



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן
YESHIVA KETANA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday
January 20, 2025

THIS WEEK!

Dismissal K-8: 3:00
General Studies Teacher
In-Service
No Transportation

Wednesday
January 29, 2025
Dismissal Grades K: 12:00
P-8: 12:30

Thursday-Monday
January 30-February 3, 2025
Mid-winter Vacation
No Sessions

Monday
February 17, 2025
Dismissal K-8: 1:00
Rebbeim & Teacher In-Service
No Transportation

Tuesday
February 18, 2025
No Suffern Central
Transportation

IMPORTANT NOTES

In case of inclement weather,
please call the Yeshiva message
line.

Yeshiva Ketana:
845.362.8362 ext. 199
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REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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8th Graders Helping The 4th Graders Memorize Az Yashir



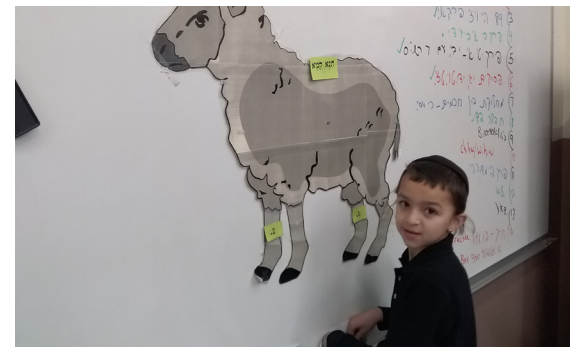
Dr. Steinman, Reuven's father explaining to the 1st grade function of the kidney to introduce the meaning of Asher Yatzar



7th graders joined Rabi Myski's 1st grade class during recess to role play good social interactions



Moish Mandel celebrating his birthday



Rabbi Lowy's 4th grade practicing the way the **בחמייק** **קרבת תמיד** is offered daily in the **במקדש**



8th Grade Siyum on *maseches beitza* celebrating an above 100 average on the full *masechta* final



Rabbi Peikes cheering on his talmidim at RJBL



7th & 8th grade trip with Rabbi Gottlieb to iFLY, bringing their science class to life!



Rabbi Plotzker introducing the school wide Babka (Bracha Acharona BKol Amein!) program in Rabbi Horowitz's 3rd Grade



Morah Deena's Pre1a class making Basya's hand



5th grade boys deciding what Upstander strategy they could use to change a negative scenario.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jj Zlotnick, 2nd
 Rafi Weinraub, 5th
 Moshe Dovid Rothman, 3rd
 Tzvi Margaretten, Pre-1A
 Benny Peker, Kindergartne

PLEASE SHARE WITH US! Please email any Mazel Tov information to reuvevreview@ohreuvev.com!



שמות

Yes, Your Child is a Prodigy

ותאמר אחתו אל-בת-פרעה האלך וקראתי לך אשה מינקת מן העברית ותינק לך את-הילד
Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a Hebrew nurse to nurse the child for you?"

מן העברית. שְׁהִיָּזְרִיתוּ עַל מִצְרַיִם הַרְבֵּה לִינֵק וְלֹא יִנָּק, לְפִי שֶׁהִיא עֲתִיד לְדַבֵּר עִם הַשְּׂכִינָה (שם):
OF THE HEBREWS — She expressly said, "shall I call a nurse of the Hebrews?" because she (Pharaoh's daughter) had handed him to many Egyptian women to nurse him and he had refused to nurse — this was because he was destined to converse with the Shechina

- Rashi

ומכל מקום לא יניקו תינוק מן הכותית, אם אפשר בישראלית
Nevertheless, a child should not be nursed from a non-Jewish wet-nurse if it is possible to use a Jew

- Rema, Yoreh Deah 81:7

The child is the father of the man

- William Wordsworth

Imagine you had a crystal ball. Imagine if, in that crystal ball, you could see your child's future. Now imagine that when you look into that crystal ball, you discover that your child is going to be one of the *gedolei hador*. He may even be the one to lead the Jewish people out from *galus* and return them to their land with the rebuilt *Bais Hamikdash*. How would that knowledge of the future impact the way you treat your child? How might it affect the choice of places to which you bring that child? How might it affect the things you will expose your child to? What if I told you your child has that potential? Now what?

Rav Yaakov Kaminetsky, in his commentary to the Torah, notes a seeming incongruity in a *psak* of the Rema in Shulchan Aruch. The Rema (YD 81:7) rules that a Jewish child should not be nursed from a non-Jewish nursemaid unless there is no other choice. The source for this *halacha* is Moshe *Rabbeinu*, who, in this week's *parsha*, refuses to nurse from the Egyptian

nursemaids. Rav Yaakov points out that Rashi explains why Moshe didn't nurse from the Egyptian nursemaids. He was destined to converse with the *Shechina*. If so, says Rav Yaakov, that *halacha* should not apply to regular children who are not destined to speak with the *Shechina*.

Rav Yaakov explains that from here we learn a guiding principle in *chinuch*. We must view and raise every child as though he is destined to one day speak directly with the *Shechina*. Every Jewish child has the potential for greatness. Every child, even from the humblest background, can grow to be a leader in *klal Yisroel*. We must treat our children as though they are destined to be that person.

We sometimes get caught in the myopia of seeing our children only as they are now, as children. We lose sight of the fact that every child is the precursor of the adult that he or she



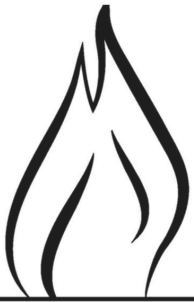
will become. In the immortal phrasing of William Wordsworth, “The child is the father of the man.” While we need to remember that our children are children, and we must raise them and guide them appropriately, we should also view them through the lens of the adults they will become. How will they remember what happens now when they grow up? How will the experiences of childhood affect their lives in adulthood?

Most importantly, we need to view each of our children as the future *gadol hador*. We need to ask ourselves, as often as we can, “if I knew I were raising the young Shlomo Zalman Auerbach, or the young Moshe Feinstein, or little Yosef Shalom Elyashiv, what would I do in this situation?” Then, whatever your answer is, do that with your own child. Your crystal ball tells you he is a prodigy, destined for greatness.



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GADOL OF THE WEEK



What Do You Know About This Gadol?
Get ready for next week's questions

For questions or comments, please email bplotzker@ohrreuven.com

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QUESTION OF THE DAY

ANSWERS

Answers to the questions are in the video



What is the name of this week's Gadol?

Rav Aharon Yehuda Leib Shteinman

Which country was he born in?

(Kaminitz – a city in...) **Russia**

How old was this gadol when he was niftar?

103

Name a Rov he interacted with.

**Rav Lazer Shach, Rav Chaim Kanievsky,
Rav Yosef Shalom Elyashiv, Rav Gershon Edelstein**

Name a mitzvah you see him doing in the video.

Learning Torah, Davening, Tefillin, Netilas Yodayim

What is the name of the political party he was involved in founding?

Degel HaTorah

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פרשת שמות



This weeks program שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

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is sponsored in honor of

אונקלוס הגר

to the first grade מזל טוב

on joining the YKOR

program!! שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

**MOST of the פרשיות of this year
are still available for sponsorship!**
Please help support this wonderful program.

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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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