

THOUGHTS AND NEWS FROM **OHR SHLOMO**

A Short and Insightful Newsletter From Ohr Shlomo Yeshiva High School

Upcoming Orientation

This Monday evening at 7pm we will be having an Orientation. It is incredibly important for parents to make the time to be there as this is the way that we continue and express our partnership in the chinuch of our incredible children. A tremendous THANK YOU! to our Rebbis and Teachers for taking the time to be there.

Upcoming visit of HaGaon HaGadol, HaRav Elya Brudny

This week Tuesday, Ohr Shlomo is truly honored and pleased to welcome HaGaon HaRav Elya Brudny Shlit"a, Rosh Yeshiva in the Mirrer Yeshiva. The students are sure to be receiving a life-long encounter. The event will be recorded and will be available upon request. Dedications are available.



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A Thought on Parshas Ki Savo

תַּחַת אֲשֶׁר לֹא-עֲבַדְתָּ אֶת-הָשֵׁם אֱלֹקֶיךָ בְּשִׂמְחָה וּבְטוֹב לֵבָב מְרֵב
כָּל, Because you would not serve Hashem in joy and
gladness over the abundance of everything," (47:28)

While not quite a highlight of the Torah, this week's Parsha discusses the dreaded תוכחה, the ramifications of the Chosen People's actions and their lack of focus on their Divine mission. At its conclusion, the Torah directs our attention to the cause of all of our ills, "You would not serve Hashem in joy." As **Dovid HaMelech** writes in Tehillim, "עֲבַדְנוּ אֶת-הָשֵׁם בְּשִׂמְחָה, Serve Hashem with joy!" Famously, **Rav Nachman of Breslov** said, "מִצְוָה גְּדוֹלָה לְהֵיוֹת בְּשִׂמְחָה, It is a very great Mitzvah to be joyful - constantly."

Rav Shimon Schwab offers a remarkable path for the honest Jew searching for an effective method to imbue himself with שְׂמֵחָה. The Gemara in Brachos (6b) says, "R. Chelbo said in the name of R. Huna that anyone who takes pleasure in the feast of a groom but does not bring him joy violates...but if he brings joy to the groom what is his reward? R. Nachman b. Yitzchok said that it is as if he has rebuilt the desolation of Yerushalayim."

What is the connection between bringing joy to a groom and rebuilding after the historic destruction of Yerushalayim? **Rav Schwab** explains that based on our passuk we have a very straightforward answer. The cause of the destruction of our homeland was that, "You would not serve Hashem in joy." If it is a lack of joy that brought upon us our decimation, then it will be joy that will effect the advent of our reconstruction.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Brooklyn - 6:37

Lakewood - 6:38

Monsey - 6:38

Woodmere - 6:37

Ramat Beit Shemesh - 5:57

Yerushalayim - 5:58

Music Clubs Starting This Week

Beginning this week Monday and Thursday (at 5:45pm) we will be starting our Music Clubs. Students armed with acoustic guitars will be given the opportunity to learn with our teacher, a singer and songwriter. For more information please contact us.

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As we approach the intense days of Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur, and we recognize aspects of our character that can use more refinement and dedication, we must remember that true progress can only be accomplished through joy and cheer. Service that is done with negativity and useless criticism will forever bulldoze and destroy. Only with bright smiles and optimism will we have the fortune to build ourselves, our children, and the future of the Jewish people.

Extreme Laser Tag, Chess Club, and More

This week the Yeshiva had a tremendous outing to **Fireball Mountain** in New Jersey! Capture The Flag, Protect The City, Elimination, were some of the objectives faced by the soldiers of Ohr Shlomo. Each activity brought unity and teamwork to the forefront of our minds, and the day was full of smiles, cheer, and respectful competition. Following the activities, covered in sweat, the students were treated to ices from **Rita's**! Thank you to our incredible **Rebbis** for making this an event worth remembering!

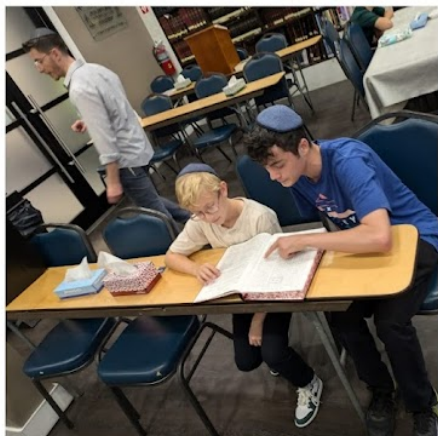
The **Ohr Shlomo Chess Club** began its vital activities this week, partnering with the beautiful organization, **My Extended Family**. The boys learned with younger boys, played some ball, and brought RUACH and SIMCHA to entire program. Thank you to the captains, **Ariel Cohen** and **Nachman Berman**, and its members, **Oren Sharon, Shalom Reid, Meir Zavurov, Meir Simcha Mandel, Shimon Shalumov, and Gavriel Shamel**.

In our Business class, **Mr. Rand** got the students to start thinking as entrepreneurs! The students are devising novel and inventive ideas and incorporating investment concepts in their projects. We look forward to seeing the lucrative results.

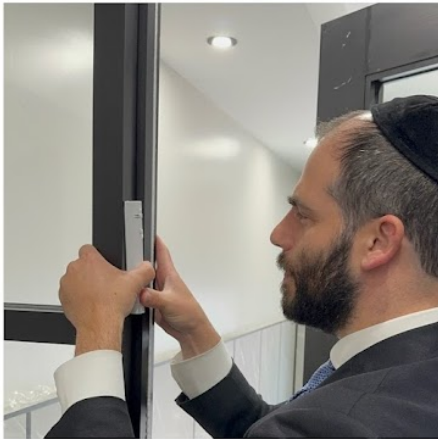
As always we continue to pray for our brothers and sisters around the world and specifically in Eretz Yisrael.

Wishing everyone a beautiful Shabbos! Good Shabbos!

Chessed Club Activities



Around Yeshiva



Fireball Mountain



This Tuesday!

Sponsorships Available

תנו כבוד לתורה

Ohr Shlomo YHS is honored to welcome

**HaGaon
HaRav Elya
Brudny,
Shlita**

Rosh Yeshivah, Mirrer Yeshiva

Tuesday, September 24

*This event is closed to the public
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