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פרשת מקץ

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday
December 22, 2023
No Suffern Central
Transportation

Sunday
December 24, 2023
Dismissal 1-8: 12:00
Parent Teachers
Conferences 1:00-5:00 pm

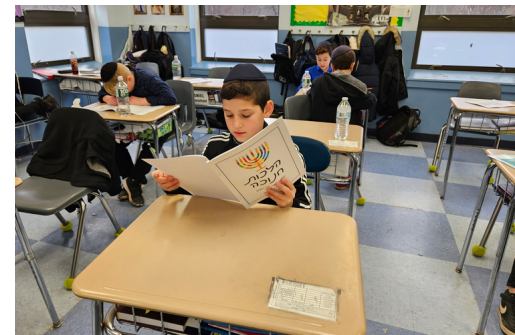
Monday
December 25, 2023
Dismissal K:3:00, P-8: 4:00



Ventriloquist show and donuts in honor of Chanukah!
Thank you to the Nshei for sponsoring!

THANK
YOU

SAVE THE DATE!
The Nshei Tea is
scheduled for
February 3



Rabbi Kohn's 6th graders working on their Chanukah booklets



Rabbi Biller's 2nd grade making dreidel pancakes and enjoying it with ice cream!



Mrs. Trout's 1st graders coloring Chanukah Math color by numbers

The Yeshiva would like to extend heartfelt condolences to Rabbi Plotzker on the פטירה of his father, Mr. Mendy Plotzker z"l



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Daniel Beller, K1

Aryeh Golomb, 1st

Eitan Vilinsky, 4th

Zevy Koblick, 8th

Dani Broyde, 4th

Yedidya Cohen, K1

Mordechai Gold, 5th



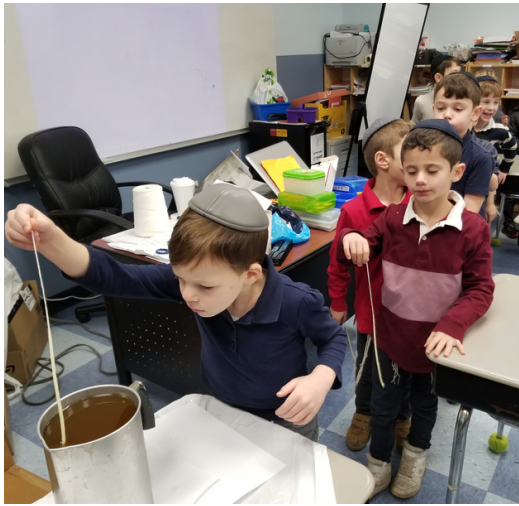
Dovi Leff putting on Tefillin for the first time at the Kosel this week!



Dovid Benjamin sitting at the neiros



Avram Hellman with the Menorah that he won from his Rebbe, Rabbi Lowy



Rabbi Myski's 1st grade making their own candle and clay dreidle for Chanuka



Rabbi Peikes' 8th grade's Chanuka Chagiga



Dancing together with the Talmidim saved from the bus fire last week.
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חסדי ה' כי לא תמנו



Fire safety at Ohr Reuven



Welcoming The Rosh Hayeshiva's grandchildren, Yoel and Netanel Rudinsky, who came from Eretz Yisroel for their uncle, Shalom's wedding.

MAZEL TOV!

Rosh Yeshiva & Rebbetzin on the upcoming chasuna of their son, Shalom! Eliyahu Halberthal on his Bar Mitzvah! Mr. & Mrs. Eli & Hadassah Karash (2nd grade assistant) on the birth of a baby girl! Zevy Koblick on his new niece!

מקץ

Attention Surplus Disorder

ויאמר יעקב לבניו למה תתראו

למה תתראו. למה תראו עצמכם בפני בני יִשְׁמָעֵאל וּבְנֵי עֵשָׂו כְּאִלּוּ אַתֶּם שְׂבִיעִים?

Why do you show yourselves (pretend) before the children of Ishmael and the children of Esau as though you have plenty to eat

- Taanis 10b

What kills a skunk is the publicity it gives itself.

-Abraham Lincoln

There is an oft repeated trope that there is no such thing as bad publicity. In the view of the popular adage, any time you can get your name out there, whether for good or for bad, it is all good. Jewish history might indicate that for the Jewish people, there is no such thing as good publicity.

When Yaakov speaks to his sons about the need to respond to the famine in the land by traveling to Egypt where there was food in storage, he tells them *lamah tisrauh*, why be visible? Yaakov referred narrowly to the food crisis in the land and the potential backlash for the Bnei Yisroel should they be seen as having what to eat while the rest of the population did not. However, Yaakov was in a broader sense, charging his children with a mandate for all time. *Lamah tisrauh*, why be visible? Yaakov understands that the Jewish people will always be better off if they stay out of the newspapers and out of the public eye. There is little to be gained by our being visible and plenty to be lost.

The Chofetz Chaim, in his classic work on *lashon hara* informs us that to speak well of someone in front of his adversary is also a form of *lashon hara*, as it guarantees a response that will deride the subject of the discussion. The same holds true for the Jewish people as a whole. Jews in the news for misdeeds cannot be a good thing for

the Jewish people. But, even Jews in the news for good deeds calls attention to the Jews in ways that can be dangerous and unsettling. All you need do is quickly peruse the comment section of any online story involving Israel or Jews and you'll know exactly what I mean.

There was a time, in the not too distant past, that we recognized the value of Jews staying out of the newspapers. That value seems to be lost. Jews, unfortunately are regularly in the news facing criminal charges for fraud, theft and misappropriation of funds. But, Jews are also in the news for fighting municipalities on building and zoning code issues or battling to put up an *eiruv*. And, although the Jews are in their right as part of a democratic society to assert and pursue their rights, we need to be very leery of finding ourselves in the headlines constantly.

We also are a very affluent community and very visible about our affluence. We live in fancy homes, drive expensive cars, and dress in the finest name-brand clothing. We rarely pause to consider that we may foment resentment among our neighbors by being so visible and conspicuous in our consumption. Yaakov *avinu* warned his children that when others around you are doing without, it is not a smart idea to flaunt your wealth. Whenever we have failed to

heed Yaakov's warning throughout our history,
we have paid the price.

The value of *lamah tisrauh*, why be visible, is one that has lapsed in transmission to coming generations. We have come a long way from the penniless immigrants who came to these shore simply happy to be alive. But, along the journey to our success, we have forgotten that the Jewish people are better off remaining under the radar. That is a value we must restore and transmit to our children. For the Jewish people, all publicity is bad publicity.



פרשת מקץ



This week's program שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום *is not yet sponsored*

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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

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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

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בס"ד

Lu. L. L. A. Y.



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