



# REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday  
January 1, 2024

Legal Holiday  
No Transportation  
Dismissal 1:00

Monday  
January 15, 2024

Dismissal K-8: 3:00PM  
General Studies Teacher  
In-Service

Wednesday  
January 24, 2024

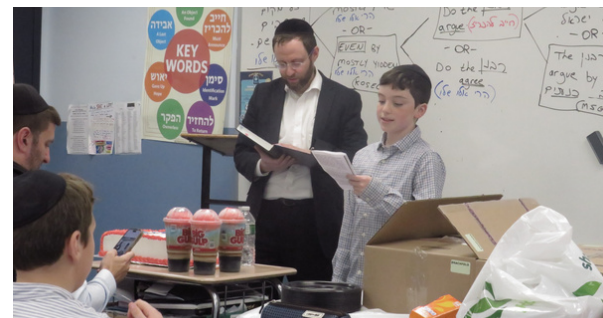
Dismissal K: 12:00  
P-8:12:30  
No Suffern Central  
Transportation

Thursday - Monday  
January 25-29, 2024

Mid-Winter Vacation  
K-8 No Sessions



Mazal tov Moshe Brachfeld on his siyum on  
Mishnayos Seder Moed!



Mazal Tov to the S'gan Rosh Yeshiva,  
Rabbi Brodie on his grandson, Dovi Brodie's  
upsherin



Shteiging in learning!

PLEASE CHECK THE  
LOST & FOUND FOR  
YOUR SON'S MISSING  
ITEMS!





Rabbi Biller's 2nd grade began learning Rashi letters!



7th & 8th grade Daf Yomi Week



Miss Mitzmann's 2nd grade making math fun and hands on with candy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dun Elhyani, 5th

Shmuel Meir Yablonsky, 1st



Sixth grade begins presenting their how-to/process paragraphs

## ויחי In the Middle

אפרים ומנשה כראובן ושמעון יהיו לי

Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine no less than Reuben and Simeon.

בני בנים הרי הם כבנים

grandchildren are considered like children

-Yevamos 62b

בני בנים הרי הם כבנים וסימנך לזה שאמר אפרים ומנשה כראובן ושמעון יהיו לי

- Shita Mekubetzes Kesuvos 72b

The reason grandparents and grandchildren get along so well is that they have a common enemy.

-Sam Levenson

All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players

- William Shakespeare, As You Like It, Act 2, scene 7

Have you noticed that something funny has gotten into our parents since they became grandparents? When we were kids, they were sticklers for rules. Now it seems there are no rules. When we were kids, we were subjected to strict bedtimes with barely an exception. Now, the same people who kept us in our beds after 7:30 every night, are keeping our kids out way past their bedtimes, even though we told them to be back. When we were young, you couldn't have a snack after 3:00 in the afternoon because "it will spoil your appetite for supper". Now, the same people who ruled us with an iron fist waltz our kids into the house at supper time with a Slurpee in one hand and an ice cream cone in the other. And, don't even get me started on the games, toys, and gifts we could never have that they shower on our kids. What gives?

Parenting is a serious job, and we very rightly take it seriously. Raising a child is an awesome responsibility, one that cannot be taken lightly. But, the best way to mess up a serious

responsibility is to take it too seriously. Lightening things up breaks tension and makes everything go more smoothly.

In the grand scheme of life and child rearing, many adults will play very important roles in our children's lives. We, the parents, have an obviously vital role. *Rebbeim*, teachers, counselors, neighbors, and friends will also influence how our children develop. But, perhaps the single most important adult relationship in our children's lives is their relationship with grandparents.

First, and foremost, those of us who have children fortunate enough to have grandparents who are part of their lives should pause for a moment and reflect on that blessing. Grandparents provide wisdom, experience, perspective, and patience that we, as young parents, may not have fully developed yet. But, they play an even more vital role in our children's emotional health.

Parents love their children unconditionally, but that doesn't mean that our relationship with them comes without conditions. We need to set expectations for and make demands of our children. We need to enforce those demands as well. That often pits us against our children. Who then can they turn to for complete unconditional love and support? That would be the grandparents!

When grandparents partner with grandchildren in crime and conspire against you, the responsible parent of your children, they are not undermining your *chinuch*. Just the opposite. They are providing you, the parent, the leeway to act as the responsible adult without worrying that your child might feel unloved or unsupported. If your worried about how being strict with your child might negatively affect his self-esteem, a little time in person or on Skype with a grandparent can assuage that concern.

So, if you think that your once strict and reasonable parents have lost their minds since becoming grandparents, don't fear. They are just playing their role on the stage that is life. In that state they'll help you so you can be free to raise your child the right way.



פרשת ויחי  
שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



*This week's program* שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

*is*

*not*

*yet*

*sponsored*

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

Please help support this wonderful program.

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

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

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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