



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן
YESHIVA KETANA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday-Thursday
October 1-2
Yom Kippur
N-8 No Sessions

Sunday-Thursday
October 4-16
Sukkos
No sessions



IMPORTANT

**Sessions resume
Friday, October
17th. See you then!**

REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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פרשת האזינו



Rabbi Prupas's Seventh graders shteiging in the Beis Medrash during Friday frenzy, our weekly high energy chazarah time



Yeshiva Ketana Talmidim with their rebbi, Rabbi Peikes were volunteering at the Chasdei Lev Distribution



Third graders learning Bichavrusa.

MAZEL TOV!

Mrs. Rachel Frankel (Preschool) on the birth of a granddaughter!

Mrs. Esther Chany Gelb (office) on the birth of a baby girl!

Mordy and Akiva Gold on their new baby brother!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Eli Brody 5th

Micha Yehoshua Norowitz 1st

Shmuel Wincelberg 1st

Shalom Adler 8th

Akiva Kahana 8th

Binyamin Savin 2nd

Mordechai Lowenstein Pre-1A



K1 learning the story about Yonah



K1 Learning how to pick a lulav and Esrog.



Tzvi Siber earning through Rabbi Plotzker's Torah Review Center—what an amazing tool!



What a wonderful apple picking trip the preschool enjoyed this Monday! The sun was shining and the weather was beautiful - perfect for our annual trip to Dr. Davies farm. We hope our mommies make lots of delicious apple Kugels for yomtov! **THANK YOU TO THE NSHEI FOR SO GENEROUSLY SPONSORING THE COST OF THE BUS TO TAKE US THERE AND BACK!**



Second graders with their edible sukkah project!



Third graders enjoying library time



Lows and Highs

וַיָּבֹא מֹשֶׁה וַיְדַבֵּר אֶת־כָּל־דִּבְרֵי הַשִּׁירָה־הַזֹּאת בְּאָזְנֵי הָעָם הוּא וְהוֹשֶׁעַ בֶּרֶנְחָן:

Moses came, together with Hosea son of Nun, and recited all the words of this poem in the hearing of the people.

ויכתוב משה את דברי השירה הזאת על ספר עד תומם. דאמרו רבותינו ז"ל (פסחים פז): לא גלו ישראל לבין האומות אלא כדי שיתוספו עליהם גרים. דישראל מעלים הנצוצות הקדושות שבתוך האומות ועל ידי זה נוטלים מאתם כל הנצוצות. ולהכי נקרא דברי משה שאמר בפרשת האזינו שירה שרומז על שמחה, הגם שנאמר בו שישראל יהיו בגלות, אף על פי כן הגלות גופא הוא שמחה שיעלו ישראל נצוצות הקדושה מאתם ואז בכלות מאתם הקדושה ממילא יכלו. וזהו ויכתוב משה את דברי השירה הזאת, שנקרא שירה שמורה על השמחה הגם שנאמר בו גלות. לזה אמר עד תומם, פירוש שהגלות גורם להאומות כליה, כי ישראל מעלה מתוכם נצוצות הקדושה

Our sages in Pessachim> 87 state that the only reason that the Jewish people were exiled and scattered among the various nations is in order for their presence to attract worthy people amongst the gentiles to have a chance to convert to Judaism. Only the Israelites are able to help these “sparks” of holy spirits among the gentiles which have “fallen” from their celestial home to rehabilitate themselves through becoming attached to the Jewish nation. This is also why the words Moses addresses to his nation on this occasion have been entitled “שירה,” “song,” expressing one’s feelings of joy poetically. This is so in spite of the fact that the Israelites at the time are in exile on foreign soil, and may be presumed not to feel joyous at all. The positive aspects to exile, which are exclusive to exile, actually are a joyful experience, as, once the “lost souls,” i.e. “sparks” of spirituality scattered among the gentile people have been repatriated, there is nothing to hinder G’d from annihilating the remainder of these people.

- Kedushas Levi

Parenthood is the biggest emotional roller coaster you will ever ride. Some days you will feel like you have been on it forever. Some days the ride is over almost before you get your seatbelt fastened

- Marie Masterson

Perhaps the most terrifying predictions of the horrors that will befall the Jewish people in the course of their history are found not in Parashas Bechukosai or in Ki Savo, but right here in Ha’azinu. In the Parsha, Moshe calls upon heaven and earth to bear witness to the historical mission of the Jewish people, the reward for fulfilling that mission, and the terrible consequences that await when they fall short of their mandate. It is a beautiful Parsha, yet a frightening one. Interestingly enough, it is called a song. Rav Levi Yitzchak MiBerditchev notes that the word “shira”, song connotes happiness, and he questions the propriety of referring to such a terrible series of predictions as a Shira.

The Kedushas Levi explains that, in fact, the highs and lows of Parshas Haazinu directly reflect the nature of songs. Songs rise and fall in high parts and low parts. In fact, without a low-part a song cannot have a high part. Just as in song there are ups and downs, good and bad, so too Jewish history will be filled with its ups and downs, and the poetic foretelling of that history is referred to as song.



But still, the term song itself is inappropriate for the low parts, for the negative. Again, the Kedushas Levi explains that the low parts, the bad times and events only look bad in the moment. In the long run, they too are part of what leads to the ultimate good and are therefore really happy moments. What in the short run seems tragic and horrid looks very different in the long run. Haazinu is a shira because it is a long-run view of Jewish history.

The Kedushas Levi's idea helps frame our perspective on parenting. Parenting is the world's greatest emotional roller coaster, filled with the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. Parenthood is the world's greatest shira because it covers the full range of emotion. But, it can also give you whiplash.

The key to successful and happy parenting is to recognize the two ideas of the Kedushas Levi in your parenthood experience. First, parents need to take a long-run view of parenthood. Too often parents get caught up in the moment and live and die by every single victory or setback their child experiences. Parents will also sometimes panic because they get caught in the moment their child declares how much he hates them. The wise parent recognizes that he is experiencing the steep climbs and sharp falls of life's parenting roller coaster. He also realizes that over the long run these highs and lows tend to balance out. Patience is the operative word.

The wise parent also recognizes that the setbacks of youth are what lead to the successes of adulthood. The lows are simply the path to get to the highs. It is hard to see that in the moment when you are traveling to the emergency room with your child or you have been summoned to a meeting with the principal about your child. In those moments, it is critical that you take a deep breath and remember that raising children is a shira, it's a song, and the low part you are at now is simply the build up to the high part that will come later. Do that and you'll enjoy the thrill of the ride.



פרשת האזינו



This weeks program שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום
is not yet sponsored

Wishing a
a gut gebenched yor
and a wonderful Yom Tov!
והיית אך שמח!

**THE REST 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!!

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

סוכות סוכות סוכות סוכות

בס"ד

100 QUESTIONS ON SUCCOS! PROGRAM



GRADES 1 - 8



GRADES 1 & 2 - ANSWER 25 QUESTIONS CORRECTLY

GRADES 3 & 4 - ANSWER 35 QUESTIONS CORRECTLY

GRADES 5 & 6 - ANSWER 45 QUESTIONS CORRECTLY

GRADES 7 & 8 - ANSWER 55 QUESTIONS CORRECTLY

YOU CAN ASK ANY NON-SCHOOLMATES
TO HELP YOU WITH THE ANSWERS!!!

ALL TALMIDIM WHO QUALIFY
RECEIVE A PRIZE!!!!

(PLEASE WRITE YOUR ANSWERS AS NEATLY AS POSSIBLE.)

SUGGESTION: ANSWER MORE QUESTIONS THAN YOUR REQUIRED AMOUNT,
IN CASE SOME ANSWERS ARE INCORRECT.)



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דשמחת בחגך דהיית אך שמח



SO.....

SMILE



Please email to: pictures@ohrreuve.com

1 picture (only)

of your son/s performing the sukkos mitzvohs –
shaking lulav, sitting in a סוכה, helping build the סוכה

We are looking forward to displaying the pictures
on the hallway screen.



חג כשר ושמח!



מחזיקי תורה זכרון יצחק

התמדה בחג הסוכות

Program

Grand Raffle:
October 26th
Loads of prizes will be raffled off!!

לד"ר הרב ירחמיאל
שלום משה בן הרב ישראל זצ"ל
מגיד שיעור - ישיבה דרך חיים

BONUS SUCCOS RAFFLE:

For learning a minimum of
12 hours over Yom Tov: \$100

BONUS SUCCOS RAFFLE:

For learning a minimum of
9 hours over Yom Tov: \$75



BONUS SUCCOS RAFFLE:

For learning a minimum of
6 hours over Yom Tov: \$50

BONUS SUCCOS RAFFLE:

For learning a minimum of
3 hours over Yom Tov: \$25

Earn one ticket towards the raffle for each half hour of learning between
Sunday October 5th and Thursday October 16th (except during Yeshiva Hours)
You can earn tickets for any learning over **יום טוב**, except during תפילה or קריאת התורה.

Name _____

Yeshiva _____ Grade _____

Rebbe _____ Room Number _____

Phone _____ Email _____

HOURS LEARNED	<input type="text"/>	MINUTES LEARNED	<input type="text"/>	PARENT'S SIGNATURE	<input type="text"/>
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First time participants should also fill out the information below:

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Completed forms must be received by October 21st to be included in the raffle.
Completed forms should be faxed to 646-595-2402 or emailed to egoldberg417@gmail.com.

Grand raffle will take place on October 26, 2025
LOADS OF PRIZES WILL BE RAFFLED OFF!!

For more information or for sponsorship opportunities please call
Rabbi Eliyahu Goldberg 347.420.0906 or email egoldberg417@gmail.com

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נפטר כה' מר חשוון תשס"ג

Machzikei Torah
Zichron Yitzchak
LEARNING PROGRAM

**WEEKLY RAFFLES
WILL RESUME
AFTER SUCCOS!**