



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן
YESHIVA KETANA

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Monday
May 25, 2026
Dismissal: N-8 1:00 PM
Legal Holiday

IMPORTANT NOTES

**Thank You for
Joining us at YOR's
35th Annual
Dinner!**



REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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פרשת במדבר



Thank you to the mothers who gave their time and efforts to help with the beautiful flower centerpieces: Mrs. Ahuva Schmerhold, Mrs. Huvi Brodie, Mrs. Ruchy Amsel, Mrs. Leah Herman, Mrs. Goldie Levi, Mrs. Gitty Yablonsky.

*Thank you to Mr. Donny Weinraub and his son Akiva for all the help with post dinner cleaning and packing up.
Thank you to Mr. Mordy Gilden and Mr. Amitai Stern for the beautiful video clips shown at the dinner!*



Mazal Tov to the 2nd grade on the completion of Parshas Chaya Sara



The Menahel testing 3rd grade kriah



Rabbi Horowitz visits his 3rd graders Pirchei Baseball



Mrs. Radzik's Group of Test Takers



8th Grade Davening Program Reward



Winners of the light up frisbees



6th grade boys meet the Mashgiach Shlita



SPOTLIGHT PRE ON SCHOOL



K1 learning the sled Bais like a Sofer



Morah Tzippy's Nursery making arts and crafts

MAZEL TOV!

Eli Meir Kopstick on his Bar Mitzvah!
Hillel Frankel on his brother Yitzcok Frankel (Alumnus) wedding!
Menachem Kahn (Alumnus) on his wedding!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Chaim Roth, 3rd
Dovi Maimon, 2nd
Ezra Kalendarev, Pre-1A



K2 practicing writing the letter פ!



במדבר

Reality

וַיְדַבֵּר ה' אֶל-מֹשֶׁה בְּמִדְבַר סִינַי בְּאֶהָל מוֹעֵד בְּאֶחָד לַחֹדֶשׁ הַשֵּׁנִי בַשָּׁנָה הַשְּׁנִיָּה לְצֵאתְכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם לֵאמֹר:
On the first day of the second month, in the second year after the exodus from the land of Egypt, Hashem spoke to Moshe in the wilderness of Sinai, in the Tent of Meeting, saying:

הספר השלישי מוקדש כולו לדרישות שנקבעו לישראל על ידי מקדש זה – מבחינה סמלית על ידי הקרבנות, ובאופן מעשי על ידי המצוות המקדשות כל צד ובחינה של חיי היומיום. בכך מוצג בקווים כלליים תיאור של החזון, שיתורגם למציאות על ידי כל פרט ופרט מבני האומה ועל ידי כלל האומה...הספר הרביעי חוזר עתה אל המציאות הלאומית. הוא מראה לנו את ישראל כפי שהוא באמת; הוא מציג בפנינו את האומה הממשית ביחסה אל חזון ייעודה כפי שתואר בספר השלישי.

"The third book is devoted entirely to the demands placed upon Israel by this Sanctuary - symbolically through the sacrifices, and practically through the commandments that sanctify every aspect and dimension of daily life. In this way, a general outline is presented of the vision that is to be translated into reality by each and every member of the nation, and by the nation as a whole...The fourth book now returns to the national reality. It shows us Israel as it truly is; it presents before us the actual nation in its relationship to the vision of its destiny as described in the third book." Meshech Chochma

-R Shamshon Raphael Hirsch

"It is easy to talk about lofty ideals but very hard to implement them in real life."

- Anonymous

It is what happens when lofty idealism runs full force into cold-hard reality. As Rav Shamshon Raphael Hirsch so brilliantly observes, the third book of the Torah, the book of Vayikra, is filled with the beautiful, lofty, magnificent ideals of Judaism, notions of purity, sanctity, elevated moral character, and sublime holiness. Those ideals and values are meant to become manifest not just in the nation as a whole, but in each individual member of that national community.

The book of Bamidbar is the reality of what happens when trying to implement those principles in real time with real people in the real world. It does not go as well as one would have hoped. Bamidbar is a book with filled setbacks, failures, and missteps as the Jewish nation in the midbar struggles to find their footing and to become the "kingdom of kohanim and holy nation" they were charged to be.

That sad truth is neither a condemnation of the goals nor of the people who fall short of meeting those goals. It is a reflection of the reality that it takes much time, effort, and patience to bring ordinary human beings to extraordinary heights. As the Meshech Chochma explains, the forty-year penalty for the debacle of the meraglim was more than just a punishment. It reflected the reality that it would take that long for the Jewish nation to shed their Egyptian, slave identity and develop a new one as the nation of Hashem.

The Torah tells us the full story of our forebears in the desert to aware us that the goal of spiritual greatness and perfection is elusive. If it was that hard for Moshe to bring it to fruition with the generation that had witnessed the splitting of the sea and matan Torah, how much more challenging will it be for future generations?

Yet for three millennia, the Jewish nation has continued to chase that elusive goal, recognizing that while we may fall short of the lofty standards to which we strive, the pursuit of those standards is a goal unto itself.

Rav Hirsch's keen observation provides an extraordinary lesson for parents. We have lofty goals and soaring ambitions for our precious children, and we are sometimes confounded to have those goals run smack into the reality of their childhood. We would like our kids to embrace tefilah, to love learning, and to seek opportunities for mitzvos and chesed. They are frequently far more interested in their sports teams, toys, and games.

What happens when the lofty goals we have for our children run into the reality of their all-too-human childhood? If we lack perspective, we become frustrated, annoyed, and exasperated, often reacting harshly in ways that are almost certain to backfire. With the wisdom of perspective, we understand the need for patience. We recognize that if it took full-grown adults who had witnessed open miracles forty years to begin to meet the lofty standards set for them, our children will certainly not meet those standards overnight.

To borrow from Rav Hirsch's insightful observation. We often want our lives to look like the book of Vayikra, lofty ideals of purity, sanctity, and holiness. The reality is that they look more like Bamidbar, fraught with setbacks and shortcomings. But, the Torah teaches us here, you do not reach the ohel moed without first traveling through the midbar.

*Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal*



בס"ד



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- 4th Grade – 20 פסוקים
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- 6th Grade – 30 פסוקים
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- 8th Grade – 50 פסוקים

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My son _____ in grade _____ completed

פרשה שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום
for this
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_____ Bonus: He did double the grade required amount!

Parents sig. _____



Additional Parsha Points

שְׁבֻטִים בְּחַנְיָתָם

Parsha Points

פַּרְשַׁת בַּמִּדְבָּר

Pesukim From the Parsha

שָׂאוּ אֶת רֹאשׁ כָּל עַדְת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל...

Sometimes we are hard on ourselves, thinking “who am I?”, “What can I accomplish?”. Hashem told מֹשֶׁה, tell the Yidden, you are a member of Klal Yisroel and have a special Neshama. Don't live with your head hanging low, rather realize you are special. **Lift up your head**, and appreciate your greatness!

1) מֹשֶׁה finished the dedication of the מִשְׁכָּן on the 1st of נִיסָן, 2449. One month later, ה' told מֹשֶׁה to count the men who were between 20 and 60 years old. They were counted again to prove the pure descent of Klal Yisroel so the שְׂבִינָה could remain among them.

2) The counting was by giving a ½ שֶׁקֶל coin (as we are not allowed to count people 1, 2, etc). The נְשִׂאִים helped with the counting and each person received a בְּרָכָה from מֹשֶׁה, אֶהְרֹן and the נְשִׂאִים.

3) When the Bnei Yisroel came to מִצְרַיִם, they were only 70 people. Now, their total was 603,550 - and these were only the men, who were between the ages of 20 and 60!! **What a tremendous חֶסֶד Hashem did by increasing our numbers so greatly over such a short time.**

4) The only שְׁבֻט that was not counted together with the rest, was לֵוִי.

5) In the מִדְבָּר there were 3 different camps. a) מַחֲנֵה שְׂבִינָה - the area of the מִשְׁכָּן. Around this was b) the מַחֲנֵה לְוִיָּה where the כֹּהֲנִים and לְוִיִּים lived. Around this was c) the מַחֲנֵה יִשְׂרָאֵל where the other שְׁבֻטִים lived. The שְׁבֻטִים were divided into 4 groups and were camped like a box around the מִשְׁכָּן.

6) Each of the four groups had its own flag, which had on it 3 colors. These colors were the colors of the stones of the חֹשֶׁן that represented the 3 שְׁבֻטִים of that camp.

7) After מֹשֶׁה counted the 12 שְׁבֻטִים, he was commanded to count לֵוִי. Although the rest of כָּלֵל יִשְׂרָאֵל were only counted from the ages of 20 to 60, לֵוִי was counted from one month and up.

8) The לֵוִיִּים totaled only 22,300. Even though they were counted from 1 month, this was the smallest of all the שְׁבֻטִים. Since לֵוִי didn't work in מִצְרַיִם, they weren't given the בְּרָכָה of multiplying so fast.

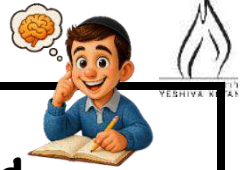
9) Until the עֲגֹל, the בְּכוֹרִים were to do the עֲבוּדָה in the מִשְׁכָּן. However, when they sinned by the עֲגֹל, this was taken away and was exchanged onto the לְוִיִּים (who did not sin by the עֲגֹל).

10) גֵּרְשׁוֹן's son לֵוִי had three sons: קָהָת, מְרָרִי, גֵּרְשׁוֹן. When the Bnei Yisroel traveled, each of these families had a special job in carrying the parts of the מִשְׁכָּן.

- ◆ מְרָרִי carried the woven materials.
- ◆ קָהָת carried the כֵּלִים and the פְּרוֹכֵת.
- ◆ גֵּרְשׁוֹן carried the wooden poles and sockets.

11) Only לְוִיִּים between 30 and 50 were allowed to carry the objects of the מִשְׁכָּן. The main כֵּלִים were not allowed to be carried on wagons, rather, they were to be carried on the shoulders of the family of קָהָת. They were first wrapped by the כֹּהֲנִים with special wrappings known as the בְּגָדֵי הַשְּׂרָד. As they were so holy, the לְוִיִּים were not even allowed to directly touch or even look at these כֵּלִים.





The מִשְׁכָּן carried the כְּלִים of the לְוִיִּים.
Let's review some details of the כְּלִים that they carried

<u>Details</u>	<u>Location</u>	
Contained the luchos, staff of Aharon that blossomed, and a jar of manna. On top were the כְּרוּבִים, which faced each other when Klal Yisroel did the רָצוּן ה'.	קוֹדֶשׁ הַקֹּדְשִׁים	אָרוֹן הַקֹּדֶשׁ
The blood of certain korbanos was sprinkled on (or at) the paroches.	Between the קוֹדֶשׁ הַקֹּדְשִׁים and the קוֹדֶשׁ	פְּרוֹכֶת
Contained 7 lamps. The middle or end lamp on western side (מַחְלוֹקֶת), was known as the נֵר מְעֵרְבִי.	קוֹדֶשׁ	מְנוֹרָה
On it was placed the 12 לֶחֶם הַפָּנִים. Although they were on the שׁוּלְחָן from שֶׁבֶת to שֶׁבֶת, they stayed perfectly fresh.	קוֹדֶשׁ	שׁוּלְחָן
Covered with gold. The 11 spices of קְטוֹרֶת were brought on this, daily. A.K.A מִזְבַּח הַפְּגִימִי & מִזְבַּח קְטוֹרֶת	קוֹדֶשׁ	מִזְבַּח הַזָּהָב
Covered with copper. This was used for most קְרָבָנוֹת. A.K.A. מִזְבַּח הַחִיצוֹן, מִזְבַּח הָעוֹלָה	חֵיצוֹן	מִזְבַּח הַנְּחוֹשֶׁת
Used by כֹּהֲנִים to wash their hands and feet before doing the עֲבוֹדָה. Originally had 2 spouts. Later, 10 more added on.	חֵיצוֹן	כִּיּוֹר



MIDDOS & EMUNAH FROM THE PARSHA

שָׂאוּ אֶת רֹאשׁ כָּל עַדְת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל

Rashi tells us that מוֹנֶה אוֹתָם כָּל שָׁעָה.

Although Hashem just counted all of Bnei Yisroel, He counted them again, because they are so precious to him and He loves them so!

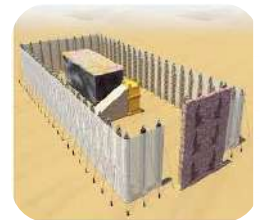
Hashem did not just count the צְדִיקִים and תְּלִמְיָדֵי חֲכָמִים;

He counted every Jew, for He loves them all, and every one counts!

We must emulate Hashem, and love every Jew, no matter if they are different than us, and no matter where they are holding,

for if they are precious to Hashem, they need to be precious to us as well.

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SUNDAY		THURSDAY	
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TUESDAY		Shavuos (day 1)	
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