

## Calendar

Fri., Nov. 10- Veterans Day/ Professional Development -**No School**  
Tues., Nov. 21- Reg. Schedule, Parent Conferences 6:30pm-9pm  
Wed., Nov. 22- Parent Conferences 9am-12pm-**No School**  
Thurs., Nov 23- Fri. Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Break-**No School**

## Fun & Learning at DHR



## Special VIP visit...

...DHR had a wonderful surprise visit from Rabbi Yehuda Winder, author of the fantastic "Lashon HaTorah" series. Rabbi Winder is also the father of our kindergarten Morah, Mrs. Rivka Leah Balgley. During his visit, he observed several of our Rabbaim- and loved it!!

## Middos Mention...



... Binyamin was a wonderful math partner in explaining how to solve the problems. He showed great perseverance!

## Benching Superstars....

Chaim Eli Abrahamson  
Goldie Cohen  
Zevi Gestetner  
Baruch Ber Herman  
Yisroel Kosow



Rikki Lagunov  
Eliana Noble  
Tamar Noble  
Rina Malka Ribakow  
Nechemia Solomon

## Get Well Soon!

We wish a special Refuah Shelaima to one of our favorite substitute teachers, Mrs. Ruth Aranov!



## Condolences to ...

...Yaakov and Michali Goldstein upon the death of Michali's grandfather, Mr. Harvey Krevoy.

"המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים"

## Reminder - Soup for sale- \$2.00

- ⇒ The **8th grade girls** are selling cups of soup daily. The soup is **\$2.00** per container and may be purchased in DHR's office.
- ⇒ The **8th grade boys** are selling **cholent**. The cholent will cost **\$2.00** per bowl and will be available during all three lunches only on **Friday**.

## From the Principal

Dr. Lea E. Goldstein

There is a mitzvah - an obligation - on every Jewish parent to train his children to fulfill the mitzvot (commandments) of the Torah. This is referred to in halacha as the obligation of Chinuch HaBanim - training of the children.

The age at which this obligation begins varies according to the mitzvah. In this week's Parsha, VaYeira, we see an example of Chinuch in the beginning of the Parsha, where Abraham and Sarah are busy with the mitzvah of Hachnosas Orchim (hospitality), inviting three guests into their tent for some food and drink, and a little rest (see Genesis 18:1-8). The Torah tells us that Avraham ran to the cattle, took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to "the boy" who hurried to prepare it. Rashi quotes the Midrash Rabbah, explaining that the boy was Yishmael, and his father, Avraham, was trying to train him in the mitzvah of hachnosas orchim at a young age.

The Chofetz Chaim explains in the Mishnah Berura (225:7), that at a boy's Bar Mitzvah, when his father says "Baruch Shepetrani", he expresses the idea that until now he was liable for the sins of his son because it was his responsibility to train his son properly - and now his child is responsible for his own actions.

The Mishnah Berura adds that even though the obligation of Chinuch HaBanim is no longer in force after Bar Mitzvah, the father is still held responsible, to some degree, for his child's actions because of the general responsibility of tochachah (reproach) that obligates a person to try to prevent another from sinning (if he is in a position to do so - Vayikra, 19:17). According to the Chofetz Chaim, a parent should certainly be in such a position with regard to his/her children, even after they are Bnei Mitzvah.

The Gemara (Kiddushin 30a) seems to go further regarding the obligation of Chinuch HaBanim beyond the age of Bar Mitzvah. The Gemara mentions DHR's favorite quote from Mishlei (22:6): "Chanoch La'naar Al Pi Darko..." - "Train the youth according to his way; even when he grows old, he will not swerve from it", and explains that it refers to the obligation to train our children and to give them spiritual guidance while he will still accept it. Clearly, it seems that the obligation to train our children does not end at 12 or 13.

Reb Moshe Feinstein (in Dibros Moshe on this daf) explains that there are really two obligations in chinuch. The first is hisraglus (becoming accustomed) - training the child to become ragil (regular) and accustomed to doing the mitzvot. The other obligation is hadracha (guidance) - guiding the child to love and fear Hashem, working on their middos/character refinement, and putting them on the proper Derech (approach to life) HaTorah. 😊

Rabbi Meir Simcha of Dvinsk (1843-1926) in the Meshech Chochmah, points to the passuk in this week's parsha, in which Hashem praises Avraham: "Ki Yada'ativ L'maan Asher Yetzaveh Es Banav" (18:19) - "For I have loved him, because he commands his children and his household after him that they keep the way of Hashem" - which serves as a Torah source that we must educate our children with proper Torah values. Rabbi Nissim Karelitz in his Chut Shani expounds on the same topic and adds that women are certainly also obligated in this most important mitzvah of chinuch!

May Hashem gift us all with the wisdom and patience to be mechanech our children properly so they will be "מאירים את העולם בתורה ובמעשים טובים".

Partially excerpted from [https://www.torchweb.org/torah\\_detail.php?id=439](https://www.torchweb.org/torah_detail.php?id=439), the Dibros Moshe (on daf Kiddushin 30a) and the Mishna Berura (225:7).

## Community Events - Please Participate!

**Chanukah Soldiers-** Once again, we are asking DHR families to help us send **Chanukah cards, baked goods** and/or **care packages** to U.S. soldiers serving around the world. Chanukah Cards and Care Packages need to be at DHR by **9:00am on Monday, November 20th and/or families can drop off packages on Sunday November 19th at TBK - 9:30 am to 1:00 PM at the South (rear) entrance**

**Jaffa Flea Market -Kids Helping Kids Event! November 12, 2023 1pm-3:pm** @ Louis S. Wolk JCC- see the link below for more information and to register (register ASAP- space is limited!) <https://jewishfederationofgreaterroche.regfox.com/the-jaffa-flea-market>