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פרשת חיי שרה

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday
November 10, 2023

Dismissal K-8 12:30
No Transportation

Sunday
November 12, 2023

3rd grade Hascholas
Mishnayos

Sunday
November 19, 2023

1st grade Hascholas
Chumash

Thursday
November 23, 2023

Dismissal K-8: 1:00
Rebbeim In-Service
No Transportation

Friday
November 24, 2023

Dismissal K-8: 12:30
No Transportation



YKOR Talmidim at the Front:

Packing boxes for 24/7- Shabbos in a bag, saying תהלים for
אחינו כל בית ישראל, writing letters to the soldiers in Eretz Yisroel...

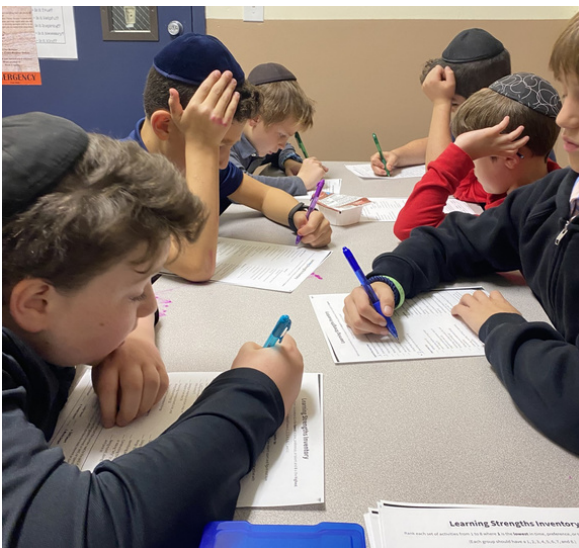




The Rebbeim would like to thank our amazing and dedicated menahel, Rabbi Rawicki and the chashuve parents for enabling us to be inspired and having an amazing experience at the Torah Umesora convention. May our talmidim be the real beneficiaries of your mesiras nefesh! Thank you!



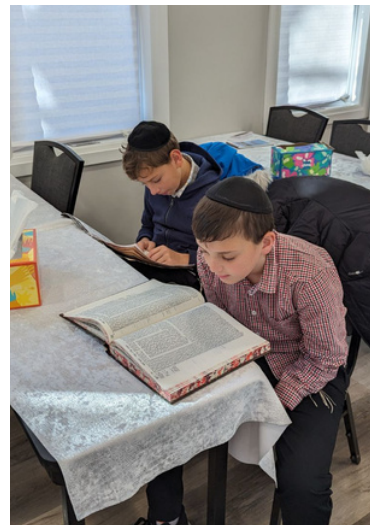
Rabbi Peikes with the 8th graders at RJFL



5th graders completing a Learning Strengths Inventory



Mazal Tov! Rabbi Prupas making a siyum on the entire Seder Nashim



Even though there was no Yeshiva on Friday, Rabbi Prupas' class really wanted to get together in a shul to learn their regular Friday Frenzy.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Daniel Ben Shlomo, 6th
Akiva Dembitzer, 8th
Dovi Kaplovitz, 6th
Michael Katz, 4th
Elimelech Sternbuch, 5th
Yitzy Wolf, 3rd



R' Zev Leff speaking to the 7th & 8th Grade talmidim in light of the matzav in Eretz Yisroel, encouraging our talmidim to be spiritual soldiers.



P-2 making fruits and vegetable kabobs in honor of the חשון that falls in גשם



The staff daycare holding up their projects they made for the פרשה

PARENT FEEDBACK:

- As we were about to leave the convention, we were lucky enough to bump into all of the boys' Rebbeim. It was a really special experience for us as parents and for our boys to be able to spend Shabbos with the Ohr Reuven Rebbeim and their wives! I'm not sure who was more excited—my kids to have their Rebbeim there or the Rebbeim to have their Talmidim! The camaraderie amongst our Rebbeim was palpable by all who observed them together.



Nshei is looking for Rosh Chodesh sponsors, if you would like to sponsor please reach out to Mrs. Needelman at 845-494-2360



Rabbi Horowitz's 3rd grade dancing and singing פרק לג סימן טוב ומזל טוב as they finished

פרשת חיי שרה

Loss and Found

ויבא אברהם לספד לשרה ולבכנה

Avrohom proceeded to mourn for Sarah and to bewail her.

ונ"ל עוד כי היה הכתוב ראוי שיאמר ויבא אברהם ויצחק לספוד לשרה ולבכותה, כי בודאי ראוי היה יצחק לספוד לאמו הצדקת ולבכות עליה, שהרי החיוב בו גדול מאד יותר ממה שהוא באברהם, ועוד שהיא אהבתו אהבה יתרה שילדה אותו על דרך הפלא, והיתה נפשה קשורה בנפשו.

אבל יתכן לומר שלא ידע יצחק באותו הפרק שמתה אמו, כי לפי שמיתתה היתה בשבילו בשמועת העקדה, על כן העלימו ממנו מיתתה ולא הגידו לו. ומן הטעם הזה לא ראינו שיזכירנו הכתוב ליצחק כלל לא במיתתה ולא בקבורתה

It seems to me, as well, that it would have been fit to write "and Avrohom and Yitzchok came to eulogize Sarah and to cry for her," for it was certainly appropriate for Yitzchok to eulogize his righteous mother and to mourn for her, for the obligation was far greater upon him than upon Avrohom. Also, she loved him greatly as she bore him miraculously and her soul was bound in his.

But, it is possible to say that Yitzchok did not know at that time that his mother had died. Since her death was due to him in the news of the Akeidah, they therefore hid her death from him and did not inform him. It is for that reason that we do not see the *possuk* mentioning Yitzchok at all, not in connection with her death, nor with her burial.

- Rabbeinu Bachya

טוֹב לָלֶכֶת אֶל-בֵּית-אָבִל מִלִּכְתּוֹת אֶל-בֵּית מִשְׁתֵּה בְּאִשְׁרָה הוּא סוֹף כָּל-הָאָדָם וְהָיָה יָתֵן אֶל-לְבָבוֹ:

- Koheles 7:2

"You never regret going to a funeral"

Meghan Leahy, The Washington Post, November 8, 2017

Where was Yitzchok? It's a rather obvious question and yet it is rarely addressed, simply because the question is ignored by the classical commentators on the page of the *chumash*. Where was Yitzchok?

The Torah tells us of the death of Sarah *Imeinu* and of Avraham's mourning and eulogizing her. It also tells us of the struggle that Avrohom endured in trying to provide his wife the proper burial. Does Yitzchok play a role in any of this? Was he actively involved in the

burial? Did he eulogize his mother? If he did, why is his name so conspicuously absent from the story?

Rabbeinu Bachya offers that Yitzchok is not mentioned because he was, in fact, not there. He did not take part in the funeral services or the burial of his mother. He did not participate because he did not know that she had died. And, he was not informed that she had died because her death was a direct result of the *Akeidah*, and there was concern that the news of her death would be more than he could bear.

Death is traumatic, and there are often circumstances where news of a death is properly concealed from a loved one in order to shield him or her from the trauma. A death in the family is traumatic for all, and can be very unsettling for a child. When death does visit, parents often struggle with how to deal with the children. What should they tell them? Should children go to the funeral? The cemetery? What about a *shiva* visit?

Children are comfortable in routine and predictability. Instability is destabilizing in a child's life, and more so in some children than in others. Except in cases of sudden, unexpected tragedy, the days, weeks and months leading up to the death of a family member are often filled with instability and lack of familiar routine as family members rally around the ill relative. In that time period, it is important to do as much as possible to keep children's routines as normal and regular as they can be. If parents can arrange to be home for children's arrival from school and/or for bedtime and schedule hospital visits in between, that is great. If they cannot, they should elicit help from friends, neighbors, family, and Bais Yaakov girls in need of *chessed* hours who can keep the children regular in their schedules, their school work and their routines.

Children are all too aware when something is amiss, and their anxiety only grows when they are left in the dark. If you are dealing with a crisis, and your child is old enough to recognize that something is wrong, let

the child know, on his or her level, what is happening. Offer and encourage the child to visit a loved one who is ill, preparing the child properly for what he will see and experience. Be prepared to patiently and matter-of-factly address your child's questions and concerns. Children have a lot to ask as they try to make sense of the world around them.

Know your child. If he or she is prone to anxiety or has suffered stress from prior trauma, then it probably makes more sense for the child not to go. Have that conversation with the child, and explain what is happening and why their visit might not be advised.

If a loved one passes away, parents are often confused about what to do with young children and funerals. Some helpful guidelines:

Children who are too young to grasp what is happening should be left in the care of a competent sitter. Bringing them along is a source of distraction and tension in an already difficult situation.

Older children who are aware, should be prepared properly for what will happen at a funeral and should be given the opportunity to attend if they desire. Funerals provide closure, comfort, and a structure for response to death for adults, and children are at least as emotionally in need as the adults in their lives.

Parents who are dealing with the loss of a more distant relative (a great-aunt or uncle, or perhaps the parent's own grandparent) may have the mental space to be able to attend their child's needs during the course of a funeral. When a parent is dealing with his or her own overwhelming grief, it is impossible for that parent to find the mental space to attend the child's needs. In that case, assign to the child a trusted adult with whom your child is comfortable for the duration of the funeral. This should be someone whom your child trusts and whom you can trust to stay by the child's side, to patiently explain to the child what is happening and to answer the child's questions. Do not leave a child to fend for him or herself at a funeral. It is simply too frightening, too foreign and too

overwhelming for the child to be able to process. And, once again, know your child. If the child will be better off staying home, then that is the correct path. But, try to avoid projecting your own fears and insecurities on the child and concentrate on what will be best for him or her in the long run.

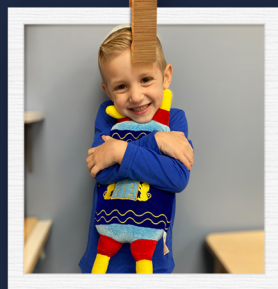
For children under ten years, the funeral is sufficient and the cemetery is probably beyond their capacity. Have a trusted adult take the child back from the funeral and let the child know exactly what will be happening with the *niftar*. Explain, in child-friendly terms, concepts of the body and soul and *shomayim* and *gan eden*. Sometimes the child may insist on going to the cemetery as well. Weigh the decision carefully and clearly explain to the child what will transpire at the cemetery. If the child will fare better being able to see the burial for himself, bring him and his trusted adult along. When in doubt, the rule of thumb should be to leave children under ten out of the burial process.

Older children should be brought to the cemetery, to see, hear and understand the process. They need to be trained and educated to take part in all of life's rituals and to become comfortable with them. Here too, there are exceptions where a particularly anxious older child would best be left at home. The rule of thumb with children over the age of *bar-mitzvah* is, when in doubt, encourage them to come, but never force. Once again, if you are occupied, make sure there is a trusted adult, even for older children.

Children who are old enough to sit respectfully should be brought to be *menachem avel*. It is an important part of *chinuch* as they learn how to take an active part in one of the most essential *chessed* rituals within our society. Here too, prepare the child as to the procedures, protocols, *halachos*, and structure of a *shiva* house. There is no need for children to have a prolonged visit, and often a short visit is recommended.

In the aftermath of death and burial, be open and honest with your child about your own feelings. It is important for children to see that sadness and grief are normal and are OK. Help your child cope and deal with the grief that he is feeling. Check in with your child to see how he or she is feeling and monitor the child to see that he is able to return to the normal routine of life. If you are concerned that your child needs to talk to someone, tap into the resources in the community and get the child the professional help that he or she needs.

Part of our job as parents is to balance the need to protect our children from trauma with the need to prepare them to cope with trauma. The way of the world is such that death is a part of life, and we need to serve in our capacity as parents, training our children for that contingency, even while dealing with our own trauma and pain. Avrohom did so with Yizchok, and we must do the same.



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בס"ד

QUESTION OF THE DAY

ONE RAFFLE TICKET PER QUESTION ANSWERED!

Answers should be written on Q.O.D. cards and placed in mailbox outside office.

QUESTIONS ON פרשת חיי שרה!!!

- 1) How old was שָׂרָה אֵמִינוּ when she was נִפְטָרָה?
- 2) What was the name of the person whom מֵעֶרֶת הַמִּכְפֵּלָה אֲבִיהֶם אֵבִינוּ bought the מֵעֶרֶת הַמִּכְפֵּלָה from?
- 3) Name the 4 pairs of people buried in the מֵעֶרֶת הַמִּכְפֵּלָה.
- 4) What were the names of רַבֵּקָה אֵמִינוּ's father and brother?
- 5) What תַּפִּלָּה was יִצְחָק אֲבִינוּ davening when רַבֵּקָה אֵמִינוּ arrived?
- 6) How old was אֲבִיהֶם אֵבִינוּ when he was נִפְטָר?

WINNERS FROM פרשת וירא!!!

Gavi Voss
Coby Spitz
Mordy Gold
Izzy Golumb

Eliyahu Rothman
Moshe Weisberg
Avraham Hellman
Meir Leib Munfner



פרשת חיי שרה
שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



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

To sponsor a פרשה
please contact Rabbi Plotzker.
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