



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן  
YESHIVA KETANA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Tuesday  
February 18, 2025  
No Suffern Central  
Transportation

Tuesday  
March 4, 2025  
YK Carnival Day

Thursday  
March 13, 2025  
Ta'anis Esther  
Dismissal K: 12:00 P-8:12:30

Thursday- Sunday  
March 14-16, 2025  
Purim - Purim Meshulash  
No Sessions

## IMPORTANT NOTES

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

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

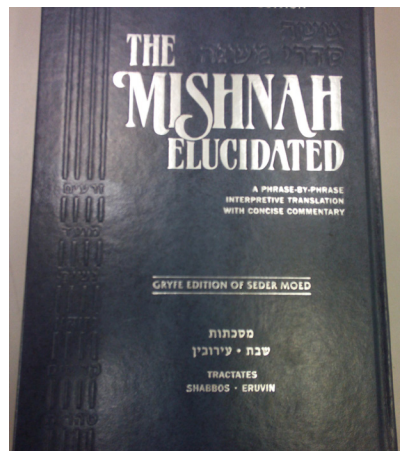
# REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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Mazel Tov to Rabbi Eisen's 5th grade on their Hascholas Gemarah!



### LOST & FOUND

If you left this at the Super Seder, please  
contact [rvilinsky@ohrreuven.com](mailto:rvilinsky@ohrreuven.com)



Thank you to the YK Nshei for the Tu  
Bshvat treats!



Preschool had a wonderful Tu Bshvat get together in the Ohr Reuven lunchroom. They watched a fabulous video all about Tu Bishvat, planted seeds in soil to take home, made fruit skewers and each class had a chance to say the bracha of "Haetz" loud and clear for all the children to answer AMEN!



Third graders enjoying library time

**MAZEL TOV!**

Rabbi Eisen on his son's upsherin!



Tu Bshvat in Morah Jenny's Kindergarten



Mazel Yov to Rabbi Eisen on his son's upsherin!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Naftali Rubin, 6th  
Yitzi Genack, 2nd

# ~ YOR Feature: Super Seder ~



This past Sunday evening, the Yeshiva once again hosted its annual SUPER SEDER! Talmidim gathered for a TWO-HOUR seder & shteiged throughout. The resounding kol Torah did not stop as talmidim learned b'chavrusa, in groups, with their Rebbeim, fathers, grandfathers, or on their own.

**JOIN US!**  
**SUPER SEDER!!**  
 DEDICATED BY:  
 Mr. and Mrs. Yehoshua Feiner  
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 The Frankel Family  
 The Shulman Family  
**SUPER SEUDAH AFTER THE SEDER!!**  
 This Sunday Night  
**FEB 9**  
 6:45 - 8:45 PM  
 Maariv



The ahavas HaTorah was palpable. The Mashgiach shlit"א spoke about how proud each talmid should be for joining this special seder. As a chashivus & a chizuk for the lomdim there was a spread of geshmak food before and after the learning.

Dedicated by the Feiner Family  
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## יתרו

## Not Child's Play

כַּבֵּד אֶת־אָבִיךָ וְאֶת־אִמְךָ לְמַעַן יִאָּרְכּוּ יְמֵיךָ עַל הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר־ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ נֹתֵן לָךְ:

Honor your father and your mother, that you may long endure on the land that the LORD your God is assigning to you.

בעו מיניה מרב עולא עד היכן כיבוד אב ואם אמר להם צאו וראו מה עשה עובד כוכבים אחד באשקלון ודמא בן נתינה שמו פעם אחת בקשו חכמים פרקמטיא בששים ריבוא שכר והיה מפתח מונח תחת מראשותיו של אביו ולא ציערו

The Sages raised a dilemma before Rav Ulla: How far must one go to fulfill the mitzva of honoring one's father and mother? Rav Ulla said to them: Go and see what one gentile did in Ashkelon, and his name was Dama ben Netina. Once the Sages sought to purchase merchandise [perakmatya] from him for six hundred thousand gold dinars' profit, but the key for the container in which the merchandise was kept was placed under his father's head, and he was sleeping at the time. And Dama ben Netina would not disturb his father by waking him, although he could have made a substantial profit.

- Kiddushin, 31a

Parents are the ultimate role models for children. Every word, movement and action has an effect. No other person or outside force has a greater influence on a child than the parent.

- Bob Keeshan

There is perhaps no *mitzvah* that is more misunderstood and misapplied than the *mitzvah* of *kibbud av va'em*. Often, parents understand this *mitzvah* to be their tool through which they can control the behavior and response of their underage children. The mindset, often stated, is that the *mitzvah* of *kibud av va'em* is the mandate, granted by the Torah, for the parent to control the child. When the child does not follow the program, parents often respond in frustration or even anger at the child for not following the rules. That mindset is, of course, incorrect.

Like all *mitzvos* in the *Torah*, *kibbud av va'em* does not become a requirement until a child becomes *bar* or *bas mitzvah*. That is when the *mitzvah* first applies to the child and remains in place during the course of the child's lifetime. Until then, like with all *mitzvos*, parents have a *mitzvah* of *chinuch* to train the child to perform

the *mitzvah* properly when he or she becomes an adult. That being the case, clearly the *chinuch* that we are to give our kids in *kibud av va'em* is not how to behave as little children in their parents' home, but how to honor their parents as adults, when they leave their parents' home.

It is a very important reframing of the *mitzvah* for us. When we use the *mitzvah* of *kibbud av va'em* as a club with which to hold children in line, we set children up for a frustrating and unhealthy relationship with *mitzvos*. Additionally, when we invoke *mitzvos* in a way that seems self-serving, and may even be self-serving, it undermines our children's' faith in our relationship with *mitzvos*. If we favor *mitzvos* that get us the results we want, we breed a very cynical view of *mitzvos*, indeed.

This does not mean that we don't want to train our children to be respectful. Just the opposite.



Rather than demanding and expecting respect simply because the *Torah* requires it, this understanding demands of us to teach our children what respect is and how to engage themselves in it.

How do you teach children respect? Start by modeling it. Children imitate our behavior. If we speak to them and to others with respect, they will follow in kind. If we don't, they will follow that too. Show proper respect to your own parents and make sure that there is ample opportunity for your children to witness that respect. When you do your *mitzvos* in front of others, it is called showing off. When you do them in front of your children, it is called *chinuch*.

Show respect and deference to authority figures in the world around you. Teach your children the concept of authority and the proper respect we need to show to authority figures. Model it.

Remain calm. When a child acts disrespectfully, calmly try to understand the cause of the disrespect. "Why did you say that? Is it because you were angry?" Teach the child the proper way to react and talk when upset. This is your opportunity to teach respect.

Earn your child's respect. Respect is commanded, not demanded. Be kind, be compassionate, be firm, be an adult, and your child will respect you for it. Don't be afraid to admit mistakes and apologize for them. Your child will respect you for that as well.

As with all *chinuch*, bear in mind that your goal is the long-term. It is not about the respect or lack thereof today. It is about ensuring that your child will employ the proper respect when he or she reaches the age of majority. In the meantime,

keep calm and teach respect by example. They will follow your lead.

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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 Yosef Shalom Elyashiv**

Name one of his son-in-laws.

**Rav Yitzchok Zilberstein, Rav Elchonon Berlin,  
Rav Chaim Kanievsky**

What is the first and last name of his daughter?

**Rebbetzin Batsheva Kanievsky**

Name a mitzvah you see being done in the video

**Learning Torah, Tefillin, Lulav, Writing a Sefer Torah**

His grandfather was known as 'The \_\_\_\_\_' (named after his sefer).

**The Leshem (לְשֵׁם שְׁבוּ וְאַחֲלָמָה)**

Name a Rov he interacted with.

**Rav Yitzchok Kook, Rav Aryeh Levine, Rav Chaim Brim**

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# GADOL OF THE WEEK



**What Do You Know About This Gadol?**

**Get ready for next week's questions**

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# פרשת יתרו



*This weeks program שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום*  
*is not yet sponsored*

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

**MOST 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**

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