



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן  
YESHIVA KETANA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday  
February 15, 2026  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Hascholas  
Gemara

Monday  
February 16, 2026  
Legal Holiday  
No Transportation  
Dismissal N-8 @1pm  
Rebbeim & Teacher-In-Service

Tuesday  
February 17, 2026  
No Clarkstown, North  
Rockland & Suffern Central  
Transportation

Friday  
February 27, 2026  
YK Dress Up Day

## IMPORTANT NOTES

Are You Ready??  
YKOR RAFFLE CAMPAIGN  
Starting Rosh Chodesh Adar!  
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# REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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Kedusha Warriors members skiing trip



6th grade celebrates **20,000** Minyan Ameins



Mazel Tov to 2<sup>nd</sup> upon completing the Kesiva booklet



Rabbi Kops' 5th graders learning about how to check strawberries for bugs (they actually found!)



# SPOTLIGHT PRE ON SCHOOL



Rabbi Peikes wishing Mazel Tov Rabbi Myski at the Bar Mitzvah of his son Chaim



Rabbi Peikes' 8<sup>th</sup> grade Honors Chumash group reviewing Parshas Mishpatim with all Rashis



2<sup>nd</sup> grade having library time



Rabbi Peikes demonstrating Yeridah L'tzorech Aliyah



Rabbi Billers 2<sup>nd</sup> grade reading their "I am named after" projects



Rabbi Lowy's 4<sup>th</sup> grade being Farhered by 8<sup>th</sup> graders on שירה בעל פה



Morah Jenny's K-1 acting that they are "in Shushan"



Morah Penina's and Morah Shira's K-2 getting ready to learn about the Purim story

## MAZEL TOV!

Mordechai Nadoff on his Bar Mitzvah!  
Eliyahu and Moshe Dovid Rothman on their uncle's wedding!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Naftali Rubin 7<sup>th</sup>  
Yitzi Genack 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Aaron Schlesinger K2



Morah Tzippy's Nursery learning Brachos



**בס"ד**  
**YESHIVAS OHR REUVEN**

# SUPER SEDER!

OHREUUVEN ישיבת אור רעובן  
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**Kiddush Hashem! YKOR fathers and sons learning this past Sunday night!**

אנו רצים **TO SUPER SEDER**  
והם רצים **to super bowl**

## משפטים

### Validating the Invalid

כִּי יִגְנֹב־אִישׁ שׁוֹר אוֹ-שֶׂה וּטְבַחוֹ אִם מָכְרוֹ חֲמִשָּׁה בְקָר יִשְׁלַם תַּחַת הַשּׁוֹר וְאַרְבַּע־צֹאן תַּחַת הַשֶּׂה:

When a man steals an ox or a sheep, and slaughters it or sells it, he shall pay five oxen for the ox, and four sheep for the sheep.

**חמשה בקר וגו'.** אמר ר' יוחנן בן זכאי חס המקום על כבודן של בריות – שור שהולך ברגליו ולא נתבזה בו הגנב לנשאו על כתפו, משלם חמשה, שׂה שנושאו על כתפו, משלם ארבעה הואיל ונתבזה בו

Rabban Yochanan ben Zaccai said, “The Omnipresent has much consideration for the honor of His creatures: when an ox — an animal that can walk by itself — has been stolen and sold or slaughtered, in which case the thief had not to degrade himself by carrying it on his shoulder, he has to pay fivefold restitution. In the case of a lamb, however, which he had to carry on his shoulder, he has to pay only the fourfold, because he was forced to degrade himself by carrying it.”

- Bava Kama, 79

Kids act out when they feel threatened, sad, angry, or overwhelmed

- Lisa Sadikman

You're a farmer. You work your land and raise your sheep and cattle. You wake up one morning to find the barn door open, the pen breached. There has been a theft. You are missing a sheep, and an ox is gone as well. You call the local police, who promise to do what they can. They call back. Bad news. Although the thief has been found, the sheep and ox are not coming back. The thief acted quickly, slaughtering both and selling the meat before being discovered. What is your remedy?

Fortunately, the Torah recognizes the severity of the crime and the impact on you. The thief will be forced to repay not just the value of the stolen animals, and not even the standard double-payment for theft. For the ox, he will pay five times the value, principle plus four. For the sheep, he will also pay, but not quite as much. The compensation for the sheep, four times the original value, principle plus three. Why the difference? The thief, it seems, had a harder time stealing the sheep, needing to carry that sheep out, embarrassing the thief who stole it, while the ox walked out on its own, sparing the thief the shame of carrying the animal.

What?! The guy who stole from you, the one who violated the sanctity of your space and

property, he gets sympathy because the theft was hard for him! Where is the justice in that? Why is that right?

There is a profoundly important lesson here for life, one especially valuable for parents of misbehaving, young children. Empathy is vital to human relationships and essential in helping to rehabilitate and restore those who have strayed from the proper path.

The Torah perspective on compensation for theft and other harms is not limited to making the victim whole. It is also about making the perpetrator whole, restoring this individual to productive membership in society at large. That requires us to attempt to place ourselves in the shoes of the perpetrator, to understand what may have driven him to theft, and to let him know that as frustrated and angered as we are by his actions, we have not forgotten that he too is a human being in need of empathy and support.

When we take active steps to validate the emotional state and the needs of the criminal element in our society, we take the first step to inviting them back into that society. The thief, who may have, his whole life, felt unheard, uncared for and unimportant, is now shown that

we recognize and value his dignity, even in the course of his commission of a crime.

The same needs to be true of our relationship with and reaction to our children. Kids will misbehave at times, and some kids will misbehave many times. Old fashioned parenting notions dictated that showing kindness to a misbehaving child is wrong, as it only encourages the child to repeat the offending behavior. That notion is not only false, it is counterproductive.

A child usually acts out if he or she feels threatened, sad, angry, or overwhelmed. The bad behavior isn't the illness the child is suffering from; it is a symptom of an underlying malady that is driving the misbehavior. Failure to show empathy to the child and to validate his or her feelings only compounds the child's feeling of anger, sadness, or fear and perpetuates the bad behavior by the child.

Parents can and should differentiate between a child's behavior and his feelings and emotions, offering zero tolerance for bad behavior while providing real empathy, support, and validation for the child's emotional state.

"It is never OK to punch and kick your sister. That kind of behavior will not be tolerated." "But, that kind of behavior is surprising and unexpected. Something seems to be troubling you. What is going on?"

You might even go so far as informing your child that you know how embarrassed he might be for engaging in behavior that is inappropriate and beneath is dignity and let him know how bad you feel for him that he has to suffer that indignity.

The Torah finds room for empathy for the stranger who stole your sheep, validating him and the shame he encounters in the theft. Should we not find room for empathy for our children when shame, guilt, anxiety, fear, or sadness drive them to poor behavior?

*Good Shabbos,  
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
Principal*



# Yedios from the Parsha



If a Jew hurts another Jew he can be liable to pay for the following 5 things:

נזק – the actual damage	צער – the pain he caused	רפוי – the doctor bills
שבת – the loss of money because he can't work	בושת – the embarrassment caused.	



The are 4 categories of people who care for someone else's belongings:



	Translation	פְּשִׁיעָה Negligent	גְּנִיבָה וְאֲבִידָה Stolen/lost	אוֹנֵם Accident	מִיתָה מִחֻמַּת מְלָאכָה Died working
שׂוֹמֵר חֲנָם	For free	חַיִּיב	פְּטוּר	פְּטוּר	חַיִּיב (since he's <b>not</b> allowed to use it)
שׂוֹמֵר שְׂכָר	For payment	חַיִּיב	חַיִּיב	פְּטוּר	
שׂוֹכֵר	Renter	חַיִּיב	חַיִּיב	פְּטוּר	פְּטוּר (since he <b>is</b> allowed to use it)
שׂוֹאֵל	Borrower	חַיִּיב	חַיִּיב	חַיִּיב	



## Tefillah Talk אֲשֶׁרִי (חֵלֶק ה')



Hashem is close to all that call to Him, To all who call to Him sincerely.	קָרוֹב ה' לְכֹל קוֹרְאָיו לְכֹל אֲשֶׁר יִקְרָאֵהוּ בְּאֵמֶת.
He does the desire of those who fear Him, And their cries (for help) He hears, and saves them.	רְצוֹן יִרְאָיו יַעֲשֶׂה וְאֵת שׁוֹעֲתָם יִשְׁמַע וְיוֹשִׁיעֵם.
Hashem watches over all who love Him, And He will destroy all the wicked people (who want to harm His people).	שׂוֹמֵר ה' אֶת כָּל אֲהָבָיו וְאֵת כָּל הַרְשָׁעִים יִשְׁמִיד.
My mouth will say the praises of Hashem (now) And all (in the future) will bless His Holy Name forever.	תְּהַלֵּת ה' יְדַבֵּר פִּי וַיְבָרֵךְ כָּל בְּשָׂר שֵׁם קִדְשׁוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
And we will bless Hashem, From <b>now</b> and forever, (so) praise Hashem!	וְאִנְחֵנוּ נִבְרַךְ קוּה מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם הַלְלוּקוּה.



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# שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום פרשת משפטים



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This week's program is sponsored by  
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In honor of his talmidim, the amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> grade!

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 5 פסוקים
- 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

**MOST** of the פרשיות of this year  
are still available for sponsorship!  
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To sponsor a פרשה  
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My son \_\_\_\_\_ in grade \_\_\_\_\_ completed

פרשה שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום  
for this  
in the amount specified for his class.

\_\_\_\_ Bonus: He did double the grade required amount!

Parents sig. \_\_\_\_\_

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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.*

### ASERES HADIBROS

- 1) How many מצות are in the הדברות (**NOT** 10)?
- 2) What are the first 3 words of the first of the הדברות?
- 3) Which number of the דברות is the מצוה of keeping שבת?
- 4) There are 2 לוחות. Is the מצוה of honoring your parents in numbers 1 – 5, or in 6 – 10?
- 5) a) How many letters are in the Aseres Hadibros?  
b) What does this number hint to?
- 6) What type of precious stone were the לוחות made from?



Dear Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven Parents,

With the approach of Purim, we would like to express our *Hakoros Hatov* to the *Hanhala*, teachers, administration, and to our office staff. As in the past, we would like to extend the opportunity to all of our parents to join us by participating in our *Mishloach Manos* Campaign.

The *N'shei* will once again be sending *Mishloach Manos* to the dedicated staff who run our Yeshiva. If you would like your name to be included in a beautiful *Mishloach Manos* that we will deliver to them, please send payment of \$45 per family to (one of) your son's class mother. All money will be going directly through the class mother and not through the office. (see the list of class mothers below)

In order to be able to process the *Mishloach Manos* on time, we must have all submissions by **Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Wishing you a *Freilichin* Purim,

YKOR *N'shei*

N Shani Bernstein  
K-1 Sara Rudinsky  
K-2 Aliza Rudinsky  
P- Mrs Goldie Levi  
1- Mrs. Nechama Greenstein  
2- Mrs. Goldie Levi  
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