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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday
October 12, 2026
No Tansportation
Dismissal N-K @ 3:00 PM,
P-8 @ 4:00 PM

Friday
November 6, 2026
Torah Umesorah
Convention
N-BM No Sessions

Wednesday
November 11, 2026
No Tansportation
Dismissal N-K @ 3:00 PM,
P-8 @ 4:00 PM

Thursday
November 26, 2026
Rebbeim-In-Service
No Transportation
Dismissal N-8 @ 1:00 PM

IMPORTANT NOTES

This week, Yeshiva conducted a successful lockdown drill. We continue to do our utmost, with siyatta dishmaya, to keep your children, our faculty, and staff, safe and secure!





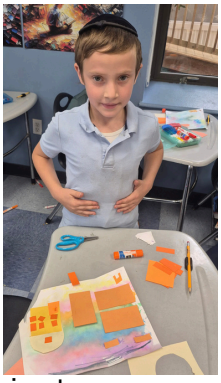


7th grade on a trip with their rebbi, Rabbi Prupas to choose their own Lulav and Esrog



Rabbi Lowy's 4th graders presenting their Sukkah beautiful crafts





2nd graders making their sukkos project



First graders playing Tic-Tac-Toe as they review the alphabet



2nd grade with sports Coach Chaim

MAZEL TOV!

Eli & Moshe Heinemann upon their new baby brother!
Rabbi Biller upon the upsherin of his grandson Yakov Biller from Eretz Yisroel!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Yehuda Balsam, 7th
Zorach Schneid, 6th
Hashi Reichmann, 5th
Akiva Vilinsky, 4th
Alexander Kahana, 2nd
Mordechai Lowenstein, 1st
Ezra Herman, P-1
Binyamin Goldberg, K-2
Yehuda Gendel, N-2

SPOTLIGHT ON PRE-SCHOOL




K-1 learning about the Parsha





Mazal Tov Pre-1A on their Aleph-Beis Siyum

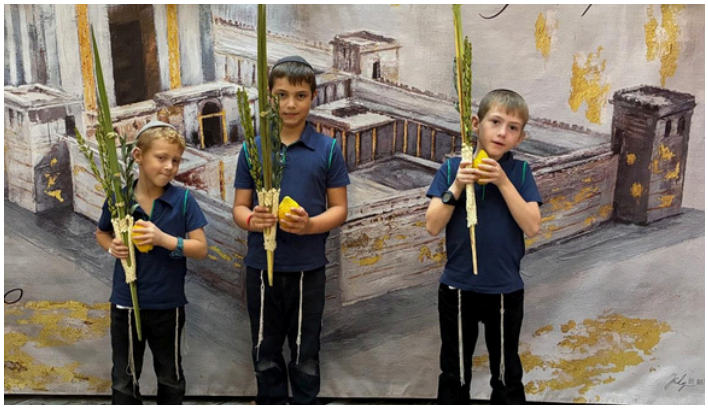
YKOR Sukkos Pictures










בראשית

Unlimited Potential

וַיִּבְרָ֤א אֱלֹקִים ׀ אֶת־הָאָדָם֙ בְּצַלְמ֔וֹ בְּצֶ֥לֶם אֱלֹקִ֖ים בָּרָ֣א אֹת֑וֹ זָכָ֥ר וּנְקֵבָ֖ה בָּרָ֥א אֹתָֽם׃

And G-d created man in His image, in the image of G-d He created him; male and female He created them.

אמנם להבין ענין אומרו בצלם אלקים דיקא. ולא שם אחר. כי שם אלקים ידוע פירושו שהוא מורה שהוא ית"ש בעל הכחות כולם כמ"ש בטור א"ח סימן ה .'

However, to understand why He specifically stated "in the image of G-d-*Eloki"m*" and not some other name, it is because the meaning of the name *Eloki"m* is well understood, that it implies that He (blessed be His name) is the Master of All Powers, as explained in the *Tur*, *Orakh Chayyim*, *siman* 5

- Nefesh Hachaim, Chapter 1

The potential possibilities of any child are the most intriguing and stimulating in all creation."

- Ray L. Wilbur

Malcolm Gladwell is well-known for his works of pop-psychology that often provide a novel perspective on familiar issues. His bestseller, "Outliers," uncovers the secrets to success, with some great surprises along the way.

Gladwell opens the book with a fascinating study of the birth-dates of professional hockey players, noting the disproportionate number of players born in the first few months of the calendar year. The distribution of birthdates cannot be explained by statistical randomness, indicating another factor is at play. That factor is the cutoff age for kids playing hockey in the pee-wee leagues. The cutoff date, an arbitrarily selected day meant to group children by approximate age for competitive balance, is the first of January. The unintended consequence of that cutoff date is that a child born at the end of December will play alongside another child born in the beginning of January, despite the fact that the December child is nearly one full year younger.

The surprising result of the age disparity between the youngest and oldest members of the same age group is the start of a feedback loop that strongly favors the older members of the group. It works as follows: Coaches look for youth with size, ability, and natural athleticism, singling them out as uniquely suited for success at hockey. But, the coaches mistake physical maturity for physical ability. Lined up next to kids nearly one full year younger, the older kids are bigger, faster, and more athletic than their peers. The coaches, seeing the "talent" encourage these kids as budding stars, devote their energies and resources to these kids, and gently encourage their smaller, slower, less athletic peers to pursue other activities, as the gap between them and their older peers continues to widen over the years.

The problem, of course, is that the coaches' assessment of talent is completely wrong. The younger boys may have as much as or even more natural potential than their older peers; they are simply not as physically mature and developed. The net result is that a large pool of talent is completely ignored, with the birth dates of professional hockey players heavily skewed to the beginning of the calendar year.

The lesson is simple. Talent in children is a funny thing. Often childhood talent is not discovered

by adults, it is created by the adults who come to the conclusion, correct or not, that a child has a proclivity for one thing or another. The influential adult's belief in the child's potential causes that adult to encourage and foster that talent, making it into a talent or ability even if none really existed before.

That is because children are born as blank slates of almost limitless potential. They can do almost anything as long as we adults encourage that anything.

The unlimited, raw potential of the newborn is subtly contained in this week's *parsha*. The Torah tells us that man is created *b'tzelem Elokim*, in the image of G-d. The *Nefesh Hachaim* notes the specific name of G-d used in describing the creation of man in G-d's image. Why is man described as fashioned *b'tzelem Elokim* and not *b'tzelem Hashem*? The *Nefesh Hachaim* points to the Tur in *siman* 5 who explains the Divine name "*Elokim*" to mean G-d as the בעל הכחות כולם, the Master of all Power and Ability.

While the *Nefesh Hachaim* finds a more *kabbalistic* meaning in man's G-d-like potential, there is a *pshat* aspect to it as well. Man is created in the image of the A-mighty, and that makes man all mighty as well. The human being is created with potential to do just about anything. It is the job of the adults in the child's life to foster those abilities.

The big takeaway for parents is that we should view our children as blank slates with potential for anything, and we should foster and encourage that all-encompassing potential. Never allow yourself to mistakenly believe that there's something your child cannot do. Our children are created with the G-d-given ability to do anything. We just need to believe it in order to make it happen.

Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal

בס"ד

sleeping in the SUKKAH

GRADES 3–8

DEADLINE – THIS SUNDAY



FILL IN THE A STAR FOR EVERY NIGHT!

1	1st night – יום טוב	טו תשרי	☆
2	2nd night – יום טוב	טז תשרי	☆
3	3rd night - חול המועד	יז תשרי	☆
4	4th night - חול המועד	יח תשרי	☆
5	5th night - חול המועד	יט תשרי	☆
6	6th night - חול המועד	כ תשרי	☆
7	7th night – הושענה רבה	כא תשרי	☆

SLEEP IN THE SUKKAH — THEN COME CELEBRATE!

Mitzvah of Sleeping in Sukkah* Celebration Party

1 NIGHT	FIRST 2 NIGHTS OR ANY 3 NIGHTS	ALL NIGHTS* (rain permitting)
1 Slice of Pizza	1 Slice of Pizza + Ice cream	1 Slice of Pizza + Ice cream + $10

Talmid's Name _____ Grade _____

Parent's Sig.: _____ Total number of nights _____

** Please note: Due to different locations and minhagim, only not sleeping due to rain will be counted.*

בס"ד

ושמחת בחגך והיית אך שמח

SO... SMILE!

Share one great Sukkos moment.



PLEASE SUBMIT PICTURES BY THIS SUNDAY

EMAIL 1 PICTURE ONLY TO

pictures@ohrreuven.com

Please email 1 picture (only) of your son/s performing the Sukkos mitzvohs:

SHAKING THE	SITTING / SLEEPING	HELPING BUILD THE
ד' מינים	IN A סוכה	סוכה

We are looking forward to displaying the pictures on the hallway screen.

חג כשר ושמח!

We can't wait to see your Sukkos smiles!

Lu. L. L. A. Y.

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On the Parsha

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פַּרְשַׁת בְּרֵאשִׁית

Pesukim from the Parsha

בְּרֵאשִׁית, בָּרָא אֱלֹקִים, אֵת הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֵת הָאָרֶץ

In the beginning of ה׳'s creation of heaven and earth

וַיְבָרֶךְ אֱלֹקִים אֶת יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי וַיְקַדֵּשׁ אֹתוֹ

And ה׳ blessed the 7th day (שַׁבָּת) and made it holy

הַשֹּׁמֵר אָחִי אָנֹכִי?

"Am I my brother's watchman." (Yes!)

Some Other Parsha Topics

עוֹנְשֵׁי אָדָם, חַוָּה, נָחָשׁ, וְקַיִן

לֶמֶךְ, וּמִיתַת קַיִן

Points from the Parsha

1) Hashem formed the world in 6 days.

2) On the 6th day of בְּרִיאַת הָעוֹלָם, ה׳ formed אָדָם הָרִאשׁוֹן and breathed life into him. He was called 'אָדָם' because he was made from אֲדָמָה, earth. אָדָם asked ה׳ for a partner. ה׳ put him to sleep and formed חַוָּה from his side. She was called חַוָּה because she was the mother of all living things, חַי. They were placed in a beautiful garden called גַּן עֵדֶן and were allowed to eat all the fruits, except for those from the עֵץ הַדַּעַת. (The fruit of the עֵץ הַדַּעַת was either: grapes, wheat, figs, or esrog.)

3) Hashem sent the נָחָשׁ, snake, to test אָדָם and חַוָּה. The נָחָשׁ asked חַוָּה: "Are you allowed to eat all of the fruits?" חַוָּה answered, "All, except from the עֵץ הַדַּעַת which we may not eat and also may not touch. The נָחָשׁ pushed חַוָּה against the עֵץ הַדַּעַת and said – "you see you didn't die, even though you touched it. You will also not die even if you eat from it'. (Hashem **never** commanded them 'do not touch'. אָדָם added this on **without** telling her it was a safeguard. *We must always repeat instructions or a message just as we heard them, and not change or add anything, without saying we did.)*

4) חַוָּה ate and also gave אָדָם to eat. Once they ate, they felt different. ה׳ confronted them, but they shifted the blame to the other. They were punished, and were also sent out of גַּן עֵדֶן.

5) אָדָם and חַוָּה had 2 sons named קַיִן and הֶבֶל. קַיִן was a farmer, and הֶבֶל was a shepherd. קַיִן brought Hashem a קָרְבָּן of poor quality produce, while הֶבֶל brought Hashem a קָרְבָּן of his best sheep. Because הֶבֶל brought his best, ה׳ accepted his קָרְבָּן. However, He did not accept קַיִן's קָרְבָּן. קַיִן got jealous and angry and killed his brother, הֶבֶל. (*How dangerous are the* מִדּוֹת *of jealousy and anger!)*

6) Hashem asked קַיִן where his brother was in order to give him the opportunity to admit and do תְּשׁוּבָה. קַיִן originally denied knowing and was punished. Realizing he was wrong, he did תְּשׁוּבָה. Due to his תְּשׁוּבָה, Hashem delayed קַיִן's punished for 7 generations.



7) After הֶבֶל was killed, אָדָם and חַוָּה had another son named שֵׁת.

8) אָדָם הָרִאשׁוֹן died when he was 930 years old.

9) The פָּרָשָׁה ends with the 10 generations from אָדָם until נֹחַ, which kept going down in רוּחָנִיוּת, (with the exception of חֲנוֹךְ and מְתוּשֶׁלַח,) until ה׳ decided to bring the מַבּוּל in next week's פָּרָשָׁה.

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Yedios from the Parsha

בְּרִיאַת הָעוֹלָם

יוֹם רִאשׁוֹן - Light and darkness

יוֹם שֵׁנִי - Rakiah (sky)

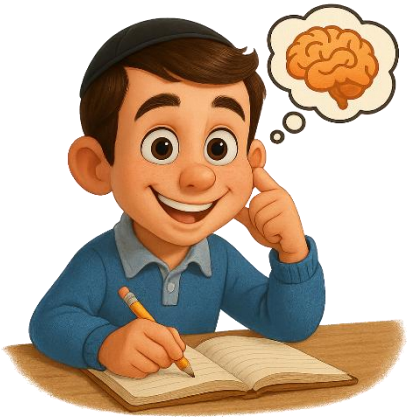
יוֹם שְׁלִישִׁי - Oceans, Dry land, Grasses, Trees, Flowers

יוֹם רְבִיעִי - Sun, Moon, Stars, Planets

יוֹם חֲמִישִׁי - Birds, Flying Insects, Fish, Water Insects

יוֹם שִׁשִּׁי - Animals, Land Insects, Man

יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי – Shabbos (Rest)

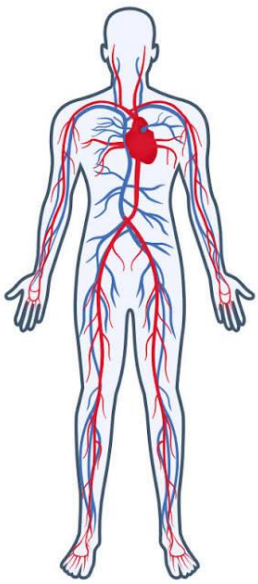


Middos and Emunah from the Parsha

In this week's parsha Hashem created the world.
When we honestly look around the world, it screams "Creator"

The possuk in Iyov tells us
וּמִבְּשָׂרִי אֶחֱזֶה אֱלוֹק (איוב יט:כו)
And from my body, I see Hashem!

The human body is an unbelievable amazing piece of machinery.
Just look how many intricate systems function together!



◈ Skeletal System ◈
◈ Nervous System ◈
◈ Digestive System ◈
◈ Muscular System ◈
◈ Excretory System ◈
◈ Endocrine System ◈
◈ Circulatory System ◈
◈ Respiratory System ◈
◈ Reproductive System ◈
◈ Integumentary System ◈
◈ Renal & Urinary System ◈
◈ Lymphatic & Immune System ◈



בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹקִים!

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שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

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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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