




OHR REUVEN אור ראובן
YESHIVA KETANA

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Tuesday
May 5, 2026 
Lag Beomar

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

SAVE THE DATE!
May 12, 2026
YESHIVAS OHR REUVEN
ANNUAL DINNER

REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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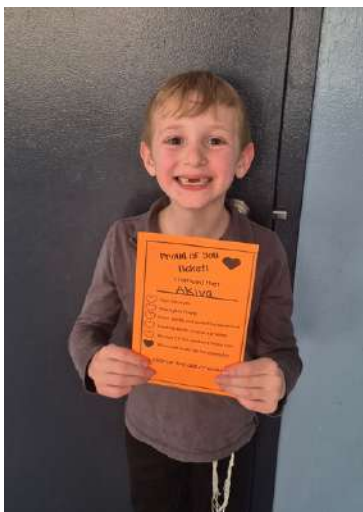
פרשת תזריע-מצורע



Mazel tov to the Rosh HaYeshiva and Rebbetzin on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children R' Moshe and Sarah Rudinsky!



An exclusive trip for Kedusha Warrior Members



Proud of you tickets go to Eli Spitz and Akiva Brody



Local Rabbonim (talmidim of the Yeshiva) in discussion with the Rosh HaYeshiva shlit"א

MAZEL TOV!

Shea Gelbman on his brother Nati's Upsherin!

Eli Meir Kopstick on his Hanachas Tefillin!

Koby Rudinsky on his new baby sister!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Yehuda Meir Schwartz, 8th

Osher Vaksman, 8th

Yosef Benisti, 6th

Tuvia Grossman, 5th

Ezri Schwartz, 2nd

Aryeh Loeb, 2nd

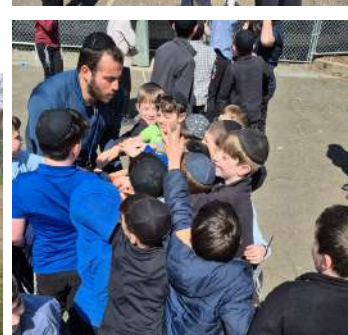
Baruch Steinman, K1

Yehuda Loeb, K1

Dove Greenfield, N



YOR Alumnus Yosef Needleman (currently in Mir Yerushalayim) with Rabbi Stefansky, 12th Grade Maggid Shiur



8th graders playing football in beautiful

2nd grade with at gym with coach Chaim



Pre-Pesach Retzufos Program



Rabbi Prupas's 7th graders on a hike with the Sgan Rosh HaYeshiva Rabbi Brodie



color war with 8th grade



The Rosh HaYeshiva addressing the middle school before Pesach



8th grades Siyum on Mishna Yomi

**SPOTLIGHT
PRE ON SCHOOL**



Morah Jenny's K-1 counting Sefira



Morah Jenny's K-1 Learning about אהבת לרעך כמוך



Pre1A made paper airplanes, tested and improved them as they worked on using optimism to achieve their goal



K2 learning about Spring

תזריע-מצורע Life Insurance

זאת תהיה תורת המצורע ביום טהרתו והוא אל-הכהן:

This shall be the ritual for a *metzora* at the time that he is to be cleansed. When it has been reported to the *kohen*,

מעשה ברוכל אחד שהיה מחזיר בעירות שהיו סמוכות לצפורי והיה מכריז ואומר, מאן בעי למזבן סם חיים, אודקין עליה, רבי ינאי הוה יתיב ופשיט בתורקליניה שמעיה דמכריז מאן בעי סם חיים, אמר ליה תא סק להקא זבין לי, אמר ליה לאו אנת צריך ליה ולא דכונתך, אטרח עליה סליק לגביה הוציא לו ספר תהלים הראה לו פסוק: מי האיש החפץ חיים, מה פתיב בתריה (תהלים לד, יד טו): נצר לשונך מרע, סור מרע ועשה טוב. אמר רבי ינאי אף שלמה מכריז ואומר (משלי כא, כג): שמר פיו ולשונו שמר מצרות נפשו. אמר רבי ינאי כל ימי הייתי קורא הפסוק הזה ולא הייתי יודע היכן הוא פשוט עד שבא רוכל זה והודיעו, מי האיש החפץ חיים

“There was an incident with a certain peddler who would travel around the towns near Tzippori. He would announce and say: ‘Who wants to buy the elixir of life?’ Rabbi Yannai was sitting and studying in his courtyard. He heard him proclaim, ‘Who wants the elixir of life?’ He said to him: ‘Come up here and sell it to me.’ The peddler replied: ‘You do not need it, nor do those like you.’ Rabbi Yannai urged him, so he came up to him. The peddler took out a Book of Psalms and showed him the verse: ‘Who is the man who desires life...’ What is written afterward? ‘Guard your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn from evil and do good.’ (Psalms 34:13–15) Rabbi Yannai said: ‘Even Solomon proclaims and says: “Whoever guards his mouth and his tongue guards his soul from troubles.” (Proverbs 21:23) Rabbi Yannai said: ‘All my life I would read this verse, and I did not know how simple it was until this peddler came and made it clear: “Who is the man who desires life...”’

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

- Walt Whitman

It is the most well-known *midrash* on this week’s *parsha* and perhaps the single most famous of all *midrashim*, the encounter between Rabi Yanai and the merchant, the spice peddler turned morality salesman, crying out, “who wants the elixir of life?” Rabi Yanai’s responds, and the peddler replies, “you and your kind do not need it.” Rabi Yanai insists, and the peddler takes out the book of Tehilim, showing his eager customer the *possuk* “who is the man who desires life? Refrain your tongue from evil.”

Rabi Yanai’s reaction: “all my life I have read this *possuk*, never knowing how simple it is, until this peddler came along and related it.” What did Rabi Yanai see here that we are missing? In the *midrash*, it seems that the peddler adds no more to the understanding of the *possuk* than we already had without him. How does this

peddler’s experience clarify the simple meaning of this *possuk* and what is the “simple,” plain meaning to which he refers?

A suggestion: It takes a certain type of person to walk around selling life, someone who is happy and satisfied with his own life. A miserable individual with a terrible life doesn’t see much value in it and certainly not in lengthening the span of that life. Such a person would not be the one you would find walking around broadcasting the elixir of life for sale.

A peddler’s life is tough. Peddlers work hard, they travel from town to town and village to village for meager wages and barely make ends meet. Rarely is a peddler at home, rarely does he see his family, and rarely if ever does he have



time off to enjoy life. It is just one long day of hard work after another.

Rabi Yanai was thus surprised to find this peddler, in the words of the peddler himself, “wanting life.” What was it about this particular traveling salesman that made him so happy with his lot that he wanted more of it and wanted to share that joy with others? The answer lay in the peddler’s response to Rabi Yanai. Watch how you speak, and “refrain from evil speech.” That is the elixir of a life worth living.

How you speak affects how you think and how you feel. If you badmouth everything, then everything is bad, and if you view everything in life as miserable, then you are miserable. But, if you have a positive disposition towards everything, then all around you is good, bright, and positive. Happiness is far more a reflection of your attitude than your actual lot in life. It is the old adage, “you can’t necessarily control the things that happen to you, but you can control how you react to them.”

Rabi Yanai saw this peddler so satisfied and happy with his life, one that would be miserable to so many others. He also recognized that the man was sharing not so much a potion for long life, but his personal formula for a happy life. The secret lay in how you speak. Speak positively and things are positive; talk negatively and they are negative. The peddler was essentially saying, “if you refrain from speaking evil you will want life!” That was the simple understanding of the *possuk* that had eluded Rabi Yanai until he met this peddler.

For parents, the lesson is obvious and vital. It starts with our own attitude and extends to the attitudes our children display to the things in their lives. If we exude negativity, that negativity takes hold in our children and we and they are unhappy. But if we radiate positive energy and joy, that positivity becomes contagious and our

children follow their parents example in being happy in life.

Cognizance and vigilance in the way we speak are essential. We need to monitor the words we use and make sure that we don’t spend our time complaining about problems, but in celebrating joys and privileges. Our children will imitate our speech and will view the world through the lens of positivity.

In addition to monitoring our own speech, we need to monitor the speech of our children and guide them to speaking optimistically and positively. When they say something negative, we ask them to say something positive. When they see bad, we need to open their eyes to see good. A child comes home with a list of bad things that happened to him in school that day, tell him, “It’s very important for me to hear your list, but first tell me three good things that happened today.” Reframe the thinking and the speech from what is bad to what is good and you will reframe the child’s attitude toward life.

If we teach ourselves and our children the lesson of Rabi Yanai’s peddler, they too will want life; they will appreciate what they have and feel blessed enough to want even more of it.

*Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal*

בס"ד

שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום פרשיות תזריע ומצורע



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This week's program is NOT YET SPONSORED

- 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

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Please help support this wonderful program.

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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. _____



Tuesday, May 12

כ"ה אייר תשפ"ו

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