

Derech HaTorah of Rochester The Path of Respect and Excellence

November 5, 2021 ראש חודש כסלו, פרשת תולדות, תשפ"ב

Save the date....."Game Night" at DHR

Sunday, December 19th, 7pm-9pm Enjoy a night out for adults - full of fabulous food and fun!

Calendar

- Thursday, Nov. 11: No School/Veterans Day/Conferences
- Wednesday, Nov. 24: No School/Staff Development 9am-2pm
- Thurs., Nov.25 Wed., Dec. 1: No School Thanksgiving/ Chanuka Break

Middos Mentions!



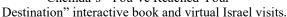
Yisrael was extra honest and gave his friend a ticket that she dropped! What beautiful Emes!

This is for an unknown student who found a missing wallet and brought it to the office. The owner was happy and relieved! Such a great hashavas aveida mitzvah!

Shmittah in Israel...and at DHR!



It's Shmittah in Eretz Yisrael and although we are not yet there in person, we are learning all about hilchos Shmittah at DHR. Our middle school students are using either Rabbi Grama's "Guide to the Laws of Shmittah" or Eretz Chemda's "You've Reached Your





Benching Superstars!

Ephraim Burger Malka Burger Menachem Caro



Rochie Dan Ahuva Kilimnick 🕯 🍲 Aviva Kuyunov



Liba Mittel Aliza Sloviter Hannah Ulloa

Chanukah Soldier Packages!

Soldiers' Chanuka Cards and Care Packages need to be at DHR by Friday, November 12th. Mr. Keith Freedman, the organizer, asked us to announce that a record 100 schools in more than 35 states are participating this year! If possible, please put the school name, child's first name and first letter of their last name on the back of the cards or on the packages. Mr. Freedman often receives thank you emails and photos and he makes every effort to forward them on to the schools.

Thank you to...

...Rabbi J. Bernard Merzel for his donation to DHR. ...Meredith Dragon, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester, and her team for helping DHR with an emergency grant to cover the cost of our new condensate tank system that is a vital component of our heating system. A major thank you also to Rabbi Kosow for making temporary brilliant daily adjustments to get us the heat we needed until all of the parts arrived. Finally, we appreciate the work of Brian Pink and the P & J team who scrambled to get all the components despite the supply line issues. It's much warmer now!!

From the Principal

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

November 11, 2021 DHR Fall Team Conferences 12:00pm—5:00pm and 5:30pm—8:00pm

This fall, in response to parent suggestions, input from other schools and our growing student body (B"H), we will be trying out a new Parent-Teacher Team Conference format, called "Arena Conferences".

The teachers for each grade level (Judaic & General) will be seated at tables in the gym. Tables will be spaced appropriately to allow for private conversations between the team of teachers and each child's parents.

Conferences will not be scheduled. Instead, parents can come to the DHR gym any time from 12:00pm to 5:00pm and/or from 5:30pm to **8:00pm**. The teachers will have a dinner break from 5:00-5:30pm. This new concept will hopefully afford us the opportunity to offer parents more flexible, continuous conferences and will maximize the availability of teachers throughout the afternoon and

The end of the first quarter is an important time to talk face-to-face with your child(ren)'s team of teachers. At DHR, we prefer to offer team conferences, a more effective and efficient model featuring parents and teachers collaborating to ensure the success of every child.

These team conferences should help you understand what your children are learning at school, their progress both academically and socially/ emotionally, and what you can do to support them. If your child is having difficulties, parent-teacher conferences also give you and the teachers an opportunity to strategize.

Life & Legacy Donors

We truly appreciate the vision and benevolence of the Life & Legacy donors who have chosen to put DHR into their legacy plans! In addition to their commitments which will benefit DHR in the long term, these generous donors also helped us reach our annual Life & Legacy goals for the last three years - which earned DHR an annual \$10,000 bonus for three years in a row from the Rochester Jewish Community Federation & the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. So

Those who have made Life & Legacy pledges and confirmations range in age from their 20's to their 70's. They are parents, grandparents, teachers and friends. Please think about joining this inspiring group! In all, we already have 65 donors who have completed Letters of Intent. Of that inspiring group, 40 have confirmed their gifts already. Wow!!

"Each One, Reach One" is the Life and Legacy goal/motto for Year Four of the Life and Legacy program. If each Life and Legacy donor reaches out to just one other person to become a DHR and/or TIUNY Life and Legacy donor, and is successful, that will get DHR/ TIUNY to 130 Life and Legacy donors! With our donors' continued involvement, DHR can achieve long-term financial stability without the constant worries that Torah schools usu-

ally face. The best thing about this program is that it's painless! We only need signed papers now...so donors don't have to worry about writing any checks!

For more information about the Life & Legacy program, please call the school office or Rabbi Danny Goldstein.



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