

# Derech HaTorah of Rochester The Path of Respect and Excellence

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כ"ה ניסן, פרשת שמיני, תשע"ו

## Lions and Tigers and Bears!

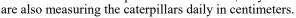
Mrs. Polatoff's 4/5 Girls took a trip to the Seneca Park Zoo right before Pesach break. The students have been learning about different elevation and preparation which reminds us of our collective journey kinds of biomes in Science class, and the outing was a great opportunity to observe and record information about a variety wild animals that are native to different biomes! Thank you to Mrs. Chilungu & Mrs. Rennert for driving and chaperoning the trip!



#### 1st Grade - Caterpillar Unit



First graders are learning about informational texts (non-fiction books) and how to use them for research. Currently, they are researching caterpillars/butterflies. Students are using books and their observations of real, live caterpillars to learn about the insect. As part of our math unit, they



## Benching Superstars!

Tammy Hauser Mendel Hein

Chanoch Max Ella Nussbaum

Sima Rennert Mendel Vogel



#### Mazel Tov to...

..R' Yitzchak & Rishi Hein upon the birth of their son Nosson on Erev Pesach! Mazel tov also to grandparents Rabbi & Rebbetzin Vogel, DHR siblings Mussie (3), Mendel (2), Batsheva (K) and the lentire mishpacha!

...Ben & Chava Bashary upon the birth their daughter Batya on Pesach! Mazel tov to grandparents Bruce Dan and Abby Dan and great -grandparents Merwyn & Dolly Dan, and to the entire mishpacha! ...Peter & Sivan Salzman upon the birth of a son! They send their best regards from Boston.

...Noam Wolf, former DHR student, upon the publication of his new novel "Galaxy Survivors, The New Adventure"

...DHR 6th graders (and twins) Chaya Rennert & Yaffa Rennert upon the occasion of each of them becoming a bas mitzvah!

#### Calendar Reminders

- \* Monday, May 1 Fire Safety Hazard House presentation
- \* Tuesday, May 2 Thursday, May 4 NYS Math Testing
- \* Sunday, May 7 DHR Annual Scholarship Dinner
- \* Monday, May 15 School Pictures
- \* Wednesday, May 17 Science Fair, 5:30 7:00 pm
- \* Monday, May 29 Friday, June 2 Memorial Day/Shavuos break.
- \* Tuesday, June 13 Teacher Appreciation picnic

# From the Principal Mrs. Lea Goldstein

...ם עשרה ימים - We're counting the Omer... a period of continuous from Egyptian slaves to a nation ready to receive the Torah.

While I am confident that when our students count down until the end of the year [39 days left], they do so just for fun, but the DHR faculty looks at the countdown differently. We say to ourselves, "Ok, 39 precious days left to impart knowledge and much more!" What is it that we are trying to impart and accomplish? We are here to support and reinforce what you are teaching at home - from middos to manners - to the meaning of life!

Here's just a short list of our DHR faculty goals:

- To prepare our students to be successful adults
- To teach our children to be compassionate, respectful, caring human
- To train students to work together and cooperate with peers
- To instill a sense of accountability and responsibility for one's work
- To make sure that the learning process is one that is interesting, enjoyable and evokes excitement students. Of course, there is always a time to be serious and focused, but there is also a time to have fun, smile and enjoy what you are doing. As adults, they will find a place to work where, when they wake up in the morning, they look forward to the day ahead of them. This should also be the case while they are in school. Therefore, we feel that it is the responsibility of the teacher to develop innovative, intriguing, interactive lessons that keep the students engaged and immersed in the learning process, and at the same time, make his or her students smile, laugh and appreciate the time they are spending in the classroom.

- To raise: החכמים ונבונים, אוהבי יי, יראי אלקים, אנשי אמת, זרע קדש, בה' דבקים,... ומאירים את העולם בתורה ובמעשים טובים, ובכל מלאכת עבודת הבורא!

So, welcome back!



### Journal Update

We are two weeks away from our Scholarship Dinner and getting down to the wire! If you have not yet purchased/donated an ad for the Scholarship Journal, please keep in mind the following important de-

- 1) Our incredibly generous honoree, Mr. Bruce Dan, has offered to donate \$1,000 for every ad purchased for \$1,000 or more! This is an amazing opportunity for DHR!
- 2) All DHR parents who accept tuition discounts or scholarships are required to fulfill their \$1,000 Give-or-Get commitments. So, this is the parents' last chance to purchase ads or raise funds/sell ads to meet their contractual obligation rather than pay \$1,000 at the end of the
- 3) We understand that most parents can't afford to pay full tuition. Consequently, DHR helps families by awarding significant scholarships to enable their children to receive and excellent Torah and general education. However, the funds to cover the costs of the scholarship and to keep the school running must be raised via special fundraiserslike this one. Please donate generously!

#### Lag BaOmer is "Grandma" Muriel Davidowitz's 1st Yahrtzeit!

#### Please join T.I.U.N.Y. & D.H.R. for the Annual Lag Ba'Omer Picnic BBQ

Hamlin Beach State Park, Shelter 3 On May 14, 2017 — מע"ז – 14, בעומר, תשע"ז Siyum, BBQ Dinner, Kumzits & Bonfire

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