

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4, 2025 YK Carnival Day

Ta'anis Esther

Dismissal K: 12:00 P-8:12:30

Purim - Purim Meshulash No Sessions

IMPORTANT NOTES

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YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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פרשת משפטים כ"ג שבט תשפ"ה





Yaakov Drillman making a siyum on משניות מסכת ראש השנה! His Zaidy, the Rosh Yeshiva speaking at the siyum to Rabbi Biller's 2nd grade.



Our menahel, Rabbi Rawicki getting an aliya by shacharis



Rabbi Peikes with Doni Stern at the Kosel





Rabbi Peikes visiting talmidim (alumni) in Eretz Yisrael





Morah Bracha's 2nd garde playing a Independent vs dependent sentences game

YKOR 2025 Raffle Campaign to begin Rosh Chodesh Adar !!



As in past years, Yeshiva K'tana Ohr Reuven's 14th annual raffle campaign will begin on Rosh Choder Adar 5785!

This year the boys can look forward once again to fantastic prizes as well as amazing class prizes! Each class will have the opportunity to experience everything from pizza parties to exciting class trips. As Purim approaches we want each and every Talmid to do their best collecting on behalf of the Yeshiva and make a Kiddush Hashem wherever they go!

MAZEL TOV!

Morah Jenny on the birth of a grandson! Yonatan Silverstone (Alumnus) on the birth of a babay boy!

Mrs. Leibovic on the birth of a grandson! Elimelech Grossberger on his brother, Baruch's (alumnus) wedding!





8th and 5th graders receiving Eretz Yisrael Pens from Rabbi Peikes



Rabbi Kohn's 6th graders on a davening bowling & laser tag trip!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Yosef Friedman, 8th
Benny Nuehauser, 71
Mordechai Deutsch, 4th
Yosef Chaim Ehrenpreis, 3rd
Noam Muller, P1
Akiva Friedman, P2

RABBI YISROEL GOTTLIEB

PARENTING in PARSHA



משפטים Peer Pressure

לָא־תִהְיֵה אַחֲבֵי־רַבִּים לְרָעָת וְלֹא־תַעַנֵה עַל־רָב

You shall not side with the many to do wrong

לא תהיה אחרי רבים לרעות. אם רבים עושים רעה בברור לא תלך אחריהם אע״ג שרבים המה: ולא תענה על רב. אם יתקוטטו עמך עבור זה לא תענה על ריבם.

לא תהיה אחרי רבים לרעות - If the many are engaged in clear evil do not follow them even though they are great in number.

ולא תענה על רב - If they fight with you over this do not respond to their arguments

Ha'amek Davar

דֶרֶךְ בְּרַיָּתוֹ שֶׁל אָדָם לִהְיוֹת נִמְשָׁךְ בְּדֵעוֹתִיו וּבְמַעֲשָׂיו אַחַר רֵעִיו וַחֲבֵרָיו וְנוֹהֵג כְּמִנְהַג אַנְשֵׁי מְדִינָתוֹ. לְפִיכֶךְ צָרִיךְ אָדָם לָהָתִחַבֵּר לַצַּדִּיקִים וְלֵישֵׁב אָצֵל הַחָכָמִים תָּמִיד כָּדֵי שֵׁיִּלְמֹד מִמַּעֲשֵׂיהֵם.

It is a natural tendency of man to be influenced in his ideas and conduct by his fellows and associates, and to follow the usage of the people of his state. Because thereof, it is necessary for man to be in the company of the righteous, and to sit near the wise, in order to learn from their conduct

Mishnah Torah, Hilchos Deos 6:1

Just because so many conforming kids wake up every morning asking, 'What is everybody else going to wear today?' doesn't mean that they don't wish it were different. Peer pressure is just that: pressure.

Jerry Spinelli

And, if all your friends jumped off the Empire State Building...

Frustrated Parents Everywhere

The human being is a social animal. We are drawn to groups and to our overall society and are largely driven by the need for acceptance by our social group. You only need look around at people's style of dress, taste in food, housing, music, cars, and just about everything else to notice that we spend much of our time, energy, and resources on trying to fit in with and impress those around us. What's true for those of us who have reached adulthood is doubly true for our children who have not yet reached the maturity to have a modicum of independence in thought and action. Children also lack the confidence to deviate from their peer group.

When we think of peer pressure, we tend to focus on more overt forms of peer pressure where children are coaxed and badgered to doing things against their (and our) better judgment by their friends and classmates. More often, peer pressure manifests in its more subtle form, where kids are pressured into dressing, acting, and talking a certain way because of the internal pressure that they feel to fit in with their peer group.

The Torah tells us not to follow the crowd to do evil, and the Ha'amek Davar understands the possuk in its literal sense, warning us not to

PARENTING the PARSHA



succumb to the social pressure of the majority. The necessity for the Torah to command us, specifically, not to follow the crowd for evil should tell us something about our natural tendency to do so.

Peer pressure is a natural part of growing up. From the time children are old enough to be aware, they begin to develop a schema of the world around them, figuring out what and who fit where. That schema is developed based on those around them, and once they develop it, children have difficulty with anything that deviates from that schema, especially if it his parent who is deviating. Probably the single greatest motivator that a child has is the need to fit in. Any parent who has ever picked up a school-age child wearing an outfit that does not conform to the child's perception of his classmates' parents' style or driving a car that does not fit either understands how important it is to the child to not be seen as different.

Because peer pressure is natural, normal and unavoidable, it is useless, and probably counterproductive to pretend your child can ignore it. The first line of attack in dealing with peer pressure is to be as careful as you can in selecting your child's peer group. Try to make sure he will be surrounded by those who will pressure him towards what you want.

Acknowledge the elephant in the room. Don't just tell your child not to follow the crowd. Acknowledge and validate just how hard that might be. Help the child strategize ways to avoid pressure situations and ways to get out those situations when stuck. Be sure to catch your child catching himself and praise him for it. You might even reinforce the child's ability to resist peer pressure by asking him at the dinner table each

night to recount one instance that day where he resisted peer pressure.

Admit that peer pressure drives you as well. First admit it to yourself. Recognize that when your child comes home and says "but everybody's parents let" that you are concerned about not fitting in with the other parents. Admit to your child how hard it is for you to resist peer pressure, and be certain he sees the times you resist.

As much as you can, avoid peer-pressure conflicts. See to it that you do not act or dress yourself or your children significantly different from the way their peers dress. If a child's greatest need is to fit in, why make that into a battle when it can be avoided?

Peer pressure is a natural part of the human condition. Our job as parents is to teach our children to rise above the natural human condition.































YKOR RAFFLE CAMPAIGN

ר"ח אדר ! Starting



THE BEST RAFFLE CAMPAIGN EVER!

MEN PRIZES! NORE PIZZA!

BIG FUN!

NORE GESHMAN!

NORE PRIZES!

NORE SLURPEES!



Dear Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven Parents,

With the approach of Purim, we would like to express our *Hakoras Hatov* to the *Hanhala*, teachers, administration, and to our office staff. As in the past, we would like to extend the opportunity to all of our parents to join us by participating in our *Mishloach Manos* Campaign.

The N'shei will once again be sending Mishloach Manos to the dedicated staff who run our Yeshiva. If you would like your name to be included in a beautiful Mishloach Manos that we will deliver to them, please send payment of \$45 per family to (one of) your son's class mother. All money will be going directly through the class mother and not through the office. (see the list of class mothers below)

In order to be able to process the Mishloach Manos on time, we must have all submissions by Wednesday, March 18th.

Wishing you a Freilichin Purim,

YKOR N'shei

K-Mrs Goldie Levi

P-1 Mrs. Shaindy Silber

P-2 Mrs. Nechama Greenstein

1-Mrs. Goldie Levi

2-Mrs. Aviva Eizik

3-Mrs. Ali Reichmann

4-Mrs. Chayala Kahana

5-Mrs. Ahuva Vilinsky

6-Mrs. Audrey Seleski

7-Mrs. Aliza Deutsch

8-Mrs. Shani Brick



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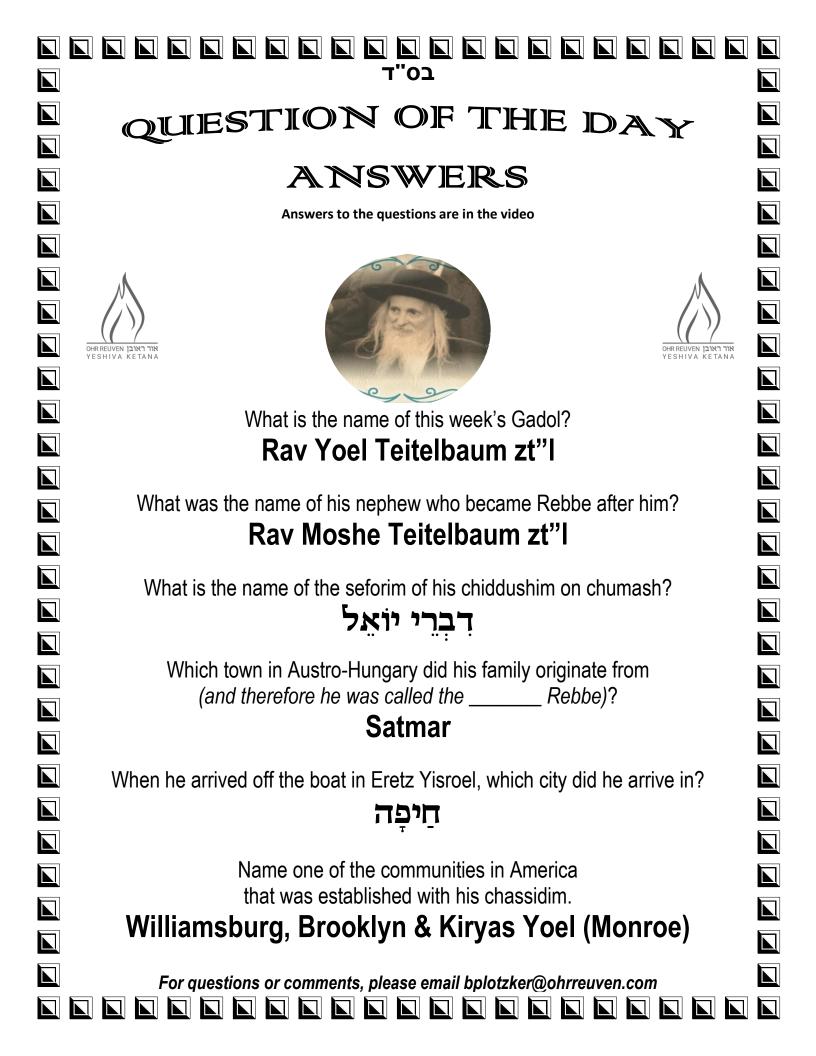
GADOL OF THE WEEK



What Do You Know About This Gadol?

Get ready for upcoming questions

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









This weeks שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום program

is not yet sponsored

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

> To sponsor a פרשה please contact Rabbi Plotzker. bplotzker@ohrreuven.com

First Last
Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)
!!WEEKLY PRIZES!!
\square 1 st Grade – 5 פסוקים
\square 2 nd Grade – 10 פסוקים
\square 3 rd Grade – פסוקים 3
\square 4 th Grade – 20 פטוקים
\square 5 th Grade – 25 פסוקים
\square 6 th Grade $-$ 30 פסוקים
\square 7 th Grade – 40 פסוקים
\square 8 th Grade – פסוקים 0
My son completed שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום for this פרשה in the amount specified for his class.
\square Bonus: Did double the grade required amount!
Parent's signature