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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Nshei Tea

Motzei Shabbos

February 3rd



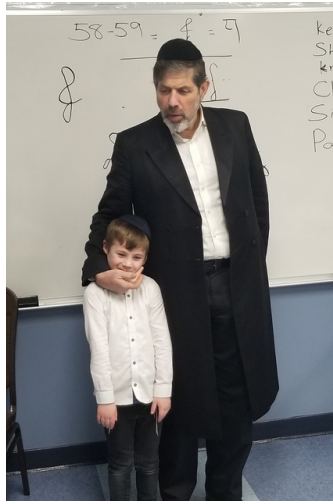
Master Story-teller Rabbi Eli Scheller launched the YKOR Brochos program for grades 1 - 8



YKOR parents, Mr. Weitzman, Mr. Zlotnick, and Mr. Voss presenting their personal *daf yomi* experience with the 7th and 8th graders.



7th and 8th graders reviewing פרק הכונס on the same week that the *daf yomi* was doing the same *perek*



The Rosh HaYeshiva speaking at his grandson, Yakov Drillman's *siyum* on *mishnayos maseches brachos*



K1 protected from *makas bechoros* because of the blood on the doorposts

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Moshe Rothman, 2nd Rafi Weinraub, 4th
Tzvi Margaretten, K2 Jj Zlotnick, 1st

MAZEL TOV!

Akiva Weinraub on his Bar Mitzvah!

PARENT FEEDBACK!

- We were so happy to hear Yeshiva was open at 10 and not later! I was happy to drive our Tzadik-snow should not cancel *limud haTorah!* Thank you so much.
- Rabbi Rawicki, I'm really happy to say that the past few bar mitzvahs have been so *b'taam*. My son reported how much they feel like a proper bar mitzvah and not a party, and he appreciated that. The parent of the bar mitzvah boy has shared some videos of the boys from last night and I was very gratified to see the atmosphere. The boys were mature, singing and dancing in a refined but *leibedic* fashion.



Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade's beautiful Eretz Yisroel projects



7th & 8th grade Kedusha Warriors, AKA technology awareness program, having a great time at BOUNCE, enjoying a trip as part of the many features of the program.



1st graders playing in the snow



Breakfast special for *siyumim* on *maseches sanhedrin* and *makkos*, learning at the pre-shacharis Mishnayos program



Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade having a *siyum*. Their 2nd grade rebbe, Rabbi Weissman addressed them from Detroit via zoom (we miss him)



Miss Schwartz's math groups working on their multiplication skills using fun activities!



6th grader Yitzzy Friedman's volcano model in the enrichment program



Morah Tova's Kindergarten class dressed as *leitzanim* (clowns) for *lamed*

בא

Choose Wisely

וכל בכור אדם בבניך תפדה

And you must redeem every first-born male among your children.

מאי בעית טפי, ליתן לי בןך בכורך, שְהוא פֶטֶר רַחֵם לְאִמּוֹ, אוּ בְעִית לְפָדוֹתוֹ בְּעֵד חֲמֵשׁ סְלָעִים כְּדִמְחִיבָתָּ מִדְּאוּרֵי־יִתְאֵ:
What do you want more, to give me your son, your firstborn ... or do you want to redeem him for five *selaim* as you are obligated from the Torah?

- Seder *pidyon Ha-ben*

All great change in America begins at the dinner table.

- Ronald Reagan

In one of the volumes of the *v'ha'arev na*, Rav Zilberstein brings a tragic story that occurred at a *pidyon ha-ben*. Sadly, the mother of the *bechor* who was to be redeemed died soon after childbirth, and the distraught father did not feel himself capable of raising the child. When the *Kohen* asked the father if he would prefer to pay his five *sela* to redeem his son, or if he would prefer the *Kohen* keep him, the father replied that the *Kohen* should keep the child. Rav Zilberstein discusses whether the father really has the option of leaving the child with the *Kohen* and concludes that he does not. If not, why ask the question to begin with?

The *Baal Shem Tov* explains that the question posed by the *Kohen* to the father is not about the immediate transaction of the *pidyon*, but is a broader challenge that the *Kohen* is posing to the father of this newborn. Throughout this child's youth, there will be myriad instances where the father is faced with the choice between work and family, between spending more time with his children, and spending time closing more deals, seeing more clients, or finishing more jobs. It is those moments that the *Kohen* refers to now, at the moment of *pidyon haben*. When faced with those challenges, consider: what do you want more, your money or your son?

Our society places great financial pressure on every family. A *frum* lifestyle is expensive, and housing in *frum* communities is exorbitantly expensive. The financial pressures that we face often encroach on our time with our children. But, we need to carefully weigh each of those moments and steal as much time as we can for our children. Far too often, we rationalize that we are spending time at work in order to afford all the stuff that our children want, instead of realizing that what our children really want is our time and our attention.

There was a fabulous editorial in the New York Times in May 2018, written by a young man who had just graduated Yale University. He described the horrors of his early life, having been abandoned by his birth father, given up for adoption by his birth mother, and raised in foster care. When he was finally adopted by a family, his adoptive mother and father divorced and the adoptive father abandoned him. So, what saved him? His mother remarried and they ate dinner together each night as a family. They would sit down together, the parents would ask him how was school, and he would respond in the typical, monosyllabic grunts of the teenager. But,

despite the grunts, the together time was invaluable and helped set him on the right path.

Numerous studies have shown that sitting down to dinner together, as a family, can prevent substance abuse, depression, and other ails of adolescence. Children who have the attention and time of their parents will do much better.

For many of us, the thought of sitting down to dinner nightly as a family is pure fantasy, as the demands of our jobs make it all but impossible. We are blessed, however, with Shabbos. Shabbos is designed for family time and time spent with our children. Our Shabbos *seudos* are so valuable in giving our children our undivided attention, that we should be very hesitant to give up that time for social obligations.

I had the *zchus* to be *menachem avel* to the family of Rabbi Ralph Pelcovitz *zt"l*. Rabbi Pelcovitz was the *rov* of the White Shul in Far Rockaway, a giant of the American Orthodox rabbinate who battled the influence of conservative and reform at a time when it seemed they would dominate American Jewry. At that *shiva* house, his daughter told me that the entire time the children were growing up, every time someone invited Rabbi Pelcovitz and his Rebbetzin to join them for lunch at a Shabbos *simcha*, Rabbi Pelcovitz would respond, "I'd love to join you for your *simcha*, but first I am going to eat lunch with my family and then we will join you afterwards." That is what he did. They would have lunch together as a family, and the family knew that they were their father's number one priority.

What do we want more?



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JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

NSHEI TEA & AUCTION



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נפשותיכם

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BODY
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& SOUL
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MOTZEI SHABBOS,
FEBRUARY 3, 2024
AT 8:30PM

AT THE HOME OF
MICHELLE & LEVI MULLER
17 DEERWOOD ROAD

WORDS OF INSPIRATION
FROM YKOR PARENT,
DR. MALKY MAYERFELD



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והגית בו יומם ולילה

We Never Go On Vacation From Torah



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YKOR Grades 6-8

RETZUFOS LEARNING PROGRAM!

THIS WEDNESDAY!

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Retzufos Learning

2:30 Minchah

2:45 Pick up

Please R.S.V.P. by sending and email to office@ohrreuven.com

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This week's program שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום *is sponsored as a zechus*

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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!**

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