

# NOAM NEWS

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA DARCHEI NOAM...



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## DARCHEI DOINGS

### ROSH CHODESH @ YDN

What do a warm *davening*, heartfelt singing, words of Torah, and a hearty breakfast have in common?

That's right it's *Rosh Chodesh*.

On Tuesday, October 13th, the first day of *Rosh Chodesh Chesvan*, the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders gathered, enjoying a morning together.

The gathering began with a great start, with a warm *davening*, followed by a beautiful *Hallel*, led by our *chazan* eighth grader Ezra Goldman. After *davening* was over, everyone recited *tehilim* with great *kavanah* for our brothers in *Eretz Yisroel*. After *tehilim*, a hearty breakfast with special rolls and chocolate milk followed. In preparation of the *Rosh Chodesh* breakfast, Rabbi Rawicki stepped up to share a short *halacha* in שלחן ערוך with the *talmidim*, that *lekovod Rosh Chodesh* one should eat special food.



Rabbi Benzion Bamberger, *Mashgiach* of Yeshivas Ohr Reuven then

addressed the *talmidim*, driving home the point that "each and every person owns a treasure even if he doesn't know it yet". He concluded that each word of Torah and each *chesed* performed help our brothers in *Eretz Yisroel*.

The *talmidim* all left the assembly warmed and inspired, ready to continue learning with *geshmak* and reaching for the stars.



On Wednesday, October 14th, on the second day of *Rosh Chodesh*, grades one through five were privileged to gather for their special assembly.



The gathering was started with the *tehillim* of *tinokos shel bais raban*, as a *zchus* for our brothers in *Eretz Yisroel*. Hearts were warmed as the *talmidim* sang *acheinu* with real feeling for our brothers everywhere. Through an inspiring story our *Limudei Kodesh* principal, Rabbi Rawicki imparted into the *talmidim* the importance of cleanliness and how a Ben Melech and Ben Torah can be identified by his level of cleanliness. With that powerful introduction, Rabbi Rawicki launched "Project *Nikayon*".



Every day the *Rebbe* of the class or Rabbi Rawicki will check the classroom and award points to each class according to how clean the classroom and surroundings are. All *talmidim* welcomed the project with much excitement, ready to give it their all. Attention Parents: YDN's Project *Nikayon* will be coming to your home soon! Information will be forthcoming...

The *talmidim* then enjoyed the *Rosh Chodesh* treat, umbrella lollypops, sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Book *l'ilui nishmas* Yutta bas R' Yosef Baruch a"h, beloved grandmother of Yossi and Chanoch Book.

### MINYAN CORNER

After Sukkos, a new "Davening Question of the Week" was inaugurated for the upper grades' minyan.

Each week a question is presented and the *talmidim* can participate by writing their answers which enters them into a raffle.

For week 1, the question was, Where in *davening* do we thank Hashem that we are able to walk? Approximately 20 *talmidim* responded. And the answer is in the *bracha Hameichin Miztadei Gaver*. How lucky we are that we could walk! Each winner received a one dollar bill but gained a lot more by learning the explanation of the *bracha*.

For week two, the question is: Where in *davening* do we have **three words in a row**, that the **1st word** we praise Hashem that He helps us have success, the **2nd word** we praise Hashem for saving us from trouble and the **3rd word** we praise Hashem for shielding us from trouble?

Stay tuned for the answer...

Fathers are encouraged to join in the *minyan* on any day of the week.

## 🌀 TEN GRAND PRIZES FOR TEN GRAND WINNERS!

And ... it was well worth the effort!

This past Friday, all *talmidim* who made the effort be part of our *shnayim mikrah* program got a chance to submit their tickets for a chance to win the prize of their choosing. All ten prizes were lined up Chinese Auction style and tickets were placed in the chosen slots of choice. Over the summer and through the *parshios* of *sefer devarim* *talmidim* worked hard to be part of the *shnayim mikrah* program. *Talmidim* received one ticket for each week of participation, and those who participated every week over the summer and every week since were awarded bonus tickets too! Some *talmidim* worked really hard and had many tickets to show for it. Some even won more than one prize.

Congratulations to our winners:

7<sup>th</sup> grader **Avi Meyerfeld**–*Shnayim Mikrah Veachad Targum Chumash*

8<sup>th</sup> grader **Yaakov Yehoshua Shuster** – Pie of Pizza

7<sup>th</sup> grader **Eliyahu Bessler** – Full I Sized Football

7<sup>th</sup> grader **Yisroel Aschkenasy** – Football Receiver's Glove

5<sup>th</sup> grader **Azriel Laster** – Cotton Candy For His Whole Class

8<sup>th</sup> grader **Yitzchok Shipper** – Crayola Dry Erase Light Up Board

5<sup>th</sup> grader **Azriel Laster** – Lego City Collection

8<sup>th</sup> grader **Yisroel Meir Schuster** – Connect Four

8<sup>th</sup> grader **Yitzchak Schipper** – Twelve Pack of Sunkist Orange Soda.

7<sup>th</sup> grader **Yitzchok Spivak** – Tuvia's Gift Certificate

A special thank you to our fifth grade Rebbe, Rabbi Spivak for spearheading this program for five years now.

Enjoy your prizes!! They are well deserved!!

## 🌀 ALUMNI KEEP CONNECTED

The annual alumni BBQ once again took place at Rabbi Peikes's house. The graduating classes of the last four years in YDN, were able to reunite with their classmates and *Rebbeim* to catch up and keep up. Around fifty graduates attended, it was so nice seeing friends reconnect. As this tradition continues to grow, we can only step back and watch as Yeshiva Darchei Noam continues to help our *talmidim* grow even as they move on to *mesivta* and beyond.



## 🌀 40,000 DOWNLOADS AND COUNTING

Our very own Rabbi Plotzker, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Rebbe, was featured in the *sukkos* edition of the Yated newspaper, for reaching over 40 thousand downloads of his original materials at Chinuch.org. We are very proud to have him in our Yeshiva. Following is an excerpt from the Yated:

Wherever Rabbi Plotzker teaches, whether in Gateshead, England, for seven years, or back in his hometown of Monsey, where he is now the 6<sup>th</sup> grade *rebbe* in Yeshiva Darchei Noam, he tries to connect meaning to the subject material at hand... (*Rabbi Plotzker submitted*) over 50 submissions to chinuch.org... Another wonderful contribution is the unit on *Tu B'Shevat* (Folder# L\_01211). Rabbi Plotzker expounds on the posuk, "Ki ho'odom eitz hasodeh." ...

With almost 3,300 downloads the feedback on this submission has been remarkable. One user from a *kiruv* oriented school commented that one student, who previously was unimpressed with anything related to *Yiddishkeit*,



became more receptive after that *Tu B'Shevat* lesson. Rabbi Plotzker remains an ardent contributor to

chinuch.org. Even as we spoke, he was in the process of uploading some new materials... With close to 40,000 downloads of his materials worldwide, imagine the impact a *rebbe* can have on *talmidim* far beyond his own classroom... He found it rather humorous to relate that his nephew in Gibraltar came home from yeshiva with *parshah* sheets and *divrei Torah* from Uncle Binyomin. We wish Rabbi Plotzker success with his *talmidim* in his classroom and around the globe, and look forward to his continued contributions to the study of Torah.

For the full article in the Yated newspaper click [HERE](#).

## 🌀 CALENDER REMINDERS 🌀

**November 3 and 11** - No Transportation

**November 8 and 22** -*Rebbeim* in service, **Dismissal 12:00**

## 🌀 MAZEL TOV 🌀

Beloved former YDN Principal **Rabbi and Mrs. Yonah Lazar** on the engagement of his daughter Nechama to Nosson Lowenthal from Montreal.

7<sup>th</sup> grade *rebbe*, **Rabbi and Mrs. Yehuda Schuster** on the engagement of their son, YDN graduate Chaim Zev Schuster to Rivka Leah (Ruka) Muskat of Montreal!

## 🌀 CONDOLENCES 🌀

YDN parent **Mrs. Rachel Altschuller** upon the loss of her father Mr. Yaakov Leib Goulson *a"h*.

YDN parent **Mrs. Michal Kurzmann** upon the loss of her father Mr. Shlomo Singer *a"h*.