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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Wednesday
January 29, 2025
Dismissal Grades K: 12:00
P-8: 12:30
No Transportation for all
districts excluding
North Rockland

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



8th Grade being Farhered on the first perek of makkos gemara rashi tosfios with the Rosh Hayeshiva of Yeshiva of South Fallsburg, Rav Elya Ber Wachtfogel Shlit"a

Mesivta



General Studies Midterms in YOR 9-12th YKOR's 5th grade rebbe, Rabbi Yehuda Eisen giving the Thursday Night Shmuess in the Mesivta

IMPORTANT NOTES

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line.

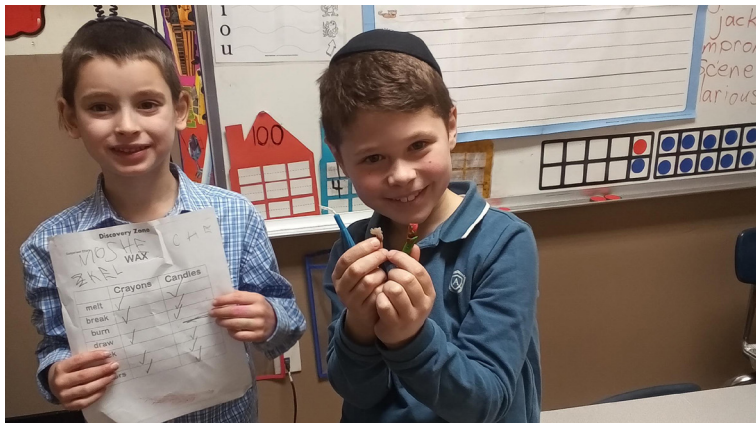
Yeshiva Ketana:
845.362.8362 ext. 199
Mesivta: 845.362.8362 ext. 198



Rabbi Plotzker introducing the shnayim mikra program to the first graders



Morah Bracha's Pre1a class painting their parsha books



Comparison chart experiment with Mrs. Radzik

MAZEL TOV!

Ezra and Dov Konig on the birth of their baby sister!

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



Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade class earned a well-deserved snowtubing trip! Each boy reviewed all the gemara they learned this year at least 5 times. The class as a whole reviewed 1000 amudim of Gemara, on their own spare time!



Rabbi Peikes' 8th grade receiving their chazzara program prizes



8th grade davening program trip to American Dream Waterpark

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mordechai Nadoff, 72
Dani Friedman, 4th
Levi Balsam, 2nd
Zechariah Singer, 2nd



וארא

Objects and Subjects

וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל־מֹשֶׁה אָמַר אֶל־אַהֲרֹן קַח מִטְּבֶה וְנִטְהֵ־יִדְרָךְ עַל־מִימֵי מִצְרָיִם עַל־נְהַרְתָּם | עַל־יַאֲרֵיהֶם וְעַל־אֲגַמִּיָּהֶם וְעַל כָּל־מִקְוֵה מִימֵיהֶם וַיְהִי־יָדָם

And the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron: Take your rod and hold out your arm over the waters of Egypt—its rivers, its canals, its ponds, all its bodies of water—that they may turn to blood

אמר אל אהרן. לפי שנהגן היאור על משה כשנשלה לתוכו, לפיכך לא לקה על ידו לא בדם ולא בצפרדעים, ולקה על ידי אהרן

Because the river had protected Moses when he was cast into it, therefore it was not smitten by him neither at the plague of blood nor at that of frogs, but it was smitten by Aaron

-Rashi

We found a correlation between the way you look at objects and perceive your relationships

-Omri Gillath, Psychology Professor and Researcher

We live in a disposable world. We use disposable cups, paper goods, flatware, paper towels, diapers, and countless other disposable items. Even the stuff in our lives that isn't disposable is largely disposable. Our affluence, combined with the global economy, has made it more financially sensible to replace most items when they break instead of fixing them. The old repair shops that were once part of the retail landscape are mostly a thing of the past, as replacement with cheap imports has supplanted repair.

The disposable world that we live in has consequences for the environment as more and more landfill space is taken up by our disposable waste. It has consequences too in terms of the impact of the production of all these disposables on our environment. It also has consequences in the litter it produces and its effect on wildlife. Right now, between Hawaii and California, circulates a collection of disposed plastic debris, the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, that is twice the size of the state of Texas! But, what we are only first waking up to is the effect our disposable world has on our relationships.

Despite carrying out all the *makkos* and leading the *b'nei Yisroel* from slavery to redemption, Moshe *Rabbeinu* famously defers to Aharon to carry out the first two *makkos*. Rashi explains that Moshe, having been saved by the Nile river, was not going to bring harm unto the river. Rivers, as we know, don't see and don't feel. But, Hashem understood, and made Moshe understand, that the way we treat objects has a direct impact on the way we treat people. If Moshe conditions himself to bite the inanimate hand that feeds him, he will come to bite the person who feeds him as well. But, if he is careful to show gratitude to the inanimate, he will show gratitude to the living as well.

It is a profound idea, and has profound consequences for the society in which we raise our children. When we treat our stuff as expendable, we treat our relationships as expendable as well. We are conditioned to simply throw them out and start anew, rather than cherishing and repairing what we have. We don't want our children to grow up viewing



people and relationships as disposable, and that means we need to change their relationship with the stuff in their lives.

That is not to say that we cannot use disposable paper goods for convenience (environmental considerations aside). But, we need to be very cognizant of a throw-away attitude that we may allow or even foster within our children. Do we constantly replace things for them when they are no longer as good as new? Are we always

upgrading them to the latest and greatest version of everything and casting aside the older version? Are we ourselves constantly cycling through stuff, a never-ending carousel of out-with-the-old, in-with-the-new?

The way we deal with objects will be the way we deal with people. Let's train our children to deal with objects the way we want them to deal with people.



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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 questions are in the video



What is the name of this week's Gadol?

Rav Yaakov Kamenetsky zt"l

What country was he born in?

Lithuania (part of Russia) (in the city of Kalyskovka)

What yeshiva was he the Rosh Yeshiva of?

Torah Vodaas (Brooklyn, NY)

Name one of his children.

Rav Binyomin, Rav Shmuel, Rav Nosson, Rav Avrohom

What is the name of the seforim of his chiddushim?

אמת ליעקב

Name a Rov he interacted with.

**Rav Moshe Feinstein, Rav Yisroel Abuchatzzeira,
Rav Shmuel Birnbaum, Rav Eliezer Shach**

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פרשת וארא



*This week's תרגום ואחד מקרא שנים 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 תרגום ואחד מקרא שנים for
this פרשה in the amount specified for his class.

- Bonus: Did double the grade required amount!**

Parent's signature

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YKOR Grades 6-8

RETZUFOS LEARNING PROGRAM!

THIS WEDNESDAY!

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Retzufos Learning

2:30 Minchah

2:45 Pick up

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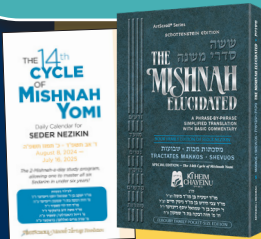


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The Cheder
Brooklyn, NY



DONI STERN
7th Grade
Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven
Monsey, NY

Thank you to all those who participated in the challenge!