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YESHIVA KETANA

REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Monday
January 20, 2025
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



Mrs. Leibovic speaking to Rabbi Horowitz's 3rd grade about being an upstander by their siyum on Parshas Vayishlach



Morah Bracha's pre1a class counts 70 who went down to Mitzrayim



Rabbi Gottlieb's 7th grade studying Bernoulli's Principle - with a leaf blower and a soccer ball!



Shteiging in learning in the YOR Beis Medrash



Morah Deena's pre1a class 'traveling to Eretz Yisroel on an airplane!'

IMPORTANT NOTES

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

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Chinuch for Life



Rabbi Biller's 2nd grade class erupted in spontaneous dancing when they finished פרק כ"א in Chumash!



Rabbi Horowitz special visit to Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade class

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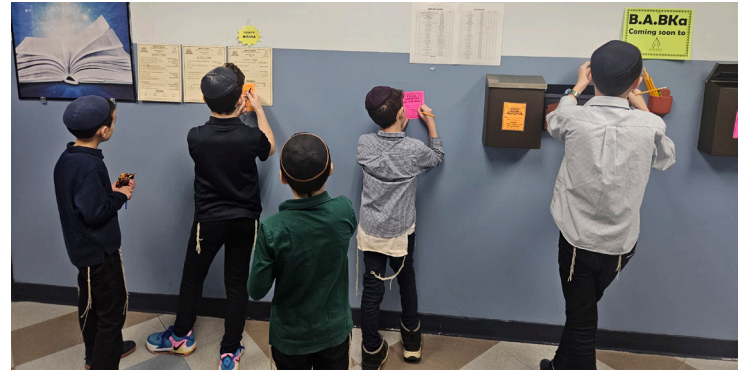
MAZEL TOV!

Rabbi & Mrs. Rawicki on the birth of a grandson!

Daniel Gotesman on his bar mitzvah!
Benny Gotesman on his brothers bar mitzvah!

פרנס היום
The learning of
יום ה' ויחי - ט' טבת
was dedicated
לז"נ ר' בצלאל בן ר' משה דוד ע"ה

יאהרצייט ז' טבת
Dr. Eugene Schwalb A"H
יהי זכרו ברוך
By R' Yoni Senter & Family



Talmidim filling in their cards for the Question of the Day and Master a Mishna programs



Rabbi Myski's 1st grade reviewing the new pesukim with flash cards

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Moshe Zlotnick, 8th
Tzvi Dunner, 7th
Aryeh David Kurtz, 5th
Davey Schiller, 4th
Yonah Benjamin, 2nd



ויחי

Role Models

ויברכם ביום ההוא לאמור כך יברך ישראל לאמר ישמך אלהים כאפרים וכמנשה
So he blessed them that day, saying, “By you shall Israel invoke blessings, saying: G-d make you like Ephraim and Manasseh.”

כך יברך ישראל. הִבֵּא לְבָרְךָ אֶת בְּנֵי יִבְרָכְךָ בְּבִרְכָתְךָ וַיֹּאמֶר אִישׁ לְבָנוּ יְשִׁמְךָ אֱלֹהִים כְּאֶפְרַיִם וְכַמְנַשֶּׁה:
When one wishes to bless his sons he will bless them by reciting the formula with which they were blessed - a man will say to his son, “God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh.”

Heroes turn us into heroes ourselves

- Psychology Today, April 16, 2014

there are those who take issue, at times with merit, with certain “*gedolim* stories” that they feel give no sense that a *tzaddik* had to struggle to achieve greatness, as we all must

- Eytan Kobre, Mishpacha Magazine, June 12, 2013

There is a widespread custom in many Jewish communities to pause before *Kiddush* each Friday night to give *brachos* to our children. Our boys, we *bentch* with the hope that *Hashem* should make them like Ephraim and Menashe. For the girls, we express our wish that they grow to be like Sarah, Rivka, Rachel, and Leah. When we invoke the names of the heroes of the past in our blessings, we are doing more than bestowing a clear, specific *bracha* on our children. We are also giving our children the path to fulfill our blessing.

There has been much discussion in psychology circles in recent years about the need for and value of heroes. In an April, 2014 article in “Psychology Today”, Scott T Allison lays out a clear, convincing case for heroes and their role in our lives. In that article, he advances five major arguments, starting with elevation.

Jonathan Heidt, of NYU, has identified a unique emotion that he labeled elevation. Elevation is the mix of awe, reverence, and beauty we experience when we witness a morally beautiful act. Heroes evoke within us the feeling of elevation.

Allison goes on: “Hero stories calmed people’s fears, buoyed their spirits, nourished their hopes, and fostered important values of strength and resilience.” Heroes bring meaning to life in a sometimes seemingly senseless world.

Stories of heroes and shared reverence for those heroes cement social bonds across communities and cultures. When we are all connected to the same heroes, we are all connected to one another.



Heroes remind us that we can transform our lives. Heroes in our lives are usually people who are lacking an important quality and who transform themselves, thus reminding us that we may do so as well. The failure of the plethora of *gedolim* stories to have meaningful, measurable impact on our children and society is that too many times the stories are scrubbed, erasing the struggles that the *gadol* went through to achieve greatness. Without those struggles, the stories become irrelevant to us mere mortals.

Finally, Allison argues, heroes inspire us to become heroes ourselves, to give back to society and to serve as a role model for others, just as our heroes have done for us.

When we bless our children with specific examples of whom they should aspire to be like, we give them the role model to follow to realize our blessing. We point to Ephraim and Menashe who struggled to maintain the faith of their fathers in a foreign land, and succeeded to the point that they were elevated to the status of the *shevatim*. We point to the *imahos*, each of whom overcame the circumstances of her birth and upbringing to rise to become the holy mothers of the Jewish People.

We need to expose our children to heroes who embody the values of modesty, humility, charity, bravery, loyalty, honesty, integrity, faith, and all the other great qualities we want to imbue in our kids. Those heroes can be real people, the great people in our communities. They can be found in literature, and they can be found in the true, unedited life stories of our *gedolim*. If you want

your sons and daughters to grow to be heroes, give them a hero to imitate. That's the easiest route to get them there.



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This week's program שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום
is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. S. Pollak

לע"נ ר' חיים אלעזר בן ר' עזריאל ז"ל
(Grandfather of Dov Pollak)

יה טבת *whose yahrzeit is*

&

לע"נ ר' מנחם מענדיל בן ר' אברהם ז"ל
Rabbi Plotzker's father

*May the zechus of the learning generated from this program
be a zechus for their neshamos*

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are still available for sponsorship!**

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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

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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 Yisroel Abuchatzzeira zt"l

What was he affectionately known as?

Baba Sali (*The Praying Father*)

Which country was he born in?

Morocco

Which city in Eretz Yisroel did he live and was buried in?

Netivot

Name one of his relatives.

**Rav Yisroel Abuchatzzeira, Baba Chaki Abuchatzzeira,
Rav Dovid Chai Abuchatzzeira, Rav Yaakov Dahan**

Name a Rov he interacted with.

Rav Mordechai Eliyahu, Rav Yaakov Kamenetsky

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What was the name of this gadol's father-in-law?

Rav Isser Zalman Meltzer

Name a Rov he interacted with?

**Rav Laizer Silver, Rav Y.B. Soloveitchik, Rav Leib Malin,
Rav Shlomo Heyman, Rav Elazar Shach**

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COMING NEXT WEEK

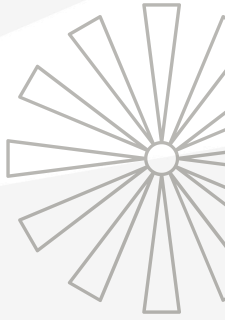
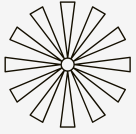
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