

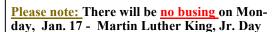
Derech HaTorah of Rochester The Path of Respect and Excellence

January 14, 2022 י"ב שבט, פרשת בשלח - שבת שירה , תשפ"ב

Calendar

PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT SWITCH:

Jan. 17: SCHOOL IS IN SESSION—BACK ON CALENDAR on TuB'Shvat!





Fun and Learning at DHR



Benching Superstars!

Yisrael Abrahamson Zecharia Akkerman Menachem Caro Ruvy Dan

Efraim Gestetner Adina Herman Liba Mittel Michal Polatoff

Aliza Sloviter Hannah Ulloa Levi Yaras



Middos Mentions!



Rochie helped clean up all of the balls in PE while the rest of the class was playing!

Rusi cleaned up the markers without being asked!



Shmuli not only pushed in his own chair, he went around the room making sure all the chairs were in place!

Binyamin held the gym door for the kindergarten class for recess without being asked!

From the Principal

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

This Shabbos, the week that Parashas Beshalach is read is known as "Shabbos Shira", the "Sabbath of Song", because it is in this parasha that Moses leads the Jewish men, and Miriam the prophetess, leads the Jewish women in singing אז ישיר following the splitting of the sea.

Miriam not only led the women in song, but she did so with tambourines and drums. Where did those instruments come from? They certainly couldn't buy them in the barren desert! A profound and powerful lesson can be learned from those instruments: while the Jewish people were crushed in the terrible slavery of the "Auschwitz" of Egypt, Miriam the prophetess collected instruments with emunah that, one day, Hashem would redeem them and give the nation cause to sing and celebrate. It is this pure faith that Miriam and the Jewish women instilled in our people; it is this faith that enabled us to survive the centuries; and it is this faith that we must summon whenever we find ourselves in predicaments that appear to be hopeless.

In galus, we must always keep that vision in mind. We must always be aware that even when problems overwhelm us, even when we find ourselves enveloped in darkness, Hashem's Presence is always there and our suffering is not random or for naught. As Yeshayahu states (12:1), "I thank You, Hashem, for You were angry with me and now...you have comforted me.

Have a wonderful Shabbos - filled with song!

Excerpted from "The Song of Faith" by Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis, ע"ה

Mazel Toy to...

- ...Rabbi & Mrs. Dov Chastain on the birth of their new daughter!
- ...Moshe & Chana (Noble) Gettinger on the birth of their new son!
- ...Eitan Ben-Ari on his engagement to Leorah Moskowitz!
- ...Yaakov and Michali Goldstein upon the birth of a son!



Thank you to...

...Mr. Yudi Polatoff for his ongoing generous donations to DHR's Sharon Polatoff Memorial Scholarship Fund:

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- ...Mrs. Nancy Klein & Cong. Rosh Pinah for their \$100 donation.
- ..Michelle & Ed Sassaman for their \$180 donation to "help support all of the wonderful things DHR does for the children of our community"!
- ...Shmuel & Molly Zargary for their donation of \$310.20. Much appreciated!
- ...Torah Umesorah for their guidance and release of their statement on removal of the Walder books. The link is below:
- https://www.theyeshivaworld.com/news/featured/2048831/torahumesorah-remove-walder-books-reputable-dayanim-determineallegations-to-be-facts.html
- ...Ms. Katie McDonnell (former DHR ELA teacher) for her generous donation. She sends her best regards!

This week's newsletter is sponsored by Rabbi Danny & Lea Goldstein in honor of the community's new babies! כן ירבו