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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday
February 11, 2024
5th grade
Hascholas Gemarah

Monday
February 19, 2024
No Transportation
Dismissal K-8: 1:00
Rebbeim & Teacher In-Service

Tuesday
February 20, 2024
No Suffern Central
Transportation



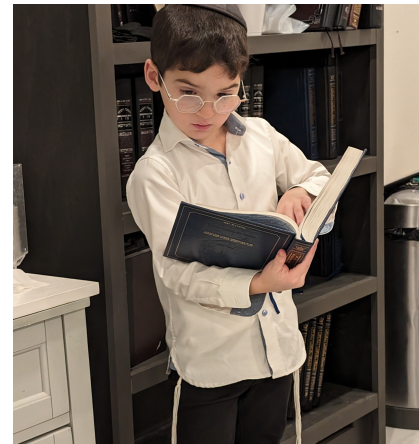
Rabbi Rawicki giving out black and white cookies encouraging Talmidim to learn day & night during vacation



1st grade celebrating the completion of their 1st math book



Hillel Frankel & Mordechai Amsel learning over vacation!



Eli Brody in 3rd grade looking up a posuk while learning with his father.

MESIVTA



Menachem Kurkus giving an Iyun Chaburah to the 12th Grade Shiur



Talmidim discussing a halachah shailah with Rabbi Ringel

This week!

Nshei Tea
Motzei Shabbos!



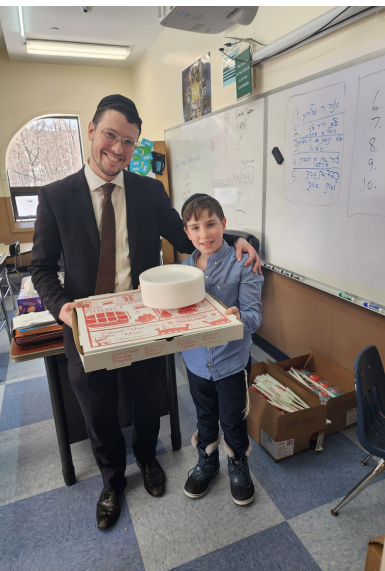
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Chinuch for Life



Mrs. Gendel's 3rd graders on a noun scavenger hunt in the school library



Dani Friedman's birthday



Aryeh Rosenfeld's Personalized Sign for Mrs. Radzik's Door

MAZEL TOV!

Micha Norowitz on the birth of his baby brother!

Gavi Babani on the birth of his niece!

Daniel & Rephael Levi on the birth of their baby brother Aron!

NEW THIS YEAR: In addition to parents being able to purchase tickets for the Rebbe prizes, talmidim can also earn extra Rebbe prize tickets from their rebbe the next few days before the tea. **Mothers, please check with their sons if they earned any tickets to be brought to the tea.**



Rabbi Prupas' 7th grade went to AIR Rock gym in Albany as a reward for the boys who chazered the entire Perek Hakoneis **18 TIMES**
That is **126 DAF!** Wow!!!



K1 cutting their shivas haminim in honor of Tu B'Shvat

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Avraham Peikes, 7th

Zechariah Singer, 1st

Elisha Kohn, 2nd

Retzufos Program • • • • •

Last Wednesday after dismissal and at the start of Mid-Winter vacation, a group of over 30 6th-8th graders stayed in Yeshiva to learn for two hours non-stop! Thank you to the Book family for sponsoring and all the Rebbeim and lomdim for making such a great seder!!



PARENT FEEDBACK:

Just wanna let you know that my son came back from the program on cloud 9. He really enjoyed it - and not just the food. Love that the Yeshiva does this!

יתרו

The First Rebbe

כה תאמר לבית יעקב ותגיד לבני ישראל

Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob and declare to the children of Israel:

כה תאמר. בְּלִשׁוֹן הַזֶּה וְכַסְדָּר הַזֶּה:
לבית יעקב. אֵלֹה הַנָּשִׁים, תֹּאמַר לָהֶן בְּלִשׁוֹן רַכָּה (מכילתא):
ותגיד לבני ישראל. עֲנִשִּׁין וְדִקְדּוּקִים פָּרַשׁ לְזָכָרִים, דְּבָרִים הַקָּשִׁין בְּגִידִין (שבת פ"ז):

THUS SHALT THOU SAY — Thus, i. e. in this language (cf. Mekhilta d'Rabbi Yishmael 19:3) and in this order.

TO THE HOUSE OF JACOB — This denotes the women — to them you shall speak in gentle language (Mekhilta d'Rabbi Yishmael 19:3).

AND TELL THE CHILDREN (lit., the sons) OF ISRAEL — explain to the men the punishments and the details of the commandments in words that are as hard (distasteful) as wormwood (גִּידִין) (cf. Shabbat 87a; Midrash טוב טעם).

A child's first teacher is its mother.

- Peng Liyuan

The image that we have in our minds of *matan Torah* is that of a nation as one, standing at the base of the mountain receiving the Law from Hashem in unison. However, Rash"i indicates that there was not only a discrepancy in timing at *matan Torah*, but a difference in content as well. Based on the *Mekhilta*, Rash"i tells us that the Torah was first given to the women, and only afterwards was it brought to the men. In addition, Rash"i explains that the content of the message was tailored for the women to be softer in tone, while the harsher realities were saved for the men. What would prompt the division in the giving of the Torah?

Rabbeinu Yonah in the *Iggeres HaTeshuva* on day 6 has a beautiful understanding of the nature and meaning of the hierarchy by *matan Torah*. The mother is the first line in our battle to pass on the *mesorah* to future generations. She

is the one who sends her children off to Yeshiva, she is there to warmly greet the child when he returns home at the end of the day, and she encourages her children to engage in Torah study. The mother guards her child from *bitul Torah*, and makes the Torah sweet and wonderful in the eyes of the child. It is the mother, Rabbeinu Yonah explains, who bear primary responsibility for transmitting Torah and faith.

The *possuk* by *matan Torah* is essentially offering us a framework for how we will successfully pass on Torah to future generations. The process of transfer begins in the hands of the Jewish mother who will bring her children to Torah in the soft tones of the beauty and pleasure of Torah and *mitzvos*. Only after the child has absorbed his mother's message and become cognizant of the immutability of the Torah will

his father come in to the picture to deliver the harsher realities that come along as well.

Rabbeinu Yonah offers us a beautiful paradigm for *chinuch habonim*. The way to get a child to “buy in” to Torah and *mitzvos* is not through the threats of the harm that may befall him should he not conform. That has never won anybody over. Children are brought to Torah by *lashon racha*, the soft and beautiful language of the beauty and value of Torah and a Torah lifestyle.

Imagine for a moment that you are seated on a plane next to an unaffiliated Jew who is curious about Judaism. You recognize your opportunity for *kiruv rechokim* and decide to engage him in conversation, and he asks you to explain what Shabbos is about. What is your response? Do you explain the fact that there are 39 prohibited categories of labor with myriad subcategories and the violation of those categories will earn you a painful death by stoning? I would hope that’s not your best sales pitch for Shabbos.

Instead, you likely talk about the beauty of Shabbos. You focus on the tranquility, the ability to disconnect, the good food shared with family and friends over a festive table and the time to slow down look people in the eye and engage in real-meaningful conversation. That’s the way to sell Shabbos. If your guest is further curious, he will continue to explore and may even, one day, reach the point of learning the laws and punishments of Shabbos. But start with that and you’ve ended before you have started.

We are all in the *kiruv* business. Our job is to be *mekarev* our children. Every child is a kid at risk, for they are all born absent any knowledge of and commitment to Judaism. Our job is to educate them. What we teach them will become what they teach others as we transfer the *mesorah* down the line. The Torah gave us the blueprint. Let’s follow it, softly.



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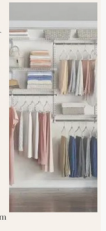
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2 FREE BLUE NOTE PRIZES (10 WINNERS)

RABBI GOTTLIEB:
FREE SLURPEE (2 WINNERS)

MRS. PLOTZKER:
LUNCH AND DESSERT PLUS STORY TIME WITH MORAH SHANI (ONE WINNER FROM EACH CLASS)

MRS. LEIBOVIC
LUNCH WITH MRS. LEIBOVIC FROM HAVA JAVA

RABBI MYSKI - GRADE 1
REBBI'S HELPER FOR THE DAY (5 WINNERS)

RABBI BILLER - GRADE 2
FREE TEST PASS (5 WINNERS)
EXTRA SHABBOS TREAT (5 WINNERS)
FREE HOMEWORK PASS (5 WINNERS)
REBBI'S HOMEWORK STAMPER (2 WINNERS)

RABBI HOROWITZ - GRADE 3

FREE MILK SHAKE
5 FREE REBBI DOLLARS
FREE HOMEWORK (PASS)
FREE PRIZE FROM PRIZE STORE
REBBI'S SCROLLER FOR ONE DAY

RABBI LOWY - GRADE 4
AN OVERNIGHT KUGEL FOR THE CLASS!
PICK A PRIZE FROM REBBI'S PRIZE BAG (5 WINNERS)

RABBI ROBINSON - GRADE 5
2 MA'AH COIN AND HOMEWORK PASS

RABBI KOHN - GRADE 6
2 GOLD COINS (3 WINNERS)
SPIN THE WHEEL (3 WINNERS)

RABBI PRUPAS - GRADE 7
GAME OF HORSE WITH REBBI
HOT COCOA IN CLASS (3 WINNERS)
NIGHT OFF HOMEWORK (3 WINNERS)
CHANGE MORNING SONG TO SONG OF BOY'S CHOICE (1 DAY)

RABBI PEIKES - GRADE 8
5 SCRATCH OFF TICKETS
HOT COCOA (5 WINNERS)
MAKE YOUR OWN CASE CHASE GAME
HALF HOUR CHAVRUSA TIME WITH REBBI

RABBI PLOTZKER - GRADES 1-8
1 COLD CAN OF SODA FOR FOUR WEEKS (4 WINNERS)



פרשת יתרו



This week's program שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

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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

To sponsor a פרשה
please contact Rabbi Plotzker.

First

Last

Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

!!WEEKLY PRIZES!!

- ☐ 1st Grade – 5 פסוקים
- ☐ 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
