




OHR REUVEN אור ראובן  
YESHIVA KETANA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday  
May 5, 2026   
Lag Beomar

Tuesday  
May 12, 2026  
35th Annual Dinner

Thursday  
May 21, 2026  
Erev Shavuos  
Grade N-P: No Sessions  
Dismissal grades: 1-8 12:30

Friday  
May 22, 2026  
Shavuos  
No Sessions

Sunday  
May 24, 2026  
אסרו חג  
Session begin at 10:00 AM

## IMPORTANT NOTES

Our condolences to Nurse  
Aimee on the passing of  
her beloved Mother,  
Mrs. Helen Rosenfeld ע"ה



# REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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פרשת אחרי מות-קדושים



Rosh HaYeshiva visiting the 7th grade to congratulate the boys who took part in the Pesach Chazarah Program. A large number of boys reviewed 12 daf Gemarah and 90 Mishnayos in the 2 week Pesach break.



8 Talmidim Reviewed all of Hakoneis, Hachovel, and Mishnayos Eiruvim- thats 12 Daf Gemara and 90 Mishnayos and got rewarded to a delicious KC Grill lunch



Thank You to N'shei for the new outdoor toys for Rosh Chodesh Iyar



2nd grade Enjoying outdoor recess



Chaim Gelb and Shua Plotzker trading Gedolim Cards in 3rd grade



Rabbi Lowy Showing the knot of his tefillin as they learned in Chumash that Hashem showed Moshe Rabbeinu the knot of his Tefillin



The winners of the Pesach Chinese auction prizes



Trip to Seasons For Super Seder Reward



Rabbi Myski's 1<sup>st</sup> grade saying Birchas Ilanos

## MAZEL TOV!

Dov Pollak on his Bar Mitzvah!  
 Yitzy Friedman upon his brother's engagement!  
 Moshe Brachfeld on his new nephew born to YKOR Alumna Mr. & Mrs. Shlomo Brachfeld!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Eliyahu Rothman, 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Yisroel Aaron Weitzman, 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Alex Lehman, Pre-1A  
 Koby Rudinsky, K-1



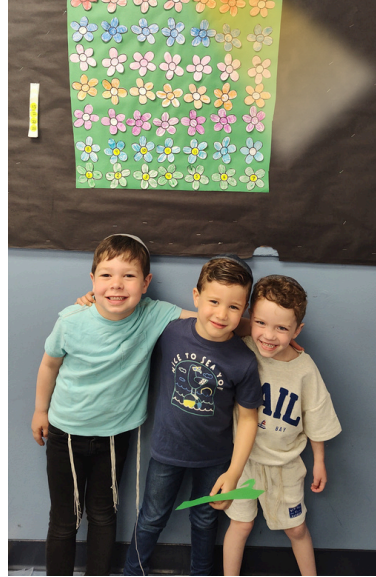
2<sup>nd</sup> grade reading groups



Rabbi Kohn's 6<sup>th</sup> grade having a pizza party for their F.O.P. Chart



# SPOTLIGHT PRE ON SCHOOL



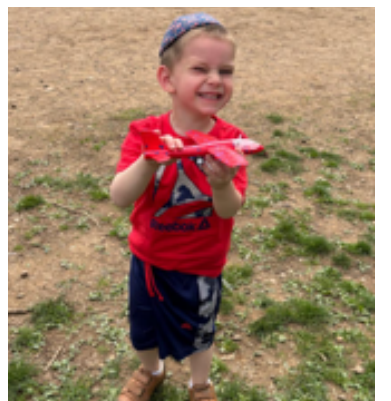
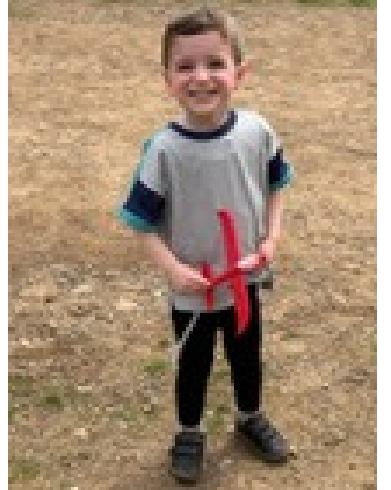
K2 with their Har Sinai Sefirah counter bulletin board



Morah Tzippy's nursery coloring



Mishnayos Chabura Siyum on Four Maschtos



Nursery playing outside in the beautiful weather



Filming a video for our upcoming YOR dinner

## אחרי מות-קדושים Conditioned to Tradition

אִישׁ אָמוֹ וְאָבִיו תִּירָאוּ וְאֶת־שַׁבְּתֹתַי תִּשְׁמְרוּ. אֲנִי ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

You shall each revere his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I the L-RD am your G-d.

כאן, בפרק על קדושה, מודגשת החובה לשמוע בקול ההורים. שעבוד רצון הבן לרצון הוריו, וביטול רצון הבן מפני רצון אביו ואמו, הם האימון הראשון לקראת שליטה עצמית. שליטה עצמית תשחרר את האדם הצעיר מכבלי דחפיו השפלים ותיתן לו שליטה על יצרי רצונו; היא תשחרר את הכוחות האלוקיים שבאדם ותביא אותו לחירות מוסרית. והן זו כל מהותה של תכונת הקדוש.

Here, in the chapter on sanctity, the duty to hear the voice of the parents is emphasized. Bending the will of the son to the will of his parents and abolishing the will of the son before the will of his father and mother are the first training towards self-control. Self-control will free the young person from the shackles of his lowly impulses and give him control over his instincts; It will release the Divine powers in man and bring him to moral freedom. And this is the whole essence of the realm of the holy.

Keep your face always toward the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you.

- Rav Samson Raphael Hirsch

- Obedience to lawful authority is the foundation of manly character.

- Robert E. Lee

The link between the *mitzvah* of *moreh av v'eim* and Shabbos is well-known. As Rashi explains, the Torah here outlines the limits to the obligation to fear one's parents. That requirement ends when a parent asks a child to violate the Torah. Fear your father and mother, but respect and fear Shabbos more, and by extension all *mitzvos* as well. Why is this principle illustrated specifically in the context of Shabbos?

In Rav Hirsch's view of the *mitzvah*, there may be another, more fundamental link between reverence for parents and Shabbos. As he writes, a child's subvert his will to that of his parents is his initiation into the need to subvert his will to that of a higher authority. When a child is conditioned to respect and obey authority over and above his own will, he becomes habituated to the mindset necessary to be a Torah observant Jew. He learns to listen to authority and not simply follow own whims, wishes, and desires. Growing up with an *אָמוֹ וְאָבִיו תִּירָאוּ*, a child will be ready for *וְאֶת־שַׁבְּתֹתַי תִּשְׁמְרוּ*.

Rav Hirsch's insight into the role of proper parenthood in training a child to a life of Torah

and *mitzvos* is key to parents conditioning their children to function in broader society as well. By definition, living as a member of a community involves being able to forego one's personal desires and needs in favor of the needs of the community at large.

Nowhere does this play out more than in a classroom, especially one of very young children, where those children are constantly asked to subvert their needs, drives, and desires in favor of the greater good. In that classroom, it is usually very easy to spot the child whose parents have already conditioned him to yield to authority and those who have not.

When a child enters a community setting such as a classroom, the child will find himself suddenly needing to accommodate the needs and desires of his or her classmates as well as those of the authority-figure adults in the room. For some children, the stress of suddenly being unable to do as they please becomes almost unbearable, and they struggle to adapt.

While there are many factors at play in a child's adaptability to a community setting, one of the

most influential of those factors is the nature of the parent-child relationship at home. If the parents have established themselves as authorities, not authoritarian, but authoritative, and have set limits for their children, then the child is conditioned to live within those imposed limits and to respect and obey authority. But, when parents fail to set clear limits and boundaries for their children and do not establish authority, the child is ill-equipped to deal with the classroom environment, where authority, rules, and boundaries are a necessity.

While one may be able to get away in one's home with avoiding conflict and perhaps avert the need to establish and assert authority, doing so is bad for your child. Permissive parenting is unhealthy parenting, leaving children anxious, confused, unmoored, and unanchored. Permissive parenting also denies one of the main purposes of the parent-child structure, training the child to submit to authority.

Your parenting style will determine how your precious, young child will later fare in school and in Torah life. Getting him accustomed to respecting and submitting to the will of an authority figure will prepare him for all that lies ahead. A child trained to obey his parents is a child primed to obey his teachers and ultimately his Creator.

*Good Shabbos,  
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
Principal*

בס"ד

שנים מקרא

ואחד תרגום

פרשיות אחרי מות & קדושים



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This week's program is  
**NOT YET SPONSORED**

- 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. \_\_\_\_\_



Tuesday, May 12

כ"ה אייר תשפ"ו

SLEEPY HOLLOW HOTEL  
455 S. BROADWAY | SLEEPY HOLLOW, NY  
RECEPTION 6:30 PM | DINNER 7:30 PM

AVODAS HAKODESH AWARD

**Rabbi & Mrs.  
Menachem Apter**

PARENTS OF THE YEAR

**Mr. & Mrs.  
Yosef Karash**

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

**Mr. & Mrs.  
Simcha Kirschner**

KESSER RABBANUS  
SMICHA RECIPIENTS

**R' Yosef Borowski  
R' Chaim Leikowitz**

DINNER DEDICATED  
IN MEMORY OF

**Rabbi & Mrs.  
Arnold & Hannah  
Kalish ע"ה**

ר' אהרן אבנר בן ר' מנחם מנדל הלוי קאליש ע"ה  
מרת העניא בת יעקב יהודה קאליש ע"ה

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