Derech HaTorah of Rochester

The Path of Respect and Excellence

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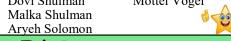
Torah Fair 2019

This year's Torah Fair theme was Tefilla - Prayer. We were so pleased with the quantity of the extra, in-depth learning that transpired relating to tefilla, as well as the quality of the projects that our students produced. A special thank you to our hard-working, creative Rabbaim and Moros who inspire their students to produce such impressive work.



Benching Superstars!

Eliyahu Aranov Shneur Caro Meira Dan Mordy Mammon Batsheva Max Dovi Shulman Aron Dov Vogel Mottel Vogel



Tu B'shvat

We know that Tu B'shvat is supposed to signal the start of spring in Eretz Yisrael, and the halachic new year for trees. It is certainly not generally associated with snowstorms, sub-zero temperatures

and wind-chill advisories. Alas, we reside in Rochester, and thus, our students celebrated a snow day instead of the start of spring on Monday. But don't worry, we enjoyed our delicious, healthy Shivas Haminim - Seven Species of Israel fruit desserts on Tuesday instead. Delicious!



Professional development is a strategy that schools use to ensure that teachers continue to grow, improve, rejuvenate and expand their repertoires throughout their



teaching careers. Effective professional development engages teachers to focus on the needs of their students, examine current practices and evaluate if there is a way to make students more successful. The best professional development is ongoing, experiential, collaborative, and connected to and derived from working with students and understanding their academic needs, strengths, weaknesses and school culture. After an intensive Professional Development Needs Assessment visit and evaluation through COJDS, funded by the Max & Marian Farash Charitable Foundation, we decided to bring in a presenter to work with our staff on the importance of data collection, analysis and methods of differentiation based on the data.

On Wednesday, we had a very successful and practical Professional Development Day. The multi-school event was presented by Temima Feldman, principal of TAG and well-known lecturer and COJDS Asso-

ciate Director. The entire day of workshops, including the delicious lunch from Sabra Grill, was sponsored by the Max & Marian Farash Charitable Foundation, for DHR, Ora & TIUNY teachers!

Engineering with Marshmallows!



Mazel Tov to...

...Raphaeli Berenstein (DHR 7th grader) upon the occasion of his becoming a bar mitzvah!

...the 4/5 girls upon completing Parshas Shemos. If you have any questions on this Parsha, ask one of the girls! Chances are that you will get a well thought out answer, based on Rashi!

...to those who qualified for January's middle school math incentive:

Tzipporah Abrahamson Rafi Chilungu Akiva Diskind

Simha Elmaleh Chavala Hanson Pessa London

Devorah Max Moussi Yaras

Thank You to...

...all those who contributed their spare change to the DHR tzedaka box at BHH. The proceeds totaled \$49.88, plus lots of box tops! ...the anonymous donation of \$50 made "in memory of the middle school Makkos".

Calendar

Please save the following important dates:

- Fri., Feb. 15th Mon., Feb. 18th Presidents Weekend **No School**

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 Sun., Feb. 24th Scholarship Auction- doors open at 6:30pm
 Mon. March 11th MSG Production
 Tues., Apr. 2nd Spring Parent Teacher Conferences, No School
 Sun., May 12th DHR Annual Scholarship Dinner
 Wed., May 29th Science Fair

