s his life.”

When we are prepared to embrace the person that our child is, rather than fixate on what he or she is not, we raise happy, well-adjusted, and successful children.

*Good Shabbos  
Rabbi Gottlieb  
Principal*





פרשת לך לך  
שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



*This week's program* שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום  
*is sponsored*  
*by Mr. & Mrs. Amir Benisti*

לעלוי נשמת  
יהודית בת אפרים יעקב ע"ה

*May the learning generated by this*  
*program be a נשמה for her זכות.*

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

Please help support this wonderful program.

**Monthly (4 weeks) sponsorship: \$220**

**One week full sponsorship: \$60**

**One week partial sponsorship: \$35**

To sponsor a פרשה  
please contact Rabbi Plotzker.  
[bplotzker@ohrreuven.com](mailto:bplotzker@ohrreuven.com)

First

Last

Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

## !!WEEKLY PRIZES!!

Class: (Please Check One)

- ☐ 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 10 פסוקים
- ☐ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 15 פסוקים
- ☐ 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 20 פסוקים
- ☐ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 25 פסוקים
- ☐ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 30 פסוקים
- ☐ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – 40 פסוקים
- ☐ 8<sup>th</sup> 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



בס"ד

# עולם חסד יבנה

We can create זכותים for כלל ישראל!

## חסד חינם

Your chesed mission for this week

**Greet someone before they greet you**

& Hold open the door for other people in and out of yeshiva!



Raffle tickets will be distributed.

**LET'S THINK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE!**

**Fill your world with chesed!**

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# 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 ON פֶּרֶשֶׁת לך לך

- 1) What was the name of אֶבְרָהָם אָבִינוּ's nephew/brother-in-law that travelled with them to כְּנָעַן?
- 2) How old was אֶבְרָהָם אָבִינוּ when he travelled to כְּנָעַן?
- 3) When אֶבְרָהָם אָבִינוּ arrived in כְּנָעַן there was a famine. Which country did he then travel to get food?
- 4) A tremendous war takes place in this week's פֶּרֶשֶׁה. How many kings were on each side of the war?
- 5) When אֶבְרָהָם אָבִינוּ went to go join the battle, what was the name of his slave that he took with him?
- 6) How old was אֶבְרָהָם אָבִינוּ when he had his בְּרִית מִלָּה?

## WINNERS FROM פֶּרֶשֶׁת נח

Gavi Voss

Eli Rubin

Ahron Becker

Yehuda Balsam

Yosef Friedman

Yosef Mayerfeld

Elkanah Berkowitz

Shimon Greenspan