



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן  
YESHIVA KETANA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday-Monday  
December 19-22, 2025  
Chanuka Vacation  
No Session

Tuesday  
December 23, 2025  
No Clarkstown, North  
Rockland & Suffern Central  
Transportation

Wednesday  
December 24, 2025  
No Transportation  
Dismissal, N-K @3:00  
P-8 @4:00

Thursday  
December 25, 2025  
No Transportation  
Dismissal N-K @3:00  
P-8 @4:00

Friday  
December 26, 2025  
No Clarkstown, North  
Rockland & Suffern Central  
Transportation  
Dismissal N-8 @12:30

## IMPORTANT NOTES

### WEATHER RELATED SCHOOL CLOSING INFO:

In case of inclement weather, the  
Yeshiva tries to send out a text or  
email. You can also call the Yeshiva  
Ketana's message line at  
845.362.8362, x 199.

# REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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פרשת וישלח



Mazel Tov to Rabbi Myski's 1<sup>st</sup> grade on their Hascholas Chumash Celebration



Yaakov Moeller's Bar Mitzvah Aliyah



Netanel Klien's Bar Mitzvah Aliyah





Rabbi Lowy's 4<sup>th</sup> grade showing how the *Beis Din* would cry for suspecting someone for no reason.



Mazel to tov to Netanel & Eliav Klein on their sister's wedding.



Rabbi Horowitz being misamaech his Talmid, Eliav Klien.



Shua Plotzker, Asher Wegh and Zechariah Singer as "Junior Rebbes" in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

## MAZEL TOV!

Mr. & Mrs. Avromi Balsam on the birth of a baby girl!

Yehuda & Levi Balsam on the birth of their new baby sister!

Mrs. Shani Elbaum on her son's Bar Mitzvah!

Shmuel Schwartz on his Hanochas Teffilin!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Yisrael Moshe Kohl 7<sup>th</sup>

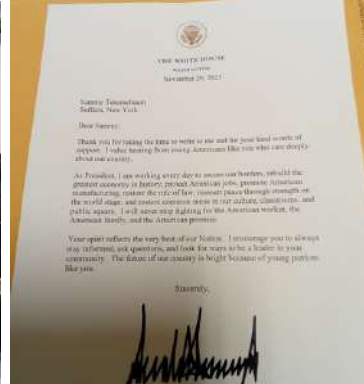
Moish Mandel 5<sup>th</sup>

Yosef Berliner 3<sup>rd</sup>

Yehoshua Richmond-Nursery



Rabbi Elchonon Galbut, Head of Ohr Reuven Mesivta Camp, giving Divrei Chizuk to the 8th Grade during his visit from Miami



Sammy Tenenbaum just received a letter from PRESIDENT TRUMP in response to the letter that he wrote with Mrs. Radzik last year.



Mishnayos Chaburah Siyum on Maseches Gittin. Chaburah Learns 10 minute before Shachris daily.



Winners of the Great Clickers Challenge



Rabbi Biller's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade dancing after finishing a Perek in Chumash





Mazal tov to Shmuel Schwartz on his Hanochas Tefillin!



Mazal tov to the 7th grade for reaching the second Mishna in Hakones; almost 5 Blatt in!



Kabbalah To Join Mishna Yomi



Mishna Yomi Siyum on Maseches Chullin, Mazel Tov!



Malbish Arumim—what a chesed, as so much clothing was donated to Kupas Ezra to help those in need.



6th Graders Exploring Egypt in 3D!



Morah Jenny's K1 Getting ready for Chanukah



Wrapping presents for Eisav



Super pointing in Pre1a!



Morah Penina's K2 boys building dreidels out of squares, triangles and rectangles!



Morah Tzippy's Nursery, learning colors





Kedusha Warriors members rewarded with a breakfast special



Rabbi Kohn's 6<sup>th</sup> grade dancing in celebration upon finishing Yiush Shelo Midaas



Friday Frenzy

PLEASE SHARE WITH US! Email any mazel tov information to [reuvenreview@ohrreuven.com](mailto:reuvenreview@ohrreuven.com).

*The weathers getting cold...*  
**REMEMBER TO LABEL  
 ALL YOUR JACKETS  
 AND WINTER  
 ACSESSORIES!**



Morah Bracha and Morah Hadassa's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at art time

## MESIVTA



Rabbi Peikes giving the Thursday night shmuess



At the chassanah of Yaakov Yosef and Tami Coren!

וישלה

The Road to Success

וַיֵּרָא כִּי לֹא יָכַל לוֹ וַיִּגַע בְּכַף-יָרְכוֹ וַתִּקַּע כַּף-יָרְךָ יַעֲקֹב בְּהֶאֱבָקוֹ עִמּוֹ:

When he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he wrenched Jacob's hip at its socket, so that the socket of his hip was strained as he wrestled with him.

וַיִּגַע בְּכַף יָרְכוֹ, נָגַע בְּצַדִּיקִים וּבְצַדִּיקוֹת בְּנֵי־אִיִּם וּבְנֵי־אִמּוֹת שָׁהֵן עֲתִידִין לַעֲמֹד מִמֶּנּוּ, וְאִיִּזָּה זֶה, זֶה דֹּרוֹ שֶׁל שְׁמַד.  
"And he touched the hollow of his thigh" - he touched the righteous men and women, the prophets and prophetesses, which were to arise from him in the future. And which is this? The generation of persecution (shemad).

- Bereishis Rabbah

"Every man should lose a battle in his youth, so he does not lose a war when he is old."

- George R. R. Martin

The third and final of the three mitzvos in sefer Bereishis makes its appearance this week. The injury sustained by Yaakov, wrestling with his otherworldly adversary, forever changed the Jewish diet, requiring the excising of the gid hanashe and surrounding fat before consuming the hindquarters of an animal. In fact, the process of nikur hagid is so complex and time-consuming that the kosher meat industry in America avoids it by selling off all animal hindquarters to the non-Jewish market. The prohibition of the gid hanashe is meant to convey a continual message about Yaakov's confrontation and its meaning for us. But, what is that message?

The sefer hachinuch writes that the gid hanashe teaches us not to fall to despair in the long, dark night of exile. Just as Yaakov was ultimately saved and redeemed from his nemesis, so will we be rescued from ours. It is curious, though, that the lesson is conveyed specifically through the medium of Yaakov's injury, rather than by his victory.

I would suggest that a midrash can help to expand the lesson expounded by the Sefer Hachinuch. It is true that we will make it through

the long, bitter exile, but it is also true that like Yaakov, we will not emerge unscathed. As the midrash comments, the injury inflicted on Yaakov in the course of battle is an allusion to future generations who will suffer through periods of shemad, oppression and persecution. Just as Yaakov's temporary setback was simply a step on the road to a greater, complete victory, his children, The Jewish People, will suffer many setbacks on the way to our ultimate victory. It is during those times of trouble that we cannot allow ourselves to sink into despair, but we must recognize that, as we go along, we will lose some battles in order to win the war in the end.

Learning to lose battles, and teaching our children how to lose battles to win the war is an essential skill of parenting. Too many parents want to shield their children from ever having to experience the pain of failure. When they do so, they handicap the child, who will not know how to fail and, more importantly, how to get back up after failure. Children do not need to learn how to win. That comes naturally. They need to learn how to lose when they are young so that they can learn to win at life when they grow up.



I read recently of a top-level, private, prep-school in Australia that sets aside one week each academic year to celebrate failure. During that week, teachers share openly and honestly with their students their most embarrassing failures and mess-ups. The week is geared to teaching how to accept failure as a healthy, normal part of life, and how to rebound from it.

As part of Failure Week, students are encouraged to try to learn a new skill or master a new task before the week is out. The students then perform that task before the school on the last day of Failure Week, and they usually fall flat in their attempt.

The goal is to remove the stigma associated with failure and to train the children that failing is a natural step on the road to success. By normalizing, sharing, and even celebrating failure, the school succeeds in teaching kids to fail on their way to success.

To many parents, it may seem counterintuitive to encourage failure. Don't we want to keep the stigma around failure? Don't we want our kids to be afraid to fail? Surprisingly, the answer is no.

Failure is not the opposite of success. The opposite of success is failing to try because you were afraid to fail. When we stigmatize failure, we don't encourage kids to succeed, we encourage them to avoid branching out, trying new things, and being bold enough to risk failing. A child who has grown up viewing failure as bad will chart a course in life designed to avoid the possibility of failure rather than one designed to succeed.

But, when we teach our children when they are young that it is ok to fail sometimes, to lose the game, and to sometimes come up short, we train them to not fear risk, and we prime them for success. That does not mean we need to encourage our children to fail on purpose. Life

offers plenty of opportunities for failure and loss. What we need to do is teach our children to be ok when that failure comes, not to live in fear and dread of it, and to dust themselves off, get back up and keep moving forward when they get knocked down.

Don't shield your children from loss or failure. Instead, when your child loses the game, fails the test, or messes up the task, be glad for the opportunity to teach him how to lose a battle to win the war of life.

*Good Shabbos,  
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
Principal*



### Additional Parsha Points

בחירת מקום קבר רחל

### Parsha Points

### Quotes from the Parsha

עם לבן גרתי

I lived with לבן (all these years).

The gematria of גרתי is 613. יעקב was hinting - even though I was with a רשע, I didn't let him influence me and I kept the 613 מצוות.

הצילני נא מיד אחי מיד עשו

Please save me from the hands of my brother, from the hands of עשו.

Sometimes the עשו's of the world act towards us with love like brothers, and sometimes with hate, like עשו. Both are dangerous!

- 1) Upon יעקב's return to ישראל, ארץ ישראל, he sent gifts and a hidden message to עשו - "I kept all the מצוות, and now have the power of the שבטים with me". The messengers reported back that עשו is preparing for battle and is coming towards you.
- 2) יעקב prepared himself in three ways: davening, sending presents, & battle. Aside from this, he split his camp in half. One half stayed with him, while the other was placed one day away.
- 3) That night, יעקב went back over the Yabok River, as he realized he left behind 3 jars of oil. While there, he was attacked by the מלאך of עשו. They fought all night and as morning came, the מלאך moved part of יעקב's thigh. We are commanded not to eat the הנשה to remind of this battle.
- 4) יעקב defeated the מלאך. Before the מלאך left, he gave יעקב a ברכה and changed his name to ישראל, which means you fought with a מלאך and won.
- 5) In the morning, יעקב saw עשו and his men approaching. Yaakov bowed to him. When עשו saw this, he ran to kiss יעקב. (Some say it was a real kiss. Others say it was an attempt to bite him.)
- 6) עשו suggested they travel together. יעקב did not want to travel with עשו and said as he had many children and animals, he would travel slowly. עשו agreed and they went their separate ways.
- 7) יעקב and his family lived outside the city of שכם. שכם's daughter דינה wandered to see what was in the city. While outside, שכם, the son of חמור, the leader of the city, kidnapped her and decided he wanted to marry her.
- 8) When חמור came to discuss the marriage, שמעון and לוי said that they cannot let their sister marry someone who does not have a ברית מילה. If the city would give themselves a ברית מילה then they would be able to intermarry. (They of course didn't even think of allowing her to marry a non-Jew.)
- 9) The city of שכם agreed, and on the third day when they were recovering from their ברית מילה, שמעון and לוי came in, wiped out the city, and took דינה back.
- 10) After this, יעקב travelled home to see his parents for the first time in 36 years. While traveling, his mother, רבקה, and his nurse, דבורה, were נפטרות.
- 11) As they approached the city of לחם, בית רחל gave birth to her second son, בנימין. רחל was נפטרת in childbirth, and was buried in a location known until today as קבר רחל.
- 12) The end of the פרשה gives an extensive list of עשו's descendants, many of them who were kings and rulers. Still, Hashem chose the righteous יעקב and his family as His special nation!



The parsha lists many different types of animals, many that were given as gifts to עשו.

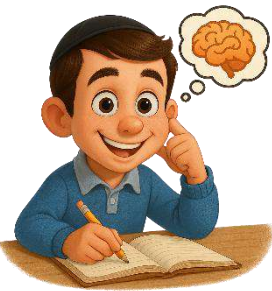
**בהמות = General term for domesticated animals used for labor or food**

These are all called מקנה, usually used when referring to ownership (From the word "קנין"—property.)

<b>בקר = Cattle</b> (cows, bulls, & calves)	Male	עגל = calf (Before fully grown)	שור = ox / פר = bull (Fully grown) (there are differences)
	Female	עגלה = calf (Before fully grown)	פרה = cow (Fully grown)

<b>צאן = Flock</b> (sheep & goats)	<b>כבשים / רחלים = Sheep</b>	Male	טלה = lamb	כבש = Young	איל = Ram (Fully grown)
		Female	טלה = lamb	כבשה = Young	רחל = Ewe (Fully grown)
	<b>עזים = Goats</b>	Male	גדי = Kid	תיש = Buck (Fully grown)	שעיר = Hairy (& strong) Buck
		Female	גדיה = Kid	עז = Doe (Fully grown)	

<b>חמור = Donkey</b>	Male	עיר = Foal (young)	חמור = Donkey (Fully grown)
	Female	עירה = Foal (young)	אתון = Donkey (Fully grown)



Also included in בהמות/מקנה are  
גמל = camel, and סוס = horse.



## Tefillah Talk

### תפילת רבי יהודה הנשיא



And it should be Your will 'ה, my G-d, and G-d of my fathers,	יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלקי ואלקי אבותי
That you save me today, and every day	שתצילני היום ובכל יום
From arrogant people, and from my becoming arrogant	מעוזי פנים, ומעוזות פנים,
From bad people, and bad friends, and bad neighbors,	מאדם רע, ומחבר רע, ומשכן רע,
And from bad things (happening to me),	ומפגע רע,
And from the יצר הרע who tries to destroy us (by having us do aveiros)	ומשטן המשחית,
From a difficult ruling,	מדין קשה, ומבעל דין קשה,
and a difficult person, (who does not want to make peace)	
Whether he is Jewish or not.	בין שהוא בן ברית, ובין שאינו בן ברית.

As we prepare to begin the day ahead, we end off ברכות השחר with a תפלה said by רבי יהודה הנשיא (רבי) (ברכות טז:) asking ה' for סיעתא דשמיא and His protecting us from things that can hamper our עבודת ה'.







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## !!WEEKLY PRIZES!!

Class: (Please Check One)

- ☐ 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

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# QUESTION OF THE DAY

**ONE RAFFLE TICKET PER QUESTION ANSWERED!**

*Answers should be written on Q.O.D. cards and placed in mailbox outside office.*

## AHHHH! IT'S SHABBOS! ~ PART 2

- 1) How do we refer to the 'extra נְשִׂמָה' we receive on Shabbos?
- 2) How many people are called up to the תּוֹרָה on a regular Shabbos?
- 3) What is the name of the שְׂמוּנָה עֲשִׂירָה we 'add on' on Shabbos?
- 4) What special סְעוּדָה שְׁלִישִׁית do we sing 3 times by פֶּרֶק of תְּהִלִּים?
- 5) How many בְּרָכוֹת altogether do we make by הַבְדֵּלָה?
- 6) What is the name of the special meal we eat after Shabbos, escorting back the Shabbos Queen?

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