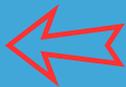




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YESHIVA KETANA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday
February 8, 2026
Super Seder
6:45-8:45
Maariv
Deluxe Buffet!



Sunday
February 15, 2026
5th 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

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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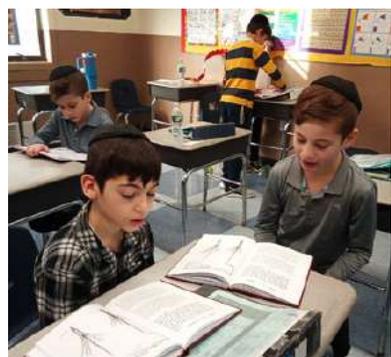
**YKOR Talmidim
learning while
on Midwinter
break**



Rabbi Wincelberg's 6th graders learning about the knee jerk reflex.



Aryeh Brodie learning with his Zaidy before Shacharis in the Yeshiva's morning kollel



Rabbi Horowitz's 3rd grade learning B'chavrusa

MAZEL TOV!

Rabbi Myski on his sons Bar Mitzvah!
Rabbi Lowy on his new grandson!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Izzy Golomb 6th
Momo Tepper 6th
Elisha Kohn 4th
Shlomo Richmond 4th
Ezra Friedman 2nd
Don Lazarus 1st
Aryeh Silber 1st
Tzvi Aryeh Rosenstock K1



Zoom class with Rabbi Peikes on a snow day

Parent Feedback

Just wanted to share something cute that happened this morning with Yosef. My wife made a joke that because of the snowstorm we're moving to Florida! To which Yosef responded "Nooooooo....well only if my yeshiva can come with us!" Thought this was so nice that this was the first thing that he thought of!



Seventh graders taking advantage of our Talmidei Chachomim next door! As Yisroel Shulman gets tested on Mishnayos by Rabbi Vilinsky, Tzvi Silber and Pinny Reichmann talk in learning with Rabbi Brodie



Rabbi Peikes's 8th graders doing a workshop on the entire first Perek of Makkos



Rabbi Peikes's 8th grade Mishna Yomi Siyum

Pre Mid-Winter Retzufos Learning



Reading time in K-2

Word building in Pre-1A



Morah Jenny's K-1 making edible Tu Bishvat treats



Morah Tzippy's Nursery acting out Krias Yamsuf



We made borei pri haeitz kabobs in Pre1A

The semi-annual Retzufos Learning Program to start vacation. Over 30 talmidim participated. **Thank you to the Book Family for their sponsorship.**



Morah Bracha's Pre-1A cutting out cards for Kriah Games

יתרו
HTBT

בני ר' חייא ור' יהושע בן לוי חד אמר יתרו קודם מתן תורה היה וחד אמר יתרו אחר מתן תורה היה

The sons of Rabbi Hiyya and Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi engage in a dispute concerning this issue. One says that the episode with Yitro was before the giving of the Torah, and one says that the episode with Yitro was after the giving of the Torah.

- Zevachim, 116a

ועם כל זה אני שואל, על הדעת הזו כשאמר הכתוב וישמע יתרו כל אשר עשה ה' למשה ולישראל עמו כי הוציא ה' את ישראל ממצרים, ולמה לא אמר ששמע מה שעשה למשה ולישראל במתן התורה שהוא מהנפלאות הגדולות שנעשו להם, כמו שאמר (דברים ד לב) כי שאל נא לימים ראשונים אשר היו לפניך למן היום אשר ברא אלהים אדם על הארץ ולמקצה השמים ועד קצה השמים הנהיה כדבר הגדול הזה או הנשמע כמוהו, השמע עם קול אלהים מדבר מתוך האש כאשר שמעת אתה ויחי:

And nonetheless I ask about this opinion, when the verse [here] states, "And Yitro heard all that the Lord had done for Moshe and for Israel His people, that the Lord had brought Israel out from Egypt" - and why did it not state that he heard that which He did for Moshe and for Israel at the giving of the Torah, about all of the great wonders that He did for them, as it stated (Deuteronomy 4:32), "You have but to inquire about bygone ages that came before you, ever since God created man on earth, from one end of heaven to the other, 'Has anything as grand as this ever happened, or has its like ever been known? Has any people heard the voice of God speaking out of a fire, as you have, and lived?'"

- Ramban

You had to be there

- Everyone

One of the great curiosities of matan Torah can easily be overlooked, tucked away in a subtle opinion regarding the chronology of events in this week's parsha. A simple debate with enormous implications unfolds toward the end of maseches Zevachim. There, Rabi Hiya and Rabi Yehoshua Ben Levi dispute whether Yisro's return along with Moshe's wife and two sons occurs before matan Torah, as implied by the order of the pesukim, or after. Consider, for a moment, that the one who takes the position that Yisro arrived after matan Torah is essentially arguing that Moshe allowed his children to miss the seminal event of Jewish history, the giving of the Torah! How can we fathom that Moshe would allow such an oversight?

A momentary step back to consider Moshe's role and purpose may shed some light. Moshe's mission was not just to ascend to the

mountaintop and come back down bearing the Torah in hand. Had he managed to bring Torah to the generation of the wilderness and then failed to pass it on, his mission would have been an abject failure. But, it is much easier to transmit the Torah to those who saw G-d and witnessed the heavens open up atop Har Sinai than it is to teach them how to transfer the Torah to their children who were not there. Moshe's true mission was the latter, to ensure they would pass the torch to those not yet born.

That is much easier said than done. How do you teach an experience? How do you transfer the inspiration you gleaned from that experience? The answer, unfortunately, is that as much as you'd like to, you can't.

You need to recognize that you will never be able to transmit the inspiration of your experiences to



your children, and to teach them with the full cognizance and awareness that they did not see what you saw, hear what you heard, and experience what you experienced. How could Moshe teach them to do that? He could start with his own children, leaving them at the grandparents for matan Torah and forcing himself to teach those who missed the party.

Moshe and his children lay out a parenting challenge for all time. It is a problem that most acutely affects baalei teshuva in parenting, but is common to all of us. How many have felt the frustration of watching children roll their eyes as we emotionally belt out a zemer or nigun that inspires us?

I have witnessed, at times, parents' misguided attempts to try to recreate their own inspiration for their children, clueless to the fact that what may have inspired them as adults, against the backdrop of their life experiences, will be highly unlikely to have the same effect on their young children. I recall once engaging with a parent who had been deeply moved and inspired by a certain chassidische rebbe and his tish, and he took his young son to participate in the tish. But, while the father in his first encounter with the rebbe's tish saw community, spirituality, connection, and the presence of the Divine, his son saw a bunch of men in strange coats and funny hats speaking a foreign language and singing unfamiliar songs.

The key is not to try to recreate your own experiences for your children, nor to expect them to be inspired by your sharing the memory of your experiences with them. Instead, try to foster opportunities for children and young adults to have age-appropriate, inspirational experiences of their own. Look at the world not through the lens of your generation but that of your children. The Torah is timeless, but the path each generation carves to reach the same destination is unique. Be open and alert to what is inspiring to kids today and offer your children the opportunity to participate.

We will all constantly face the challenge of trying to pass the value of our experiences to our

children and the frustration that accompanies that often futile attempt. Moshe rabbeinu laid the groundwork for dealing with that challenge when he led by example, transmitting Torah to his children who missed the original.

*Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal*



Parsha Points

וְהֵייתֶם לִי סִגְלָה מִכָּל הָעַמִּים!...
And you will be for Me a treasure from all the nations!
וְאַתֶּם תִּהְיוּ לִי מַמְלַכַת כְּהֹנִים וְגוֹי קָדוֹשׁ!
And you will be for Me a kingdom of high ministers
and a holy nation!

How fortunate we are to be Hashem's special nation!
We say this everyday in Birchos HaTorah – אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בְּנוּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים

1) When Yitro, Moshe's father-in-law, heard about the great signs that Hashem did for Bnei Yisrael in Mitzrayim, and against the Egyptians, he decided to join Bnei Yisrael. He brought back with him Moshe's wife, Zippora, and Moshe's two sons, Gershom and Eliezer.

2) When Yitro arrived, all of Bnei Yisrael, with Moshe at the head, went out to greet him. Moshe personally served Yitro and the Egyptians a meal. (Never think it is below your dignity to help others.)

3) Yitro noticed people were waiting a long while for Moshe to answer their questions. Yitro suggested that Moshe implement a series of judges under Moshe. Hashem told Moshe he should listen to Yitro.

4) On the 1st day of Sifon, the Bnei Yisrael arrived in Midbar Sini.

- On the 2nd day, Hashem asked if they want to accept the Torah. They responded נַעֲשֶׂה – we will do. This was very special because it was accepting based on trust in Hashem, even though they didn't properly know what they were accepting.
- On the 3rd day of Sifon, Moshe brought the answer back to Hashem. Hashem told them to make a border around Har Sini so no one would go up on the mountain. The Bnei Yisrael also needed to make themselves טְהוֹר and were to wash themselves and their clothing in a מקוה.
- On the fourth day of Sifon, Moshe wrote the Sefer HaBrit, built a Mizbeich and set up twelve monuments.
- On the fifth day of Sifon (or 6th – מחלוקת) were brought by the בכורים, Moshe read the Sefer, and Bnei Yisrael said “נַעֲשֶׂה וְנִשְׁמָע” – “we will do and we will hear”.



4) The 6th (or 7th – מחלוקת) of Sifon in the year 2448 came out on a Shabbat. This was the day the world was waiting for – the day Hashem would give Bnei Yisrael the Torah!

5) Har Sini, although in a desert, was covered in trees and flowers, symbolizing the life force of the Torah. At the same time, it was on fire and smoking like a furnace. There was loud thunder and lightning, and the sound of a shofar, which got louder and louder. Hashem lifted up Har Sini and held it over the Bnei Yisrael.

6) Hashem said all of the 10 Dvuros at once, and then began to repeat them.

(The proper translation of עֲשֶׂרֶת הַדְּבָרוֹת is “10 **Statements**”, not “Commandments” as there are actually 14 מצוות in the דְּבָרוֹת – See ‘Yedios from the Parsha’ below.) After Hashem repeated the first דְּבָרָה, the Bnei Yisrael left them, wanting to directly connect with Hashem. Hashem performed תַּחֲיִית and continued. They died again and after being revived, they asked that Moshe continue.

7) The הלכות of building a Mizbeich were also given. It must rest on the ground. The copper Mizbeich in the Mishkan was to be hollow and filled with dirt. One of its names was מִזְבֵּחַ הָאֲדָמָה. One may not use metal to cut it, as the Mizbeich brings peace and lengthens human life, and metal can be used for weapons, which can bring war and shorten human life. Leading up to the top of the Mizbeich should be a ramp, and not steps, as that is more צְנִיעוּת.

Yedios from the Parsha



The word "הַדְּבָרוֹת" means 'statements' – NOT 'commandments'.

There are actually 14 individual מצוות listed in the עשרת הַדְּבָרוֹת:

1)	אֲנֹכִי ה' אֵל לֹקִיד	1) Believe in ה'
2a)	לֹא יִהְיֶה לְךָ אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים עַל פְּנֵי	2) Do not own any idols
b)	לֹא־תַעֲשֶׂה לְךָ פֶסֶל	3) Do not make any idols
c)	לֹא־תִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לָהֶם	4) Do not bow down to idols
d)	וְלֹא תַעֲבֹדֵם	5) Do not serve idols
3)	לֹא תִשָּׂא אֶת שֵׁם ה' אֵל לֹקִיד לְשׁוֹא	6) Don't say ה's name in vain
4a)	זְכוֹר אֶת יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת לְקַדְּשׁוֹ	7) Remember to make שַׁבָּת holy
b)	לֹא־תַעֲשֶׂה כָל־מְלָאכָה	8) Do not do מְלָאכָה on שַׁבָּת
5)	כְּבֹד אֶת אָבִיךָ וְאֶת אִמְךָ	9) Honor your father and your mother
6)	לֹא תִרְצַח	10) Do not murder
7)	לֹא תִנָּאֵף	11) Don't marry certain people
8)	לֹא תִגְנֹב	12) Don't kidnap
9)	לֹא תַעֲנֶה בְרַעַף עַד שֶׁקֶר	13) Don't be a false witness
10)	לֹא תַחַמֵּד	14) Don't be jealous to the point of taking



Tefillah Talk אֲשֵׁרִי (חֵלֶק ד')

Hashem supports all who are falling	סוּמְךָ יְהוָה לְכֹל הַנִּפְלִים,
And he straightens out all who are bent (physically, spiritually etc.)	וְזוֹקֵף לְכֹל הַכְּפוּפִים.
The eyes of all look towards You with hope (for help)	עֵינֵי כָל אֱלֹדִי יִשְׁבְּרוּ,
And You give them their food in its proper time	וְאַתָּה נוֹתֵן לָהֶם אֶת אֲכָלֵם בְּעֵתוֹ.
(You) open Your 'hand'	פּוֹתַח אֶת יָדְךָ,
And satisfy the desires of every living being.	וּמְשַׁבֵּעַ לְכֹל חַי רָצוֹן.

The פְּסוּק of "פּוֹתַח אֶת יָדְךָ" is so important, that if one did not have כְּוֹנֵה when saying it, one must go back and say it again (and potentially from there until the end) with כְּוֹנֵה.

There are 7 words in this פְּסוּק and 24 letters. This can be a reminder that **no matter what we are going through, ה' provides for us 24/7!!**

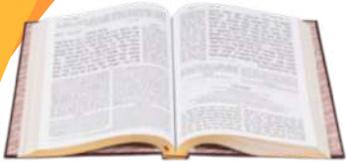
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- 3rd Grade – 15 פסוקים
- 4th Grade – 20 פסוקים
- 5th Grade – 25 פסוקים
- 6th Grade – 30 פסוקים
- 7th Grade – 40 פסוקים
- 8th Grade – 50 פסוקים

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My son _____ in grade _____ completed

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for this
in the amount specified for his class.

_____ Bonus: He did double the grade required amount!

Parents sig. _____

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SUPER SEDER!



FEBRUARY 8

6:45 - 8:45 PM

FOLLOWED BY MAARIV

SEDER JR. for 4th grade 6:45 - 7:45 (supervision req.)

Deluxe buffet after the seder!

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