Derech HaTorah of Rochester The Path of Respect and Excellence

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י"ב מר חשון, פרשת לך לך, תשפ"א

Another Fun Week!



Benching Superstars!

Menachem Caro Adina Herman Avigail Lagunov Liba Mittel Mordy Mammon



Michal Polatoff Dovi Shulman Raziel Twersky Hannah Ulloa Fraida Yaras

Middos Menchen Stars of the Week

Tehila L. & Avital P. (4/5 girls) - They cleaned up the middos room without even being asked!

Rena Sloviter (4/5 girls) - Rena noticed a classmate needed help packing up & quickly went to help.

Shevy Sloviter (2nd) - Shevy was extra helpful during cleaning up! As always, she did it with a big smile!

6/7 Boys - For organizing the Rosenblatt Bais Medrash upstairs. 6/7 Girls - For helping sort and shelve donated books*.



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)

From the Principal

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In this week's parsha, the pesukim begin with Avraham's test: to leave his home and travel to a new, foreign land. I heard a student ask today "wait, Hashem knows everything that will happen in the future, so why did he have to test Avraham?"

According to Rabbi Eli Scheller (Aish.com), if a person with an anger problem learns about the dangers of anger and promises that to never lose his temper again, will that work? Maybe, maybe not. Until he is put in a challenging situation, we can't truly say that he has changed. A test gives a person an opportunity to translate the concept into action – and that action is what brings him/her to the next level.

Of course, Hashem knew that Avraham would pass the test. Yet, He tested Avraham to support him in becoming even greater. Thus, "Lech Lecha" literally means "Go to (for) yourself." A true test draws out the abilities and potential that are buried within a person. So, when a difficult, challenging or annoying situation crops up, instead of thinking, 'Seriously?! I can't handle this," we can view it as an opportunity for growth - an opportunity to make ourselves greater!

Chain of the Mesorah

Our 4/5 girls started learning Pirkei Avos with Mrs. Ribakow and made their own, special "Chain of the Mesorah".



Rosh Chodesh Treats

In 2004, on DHR's first-ever Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan, Rebbetzin Sarah Davidowitz sent Rosh Chodesh treats for all the students and teachers at DHR. She continued that tradition every month for several years. Well, the great news is Mr. James Sawers, while again sponsoring the Rosh Chodesh Project, has also resumed sponsorship of monthly Rosh Chodesh treats! Our 6/7 girls made a card to thank him - and all of our students signed it.

Thank You to...

- ~ Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Springut for their very generous donation and for their additional donation to cover the cost of the special upkeep required for Gavi Field!
- ~ Mr. Fred Frankel, TIUNY alumnus, for his ongoing donations.
- ~ Chana Noble (class of 2013) for her donation of \$97.43.
- ~ Mr. & Mrs. Hal Krevoy for their generous donation in honor of the Goldsteins.
- ~ The Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester for covering the majority (\$1,800) of the cost of a major boiler repair. We appreciated their generosity as we stayed warm this week!
- ~ Mrs. Aviva Schwab for donating Miriam Berger's σ"σ books and seforim to DHR. The novels and many other assorted books are a wonderful addition to our library. The teachers are looking forward to using the resource seforim and other special books. Finally, we added many of the seforim to our upstairs Bais Medrash*.

~ Mr. & Mrs. George Mitris for donating a drum set, piano and sound equipment!

