



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן
YESHIVA KETANA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday
September 29, 2024
1st Day of Selichos
Sessions begin 10:00 am

Wednesday
October 2-4, 2024
Rosh Hashana
K-8 No Sessions

Sunday
October 6, 2024
Tzom Gedalia
Arrival: 9:30 Dismissal: 1:00

Friday
October 11, 2024
Erev Yom Kippur
K-8 No Sessions

Sunday
October 13, 2024
Sessions begin 9:30

Monday
October 14, 2024
Dismissal K: 3:00 p-8

IMPORTANT NOTES

REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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פרשת כי תבוא יד' אלול תשפ"ד



Rabbi Scheinberg's 7th Grade class shteiging in the Yeshiva Beis Medrash and talking in learning with the Rosh HaYeshiva



Yishai Beller blowing shofar in Rabbi Lowy's 4th grade class



Kriah Knockers ice cream reward!

Mesivta



Enjoying cholent at the 1st Thursday night mishmor!



Rabbi Kohn's 6th graders involved in a threshing floor activity



Rabbi Brodie's Erev Shabbos Parsha Shmooze in our YKOR minyan



1st Graders learning Math with Mrs. Radzik

MAZEL TOV!

Naftali Liff on the birth of a baby brother!
Rafi, Zev Aryeh Itzkowitz & family on their upcoming Hachnasas Sefer Torah!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Yitzy Richmond, 8th
Yaakov Weitzman, 8th
Yaakov Yosef Freedland, 3rd
Chaim Gelb, 2nd



Rabbi Prupas' 7th Grade class chazering for a Gemara Bechina



Morah Jenny's Kindergarten class starting to learn the Aleph-bais!

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

כי תבוא

Joy

תַּחַת אֲשֶׁר לֹא-עֲבַדְתָּ אֶת-ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּשִׂמְחָה וּבְטוֹב לֵבָב מְרֵב כָּל:

Because you would not serve the L-RD your G-d in joy and gladness over the abundance of everything,

תחת אשר לא עבדת את ה' אלהיך בשמחה. יאשימונו הכתוב בעבדו השי"ת ולא היתה העבודה בשמחה, לפי שחייב האדם על השמחה בהתעסקו במצות, והשמחה במעשה המצוה מצוה בפני עצמו, מלבד השכר שיש לו על המצוה יש לו שכר על השמחה, ועל כן יעניש בכאן למי שעובד עבודת המצוה כשלא עשאה בשמחה, ולכך צריך שיעשה אדם המצות בשמחה ובכוונה שלמה

The Torah accuses people who do serve G'd not to have done so joyfully. A person is obligated not merely to carry out G'd's instructions but to do so gladly, in a happy frame of mind. Joy when performing any of G'd's commandments is considered as fulfillment of a commandment by itself, meriting additional reward. This is why one may be punished for failing to perform the commandments with a joyful heart. This is why the Torah requires that its commandments be performed with full intent and joyfully.

- Rabbeinu Bechaye

Misery loves company, but company doesn't love misery.

- Bob Faw

The core of Parashas Ki Savo is the litany of horrors to befall the Jewish people as consequence for their abandonment of Torah and *mitzvos*. The long, detailed description of terror and torment is a prophetic view of the unfolding of Jewish history where we have paid dearly for our national transgressions and shortcomings.

At first, the single most perplexing *possuk* in the Parasha is the one cited above, seemingly ascribing all ills that befall us to our failure to serve Hashem with joy. While one can argue that joy in the performance of *mitzvos* is of great importance, it is simply incorrect to describe the wholesale abandonment of G-d and *mitzvos* as simply a failure to serve G-d with joy. The Torah is very clear that the *kellalos* listed in the Parsha are the consequence of our failure to obey Hashem and all His laws, and not the result of a failure of joy.

But, a deeper look at the path to the abandonment of Hashem and his *mitzvos* reveals to us just how consequential the failure to find joy in one's *mitzvah* observance can be. How do the Jewish people fall so precipitously from the generation of prophets who all saw G-d directly to eventually become a nation that falls prey to all the vices and temptations of the basest nations of the ancient world? It is not a process that happens overnight, but one that unfolds gradually over generations, and it starts with parents whose religious life is cold and joyless.

Rav Moshe Feinstein famously observed the sad irony of an entire generation of American Jews who refused to desecrate Shabbos by showing up for work even though it meant getting fired from their jobs each week for doing so. The majority of those Jews who sacrificed so much for Shabbos saw their children grow up to be secular Jews who did not observe Shabbos. Rav Moshe wondered how those people who gave up so much for Shabbos could have children who



didn't see the value of Shabbos. He answered, poignantly and insightfully that the fate of their children turned on a simple phrase they would utter each Friday night as they came home fired from yet another job, "*shver tzu zein a Yid*," "It's hard to be a Jew.

The children, hearing their fathers complain about how hard Torah Judaism is, simply decided that if it's that hard, they don't want any part of it. What would make them want to adopt a lifestyle that is all pain and suffering when they live in a world in which they can choose whatever lifestyle they wish.

And, that is really the key here. Whereas in times past and places far away, there was no option for children to abandon Judaism and to leave Torah as they grew up. They were stuck for life, the result being that parents didn't need to sell their children on why they would want to be observant Jews, all they had to do was teach them how to do it. But, in our open, modern,

interconnected world where all information is simply a click away, it is not a given that children will follow a Torah lifestyle. They need to be sold on Torah as a joyous way of life.

In truth, religious observance is a source of genuine happiness. Study after study has shown those who regularly participate in organized religion to be emotionally healthier and happier than their non-religious counterparts. But that doesn't always show thorough in our own day-to-day encounter with religion. If our children view our religious experience as one of misery and pain, they will decide they want no part in it and will abandon it for an alternative that brings joy.

If your own *avodas Hashem* does not radiate with joy and happiness, you will fail to pass that *avodah* to your children. Make sure yours is a happy home, one where joy in Torah observance is infectious and where those who grow up in it can't help but catch it.



פרשת כי תבוא



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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



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GADOL OF THE WEEK



What Do You Know About This Gadol?

Get ready for next week's questions



ב"ס"ד



NEW FORMAT!

QUESTION OF THE DAY



This year, we will בע"ה be focusing on different Gedolim and leaders in Klal Yisroel.

The picture of the Gadol will be in the RR.

The following week there will be daily questions posted about the Gadol.

Questions can be answered the whole week.

**WEEKLY & MONTHLY
!!!!!! RAFFLES !!!!!!**

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