# Derech HaTorah of Rochester The Path of Respect and Excellence

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ח' אדר ב', פרשת ויקרא, תשע"ט

## 1st Grade Engineers





In the STEM lab, our 1st graders built straw bridges to engineer a type that would hold the most weight.

## Moshe Rabbeinu's Yahrtzeit

To commemorate the Yahrzeit of Moshe Rabbeinu (7th day of Adar), the 4/5 girls studied numbers 7 & 8 of the Ani Ma'amin list, which focus on the central role of Moshe in the transmission and eternal truth of the Torah.



#### Edible Math!



To celebrate reaching the end of the first volume of their math book, Mrs. Polatoff's students worked on constructing Edible Addition Pyramids, using tea biscuits, fluff and licorice string! (Incidentally, this yummy celebration took place on Pi Day- 3/14!)

#### **Benching Superstars!**

Eliyahu Aranov Chaim Chastain Shneur Caro Adina Goldstein Ahuva Katz Mordy Mammon Ethan Nussbaum Avital Polatoff Dovi Shulman Malka Shulman

Rena Sloviter Aryeh Solomon Aron Dov Vogel Mottel Vogel



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# Middos Menchen Stars of the Week

Ella Cohen, 3rd grade - Ella let another student use her markers while she was out of the room. So generous! - Mrs. Caro

Hadassah Leah Chastain, 4th grade - Hadassah comforted a kindergarten student in the office. She is always compassionate and kind to other students! - Mrs. Barbato

Batsheva Hein, 2nd grade - There was a young lady who got badly cut on her hand and Batsheva stayed with her to help her to comfort her as her injury was being treated. After the girl left for the day, Batsheva wrote her a refuah sheleimah card. - R' Chastain

Atara Kosow, 2nd grade - Atara helped out a friend who got hurt by bringing her an icepack. - R' Chastain

Malka Shulman, 2nd grade - Malka helped a friend who got hurt in recess to go up to the office and get an icepack - sacrificing her recess to help a friend. - R' Chastain

**All Parents** - Please be kind, do not send your children with buttered popcorn! The smell nauseates lots of people.

#### Thank You to...

...Rabbi Roness for donating coffee for the teacher's room in honor of Mr. Elich! (Who provided coffee for many years).

...Mrs. Adina Dan for visiting 2nd grade on Thursday and leading a really fun activity!



### Condolences to...

...R' Eliezer Lehrer on the passing of his grandmother, Mrs. Esther Lehrer. "המקום יגחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים"

## From the Principal



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Once again, our middle school girls dazzled us! As I mentioned in my introduction to "The Plane Truth" play, the plain truth is that these girls worked very hard to pull off a high-school level performance. There are very few middle schools in the country that do productions at all! However, it would not have been possible without the <u>incredible</u> dedication and patience of our directors, Mrs. Bracha London and Mrs. Devorah Shulman. We would also like to thank Mrs. Michal Davidowitz and the 4/5 Girls for the phenomenal choir (including the debut performance of a new song written by Mrs. Davidowitz). We also appreciate the assistance of the following people: Mrs. Rivka Chilungu - Scenery, Maya Chilungu & Chaya Rennert - Scenery Assistants, Rabbi Danny Goldstein - Sound System, Michali Goldstein - Musical Accompaniment, Chevi Mammon & Esther Mammon - Dance Heads, Tziporah Abrahamson - Dance Assistant, Chevi Mammon & Hindy London - Song Dance Heads, Nechama London & Adina Kaplan -Choir Heads, Chayala Hanson - Choir Assistant, BHH & Rabbi Sloviter and the middle school girls' teachers.

Special thanks to all of the sponsors and to our wonderful, enthusiastic audience.

# **OU's Teach NYS Delegation in Albany**

Our executive director Rabbi Danny Goldstein, and assistant principal Rabbi Dov Chastain, participated in the OU's Teach NY delegation of 700 students and educators at the state's capital in Albany. They held personal meetings with Assemblyman Peter Lawrence, Assemblyman Mark Johns, Senator Joe Robach, and the chief of staff for Senator Rich Funke. We thank them all for their time and all of their efforts to help our schools and community.



#### Calendar

#### Please save the following important dates:

- Wed., Mar. 20th Taanis Esther Donate to Od Yosef Chai and skip wearing your uniform 1:00pm Dismissal
- Wed., Mar. 20th Max Farash Memorial Yartzeit Yom Iyun for 6-8th grade boys and their fathers (starting with davening at 8am at DHR)
- Thurs. Mar. 21st Purim No School
- Fri., Mar. 22nd Shushan Purim No School
- Thur., Mar. 28th Matzah Bakery Trip K&1
- Tues., Apr. 2nd Spring Parent Teacher Conferences, No School
- Wed., Apr. 3rd Thurs., Apr. 4th NYS ELA testing
- Wed., Apr. 17th Fri., Apr. 26th Pesach Break No School
- Wed., May 1st Fri., May 3rd NYS Math Testing
- Sun., May 12th DHR Annual Scholarship Dinner
- Wed., May 29th Science Fair