



# REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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4:30 PM

פרשת וארא

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sunday  
February 11, 2024

5th grade  
Hascholas Gemarah



Rabbi Horowitz's 3rd grade making a  
Siyum on פרשת וישלח



K1 learning hands on about the  
makos



Rabbi Peikes' 8th grade on their  
davening reward trip



Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade watching  
a special video presentation for  
Rav Gifter zt"l yartzeit



Thank you to the Nshei for the Rosh  
chodesh treats!



Number sense using 10 Frames  
and Stickers with Mrs. Radzik

SAVE THE DATE!  
Nshei Tea  
February 3rd

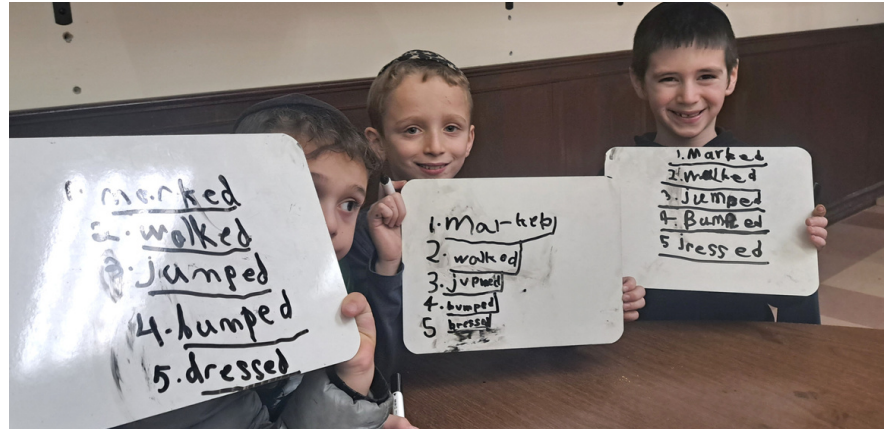




In the snow!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tzvi Dunner, 6th  
Aryeh Dovid Kurtz, 4th  
Davey Schiller, 3rd  
Eli Wassner, 4th



Miss Mitzmann's 2nd grade learned suffix 'ed'



Mr. Freedman's class having fun in math.

## MAZEL TOV!

Pinny Needleman on the birth of his nephew!  
Eliyahu Margulies on his Bar Mitzvah!  
Moshe Zlotnick on his Bar Mitzvah!  
Dovi Leff on his Bar Mitzvah!  
Meir Zisman (YK alumnus) on his engagement to Jenna Grossman!  
Ari Zisman on his brother's engagement!  
Morah Minya Bessler on her wedding!  
Tzvi & Benny Nuehauser on the birth of their nephew!

## וארא

### In No Mood to Listen

וידבר משה כן אל-בני ישראל ולא שמעו אל-משה מקצר רוח ומעבדה קשה

But when Moses told this to the Israelites, they would not listen to Moses, their spirits crushed by cruel bondage.

רבי שמעון בן אלעזר אומר, אל תרצה את חברך בשעת כעסו

Rabbi Shimon ben Elazar says: Do not assuage the anger of your friend at the time of his anger;

Avos 4:18

אל תרצה את חברך בשעת כעסו כי לא יועיל ולא יתרצה ואולי יוסיף על חטאתו פשע ויכעוס יותר

Because it won't help and he will not be appeased and perhaps he will add to his sin by becoming angrier

- Midrash Shmuel on Avos

When you're feeling tired or sad, hills actually look steeper

- Inverse.com December 24, 2015

A growing body of psychological research indicates that our emotional state has a direct impact on how our senses perceive the world. The novel concept of this research is that our mood doesn't just affect how we interpret what we see or hear, it actually affects what we see and hear!

We tend to think of our sense of sight as basically a camera that is constantly taking in images of the world around us, exactly as they appear, for our brains to do what they will with those images. Likewise, we think of our hearing as a recording device that picks up all the sounds around us and transmits them to our brains, as is. This body of research reveals that our eyes and ears are tied to our mental state, and we will actually see and hear things differently depending on our mood.

The emotional state of the *b'nei Yisroel* after the increased demands by Paroh does not allow them to attend to the same information which they were able to hear earlier. It's not simply

that they refuse to listen, or choose fear and hopelessness over the chance for redemption. It is that they are now in an emotional state that makes it impossible for them to hear anything else.

The *Mishna* in Avos cautions us that if we try to address a person's state of anger while he is still angry, that attempt will fail, and may even make things worse. When one is agonizing in the immediate aftermath of the death of a loved one, that would not be a time to offer words of comfort. We cannot force people's emotional states, but must allow them the time and space to become emotionally capable of listening.

What is true for adults is doubly true for children. Kids are ruled by emotion in much greater measure than adults. The prefrontal cortex of the brain that acts as the logic and reason check on our limbic system, the seat of our emotions, does not fully develop until adulthood. Children are far less capable than adults of getting hold of

their emotions and using reason to control those emotions.

What does that mean for parents? Many times, parents find themselves dealing with a child in an excited emotional state (think child in tantrum mode) and the parent wants to resolve the issue, or at least control the behavior. Because of that, parents will often resort to an ever increasing series of threats, punishments, and consequences to no avail. When the child is not emotionally ready to listen, any threat we make or consequence we impose is only going to further frustrate and anger the child, not resolve the issue.

What should one do? Give the child time and space to calm himself down. Do what you can to help soothe the child (saying “calm down” has never calmed anyone down). Sometimes, something as simple as getting the child a glass of water will help shift his focus and calm him down. Be the voice of calm and reason and he will reflect your emotional state. Just remember, when your child is in a poor emotional state, the hills of life will appear mighty tall to him. Yelling at him to climb them will only make them seem taller.





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MOTHERS & STAFF MEMBERS TO  
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ונשמרתם מאד  
נפשותיכם

## MIND ..... BODY ..... & SOUL .....

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





Harav Bezalel Rudinsky  
ROSH HAYESHIVA

Harav Benzion Brodie  
S'GAN ROSH HAYESHIVA

Rabbi Ari Medetsky  
MENAHEL, MESIVTA

Rabbi Yosef B. Rawicki  
MENAHEL, YESHIVA KETANA

Rabbi Y. Bentzion  
Bamberger  
MASHGIACH

Rabbi Raphael Vilinsky  
S'GAN MENAHEL, MESIVTA

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, MESIVTA

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Dear Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven Parents,

We hope this message finds you well. We appreciate your continued cooperation and support in ensuring the safety and well-being of our students at Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven.

We are writing to inform you of school policy regarding late arrivals. Please be aware that any elementary or preschool child arriving after 9:00 am must use the front entrance exclusively. It is crucial for the safety and security of our students that this procedure is followed diligently.

Late arrivals must be logged into our school computer system, for all students, and we kindly request that parents register with the school secretary upon arrival to confirm their child's tardiness. This process is essential for maintaining accurate records and ensuring the safety of all our students.

Please be advised that the back entrance is designated for staff use only and is not to be used by students or parents. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to this policy.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding this update, please feel free to contact the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to the safety of our students.

*Rabbi Yosef B. Rawicki*  
Menahele

*Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb*  
Principal

*Mrs. Shani Plotzker*  
Preschool Director  
Student Services  
Grades 1-5



# פרשת וארא



*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.

**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!!

- ☐ 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 5 פסוקים
- ☐ 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





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 פֶּרֶשֶׁת וָאֵרָא

- 1) What were the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> מִכּוֹת?
- 2) Whose staff turned into a snake in front of פֶּרֶעָה?
- 3) About which מִכָּה did the חֲרָטוּמִּים say "אֶצְבַּע אֱלֹקִים הוּא" "It is the finger of Hashem"?
- 4) What was one of the נִיסִים of מִכָּת בְּרָד?
- 5) If a מִצְרִי wanted a drink during מִכָּת דָּם, how did he get it?
- 6) פֶּרֶעָה was in de'nile' about the power of Hashem.  
Which river was struck with מִכָּת דָּם?

## RAFFLE WINNERS FOR חֹדֶשׁ טֵבֶת

Mordy Gold  
Naftali Rubin  
Yoni Maimon  
Yehuda Balsam  
Moshe Lampert  
Yosef Mayerfeld  
Yisroel Moshe Kohl  
Yehuda M. Schwartz

A.Y. Feiner  
Tani Kahana  
Aryeh Genack  
Mayer Lampert  
Eliyahu Rothman  
Yehuda Friedman  
Shimon Greenspan  
Moshe Tzvi Grohman