



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן  
YESHIVA KETANA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday  
March 30-April 10  
No Sessions  
Pesach vacation

Sunday  
April 19, 2026  
Sessions begin @  
10:00 AM  
Rebbeim-In-Service

# REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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*Mazel tov to the Rabbi and Mrs. Yosef Rawicki, Menahel upon the engagement of thier son Zaidel Meir to Feigy Braun!*



Tzvi Horowitz, Beis Medrash, buying a raffle ticket from Yisroel Shulman



Saftey presentation

## YKOR RAFFLE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**YESHIVA RAFFLE!**  
1 TICKET - \$5 • 5 TICKETS - \$20

\$1,000 cash  
 \$500 Gift Certificate at Evergreen  
 \$250 Gift Certificate at Tuvia's

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sold By: \_\_\_\_\_

What an amazing raffle campaign we are having this year!  
So far, with your help, we have raised over

**\$48,422.99!!**

**Our campaign is still ongoing until Rosh Chodesh Iyar (April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026).  
There is still time to collect and win prizes!!**

We will be drawing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in our raffle campaign at the YOR Annual Dinner.

**Do you have raffle tickets at home?**

**BRING THEM IN TO YESHIVA NOW** to be included in the drawing. Place the money and tickets in a Ziploc bag with your name on it and give it to your Rebbe.

With your help, we can make this year the most successful campaign in Yeshiva history!

## IMPORTANT NOTES

**School Start dates, 2026-2027**

1-8 Limudei Kodesh:

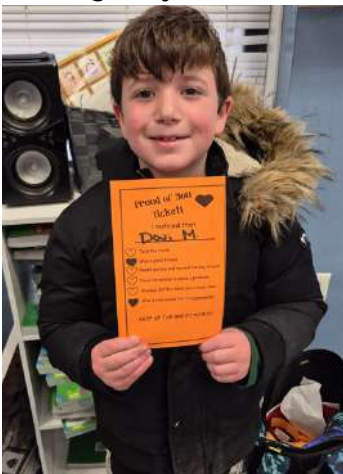
**Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

Preschool:

**Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**



רב רחוב'ס 3<sup>rd</sup> גרדרס האבנג א סייום אויבן ישיב



Proud of you tickets goes to Ezra Friedman and Dovi Meimon

## MAZEL TOV!

Miss Schwartz and Yehuda Schwartz on his new neice! Morah Jenny Silverstone upon her granddaughter's engagement

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Avraham Nosson Kohl, 8<sup>th</sup>  
Eli Salamon, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Yitzchak Isaac Renzoni, Pre-1A  
Eli Heineman, Pre-1A



Honor Roll



Playtime in K-2



Slime for letter S in K2

## ויקרא An Enigma

וְקָרְבָּו וּכְרָעָיו יִרְחֹץ בַּמַּיִם וְהִקְטִיר הַכֹּהֵן אֶת־הַכֹּל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ עָלֶיהָ אִשָּׁה רִיחַ־נִיחֹום לַיהוָה:  
Its entrails and legs shall be washed with water, and the priest shall turn the whole into smoke on the altar as a burnt offering, an offering by fire of pleasing odor to the LORD.

ועל דרך האמת יש בקרבנות סוד נעלם תכנס בו ממה שאמרו רבותינו בספרי (פנחס קמג) ובסוף מנחות (קי) אמר שמעון בן עזאי בא וראה מה כתיב בפ' הקרבנות שלא נאמר בהם לא קל ולא אלקיך ולא אלקים ולא שקי ולא צבקות אלא יו"ד ה"א שם המיוחד שלא ליתן פתחון פה לבעל הדין לחלוק ושמה תאמר לאכילה הוא צריך תלמוד לומר אם ארעב לא אומר לך כי לי תבל ומלואה

In the path of truth, there is, in *korbanos*, a hidden secret...

- Ramban

“What we suffer from today is humility in the wrong place. A man was meant to be doubtful about himself but undoubting about the truth. This is now exactly reversed.”

- GK Chesterton

One of the most well-known and consequential debates between Rambam and Ramban plays out on the pages of the Ramban's commentary to this week's *parsha*. Rambam sees *korbanos* as a pragmatic means to subvert and channel the innate desire and drive for animal sacrifice to good rather than to evil. Ramban sharply disagrees, noting that *korbanos* are a “pleasing aroma to Hashem,” and are of inherent, but deeply secret and mystical value.

I have always viewed the debate between Ramban and Rambam from afar, in awe of the diametrically opposed positions taken by these two giants of Torah thought and philosophy. There is no taking sides in such a debate for each of them is so beyond any one of us in his greatness. But, the one take-away I have gleaned from both is that I will never really understand *korbanos*.

Of course, *kodashim* offers the opportunity for in-depth study, brilliant *lomdus*, and incisive analysis at all stages of the *korban* process. At the end of the day, however, I cannot begin to

tell you how or why the bringing of a *korban* is of value. Even with the various perspectives offered by the *rishonim* and *acharonim* to explain the underlying values and principles, *korbanos* remain an enigma wrapped in a puzzle.

Perhaps that's not such a terrible thing. Maybe, on a certain level, that is even the purpose. *Korbanos* serve to humble us before G-d, and there is little more humbling than the realization that there are concepts and ideas that are simply beyond our grasp. *Korbanos* do serve a higher, deeper, mystical purpose, one that I cannot understand and fully grasp, but I can be humble enough to recognize that Hashem knows more than I do, and to trust him that this is good and of value.

That line of thinking, “I do not know everything and it is OK that I do not understand why something should be a certain way,” has become increasingly scarce. The prevailing attitude today is to negate expert knowledge and opinion, to be absolutely certain in the correctness of one's position, and to flatly refuse to concede to any

thought, policy, or idea which does not make sense to me. Our society is filled with people broadcasting how smart and correct they are in short-form videos and viral memes.

We have lost humility as a value, and that loss of humility has broken down society, both externally and internally. Where people would once submit to the experience and wisdom of experts in their field, today We have lost humility as a value, and that loss of humility has broken down society, both externally and internally. Where people would once submit to the experience and wisdom of experts in their field, today they challenge those experts and assert their opinion as though on equal footing. Whereas people would once submit to the stature, authority, and knowledge of a Rav, today they often argue to themselves and their families that they and AI know better.

While it is of course healthy to approach any expert knowledge with a critical lens, that does not mean we should lose sight of the fact that the playing field is not level and that we do not have the same experience or access to information as experts in their field, both in secular society and in Torah. One can question expert opinion and advice, but one should never believe that he is on equal footing with those who know more and know better than he.

The loss of humility in our society and the consequent inability of people to submit to the authority and expertise of others breaks down our societal structure and has led to the chaos that is the world today. We would do well to teach ourselves and our children some humility.

The first rule of teaching children humility is to model it. Find opportunities to show your children how you are submitting to the authority of an individual, perhaps a Rav or a *rebbe* despite the fact that you may personally think otherwise. It will teach your children to do the same, and they will grow up learning to respect and submit

to authority as well. And, who knows? Maybe when your children see you following an authority figure even though you don't understand why you should, they will learn to follow your direction even when they don't understand why they should. Model the behavior you want, and you might just get it.

*Good Shabbos,  
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
Principal*



**Parsha Points**

**פְּרֻשָׁת וִיקְרָא**

**Pesukim From the Parsha**

**אָדָם כִּי יִקְרִיב מִכֶּם קֹרְבָן לַיהוָה**

**When a person brings from you a korban to ה'**

The purpose of the קֹרְבָן, whose root is 'קרב', close, is to bring **YOU**, the bearer, close to ה'. There are many reasons behind the idea of קֹרְבָנוֹת, and many reasons why one brings a קֹרְבָן.

- 1) Only oxen, sheep, and goats, male and female, may be brought as a קֹרְבָן. Pigeons and doves may also be brought as קֹרְבָנוֹת. These are peaceful animals and we should be like them. A קֹרְבָן may not have a מום and should be from the best quality.
- 2) There are 5 different types of personal קֹרְבָנוֹת. A קֹרְבָן which is an עוֹלָה, מִנְחָה, or שְׁלָמִים may be brought voluntarily. A חֲטָאת and an אָשָׁם may only be brought for doing an עֲבֵירָה. All קֹרְבָנוֹת, both animal and flour, had to be salted before being offered on the מִזְבֵּחַ.
- 3) A קֹרְבָן עוֹלָה is completely burned. If a person can't afford an animal, he brings a bird, and does not say vidui. Instead of shechting it, the כֹּהֵן does מְלִיקָה, nipping off the back of its neck. Although it's completely burned, here the stomach is thrown away, as the bird eats from food that is 'stolen'. The bird is burned with its feathers on. Even though the smell is unpleasant, ה' said it is better to bear an unpleasant smell, than to embarrass the poor man by making his קֹרְבָן look smaller.
- 4) If a person is too poor to bring a bird, he may bring a מִנְחָה which is made from flour, oil, and a spice called לְבוֹנָה. The word מִנְחָה means gift. Since it is given wholeheartedly, ה' treasures it like a large קֹרְבָן. Once mixed, the כֹּהֵן takes a קְמִיצָה – three middle fingers of flour and oil, plus all of the לְבוֹנָה, and burns it on the מִזְבֵּחַ. The rest the כֹּהֲנִים eat in the עֲזָרָה, the courtyard of the בַּיִת הַמִּקְדָּשׁ. There are different types of מִנְחָה – raw, baked, fried in a deep pan, and fried in a shallow pan. These מִנְחָוֹת were מִצָּה and may not be made into חֲמֵץ, nor may the part of them that was to be put on the מִזְבֵּחַ be sweetened with honey or juices.
- 5) If a person wants to strengthen his closeness with ה', יתְבַרְךְ, he brings a קֹרְבָן שְׁלָמִים (from the word שְׁלוֹם – peace). The owner does סְמִיכָה, leaning his hands on the head of the animal, but does not say vidui, rather just gives thanks to ה'. The קֹרְבָן, which is קֹדְשִׁים קְלִיִּם is divided – part is put on the מִזְבֵּחַ, part is given to the כֹּהֲנִים, and part the owner eats in יְרוּשָׁלַיִם.
- 6) For some עֲבֵירוֹת, if done בְּמֵזִיד, on purpose, the person would be חַיִּב בְּרֵת. If a person did one of those aveiros בְּשׁוּגְגָה – he forgot the הִלָּכָה that such an action is אָסוּר, or forgot that it was a day when one may not do that action, he would bring a קֹרְבָן חֲטָאת.
- 7) There are also special cases of קֹרְבָנֵי חֲטָאת brought by the great leaders (King, כֹּהֵן גָּדוֹל, סֵנְהֶדְרִין) of בְּלֵל יִשְׂרָאֵל. How encouraging when even great people admit their wrongdoings!
- 8) For three עֲבֵירוֹת a person brings a קֹרְבָן חֲטָאת called a קֹרְבָן עוֹלָה וְיוֹרֵד (up and down). The type of קֹרְבָן depends on his financial status. For any of these 3 עֲבֵירוֹת, if he cannot afford an animal, he would bring a bird. If he could not afford a bird, he would bring a מִנְחָה.
- 9) There are 6 cases where a person would have to bring a קֹרְבָן אָשָׁם. Our פְּרֻשָׁה lists 3 of them.



**The Main Korbanos Brought By An Individual – קרבן יחיד**

(There are many subcategories within some of these קרבנות)

קרבן	LEVEL	SPECIES	GENDER	BROUGHT FOR
עולה	קדשי קדשים	Sheep, goat, cattle, bird *	male	1) Wrong thoughts 2) Not doing a מצוה עשה (a מצוה which should have been done). 3) A עבירה לעשה (fixing up the עבירה by doing the corresponding עשה - example he returned a stolen object).
חטאת	קדשי קדשים	Sheep, goat, (cattle), bird, flour *	Male or female *	1) Doing an עבירה that would be פרת if done במזיד 2) There are multiple sub-categories in this
אשם	קדשי קדשים	Sheep	male	1) stealing and swearing falsely in בית דין 2) using property belonging to the המקדש 3) unsure whether he did an עבירה that would generally bring a חטאת 4) נזיר 5) מצורע 6) נערה המאורסה
שלמים	קדשים קלים	Sheep, goat, cattle *	Male or female *	1) Closeness & thanks to Hashem 2) Nazir
מנחה	קדשי קדשים	Flour, + sometimes oil & sometimes לבונה spice		1) Accompanied every קרבן. 2) Also brought separately for many reasons.

\* Type and gender of animal depends on reason for קרבן.  
For some it is locked in to a certain type, for others it is flexible.



**Tefillah Talk**

**הללוקה'ים (#2 חלק ג)**

(Hashem is the One) Who covers the heavens with clouds	המבסה שמים בעבים
Who prepares rain for the earth,	המכין לארץ מטר
Who makes grass grow on mountains.	המצמיח הרים חציר.
He (thereby) gives animals their food,	נותן לבהמה לחמה
(Even) to the young (neglected) baby ravens that call out to Him.	לבני ערב אשר יקראו.
He does not desire those who rely on the strength of the horse,	לא בגבורת הסוס יחפץ
Nor does he want a person (who relies on the strength of) his legs.	לא בשוקי האיש ירצה.
Hashem wants those who live with an awareness of Him,	רוצה ה' את יראיו
Those who long for His kindness (knowing that all comes from Him).	את המיחלים לחסדו.



בס"ד

# שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום פרשת ויקרא



Sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. B. Phillips

In honor of our grandson  
**Chaim Roth**

- 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!  
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.  
[bplotzker@ohrreuven.com](mailto:bplotzker@ohrreuven.com)

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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# והגית בו יומם ולילה

We Never Go on Vacation from Torah



## YKOR Grades 6-8 RETZUFOS LEARNING PROGRAM!

SUNDAY- March 29<sup>th</sup>!

1:00 PM - 2:50 PM

*Milchig Seudah,  
Followed by Retzufos Learning*

*Mincha at 2:50pm*

*Pickup at 3:00*

Sponsored:

לזכות הצלחה לזכריה יונתן בן ברכה מיכאלה  
ויהושע רפאל בן רב שמואל זלמן

Dear Parents,

We are happy to announce, that due to popular demand, on Monday, March 30th and Tuesday, March 31st, we will once again be having our Super Pre-Pesach Learning Extravaganza for all grades in 6-8.

## שחרית

8:30 sharp in the YKOR בית מדרש

## BREAKFAST

Will include a bagel, eggs, and orange juice (milk will hopefully be available as well)

## LEARNING

Will include דברי תורה for the non פסח days of סדר, guest speakers, and exciting learning-oriented games and activities

## PRIZES

Every boy in attendance will receive a prize. Additionally, there will also be raffles for hundreds of dollars' worth of prizes and a grand raffle for the תלמידים who attend both days.

## LUNCH

Each boy will iy"H get a slice of pizza for lunch before leaving

## PICKUP

Pickup is at 12:30. Please make sure transportation is arranged

**Please sign up by Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>  
in order to assure that your son will receive breakfast and his prize**

**Please CLICK HERE to complete the online form to sign up.**  
(Otherwise fill out the form below and give it in to the front desk.)

**Sincerely, Rabbi Noam Peikes**

For any question or if you would like to sponsor please call 845-270-8256

Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>: My son \_\_\_\_\_ will א"ה attend the learning program. Please order a \_\_\_\_\_ bagel for him.

Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>: My son \_\_\_\_\_ will א"ה attend the learning program. Please order a \_\_\_\_\_ bagel for him.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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# OUR 17TH ANNUAL PRE-PESACH

## EXTRAVAGANZA

### YKOR'S FAMOUS

PRE-PESACH LEARNING PROGRAM CONTINUES!!

MONDAY MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>, & TUESDAY MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>

8:30AM - 12:30PM

GRADES 6-8

**Guest  
Speakers**

**Jeopardy!**

**Divrei  
Torah**

**MONDAY :  
RABBI  
SCHABES!**

**TUESDAY:  
RABBI  
KRANCER !**

**MAJOR RAFFLES!!!**

**Hover boards!! Drones!! Seforim!!  
And more!**



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On the Parsha

# YEDIOS KLALIOS CHINESE AUCTION



**PESACH 5786**

Mandatory test for grades 4 - 8,  
will beH take place after Pesach.

Tickets & prizes distributed based on score.

To sponsor, please email [bplotzker@ohrrueven.com](mailto:bplotzker@ohrrueven.com)

