



UPCOMING EVENTS

Motzei Shabbos

January 17, 2026

NSHEI TEA



Monday

January 19, 2026

Legal Holiday

No Transportation

Dismissal N-8 3:00 PM

General Studies Teacher-In-Service

Wednesday

January 28, 2026

Dismissal: Grades N-K: 12:00,

P-8: 12:30

Thursday-Monday

January 29-February 2, 2026

Mid Winter

No session



IMPORTANT NOTES

Our condolences to Rabbi Rawicki on the passing of his beloved sister, Mrs. Lifsha Bracha ע"ה bas Yitzchak Aryeh ז"ל



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פרשת ורא



Mazel Tov to our Mishna Yomi Siyum Lomdim



Kedusha Warriors trip





Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade class celebrates surpassing 1,000 chazaros on their Gemara Chazara chart- now aiming for an incredible new goal of 1,500!
חזרה עמודים!



Rabbi Kohn's 6th grade learning in Ohr Reuven's Bais Medrash for their Gemara Chazara program

Our condolences to Alexander Czertok on the passing of his beloved father, Arie Ben Dovid A" H

PLEASE SHARE WITH US! Email any mazel tov information to reuvenreview@ohrreuven.com.

MAZEL TOV!

Eliyahu and Moshe Dovid Rothman on their brother's Upsherin!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Rafi Weinraub 6th

Moshe Dovid Rothman 4th

Eli Wassner 3rd

JJ Zlotnick 3rd

Tzvi Margaretten 1st

Benny Peker Pre-1A



Mordechai Nadoff celebrating his Hanochas Teffilin



Morah Bracha's and Morah Hadassa's 2nd grade math



Rabbi Peikes' 8th Grade Siyum on Maseches Beitzah and Hilchos Krias Hatorah

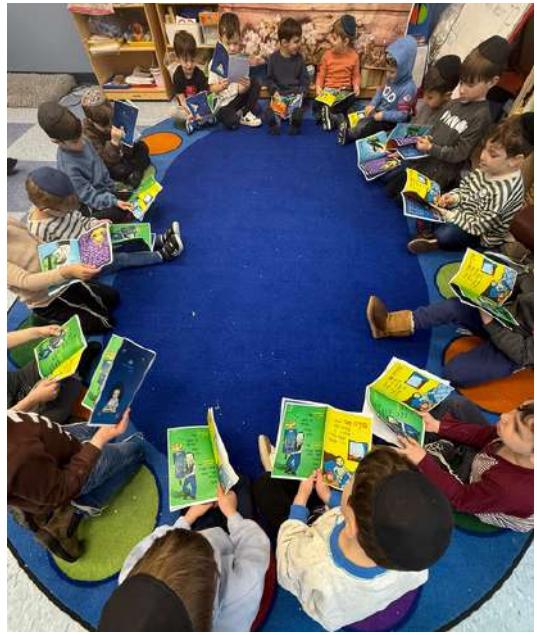


ELA game in 1st grade with Mrs. Radzik



Rabbi Biller's 2nd grade learned that unkind words can quickly ruin a happy mood, like a balloon popping when it's hit by something sharp.





Morah Jenny's K1 davening from Siddurim



Morah Bracha's Pre-1A playing the decoding kriah game



Morah Tzippy's Nursery reading time



We are excited to see you at our upcoming Nshei Tea. As a fun incentive, the boys are able to guess how many gumballs are in a gumball machine. The family with the closest guess submitted at the tea will win the entire machine. (Boys don't forget to give your mother your guess)

וארא

Winning the Losing Streak

וְאֶרְאָ אֶל־אֶבְרָהָם אֶל־יַעֲקֹב וְאֶל־יַעֲקֹב בֶּן־שָׁקַי וְשָׁקַי ה' לֹא נִזְעַטִּי לְהַמִּים:

I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as Kel Shakkai, but I did not make Myself known to them by My name, Hashem.

היה ביד לי הובילכם בדרך העולה מעלה. במקום לסתך בן לאברהם בשנותו המאה, יכולתי להקים לו משפחה קודם שהיא בן שבעים, ולהניח לזרענו לפרוח ולהיות עם בתנאי אושר והצלחה, על אדמות מולדתו. אולם באופן זה לא היה העם נעשה לעם ה', אותו עם אשר דרכו יתגלה האלקים כ'יה'ה', ... משום כך, חייב עם זה להתחיל מהמקום בו נעצרו שאר העמים. היה עליו להתייחס מעצמו "בגועל נפשו", להיות מוטל ארץה כמעט וגווע מתבוסס בדמו" (ע"נ יחזקאל טז, ה-ו), ולקיים להיות לאומה נפרדת ועצמאית רק בקריאת הבורא, כדי שבעצם קיומו, יכרי לכל העמים: "אני ה!"

I was able to lead you on the path that goes up and up. Instead of giving a son to Abraham in his hundredth year, I could have started a family for him before he was seventy, and let his seed flourish and be a people under conditions of happiness and success, on the land of his homeland. In this way, however, the people would not have become "the people of G-d," the people through whom G-d will be revealed as "G-d"; ... therefore, this nation must begin from the place where the rest of the peoples would stop. It had to despair of itself "in the disgust of his soul," to be laid on the ground almost dying, "based on his blood" (see Ezekiel 16: 6), and to rise to be a separate and independent nation only by the Creator's call, so that by its very existence, it declares to all nations: "I am Hashem!"

- Rav Shamson Raphael Hirsch

Without the wilderness, there is no paradise

- Rich Cohen

The story that unfolds over the opening three parshios of sefer Shemos is one of false starts and dashed hopes. Hashem sends Moshe and Aharon to announce to the people that their redemption has come, only for Pharaoh to turn the screws of their servitude even tighter. Each passing plague comes with the false hope and promise the people will be set free, only for Pharaoh to renege on that promise and maintain the horrid status quo. G-d could have freed His people in an instant and brought them "on eagles' wings" to The Promised Land. Why didn't he?

The standard narrative is that the slow, fitful pace of redemption was meant to instill in the

Egyptians a recognition of G-d and His power. It is true that there is evidence that may have occurred, with scattered historical sources indicating a short-lived shift toward monotheism in ancient Egypt that may have been the result of the Exodus. However, the key phrase here is short-lived. It seems an awful lot of effort and a lot of unnecessary disappointment for the Jewish People just to have the Egyptians, who would soon exit the world stage, adopt monotheism for a brief interlude.

Perhaps the fitful stops and starts, false hopes, and bitter disappointments that marked the exodus from Egypt were not for the benefit of the Egyptians, but for the bnei Yisroel. As Rav

Shamshon Raphael Hirsch so eloquently explains, the entire Egypt experience was the crucible that would forge the Bnei Yisroel into a noble nation that would declare the name of G-d for all the world to hear. Nobility of character, greatness, and the fortitude to fight against the world are not born of comfort, complacency and a life free of disappointment. Quite the contrary, greatness is the product of disappointment, loss, and of learning to push forward beyond shattered hopes and dreams.

A fabulous book excerpt that appeared a number of years ago in The Wall Street Journal is instructive in this regard. New York Times bestselling author, Ben Cohen, penned a memoir of his experiences with his son's pee-wee-league ice hockey team, a team of 11 and 12 year-olds that managed to lose 40 of their first 50 games.

That season was a sharp contrast to his son's 9 and 10-year-old season, where his team never lost more than three straight games as they made a deep run in the state championships. That year, as Mr. Cohen relates, was a season of "happiness, buffoonery, boasting, celebration, and pizza." But, as Mr. Cohen reports about his son, "he improved as a player but did not change much as a person. For that, you need to lose."

Losing, as Cohen explains, taught his son humility, that that for everyone good there is always someone better, for everything big, there is something bigger. Losing also allowed him to reclaim his love of the game for the beauty of the game itself rather than for trophies or ribbons, and it allowed all the kids to learn the game in a way that only losing can teach.

Cohen lays out the argument that in sports and in sports fandom defeat is of far greater value than victory. In losing, one bonds with teammates far more than in winning, learning to express and accept empathy. Losing streaks, in Mr. Cohen's eloquent description, are "a time of testing, a crucible from which the team and its nation of supporters emerges smaller but stronger."

We know Mr. Cohen to be right. Knowing that to be true, if you are G-d and you are trying to forge a great, noble nation what do you hand them, an easy victory or a frustrating losing streak? The answer, though counterintuitive, is obvious.

Moshe and Aharon deliver to the Jewish People loss after disappointing loss, frustration after vexing frustration on the way to their ultimate redemption and victory. But through those losses, they improve as people, they learn what is truly important and what is not, they bond to one another in a way that only losing can do, and they emerge stronger and greater.

The parenting lesson is clear. The goal is not to fill our children's dressers with trophies and their walls with certificates and ribbons. It is to forge them as people, to teach them to navigate life, and to raise them to greatness. A losing streak every once in a while would go a long way to making that happen.

*Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal*



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not
yet
sponsored*

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Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

!!WEEKLY PRIZES!!

- 1st Grade – 5 פסוקים
- 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 for
this פרשה in the amount specified for his class.

- Bonus: Did double the grade required amount!**

Parent's signature

Additional Parsha Points

הפרת הטע

Quote from the Parsha

וַיֹּאמֶר הַחֲרֹטְמִים אֶל-פְּרֻעָה, אַצְבֵּעַ אֶלְקִים הָוֹא

And the magicians said to פְּרָעָה, it is the finger of הָנָה.

After replicating on some level the first 2 **מפיקות**, the magicians were completely unable to replicate the **מפיקת בני נון** of **מפקה**. They then testified that all that happens, truly has Hashem's 'finger' visible on it.

Parsha Points

1) After came to tell the **פַּרְעֹה** to send the **בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל** and **מֹשֶׁה** **אַהֲרֹן** came to tell the **פַּרְעֹה** to send the **בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל** to go free. **מֹשֶׁה** told **פַּרְעֹה** to go again to demand that he let the **בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל** go free.

2) פַּרְעֹה asked for a sign. As per 'ה's command, אַהֲרֹן threw down his staff and it turned into a snake. פַּרְעֹה laughed as his magicians also did that. However, when אַהֲרֹן's snake turned back into a staff, it then swallowed all of their staffs. Even with this, פַּרְעֹה refused to let the בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל go.

3) told **משה** to meet **פרעה** at the Nile River and warn him all the waters in **מצרים** will turn into blood. **פרעה** was warned for three weeks, but refused to listen. Hashem told **משה** to tell **אהרן** to stretch out his staff, and all the waters in **מצרים** turned into blood. Only the Jewish city of **נוֹשֵׁן** had water. As **פרעה**'s magicians replicated the **מַכָּה** by creating colored water, **פרעה** refused to listen to **משה** and **אהרן**.

4) After being warned again and refusing to let the **בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל** go, the next began with a frog (frogs) coming out of the Nile. Soon, swarms of frogs were everywhere in **מִצְרָיִם**. Aside from the actual frogs, part of the **מִקְה** was the deafening noise. The day after **פְּרֻעָה** agreed to let **בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל** go, the frogs died and now stank. However, **פְּרֻעָה** changed his mind and did not let the **מִצְרָיִם** go.

5) The 3rd מִקְהָה, lice, came without a warning. (Every 3rd אֶחָד had no warning.) stretched out his staff and hit the ground. All of the land of מצרים turned into lice. The Egyptian magicians, חֲרֹטִים, were unable to copy this and admitted that all were from Hashem.

6) For the 4th makkoh פְּרֻעָה was warned again, but still refused. Soon, all types of wild animals and flying creatures descended, attacking and killing the מִצְרִים. פְּרֻעָה, again, agreed to let the בָּנִי יִשְׂרָאֵל go bring קָרְבָּנוֹת in the desert, but when the מִכָּה was over and the עַזְׂבוּ left, he changed his mind.

7) After more warnings and refusals, the מִנְחָה of זָבֵר came. All farm animals that were left in the field and belonged to a מִזְרִי, died.

9) For the 6th told מֹשֶׁה and אַהֲרֹן to each take two handfuls of ashes. אַהֲרֹן then added his into מֹשֶׁה's already full hands (a נִסְ). מֹשֶׁה then combined that into one hand (a further נִסְ) and threw it up in the air. The ashes went higher and higher (a further נִסְ) and spread all over the מִזְרִים (a further נִסְ). It then descended as שְׁחִין, boils, all over the מִזְרִים.

10) But again refused. After warnings, the בָּرֶד, hail, which combined fire and ice, began. The מִצְרִים also died from the deafening thunder that accompanied the בָּרֶד. Yet again, when the בָּרֶד stopped, refused to let the בָּנִים פַּרְעֹה.



Yedios from the Parsha



Blood Everywhere	דם	ד
Swarms of Frogs	צְפְרִידָע	צ
Lice all over	כְּנִים	כ
Attack of Mixture of Animals	עֲרוֹב	ע
Death of Domestic Animals	דָּבָר	ד
Boils all over	שְׁחִין	ש
Fire & Ice Hailstones	בָּרְדָּע	ב
Swarms of Locusts	אַרְבָּה	א
Complete darkness	חֹשֶׁךְ	ח
Death of First Born	מִפְתָּח בְּכוֹרֹת	ב

פרשת וְאֶרְאָה in מכות 7
פרשת בא in מכות 3

An easy way to remember this is:
the gematria of וְאֶרְאָה = 7, and בא = 3

6	ו	1	א
7	ז	2	ב
8	ח	3	ג
9	ט	4	ד
10	י	5	ה



Tefillah Talk

אֲשֶׁרִי (חָלֵק ב')



Dovid Hamelech transitions back and forth as to what the older generation tells over to the younger generation, and what he personally will tell over.

One generation to the next will praise all that You do,	דור לדור ישבח מעשיך
And they will tell over about Your acts of 'strength'.	ונבורתיך יגידו.
About the beauty of Your honored Majesty	הדר כבוד הוֹדָך
And about Your amazing wonders, I will speak.	וזבר נפלאותיך אשיכחה.
And about the might of Your awesome actions they will speak,	יעוזו נוראתייך יאמרו
And about Your greatness, I will tell over.	ונדולתך אספרנה.
They will tell over the memories of Your goodness,	זכר רב טובך יביעו
And they will sing about Your righteousness.	ואזכורתך ירגנו.
(They will say:) ה' is gracious (in reward) and merciful (even to the undeserving)	חנון ורוחם ה'
(He is) slow to anger and does kindness in great amounts.	אָרְךָ אֲפִים וָגַדֵּל חֶסֶד.
Hashem is good to all,	טוֹב ה' לְכָל
And is merciful on all His creations.	וּדְחַמְיוּ עַל כָּל מְשֻׁבָּיו.



בז"ת



QUESTIONS OF THE DAY

ONE RAFFLE TICKET PER QUESTION ANSWERED!

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

QUESTIONS ALL ABOUT '4'

All answers are to be in לשון הקודש.

- 1) List the 4 directions.
- 2) What are the 4 categories of watchmen (שומרים)?
- 3) What are the 4 מיתות of דין? (בֵּית דִין)
- 4) What are the names of the 4 תפלוֹת we say on יומָ טּוֹב & שְׁבָת?
- 5) What special day throughout the year do we have 4 עליות by laining?
- 6) What are the 4 'special' פִּרְשִׁיות we add on and lain as מפטיר once a year?

בס"ד

שניהם מקרא לאחד תלמוד



פרשת שמות is hinted to in בראשית or a different?
פרשה

Some answers:

1) We might have started at בראשית and then slipped up.
חומש new.

ה' reminds us to not give up, rather try again.

2) גלות starts the שמות. We are reminded that by learning תורה we will make it through. גלות

RAFFLE WINNERS

**EITAN SPILMAN
ARYEH GREENSTEIN**



N'SHEI REBBI PRIZES

THE ROSH HAYESHIVA, RABBI RUDINSKY
15 MINUTE CHAVRUSA WITH THE ROSH YESHIVA

RABBI RAWICKI
2 FREE BLUE NOTE PRIZES (10 WINNERS)
FREE PASS TO THE VENDING MACHINE (2 WINNERS)

RABBI ZIPPER:
SLUSH (12 WINNERS)

MRS. PLOTZKER:
LUNCH AND DESSERT PLUS STORY TIME WITH MORAH
SHANI (ONE WINNER)

MRS. LEIBOVIC
LUNCH WITH MRS. LEIBOVIC FROM HAVA JAVA

RABBI MYSKI - GRADE 1
REBBI'S HELPER FOR THE DAY (5 WINNERS)

RABBI BILLER - GRADE 2
FREE TEST PASS (5 WINNERS)
WIN A PRIZE FROM THE BOX (5 WINNERS)
FREE HOMEWORK PASS (5 WINNERS)
REBBI'S HOMEWORK STAMPER (2 WINNERS)
CHOOSE SONG OF THE WEEK (1 WINNER)

RABBI HOROWITZ - GRADE 3
FREE MILK SHAKE
5 FREE REBBI DOLLARS
FREE HOMEWORK (PASS)
FREE PRIZE FROM PRIZE STORE
REBBI'S SCROLLER FOR ONE DAY

RABBI LOWY - GRADE 4
AN OVERNIGHT KUGEL FOR THE CLASS!

RABBI EISEN - GRADE 5
2 MA'AH (3 WINNERS)
2 EXTRA BINGO SPONS (ONE PERSONAL AND ONE FOR THE CLASS) (2
WINNERS)
SODA CAN FROM VENDING MACHINE (2 WINNERS)

RABBI KOHN - GRADE 6
2 GOLD COINS (3 WINNERS)
SPIN THE WHEEL (3 WINNERS)

RABBI PRUPAS - GRADE 7
GAME OF HORSE WITH REBBI
HOT COCOA IN CLASS (3 WINNERS)
NIGHT OFF HOMEWORK (3 WINNERS)
CHANGE MORNING SONG TO SONG OF BOY'S CHOICE (1 DAY)

RABBI SCHEINBERG
A SPECIAL HOT COCOA (4 WINNERS)

RABBI PEIKES - GRADE 8
A SHABBOS AT REBBI'S HOUDE WITH THREE FRIENDS
FROM THE CLASS

RABBI KAHANA - GRADE 8:
SLICE OF PIZZA (WINNERS)
BOWL OF POPCORN (2 WINNERS)

RABBI PLOTZKER - GRADES 1-8
4 MIZMOR L'SODA TOKENS
4 CANS OF SODA WHEN YOU WANT (4 WINNERS)

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PRIZE 6

PRIZE 2

Free Spring
Season at RJFL

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S.B. & B. Robinson

1 Hour
Photoshoot

Sponsored by
Ahuva Koenig Photography

Dinner for Two
at Montpellier

Sponsored by Montpellier

PRIZE 7

PRIZE 3

Free Pirchei
Baseball Season

Sponsored by
David & Laurie Newman

3 one hour art lessons
with Miriam Green

Sponsored by Miriam Green

Swaddlebee Blanket

Sponsored by Mordy &

Chaya La Kahana

2 free personalized

pajamas

Sponsored by Paisley Design

PRIZE 8

PRIZE 4

4 Tickets to
Nickelodeon
American Dream

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American Dream

6 sessions of
EM sculpting

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Sponsored by Ayelet Berman

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PRIZE 9

PRIZE 5

Sary Fall
Sponsored by Sary Wigs

TAL NY
Gift Package

Sponsored by TAL NY

PRIZE 10

Challah package
Sponsored by The Challah Fairy

Meat board
Sponsored by Bored

\$180 Evergreen
gift card
Sponsored by Evergreen

