

THOUGHTS AND NEWS FROM OHR SHLOMO

A Short and Insightful Newsletter From Ohr Shlomo Yeshiva High School

Thank You Parents!

It was an incredible honor and privilege to meet the amazing parents of Ohr Shlomo Yeshiva High School this week at our **Orientation and Meet-The-Teacher Night**. Parents were impressed and excited while learning about the opportunities given in both the Limudei Kodesh and General Studies Departments, as well as the variety of clubs and extracurricular activities. We look forward to continue partnering with you - as that is the only way true success in Chinuch can be achieved - and sharing NACHAS! (If anyone would like the Tefilla card that was given out, please contact the office) A tremendous 'Thank You!' goes out to our dedicated teachers who made the time to come on a busy evening.

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A SHORT Thought on Parshiyos Netzavim-Vayelech

אתם נצבים היום כלכם

You are all standing here today...(29:9)

Parshas Netzavim begins with a puzzling statement: You are standing here today. Surely they were standing there, for if they were not there - then where were they? What could this possibly mean?

Rashi offers a powerful interpretation based on a Medrash, ומדרש אגדה: למה נסמכה פרשת אתם נצבים לקללות? לפי ששמעו ישראל מאה קללות חסר שתיים חוץ ממ"ט שבתורת כהנים, הוריקו פניהם ואמרו מי יוכל לעמד באלו? התחיל משה לפייסם — אתם נצבים היום, הרבה הכעסתם למקום ולא עשה אתכם כליה — Says the Midrash, Why is the section of Netzavim placed next to the curses [written in Parshas Ki Savo]? Once the Jewish people heard 98 curses, their faces turned pale. They said, "Who can survive these?" Moshe began to appease them by saying, "You are all standing here today. Often you have angered Hashem - but He has not destroyed you, and you remain before Him."

The Jewish people may misbehave. Often enough we may deserve quite the 'potch'. Yet here we are. "ואף-גם זאת בהיותם בארץ. ואיביהם לא מאסתי ולא געלתיכם לכלתם להפר בריתי אתם [if we sin, Hashem promises] when you are in enemy lands, I will not be disgusted of you, I will not be repulsed by, I will not destroy you, and I will never sever our relationship." Hashem's love for us remains eternal.

Famously, the Ponovezher Rav, R. Yosef Shlomo Kahaneman, once approached the Arch of Titus, a monument depicting the

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destruction of the Beis HaMikdash wrought by the terrible general Titus. As he stood beneath the massive arch he called out, "Titus, Titus! Where are you now?! The Jewish people remain - but you - you and all of your people are gone."

As one famous American author wrote, "All things are mortal but the Jews; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?"

It is the promise of our Father, the promise of אֲתֵם נִצְבִּים הַיּוֹם וְלָכֶם. He will never give up on us.

Have an incredible Shabbos!

Ohr Shlomo YHS Welcomes HaGaon HaRav Elya Brudny Shlit"a

This week the Yeshiva and our Talmidim had the tremendous honor of welcoming one of the Gedolei HaDor, the Mirrer Rosh Yeshiva, **HaRav Elya Brudny**.

Rabbi Brudny spoke to the boys about the difference between the perspective of a Torah Jew and the rest of the world. How the Jewish people have the opportunity to transform themselves personally and globally, focusing on the endless possibilities of Rosh HaShana. With a glimmer in his eyes and joy on his face he promised the boys that they too would become '**Shteigers**', people focused on growth, like an escalator - not like an elevator.

Afterwards, every student received a bracha and spoke with Rabbi Brudny. It was truly a permanent impression upon every observer and participant. (Please contact us for a picture with Rabbi Brudny and your son.)

Ohr Shlomo Chesed Club

With vibrancy and fervor, the Ohr Shlomo CC continues its amazing activities. This week they returned - with many more participants - to assist the organization **My Extended Family**. With hilarity and spunk, the boys learned, played, and enjoyed blowing shofar. On Sunday, the members of the **OSCC** plan on helping pack food packages for the poor and needy in preparation for the upcoming Yomim Tovim. For more information please contact the captains of the OSCC. (Sponsorships are also available.)

Basketball Tryouts Begin for the Sharks

This past Thursday evening the air was tense in the Kingsway Jewish Center as many students vied for positions on the **Ohr Shlomo Sharks**, led by our new coach, **Joey Kenigsberg** (Alumnus of '22). The competition was intense as the boys showed tremendous skill and pushed themselves to hustle down the court. A few onlookers were exceedingly excited for the Sharks' prospects for the coming season. We have already been getting many calls from teams wanting to try their hand at playing exhibition games against our Sharks. (For more information and for Sharks merchandise, please contact the coach.)

9th Grade Quickly Passes the 50 Mitzvah Mark

Rabbi Milstein's famous 613 Mitzvos project has gotten off to a rapid start. As students and alumni know, Rabbi Milstein and his class achieve authoritative success in knowing all 613 Mitzvos, clearly and in-depth. (Rabbi Milstein has even written a song and a book helping incorporate all of the Mitzvos.) Baruch Hashem, with diligent effort the students have already learned 50 Mitzvos - only 3 weeks into the Yeshiva year. Keep it up!

Vocational Training Meets Rosh HaShana

In preparation for Rosh HaShana, **Mr. Yochanon Itzkowitz**, our vocational training teacher, focused on the truly necessary skill of blowing Shofar. Each boy was given a Shofar - cleaned by Mr. Itzkowitz **who is also a trained and active Hatzalah member** - and taught the intricacies of the sounds and efforts necessary to blow the Shofar with success. Even Rabbi Dr. Engelberg got into the mix and displayed expertise in Shofar-blowing!

Music Classes Begin!

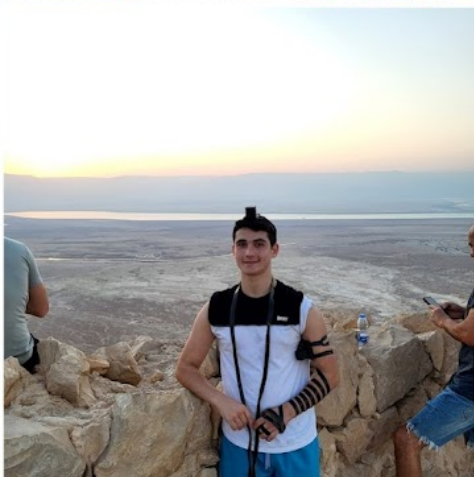
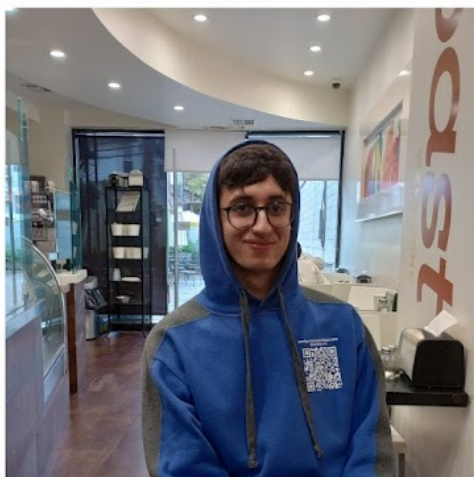
Music filled the air on Thursday night at Ohr Shlomo as Singer/Songwriter, **Gavriel Elbogen**, brought his skills to the Yeshiva teaching one of our two music classes. The boys strummed their guitars, infinitely better at the end of the class than when they started. With warmth and patience, Gavriel guided the students to take their first steps towards music brilliance. We cant wait for the next Kumzitz!

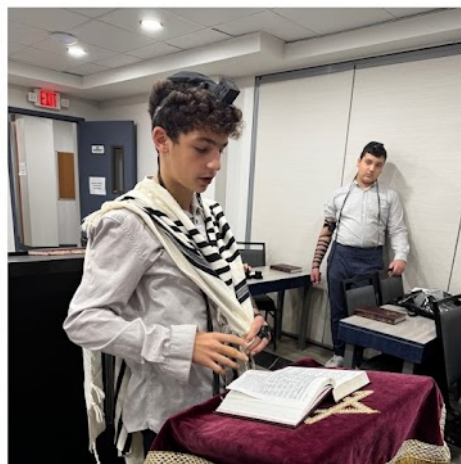
As always we daven for the safety and health for the Jewish people around the world and in Eretz Yisrael,

Have a beautiful Shabbos from the Ohr Shlomo Family!











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Nitzavim-Vayelech

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OF KLAL YISROEL
A GOOD SHABBOS!**



Baltimore	6:37 PM	Houston	6:53 PM	Omaha	6:53 PM
Boca Raton	6:53 PM	Lakewood	6:27 PM	Orlando	6:57 PM
Boston	6:14 PM	London	6:28 PM	Passaic	6:26 PM
Chicago	6:18 PM	Los Angeles	6:24 PM	Philadelphia	6:31 PM
Cleveland	6:56 PM	Memphis	6:31 PM	Queens	6:25 PM
Dallas	6:58 PM	Miami	6:51 PM	Silver Spring	6:38 PM
Detroit	7:02 PM	Milwaukee	6:21 PM	Staten Island	6:26 PM
Deal	6:26 PM	Monticello	6:29 PM	Teaneck	6:26 PM
Denver	6:30 PM	Monsey	6:26 PM	Toronto	6:47 PM
Five Towns	6:25 PM	Minneapolis	6:42 PM	Waterbury	6:22 PM
Great Neck	6:25 PM	Montreal	6:23 PM	Yerushalaim	5:49 PM