

Derech HaTorah of Rochester The Path of Respect and Excellence

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Another Fun, Productive Week!



From the Principal

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

According to numerous psychologists quoted this week, many people are experiencing post-election trauma. They are terribly stressed by the results, the lack of results, the uncertainty, allegations of cheating and corruption, and the list goes on. When we are faced with an election mess of this magnitude, no matter which side we voted for, we feel helpless. Add a global pandemic to the mix, and it can seem like a recipe for mental health disasters.

However, despite the storms swirling around us, I feel that we are in a better situation than most of our fellow citizens, because we have emunah and bitachon. Sometimes, it takes a week like this to remind us that "הכל בידי שמים – it's all in the hands of Heaven. All week, every week, we rush around and pretend that we are in control.

Then, on Shabbos, we are reminded that we have to rest, like our Creator, because he is the true Creator and our role is just to try to improve things. When we truly understand that Hashem runs the world, we can relax, and let Him decide who will be the president, who will control Congress, and when the pandemic will end. May Hashem bless all of klal Yisrael, and this מדינה של חסד, with peace and prosperity.

Election Week!

Mrs. Polatoff's second graders learned about the voting process and had a mock "election"! The two candidates were "Duck" and "Farmer Brown" (characters from Duck for President by Doreen Cronin). And the winner is... Farmer Brown! (Now if only the real presidential winner was so simple to determine!)



Mazel Tov!



To DHR 8th grader Sam Brea upon the occasion of his upcoming Bar Mitzvah!



Benching Superstars!

Yisrael Abrahamson Mordy Mammon Liba Mittel



Dovi Shulman Mottel Vogel

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- ~ Pesach Dovid Usdane for donating his beautiful esrog tree to DHR.
- ~ Mrs. Amy Libenson Shulman for donating wonderful books for DHR's library.

Calendar ~ Wed., November 11th: Staff Development Day (no school)

- ~ Wed., November 25th: Parent-Teacher Conferences (no school) (please note that these dates have been switched)

Middos Menchen Stars of the Week

Menachem C. (2nd) - Menachem helped clean up a puddle of water right away, without being asked!

Yerucham D. (4/5 boys) - Yerucham helped Ms. Lexi pick up another student's belongings without being asked. Thank you!

Ahuva K. (4/5 girls) - Ahuva came back tired and hot from gym class and realized she left her middos folder upstairs. When asked to retrieve it, she smiled and went to get it right away!

Devorah K. (2nd) - Devorah went to help pick up another student's stuff after it fell.

Gali S. (2nd) - As soon as Gali came into the classroom, she offered to help shelve books! Wow!



