

Derech HaTorah of Rochester The Path of Respect and Excellence

Friday, January 7, 2022 ה' שבט, פרשת בא, תשפ"ב

Calendar

PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT SWITCH:

This Fri., Jan. 7, Sun., Jan. 9, & Mon., Jan. 10: NO SCHOOL Next Fri., Jan. 14, Sun., Jan. 16 & Mon., Jan. 17: SCHOOL IS IN SESSION—BACK ON CALENDAR

Please note: There will be no busing on Mon., Jan. 17 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Fun and Learning at



Benching Superstars!

Zysh Akkerman Yosef Brea Menachem Caro Hershy Cohen Rochie Dan Ruvy Dan Leora Diskind Efraim Gestetner

Adina Herman Baruch Ber Herman Tali Hirschfeld Avigail Kosow Yisrael Kosow Aviva Kuyunov Rikki Lagunov Shmuel Lehrer

Shlomo Mittel Sophie Nussbaum Bentzion Scutaru Yosef Shulman Binyamin Stein Shmuel Winograd Levi Yaras Moshe Zargary

Thank you to...

- ...former Brighton police chief and director of security for the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester, Mark Henderson, for his \$500 donation to DHR's Glazer Scholarship Fund!
- ...Dr. Baruch and Malkie Eisenberg for their \$500 donation! ...Alan Brodsky for his \$1,000 donation to DHR's Glazer Scholar-
- ship Fund, which funds a child's scholarship for an entire quarter of the school year.
- ...Rosh HaYeshiva & Rebbetzin Davidowitz for their \$500 donation to DHR's Glazer Scholarship Fund, which funds a child's scholarship for two weeks!
- ...Dr. Yaakov & Devorah Scutaru for their \$250 donation to DHR's Glazer Scholarship Fund, which funds a child's scholarship for a
- ...Rabbi Dovid & Esther Caro for their \$250 donation to DHR's Glazer Scholarship Fund, which funds a child's scholarship for a week!
- ...Naf & Chana Freedman for their \$250 donation to DHR's Glazer Scholarship Fund, which funds a child's scholarship for a week! ...all those who went above and beyond this week to help DHR stay open despite the many staff absences! We couldn't have done it without you!
- ...Chava Tova London for setting up PPE equipment this week!

Mazel Tov to...

Reuven & Sari Lloyd upon the birth of their son!



From the Principal Mrs. Lea Goldstein

While enjoying a few minutes with the kindergartners, Naava showed me her beautiful illustration accompanying the prompt, "What do you want to be when you grow up"? She told me that she wants to work as a veterinarian. I couldn't resist asking the other children who had gathered around me what they wanted to do as grown-ups. Here are some of their adorable responses:

Moshe: a king!

Yosef & Nosson: a construction worker!

Rikki, Russi & Rena: a teacher! Sara: a "make-up saloner"! Ella: a firetruck man! Yisrael: a police officer! Zeesa: a nurse!

Rochie: an artist! Ashira: a princess! Baruch Ber: a fireman!



Wow!! So, while we are on the subject of children and their future, I recently read a fascinating blog (see below for the link). The gist of it was as follows:

Although Hashem was planning to lead Bnei Yisrael out of Mitzrayim permanently, he told Pharaoh that they wanted to go to the desert to celebrate a holiday. Rabbenu Bachayai explains that Moses was alluding to Shavuos, when the Jews would stand at Har Sinai to receive the Torah.

Pharaoh, convinced by his servants that he had no option but to allow the Jews to leave, told Moshe and Aharon (Shemos, 10:8), "Go worship the Lord, Hashem. Who are those who are going?"

Moshe replied (Shemos, 10:9), "With our youths and our elderly we shall go; with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and our herds we shall go, for it is a festival of Hashem for us".

Pharaoh scoffed at the idea of allowing the children to go to worship Hashem. At the simplest level, the pasuk shows that Pharaoh was afraid that the Jews would leave and never return, so he insisted on keeping the children as hostages. However, the Ramban explains that the argument between them was about the role of children in religion. Moshe said that even the children had to take part in the Yom Tov, whereas Pharaoh felt that worship was only for adults and not for children.

It is fundamental to Judaism that children are included in our rituals and worship. In the mitzvah of Hakhel, the Torah stresses that once every seven years all the Jews must gather in Yerushalayim (Deuteronomy 31:12): "The men, the women the children and the converts, in order that they may hear and in order that they may learn, and fear the Lord, your G-d, and observe and do all the words of this Torah".

This message, the centrality of children and the importance of including them in our Torah observances, was what Moshe delivered to Pharaoh shortly before leading the Bnei Yisrael to freedom.

Excerpted from https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/parshat-bo-the-power-of-youth/

Middos "Menschen"



...Racheli cooperated really well with her groupmates during the "Contractions Go-Fish center". Mrs.

Polatoff was very proud of her. ... Adina helped a kindergartner in such

a kind, considerate way!



