



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday
November 11, 2025
No Transportation
Dismissal N-K @3pm,
P-8 @4pm

Sunday
November 16, 2025
3rd Grade
Hascholas Mishyanos

Friday
November 21, 2025
Torah Umesorah
Convention
No Sessions

Thursday
November 27, 2025
No Transportation
Dismissal N-8 @1pm
Rebbeim in-Service

Friday
November 28, 2025
No Transportation
Dismissal N-8 @12:30pm

IMPORTANT NOTES

If you would like to sponsor a YKOR Rosh Chodesh treat please contact Peshie Needleman at 845-494-2360.

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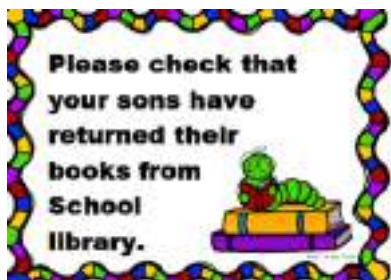
The Rosh Hayeshiva introducing the Kedusha Warriors program to our 6th, 7th and 8th graders!



The Benisti family's Hachnosas Sefer Torah



Morah Jenny's K1 learning the letter Beis



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any mazel tov
information to
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Our condolences to Mrs. Shoshana Golani on the passing of her beloved mother, Mrs. Arlene Slotnick
חנה בת מנדל ע"ה.

MAZEL TOV!

Rabbi Kohn on the birth of his new daughter!
David and Yosef Benisti on the Hachnosas Sefer Torah!
Ami Wanounou and Ikey Danoel Azer on the Hachnosas Sefer Torah!
JJ Zlotnick and Huda Zlotnick on becoming an uncle!
Rafi Weinraub on his sister's wedding!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Yaakov Drillman 3rd
Asher Weg 3rd
Maier Greenstein 1st
Yehoshua Leib Greenstein 1st
Levi Yitzchak Soofian K1
Heshy Shtaygrud Nursery



The Wanounou family's Hachnosas Sefer Torah



Rafi Weinraub Rafi Weinraub performing during Keitzad Merakdim at his sister's chassanah



Slush reward for Aseres Yimei Teshuva Shmiras Eynayim Program



8th graders getting rewarded for sleeping in the sukkah



Shua Plotzker's birthday



Shalom Gilden learning a new rashi in 3rd grade



Morah Bracha's Pre 1A working on Aleph Beis



3rd graders getting rewarded for sleeping in the sukkah!



Mrs. Goldring's 1st grade writing and scooping our first sentence of the year



8th grade on a hike with the Sgan Rosh Hayeshiva Rabbi Brodie



Yehuda Balsam's Birthday and Siyum
on 6th's grade first blatt



Kollel Boker at the Mesivta -voluntary seder early
morning before Shachris



Kedusha Warriors Raffle
Winner Rafi Weinraub



Delicious treats in honor of
Rabbi Kohn's New baby girl



3rd and 4th grade boys working on their teamwork
with Mrs. Leibovic



Morah Bracha's Pre'la learns tapping tambourine taf!



7th and 2nd grade during our lockdown drill



לך לך

The Joy of Sacrifice

וּבְנֵי-נְשָׁמַנֵּת יָמִים יִמּוּל לָכֶם כָּל-זָכָר לְדֹרֹתֵיכֶם יְלִיד בְּיֹת וּמִקְנֵת-לִסְסָה מִכָּל בֶּן-בְּנֵי אִשָּׁר לֹא מִזְרַעַהּ הוּא:

And throughout the generations, every male among you shall be circumcised at the age of eight days. As for the home-born slave and the one bought from an outsider who is not of your offspring

תִּנְיָא, רַבִּי שִׁמְעוֹן בֶּן גַּמְלִיאֵל אוֹמֵר: כָּל מִצְוָה שֶׁקִּיבְלוּ עָלֶיהֶם בְּשִׁמְחָה, כְּגוֹן מִילָה, דְּכַתִּיב: "שֵׁשׁ אָנֹכִי עַל אִמְרָתְךָ כְּמוֹצֵא שָׁלָל רָב" — עֲדִיין עוֹשִׂין אוֹתָהּ בְּשִׁמְחָה

Apropos affection for the *mitzva* of circumcision, the Gemara cites a *baraisa* in which it was taught that Rabban Shimon ben Gamliel says: Every *mitzva* that the Jews initially accepted upon themselves with joy, such as circumcision, as it is written: "I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great spoil," they still perform it with joy.

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It was taught in a *baraisa* that Rabbi Shimon ben Elazar says in praise of the observance of the *mitzva* of circumcision: Any *mitzva* for which the Jews sacrificed their lives at the time of the decrees of the wicked empire, such as the prohibition of idolatry and the *mitzva* of circumcision, is still steadfastly observed.

- Shabbos 130a

If there's one thing I've learned in my years on this planet, it's that the happiest and most fulfilled people are those who devoted themselves to something bigger and more profound than merely their own self-interest.

- John Glenn

A number of years ago, I read a comment by a Jewish mother who was not affiliated with Orthodox Judaism regarding *bris milah*. She stated that she would not give her son a *bris* at eight days of age as is the tradition because she thought it cruel to modify her child's body without his input and consent. She was not against *milah*, but simply opposed to performing the *bris* on an infant incapable of understanding and consent. Her plan was to wait until her son matured enough to be asked if he wanted a *bris* or not.

While her approach is certainly foreign to our conception of *bris milah*, it provoked some thought as to why we this *mitzvah* is so different from all other *mitzvos*. The normal rule is that *mitzvos* require intent and focus,

neither of which are present in an eight-day old child. And, while one will contend that in the *mitzvah* of *milah*, the child is not the subject, but merely the object to which the *mitzvah* is done, that simply begs the question as to why this *mitzvah* was not given in the same way it was originally given to Avraham, where he was both subject and object. Why shouldn't the child be given the opportunity to consent to the *mitzvah*?

I believe that *milah* as commanded becomes an important model for the *chinuch* of our children. The act of *milah* is an incredible act of sacrifice on the part of the parents. When a baby is born, delicate, fragile, and precious, his mother and father will do anything to protect him from harm. The parents need to



subdue that protective instinct in order to subject their newborn son to the knife of the *mohel*.

Interestingly enough, the *gemara* describes *milah* as a *mitzvah* associated with self-sacrifice, but also a *mitzvah* associated with joy. That is no mere coincidence. Contrary to popular perception, the key to happiness in life is not to avoid sacrifice, but to embrace it. Ironically, foregoing the pursuit of one's own happiness in order to chase down happiness for others will bring joy and satisfaction. The *mitzvah* of *milah* embodies the notion of foregoing one's instinct for self-protection and preservation in favor of sacrificing oneself for a greater cause.

That is a difficult concept for people to grasp, and a near-impossible one for a child. Children believe the key to their happiness lies in taking. It is our job as parents and educators

to raise our children to self-sacrifice for the sake of the world and for our children's sake.

I do not know whether the above-mentioned woman ever did ask her son if he wanted a *bris*, and, if she did, I have no idea what he responded, but it's difficult to imagine that a child would have the maturity to place self-sacrifice ahead of self-preservation. That is not a value our children have naturally. It is our responsibility to build that within them, to raise them to self-sacrifice and to seek not what others can do for them, but what they can do for others.

Essentially, the *bris* is the first *mitzvah* of *chinuch* we perform. The first lesson we teach our newborn son, and by extension the first lesson we teach ourselves about child-rearing, is that our job is not to wait until children are ready to engage in sacrifice. It is for us to bring them to that noble cause.

Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal



פרשת לך לך



This week's program שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

*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.

First

Last

Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

!!WEEKLY PRIZES!!

- ☐ 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



Some Other Parsha Topics

בְּרִית בֵּין הַבְּתָרִים

Points from the Parsha

- 1) אַבְרָם dedicated himself to spreading knowledge of Hashem. ה' gave him 10 tests. The first test was to leave his father's house and to travel to an undisclosed land.
- 2) אַבְרָם, who was 75 years old, took with him his wife, שָׂרִי, his wife's brother לוֹט, and all the people that he taught about ה'. When he arrived in אֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן, there was another test – a famine, so he travelled down to מִצְרַיִם to get food.
- 3) אַבְרָם was concerned that the מִצְרַיִם would take שָׂרִי and kill him, so he put her in a box, but she was discovered (another test). אַבְרָם said she is my sister (as all relatives can be called family) but she was taken nonetheless. When פַּרְעֹה tried to come close to her, a מַלְאָךְ struck him. פַּרְעֹה freed שָׂרִי, sending אַבְרָם away with many presents. (One of the presents that פַּרְעֹה gave אַבְרָם was his own daughter, הָגָר, who served as a slave for אַבְרָם.)
- 4) Upon arriving back in אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל, the shepherds of אַבְרָם and לוֹט quarreled. אַבְרָם only let his animals graze in his own fields, but לוֹט let them graze all over. אַבְרָם told לוֹט to move away, and לוֹט moved away to the wicked city of סְדוֹם.
- 5) A battle began between 4 main kings of the time against the 5 main kings. אַבְרָם and his servant אֱלִיעֶזֶר joined the battle of the 4 kings against the 5 kings. אַבְרָם won the battle and released all the captives.
- 6) As אַבְרָם approached יְרוּשָׁלַיִם, the king, מֶלֶכ־צֶדֶק, whose real name was שָׁם, (the son of נֹחַ,) came out to bless him.
- 7) After 10 years of being back in אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל and not having children, שָׂרִי suggested that אַבְרָם marry הָגָר, and in that זְכוּת, she, שָׂרִי, will be זֹכָה to have children. A year later, הָגָר had a son named יִשְׁמָעֵאל.
- 8) When אַבְרָם was 99 years old, ה' appeared to him and commanded him to perform the מִצְוָה of מִילָה. Hashem also changed אַבְרָם's name to שְׂרָה, and שָׂרִי's name to שְׂרָה.
- 9) Although אַבְרָהָם was 99 years old, he fulfilled ה' command and gave himself and all males of his whole household a מִילָה.

Quotes from the Parsha

כִּי אֶת כָּל הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה רֹאֶה, לִךְ אֶתְנַנָּה וְלִזְרַעְךָ עַד עוֹלָם.
ה' promised Avraham Avinu: "All the land (of Eretz Yisroel) that you see, will be Klal Yisroel's forever!"

... וְלֹא תֹאמַר אֲנִי הַעֲשֵׂיתִי אֶת אַבְרָם

Avraham Avinu refused all spoils of war from the king of Sidom: "so you should not say, I made Avram rich" rather it is all from ה'!

... וְאַחֲרֵי כֵן יֵצְאוּ בְּרִכְשׁ גָּדוֹל.

Bnei Yisroel will be enslaved

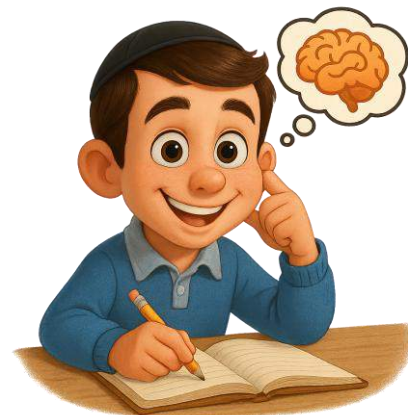
"and afterwards will go out with great wealth" (The Torah!)





ברית מילה

- ❖ שְׁלוֹם זְכוֹר
- ❖ וְאַכֹּט נֶאֱכָט
- ❖ שְׁמוֹנֵה יָמִים
- ❖ אָבִי הַבֵּן
- ❖ מוֹהֵל
- ❖ סְנֵדֶק
- ❖ קוֹאטְעֵר
- ❖ קִרְיַת שֵׁם
- ❖ עֲמִידָה עַל הַבְּרִית
- ❖ כֶּסֶף שֶׁל אֱלֹהֵינוּ (אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֵלֶכֶד הַבְּרִית)
- ❖ בָּא"י אִמָּה אֶקְבִּי אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְעִנּוּנוּ עַל הַמִּלָּה
- ❖ בָּא"י אִמָּה אֶקְבִּי לְהַכְנִיסוֹ בְּבְרִיתוֹ שֶׁל אַבְרָהָם אֲבִינוּ



Tefillah Talk

ברכת התורה (חלק א')

Hashem, You are the source of all blessings	ברוך אתה ה',
Our G-d, King of the universe,	אלקינו, מלך העולם,
Who has made us holy through his mitzvahs,	אשר קדשנו במצותיו
And commanded us to be busy with the words of the תורה.	ועינו לעסוק בדברי תורה:
And please, Hashem, our G-d, sweeten	והערב נא ה' אלקינו
The words of Torah in our mouth	את דברי תורתך בפינו
And we, our offspring,	ונהיה אנחנו, וצאצאינו,
and all the offspring of Your nation, Klal Yisroel	וצאצאי עמך בית ישראל.
Know Your Name (follow Your ways)	כלנו יודעי שמך
And learn Your Torah for it's sake (not for glory)	ולומדי תורתך לשמה
Hashem, You are the source of all blessings	ברוך אתה ה':
Who teaches Torah to His nation, Yisroel.	המלמד תורה לעמו ישראל.

Rav Matisyahu Solomon זצ"ל said: Imagine if when we said this ברכה,
we would truly have in mind all of Klal Yisroel –
hundreds of thousands of tefillos said daily on behalf of each other!
What a tremendous impact it would have on all of us!

