

# Derech HaTorah of Rochester The Path of Respect and Excellence

כ"ה מר חשון, פרשת חיי שרה, תשפ"ד

# 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

5th-8th boys were honored to welcome Rav Moshe Tuvia Lieff, Morah D'Asra of Agudath Israel Bais Binyomin in Brooklyn. Rabbi Lieff was the Guest Speaker



at the Siyum on Seder Nashim on Sunday evening, and Rabbis Lagunov and Balgley arranged for the special shiur and visit to DHR on Monday morning.

### Benching Superstars....

Chaim Eli Abrahamson Yosef Brea Ephraim Burger Goldie Cohen Moussia Cohen Zelda Deitch Ella Eidelman Miriam Eidelman Naomi Finegold Zevi Gestetner Miriam Goldstein Nosson Hein Baruch Ber Herman Meira Herman



Nava Hirschfeld Sara Katz Yisroel Kosow Zecharia Kuyunov Rikki Lagunov Russi Max Esther Mittel Rina Malka Ribakow Nechemia Solomon Tzipporah Twersky Rena Vatch Levi Yaras Moshe Zargary

#### Thank you to...

- ... Kate Lipsky for her generous \$500 donation!
- ... Dovid Meir and Nitzevet Miller for their generous \$200 dona-
- ... Those who immediately sent in their Yizor or other Yom Tov commitments. If you haven't gotten to it yet, please fulfill your
- ...Yudi and Shoshana Polatoff and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Polatoff for their monthly contributions to DHR's Sharon Polatoff Memorial Scholarship Fund!

#### From the Principal

Dr. Lea E. Goldstein

Last Shabbos, my husband and I were fortunate enough to attend Torah Umesorah's 67th Annual National Leadership Convention. It was beautiful. Over 1,700 people attended and there were dozens of inspirational lectures, presentations, workshops and celebrations. There were great opportunities to network, speak to educators with very similar joys and struggles, and collaborate with talented mechanchim with varied, rich ideas and experiences. We were so excited to sit with and be inspired by our long-time and new mentors and to speak with and receive brachos from numerous Gedolim. It was an extraordinary weekend of great chizuk.

Upon my return, I have already begun implementing some fantastic advice, and contacting vendors for more information about promising new materials. We've also received calls asking us to share some of DHR's impressive programming in middos, curriculum mapping, our focus on skill-building, and administrative innovations.

In the words of R' Yehuda Brecher, the true purpose of the convention is to empower mechanchim "to guide students to embrace their individuality, grow through challenges and become confident, capable leaders of tomorrow".

## Tehillim Out Loud Kriah Program!

Introducing DHR's new Tehillim Out Loud Kriah Program! Our Gedolim have been encouraging the daily recital of additional Tehillimand, at DHR—our teachers and those staffing our SULAM program have been motivating students to get more Hebrew reading practice. Thus, this new initiative combines our goals! Students need to simply read a perek/kapitel of Tehillim out loud and then have their parent or someone else who listened sign their form.

We are kicking off this program today! There will be three boxes in the office: one for students in K-4, another for 5-8 girls and a third for 5-8 boys. Completed Tehillim slips should be placed in the box matching the student's grade. On every Rosh Chodesh (starting this Tuesday), we will pull one lucky Tehillim slip from each box. Winners will win

prizes—and it's win-win-win since our talmidim will be sayng Tehillim, practicing their kriah and potentially winning Tehillim raffles. Please encourage your children of all ages to participate!



#### Middos Mention...



...Miriam cleaned up the entire Lego area in the library. How

...Ms. Pochodylo happily substituted for math class each day that Mrs. Polatoff was out. So helpful!

## Don't forget-Parent / Teacher Conferences...

...Parent -Teacher Conferences are less than two weeks away. Please see the attached information, dates and schedules. Hope to see all of

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#### 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