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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday
August 23, 2026
No Sessions

Monday
August 24, 2026
1st day of Minyan 6-8 @ 7:40 AM

1st grade first day of sessions
Dismissal: @ 1:00
No transportation

Tuesday- Thursday
August 25- 27, 2026
Dismissal 1-8: @ 1:00
No Transportaion

Friday
August 28, 2026
Dismissal 1-8: @ 12:30
No Transportation

Mazel tov to the Rosh HaYeshiva and Rebbetzin on the birth of a grandson born to their children R' Shalom and Avigael Rudinsky

Welcome to our new Talmidim & families to Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven

Akerman Family, Balin Family, Brodie Family, Glick Family, Goldberg Family, Goldscheider Family, Gurwitz Family, Hertzka Family, Itzkowitz Family, Mann Family, Messner Family, Ortner Family, Plutchok Family, Solomon Family, Tzur Family, Walkin Family!



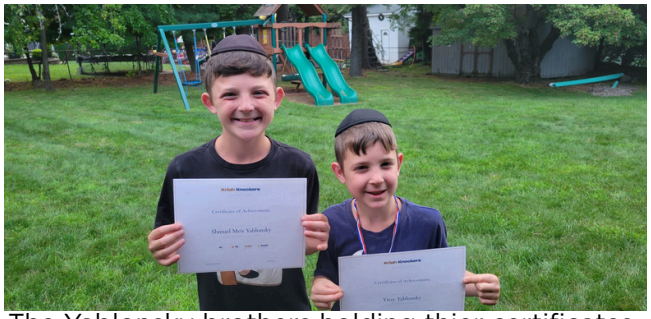





First Day at Yeshiva Ketana

MAZEL TOV!

Shmuel, Michael and Aaron Katz upon the engagement of thier sister!



The Yablonsky brothers holding thier certificates from Kriah Knockers



Thank You to the Yitzchakov family for generously sponsoring the Ice Cream Truck!

כי תצא

Motherhood

כִּי יִקָּרֵא קַן־צִפּוֹר ׀ לְפָנֶיךָ בַּדֶּרֶךְ בְּכָל־עֵץ ׀ אוֹ עַל־הָאָרֶץ אֶפְרֹחִים אוֹ בֵיצִים וְהָאֵם רֹבֶצֶת עַל־הָאֶפְרֹחִים אוֹ עַל־הַבֵּיצִים לֹא־תִקַּח הָאֵם עַל־הַבָּנִים׃

If, along the road, you chance upon a bird's nest, in any tree or on the ground, with fledglings or eggs and the mother sitting over the fledglings or on the eggs, do not take the mother together with her young.

מצווה זו נותנת ביטוי לחשיבות העליונה שהתורה מייחסת לפעילות האישה בבית ,והיא מעתיקה פעילות זו אפילו לתחום חיי בעלי החיים .התורה דואגת שתהיה הגנה לציפור האם בעת שהיא עוסקת בפעילותה כאם ,והיא דורשת שכל אחד, כאשר ניתנת לו הזדמנות לעשות כן ,יראה במעשיו הערכה זו לנקבה כשהיא ממלאת את תפקידה.

This mitzvah gives expression to the supreme importance that the Torah attaches to the activity of the woman in the home, and it extends this activity even into the realm of animal life. The Torah ensures that there will be protection for the mother bird while engaging in her activities as a mother, and she requires that everyone, when given the opportunity to do so, see in his actions this appreciation for the female as she fulfills her role.

- Rav Shamshon Raphael Hirsch

In June 2021, the outgoing president of The State of Israel, Reuven Rivlin, visited the United States on a farewell tour. Naturally, one of the stops on that goodbye tour was the White House, where Mr. Rivlin, accompanied by his Chief of Staff, Rivka Ravitz, visited with President Joseph Biden.

Mrs. Ravitz, a Torah-observant Jew, is not only the chief of staff to the president of Israel, she also happens to be the mother of twelve children of her own. Upon discovering that the woman standing before him had given birth to and was raising twelve children, President Biden knelt down and bowed on one knee before her, telling Mrs. Ravitz, "I have a picture of my mother here. You must see who she was." Mrs. Ravitz, somewhat uncomfortable with the leader of the free world bowing before her, later commented that she was comforted by the realization that Mr. Biden was not bowing out of respect for her, but out of respect for the institution of motherhood.

Around Mother's Day, one can usually hear an oft-repeated trope from those opposed to the observance of the holiday, "In Judaism, every day is Mother's Day." The reality, however is that every day is not Mother's Day, nor could every day possibly be so. If we were to stop ourselves on a daily basis to consider what we owe our mothers, who carried us to term for nine months, nurtured us when we were newborn and helpless, fed, clothed, succored, and raised us, we would be paralyzed by the thought. There is simply no way for one to put a price tag on the value of motherhood. (So if all your mother wants for Mother's Day is a card, get her one!)

Rav Shamshon Raphael Hirsch sees the *mitzvah* of *shiluach Haken* as a cross-species ode to motherhood. The way Rav Hirsch sees it, the protection the Torah provides the mother bird in this *mitzvah* is due to her engagement in the work of a mother, activity that must always be valued and respected. A person who comes across the mother bird on her nest and is forced to give deference to the institution of motherhood will be drawn to recognize the significance and value of motherhood and will

appreciate the role of the woman as the mother of the next generation.

In plain, simple truth, without mothers none of us would be here. A mother's love, sacrifice, and devotion are boundless and endless, and deep-down we know it to be true. I once had a conversation with an educator with many years' experience teaching in the public school system. He told me that when the tough, macho boys act up, it's not the father he calls, but their mother, because the last thing they want to do is disappoint their mother.

Perhaps the single greatest inventor of the modern era, Thomas Edison, credited the need to not disappoint his mother for making him the person he became. Edison was a poor student. When a schoolmaster called Edison "addled," his furious mother took him out of the school and proceeded to teach him at home. Edison said many years later, "My mother was the making of me. She was so true, so sure of me, and I felt I had someone to live for, someone I must not disappoint."

It is the simplest formula, and yet it makes all the difference in the world. Having a mother who is sure of you, who believes in what you can be enough that you simply become that so you won't disappoint her, can bring a person to greatness.

Edison's mother knew the value of motherhood. President Biden treasured the value of motherhood. The Torah itself, in the *mitzvah* of *shiluach haken* emphasizes the great value of motherhood. We should follow their lead and value the value and power of a mother.

Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal

Lu. L. L. A. Y.

Luving Living Like A Yid



On the Parsha

בס״ד

פַּרְשַׁת כִּי תֵצֵא

Quotes from the Parsha

מוֹצָא שְׂפָתֶיךָ תִּשְׁמוֹר - Keep your word.

אֶבֶן שְׁלֵמָה וָצֶדֶק יִהְיֶה לָךְ - Be honest in business.

וְהָיָה מַחֲנֶיךָ קָדוֹשׁ - Hashem is among us, be holy.

Additional Parsha Points

בֵּן סוֹרֵר ומוֹרֶה, מֵעֵקֶה,
עַמּוֹנִי ומוֹאָבִי, בַּל תְּאַחֵר,
מַלְקוֹת, נְדָרִים

Points from the Parsha

1) If a soldier at war saw among the captives a woman whom he wants to marry, an אֵשֶׁת יְפַת־תֹּאַר, she must: shave all her hair, let her nails grow long, change into plain clothes, cry for her parents for a month. If he still wants to marry her and she agrees, בֵּית דִּין makes her a גִּיּוֹרֶת and she is like any other Jew.

2) If a man has two wives and likes one more than the other – if the less liked one has a male child first, since he is the בְּכוֹר, he receives the double portion of a בְּכוֹר in the inheritance, and not the child of the wife the husband likes more.

3) When one finds an object that a Jew lost; if it is worth at least a פְּרוּטָה and has a סִימָן, an identifying mark, he is required to return it. Even if the person lost that object many times, it must still be returned.

4) If an animal is struggling under its load, you must stop and help the owner unload the animal. If he needs help loading the animal you also must help. (This is one of the sources for the awareness of צַעַר בַּעֲלֵי חַיִים.)

5) If a person sees a kosher wild bird, sitting on its nest in an unowned area, there is a special מִצְוָה called שִׁילּוּחַ הַקֵּן - to chase away the mother bird and to take the eggs or young birds. (One fulfills the מִצְוָה even if he put them back, as long as he first lifted them up properly.)

6) One may not plow, or pull a vehicle using two different species of animals. This is a type of כִּלְאַיִם. Similarly, one may not wear שַׁעַטְנֵז, garments made from a mixture of wool and linen.

7) It is a מִצְוָה to lend money to Jews. When lending, one may not charge or pay רִיבִּית, interest. To ensure repayment, the lender may take a מַשְׁכּוֹן, collateral, but he may not take it forcibly. The מַשְׁכּוֹן cannot be something the person needs to prepare his food. If the person is poor, and needs the מַשְׁכּוֹן back at night, e.g. a blanket, the מַשְׁכּוֹן must be returned to him each night.

8) A worker should be paid the same day that he does the work, unless agreed upon differently.

9) If a married man dies childless, his brother has a מִצְוָה to perform יִבּוּם, to marry the נִפְטָר's wife. The child born is a נֶחָמָה, comfort for the נִפְטָר. If the brother doesn't want to marry his brothers widow, they go to בֵּית דִּין where the widow performs חֲלִיצָה by taking off the brothers shoe, spitting on the floor in front of him and proclaiming "This is what happens to one who doesn't want to build his brother's family". After this she is free to marry. Nowadays we only do חֲלִיצָה and not יִבּוּם.



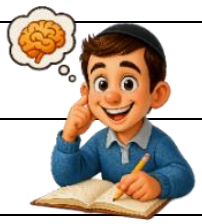
10) When doing business it is very important to be honest. In the marketplace one must ensure that all weights are accurate.

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בס״ד

Yedios from the Parsha

There are six things the תּוֹרָה tells us to remember and be inspired from every day. Two of these, מַעֲשֵׂה מִרְיָם, and מַעֲשֵׂה עֲמָלֵק, are in this weeks פָּרָשָׁה.	
Hashem freed us with miracles, making us His nation forever. Remember Hashem taking us out of Mitzrayim.	יְצִיאַת מִצְרַיִם
Torah is our eternal guide. Remember the giving of the Torah at Har Sinai.	מַעֲמַד הַר סִינַי
Hashem created and rules over the world. Remembering Shabbos reminds us of this.	שַׁבָּת
Even a great nation can stumble. Remember the Eigel and its lesson to stay vigilant.	מַעֲשֵׂה הָעֵגֶל
Words are powerful. Remember when Miriam spoke lashon hara about Moshe and was punished with tzaraas, even though her intentions were good.	מַעֲשֵׂה מִרְיָם
Amaleik came to fight the Bnei Yisroel and what we stand for. Remember Amalek's attack on Bnei Yisrael after they left Mitzrayim.	מַעֲשֵׂה עֲמָלֵק







MIDDOS & EMUNAH FROM THE PARSHA

לֹא תַטֶּה מִשְׁפַּט גֵּר יָתוֹם וְלֹא תַחֲבֹל בֶּגֶד אַלְמָנָה.

וְזָכַרְתָּ כִּי עֶבֶד הָיִיתָ בְּמִצְרַיִם וַיִּפְדְּךָ ה׳ אֱלֹקֶיךָ מִשָּׁם עַל כֵּן אָנֹכִי מְצַוְּךָ לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה.

Don't tilt the judgement of the גֵּר, the orphan, and don't take the garment of a widow as a pawn.
And you shall remember that you were slaves in מִצְרַיִם and ה׳, your G-d, redeemed you from there.
Therefore, I command you to do this.

Although difficult and painful, we gained a lot as a nation while in מִצְרַיִם.
We are to be sensitive to the feelings of others,
but not only because it is the right thing to do.
ה׳ reminds us that we too were oppressed and downtrodden in מִצְרַיִם.
We know what it felt like.
We are to take our life experiences, and apply them to how we interact with others,
showing special care and sensitivity to others that are going through a difficult time.

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