

Derech HaTorah of Rochester

The Path of Respect and Excellence

December 21, 2018 י"ג טבת, פרשת ויחי, תשע"ט

Hasmada Awards



Mazel Toy to our students who earned the Pirchei Agudath Yisroel Hasmada awards: Raphaeli Berenstein & Izzy Rennert!





Kindergarten Learning



Our sweet little Kindergarten people worked on the "tzayrai" - "aye' sound! They also made wall hats to commemorate Asara B'Teves.

${f Volleyball}$



Update

We would like to thank Rabbi Adam Aranov for pioneering our innovative JLab program. He has accepted a full-time position elsewhere and in his place, we have hired Mrs. Esther Caro to continue JLab on a part-time basis. We also appreciate the time and expertise that Rabbi Dov Chastain, our assistant principal, has invested in creating this program.

Middos Menchen Stars of the Week

Mindy Akkerman, 5th grade - Mindy goes above and beyond helping another student in lab class on a weekly basis. Her compassion and patience is admirable for any age! - Mr. Kenyon

Daniel Kozadayev, K - After P.E. class, Daniel held the door for all of his friends who were entering back into the classroom. He had a big smile on his face the entire time! Way to go, Daniel! - Mrs.

Rena Sloviter, 3rd grade - Rena lent all of her 15 glue sticks to her entire class! What generosity! -Mrs. Mammon

First Grade Class - While playing outside for recess, the 1st grade class noticed a lot of garbage on the ground by the school. They asked if they could pick it up. The next day, the entire class picked up garbage all around the entire school - way to take pride in Derech HaTorah! -Mrs. Klosterman



Fire Safety Week at DHR

Thank you to Mr. Dean Smith and the Greece Fire Department for the interactive, educational Fire Safety Week presentations!



Benching Superstars!

Batsheva Max Aryeh Solomon Dovi Shulman Aron Dov Vogel Malka Shulman Mottel Vogel

Meira Dan



From the Principal

On Wednesday, we received good news regarding the NYS Education Department's clarification/retraction (of the 35 required weekly hours of general studies for middle school students down to 17.5). Perhaps it came about as a result of the tehillim that our students joined in on Asara B'Teves. It may possibly have happened as a result of the successful petition ("Yeshiva Parents tell the state: Don't Eliminate our Torah Studies!") that garnered over 56,000 signatures in a week. Teach NYS, Agudath Israel and numerous other organizations have also been working hard to advocate for non-public schools in Albany.

Although it's a move in the right direction, we are still very concerned about state regulation of Yeshiva and day school curriculum. We strongly believe that any enforcement of the Guidance should be at the state and not local level.

On Wednesday, we hosted a regional meeting for TEACH NY to discuss advocacy efforts and policy. We are excited to announce that DHR has become a member of TEACH NY.

Techniques For Kavanah



The 6/7 girls did a WONDERFUL job on their "Techniques For Kavanah" posters in Beur Tefillah class with Mrs. Mammon. Ask your daughters about "the magical minute", "come prepared", visualize the Tzaros of Klal Yisrael" and many other techniques!

Eretz Chemda distance learning program



In the Eretz Chemda online learning program, our middle school girls are studying mitzvos hateluyos ba'aretz through interactive traveling classes in Israel. This week, they focused on the pioneers of Petach Tikvah who heroically separated trumos and ma'asros despite

their dire economic circumstances in the early days of the yeshuv.

Busing Update

Brighton - No busing on Dec. 24 - 26, 31 & Jan. 1st (Brighton will provide busing on Dec. 27 & 28)

Pittsford - No Busing Dec. 24 - Jan. 1

RCSD - No Busing Dec. 24 - Jan. 1

Henrietta - No Busing Dec. 24 - Jan. 1

Calendar

Please save the following important dates:

- Tues., Dec. 25th & Tues. Jan. 1st - **No School** (K-3 & 4-8 G), Shiur for 4-8 Boys at DHR

- Tue., Jan. 22nd - Torah Fair - Sun., Feb. 24th - Scholarship Auction- new location & format this year - Tues., Mar. 5th - MSG Production