



REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday
September 14, 2025
1st day of selichos
Sessions begin 10:00

Tuesday
September 16, 2025
Back to School Night

Monday - Wednesday
September 22-24, 2025
Rosh Hashana
No Sessions

Wednesday-Thursday
October 1-16, 2025
Sukkos Break
No Sessions

Welcome to all our new Talmidim & families to Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven!

Berman family, Bernstein family, Breuer family,
Brodie (Zevi & Aliza) family, Brodt family, Felberbaum family,
Friedman family, Fruchter family, Greenfield family, Greenwald
family, Heinemann family, & Herman family



PARENT FEEDBACK:

What an amazing start!
Bh! And the new parking
lot is truly amazing, I
hope everyone noticed it
(no more spilled coffee in
the car while we drove
through what we lovingly
dubbed the "Ohr Reuven
Roller Coaster" every
morning!)

Mazel Tov Yaakov Moeller on his
Hanochas Tefillin!

The Rosh Yeshiva
welcoming the talmidim
to a new zman



Morah Bracha's 2nd graders having fun making a project

MAZEL TOV!

Shalom Adler on his Bar Mitzvah!
 Gavriel, Mordy, & Yonatan Adler on their brother's Bar Mitzvah!
 Koby Trestman on his new baby sister!
 Alex Herzberg on the birth of his sister!
 Nelly Klein on his Hanochas Tefillin!
 Betzael & Daniel Beller upon his brother's upsherin!
 Shlomo Reiss upon his brother's upsherin!
 Mazel Tov Yaakov Moeller on his Hanochas Tefillin!
 Aryeh Venokur on his Bar Mitzvah!
 Hershy & Moshe Venokur on their brother's Bar Mitzvah!
 Akiva Kahana oh his Hanochas Tefillin!



Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade shteiging in class!



Rabbi Horowitz's 3rd grade learning and davening with geshmak!



Pre1a learning position words



Special chazan time in K2

Library Hours and Location

Please note: The library is now located behind the Beis Medrash.

- Open Monday through Thursday
- Hours for Kindergarten to Grade 5: 1:15 pm – 4:00 pm
- Hours for Grades 6 to 8: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm
- Staff members are welcome to borrow books!

Large selection of Judaic books!



Morah Jenny's Kindergarten class learning about tashlich



Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade class collecting kernels from their 'Threshing Floor'

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Moshe Brachfeld, 8th

Yitzckok Lankry, 4th

Azi Senter, 1st



K2 pretending to be jumping "אייל" while we learned where shofars come from.



כי תבוא Toil

וַיִּשְׁמַע ה' אֶת-קִלְלוֹנוּ וַיִּרְא אֶת-עֲנִיּוֹ וְאֶת-עֲמַלְנוּ וְאֶת-לַחְצָנוּ:

and the L-RD heard our plea and saw our plight, our misery, and our oppression.

ואת עמלנו אלו הבנים כמו שנאמר כל הבן הילוד

“And our toil” this refers to the children as it says “any boy that is born you shall cast into the Nile”

- Hagadah Shel Pesach

הבנים קרי עמל לפי שהאדם עמל בהן בגידולן ומצינו כיוצא בזה למה יקצוף האלהים על קולך וחבל את מעשה ידיך
הם הבנים כדאמרי' בעון נדרים בנים מתים

Children are called “toil” because a person toils in raising them. We find similarly “Why should G-d be angry at your voice and harm the work of your hands” that refers to the children as it says, for the sin of (unfulfilled) promises children die.

- Shiblei Haleket on the Hagadah

I have learned that raising children is the single most difficult thing in the world to do. It takes hard work, love, luck, and a lot of energy, and it is the most rewarding experience that you can ever have.

- Janet Reno

Congratulations! You got the job. It is an important job, perhaps the single most important occupation known to mankind. The responsibility is enormous, the pay is horrible (in fact, you will pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for the privilege of holding this job), the hours are endless, and you get no education or training in how to properly do your job. Welcome to parenthood.

In the *vidui Bikkurim* found in this week's *parsha* the Torah lays out for us the narrative that the bringer of *bikkurim* is expected to relate to the *Kohen*. Part of that narrative is the description of how G-d saw our toil in the Land of Egypt. The author of the *hagadah* had no doubt that the word toil refers to our children for, as the *Shiblei Haleket* explains, there is no area in our lives that demands greater toil than the raising of our children. If you are reading this, then likely

you are a parent, and if so, you don't need to be told that parenting is hard. So why am I telling you?

We tend to think, mistakenly, that because having children is natural, that parenting skills should come naturally, and we sometimes view the effort to seek guidance and help in our parenting as a sign of weakness or incompetence. That is a dangerous and flawed assumption. Parenting is very hard, and the parenting skills you think you learned growing up in your parents' home are not enough to get the job done. Even if you were fortunate enough to grow up in the perfect home with perfect parents who always got it right, you watched them parent you through the undeveloped eyes of a child. You may not know the behind-the-scenes planning and choreographing that went into the tip of the parenting iceberg that you



witnessed. You may not remember everything they did with full accuracy. Even if you remember what they did, it does not mean that you possess the skills to repeat their action. Also, you may not have grown up in the perfect home.

Make use of the myriad resources out there on parenting. If you consume your information in book form, there is a whole section in the library (and on Amazon) dedicated to child rearing. If you prefer the short article format of a magazine, try Parents magazine in print or online. If you are more inclined to in-person classes, they are available, and if you prefer video as your go-to resource for information, there are many quality video resources for parenting tips and education. Be discerning and careful in where you choose to source your information. Look for recommendations and ask yourself “what are the credentials of the individual dispensing parenting advice?” Bad information is worse than no information. But, find the right resources and take advantage of them.

Be real about how difficult parenting is. Don't think it's just you, or just your children who are having a difficult time. It's hard for everyone, even those who play like it's all perfect on Instagram. Treat the job of parenting with the respect it deserves. Recognize that nobody can be on duty for a job that stressful and that demanding without ever taking a break. Schedule time for yourself to recharge and revitalize. You are of no help to your children if you're always on duty but never engaged. Take the time off so that your time on will be on.

Yes, parenting is very hard, but it is not impossible. It takes humility, patience, *siyata dishemaya* and the wisdom to seek the help that you need to navigate the hardest, but most rewarding job you will ever have.



Some Other Parsha Topics

וּדְוֵי מַעֲשֶׂה
עִם סְגוּלָה
בְּרִית
תּוֹכַחָה

Quotes from the Parsha

אֶרֶץ זָבַת חֵלֶב וְדָבָשׁ

Eretz Yisroel is a wonderful land,
flowing with milk and honey!

וְשִׂמְחַת בְּכָל הַטּוֹב אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָךְ ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ

Be happy with all the good that ה' gave you!

וְהִלַּכְתָּ בְּדַרְכָיו

Copy the ways of ה' - be caring and compassionate!

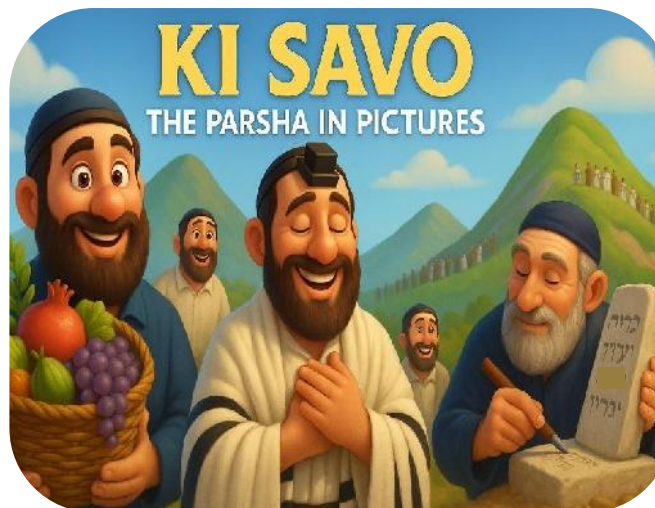
Concepts from the Parsha

1) בִּיכּוּרִים - When a farmer harvests a new crop in אֶרֶץ ישראל, he takes a string/reed and ties it around the first stalk or fruit. When ripe, he puts the fruit in a basket, brings it to the בית המקדש as part of a big ceremony, and gives it to the כהן. This מצוה only applies to the שבעת המינים which grow in א"י.

2) אֲרָמֵי אֲבִי אָבִי - Upon bringing בִּיכּוּרִים, the farmer would thank ה' for his success and recap the history of ישראל from לבן through יַעֲקֹב coming to מִצְרַיִם, until our arrival in ישראל אֶרֶץ.

3) תְּרוּמָה & מַעֲשֶׂה - When a person harvests his field, he also separates part of his harvest and gives it to various members of ישראל. This includes תְּרוּמָה to the כהן and מַעֲשֶׂה to the לוי. In the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th year of the שְׁמִיטָה cycle he takes מַעֲשֶׂה and eats it in יְרוּשָׁלַיִם. The other years, the 3rd and the 6th, he gives it as מַעֲשֶׂה עֲנִי to the poor.

4) הַר עֵיבָל and הַר גְּרִיזִים - מֹשֶׁה told ה': On the day the Bnei Yisroel go into א"י they must go to the area of the city of שֶׁכֶם, where they will find two mountains - הַר עֵיבָל and הַר גְּרִיזִים. Six of the שְׁבֵטִים are to stand on one mountain, and six on the other. The לְוִיִּים (leaders) along with the כֹּהֲנִים and אַרְוֹן should stand in the valley with the אַרְוֹן, and call out 11 בְּרָכוֹת facing הַר גְּרִיזִים, and 11 קְלָלוֹת, curses, facing הַר עֵיבָל. Upon hearing each בְּרָכָה or קְלָלָה, the שְׁבֵטִים would answer אָמֵן.



Yedios from the Parsha



חמשת מיני דגן

Wheat - חטה

Barley - שעורה

Spelt - כוסמת

Rye - שיפון

Oats - שבולת שועל

Many make מזונות on rice, but it is not one of the 5 grains.



שבעת המינים

Wheat - חטה

Barley - שעורה

Grapes - גפן

Fig - תאנה

Pomegranate - רמון

Olive (oil) - שמן

Dates (honey) - דבש



Tefillah Talk

על נטילת ידיים

ברוך אתה ה'	ה', You are the source of all blessing
אלקינו	Our G-d
מלך העולם,	King of the universe
אשר קדשנו במצותיו,	Who made us holy through His מצות
וצונו על נטילת ידיים.	And commanded us to wash our hands.

Why is the wording of the ברכה "על נטילת ידיים" instead of "על רחיצת ידיים" (washing)?

The word נטילה in Aramaic means to lift up.

When we wash our hands we are lifting them up in קדושה - before they were טמא or unclean, now they are טהור.

This can remind us to **uplift our actions**,

whose source is in our hands - כחי ועוצם ידי - making them actions that we are proud of - מעשה ידי להתפאר -





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This weeks program שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום is sponsored

*In honor of the amazing talmidim of
YKOR!*

*May Hakadosh Baruch Hu grant you all
tremendous hazlacha in the new school year!*

**MOST of the פרשיות of this year
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Please help support this wonderful program.

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One week partial sponsorship: \$35

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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
