

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday March 11, 2024

YK Carnival Day

Thursday March 21, 2024

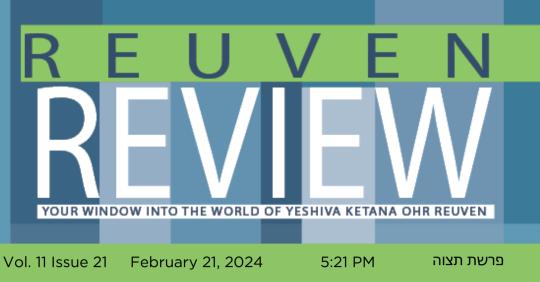
Taanis Esther Dismissal K: 12:00, P-8:12:30 No Suffern Central Transportation

Friday March 22, 2024

YK Dress Up Day

Sunday -Monday March 24-25 2024

Purim & Shushan Purim No Sessions



Mazal Tov to our Menahel, Rabbi & Mrs. Rawicki on the upcoming chasuna of their daughter!



The Kedusha Warrior Program is in full force! 7th and 8th graders enjoying a trip to American Dream Big Snow Ski in recognition of their continuing sensitivity to Shmiras Einayim.







Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade class worked hard to earn a well-deserved snowtubing trip! Each boy in the class reviewed all the gemara they learned this year at least 5 times. The class as a whole reviewed more than **1500** amudim of Gemara, on their own spare time!



Aryeh Brodie celebrating a Siyum on מסכת מגילה



Avromi Frommer making a siyum at Thursday Night Mishmor

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Mr. Freedman's 5th grade leagues



Rabbi Horowitz's 3rd grade dancing after the completion of פרשת וישב



Rabbi Lowy's 4th grade making a siyum on Parshas Yisro

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Moshe Tzvi Grohman, 7th Yosef Friedman, 7th Benny Neuhauser, 6th Moshe Chezkel Katz, 1st



Morah Bracha's P2 in a number line





Eli Brody learning shnayim mikra at avos ubonim

Davey Schiller and Dovid Renzoni being treated out to Rita's for finishing a פרק משניות



Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade class being part of the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation film.

MAZEL TOV!

Huda Frances upon his sister's engagement!





תצוה

Channeling

וְאַתָּׁה תְּצַוֶּה וֹ אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵׁל וְיִקְחוּ אֵלֶירְ שֶׁמֶן זַיִת זֶךְ כָּתָית לַמָּאֲוֹר לְהַעֲלָת גָר תָּמִיד:

You shall further instruct the Israelites to bring you clear oil of beaten olives for lighting, for kindling lamps regularly.

נראה, דהנה היצר הרע מפתה לאדם לאיזה תאות רעות ואהבה רעה ורוצה להפסיק האדם מעבודת הבורא אך התקנה לשבר אותו ולהעלות כל המחשבות וכל התאות אל הקדושה לעבודת הבורא ברוך הוא ...וזהו שאמר הכתוב ואתה תצוה וגו' ויקחו אליך שמן זית זך, רצה לומר שתראה להעלות הכל כל המחשבות דהם נכללים באותיות דהם כ"ז אתוון הם אותיות ז"ך. כתית, רצה לומר אותן האותיות אשר הם כתותים ושבורים. למאור, שצריך הצדיק להעלות ולמשוך להם הארה של קדושה...

It is the tzaddik's challenge to sublimate all those thoughts that could so easily have led him astray instead of confirming him in his pursuit of 'קרבות ה', close affinity to Hashem...

Kedushas Levi

Try to look at your weakness and convert it into your strength. That's success.

Zig Ziglar

Children exhibit a wide range of natural talents, abilities, and behaviors. Some of those behaviors we want to nurture and encourage. Others, not so much. One of the keys to parenting is to recognize that attempting to put a stop to negative behaviors or actions is rarely successful. When you attempt to suppress behaviors that you do not like in your children, those behaviors will simply be shifted to other places where, while we might not see them, they may be just as bad, if not worse.

Rav Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev informs us that the *yetzer hara* is always trying to get us off track with foreign thoughts and desires. It is not the job of the *tzadik* to quash and destroy those desires. Rather, it is the job of the *tzadik* to take those thoughts and desires and to channel them in the service of *Hashem*.

Rav Tzadok Hakohen of Lublin offers a similar comment on the well-known *gemara* at the end

of maseches Sotah. The gemara there tells us that on the heels of the arrival of Mashiach, *chutzpah*, brazenness will be abundant. Rav Tzadok says that we should channel that brazenness toward the service of Hashem, and be bold and brazen in carrying out the *mitzvos*.

In a similar vein, Rav Yerucham Levovitz the famed *Mirrer mashgiach* used to note that the Hebrew word for character traits is *middos*, which translates as measures. Rav Yerucham explained that all character traits can be good, they just have to be measured out properly. Like ingredients in a recipe, some character traits are sweet and good, and are to be measured in abundance, while others are fiercely sharp and strong, and should be carefully doled out in the smallest of measures.

When we look at our children's strengths and weaknesses in character traits, we need to figure out how those weaknesses can be used as Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

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strengths. What good can the child accomplish through a natural tendency that now hinders his success? Is the child loud? Is he quick to anger? Is he inattentive? Hyperactive? So many of these "weaknesses" in the narrow space in which we box in our children at school and at home aren't weaknesses at all, but strengths that simply need the right setting in which to be nourished.

When we have found the proper way for our children to channel their behaviors, we then need to teach and guide them how to do so. That takes time and patience on our part and theirs. But it is well worth the while. Someone was smart enough to encourage Thomas Edison to keep daydreaming, and he lit up the world. Let's encourage our children to use their natural talents, abilities, and inclinations to accomplish great and wonderful things.

