

# Derech HaTorah of Rochester The Path of Respect and Excellence

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# K & 1st Matza Bakery Trip!

## From the Principal Mrs. Lea Goldstein



#### Middos Update

What a very busy month it's been! We finished our spectacular Hashgacha Pratis unit, and learned about the important concept of Emunah. We talked about how Hashem created our amazingly complex brains and how He provided us with emotions and how they serve us. We learned, discussed and made projects depicting our "happy brain", and how we can ask Hashem for help when we feel our "worry brain" is taking over and preventing us from doing things and being happy. We explored the concepts of mindfulness and grounding, and how Hashem gave us these tools and others to help us when we are anxious or nervous about something. This week we started our new unit on Savlanus- patience! Stay tuned for our take home Savlanus flowers and stars program! Attached to the newsletter are flowers and stars for the parents of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders. When your child shows patience at home (examples: waiting his/her turn in a game, not interrupting others, etc.) please write it down and send it back to school for Middos class! We will applaud your child and put it on the bulletin board. In addition, your child will receive a small "patience prize".

## Middos Menchen Stars of the Week

**Rafi Chilungu**, 8th grade - A classmate needed a pencil and Rafi immediately offered the boy his pencil. - R' Shulman

Ella Nussbaum, 3rd grade - Ella was amazingly helpful in Middos class! She really made my job so easy today! - Mrs. Mammon

### **Benching Superstars!**

Shneur Caro Chaim Chastain Adina Goldstein

Benyamin KozadayevDovi ShulmanBatsheva MaxMalka ShulmanEthan NussbaumMottel Vogel

# Mazel Tov to...

...Rabbi Caro's 4th & 5th graders for making a super BBQ siyum on Mishnayos Sukkah and Parshas Shemos!

...Maya Chilungu on the occasion of her becoming a bas mitzvah!

## Thank You to ...

...our Matza Bakery drivers Mrs. Esther Caro, Mrs. Adina Dan, Mrs. Esther Kozadayev, Mrs. Mira Kuyunov and Mrs. Jessica Nussbaum. ...DHR alumna, Rochel S. London, for her \$36 donation.

- ...DHR alumna, Chana Noble, for her \$48 donation.
- ...DHR alumna, Sara Leah London, for her \$200 donation.
- ...Mr. & Mrs. Baruch Wise for their \$36 donation.
- ....Mr. Hal & Mrs. Joanne Krevoy for their \$100 donation.

...R' Dovid & Mrs. Naomi Sandel for their donation in memory of Mrs. Selma Sandel. "v.

...R' J. Bernard Merzel for his \$100 donation.

...R' Yitzchak Gold for his donation in honor of R' Avrohom & Elisheva Berenstein.

...Nancy Klein (Congregation Rosh Pinah) for her \$100 donation. ...Mr. Fred Frankel for his ongoing donations.

...James Sawers, local realtor and Greece Town Board candidate, for coming in to speak with our 6-8 boys about local town politics.

#### SECURITY AT DHR Special thanks to Rochester's Jewish Community Federation,

Jewish Community Federation, and coordinator Judy Abelman, for bringing representatives of the Secure Community Network to DHR to perform a



comprehensive institutional security assessment of DHR. They spent several hours walking through the building and grounds with Rabbi Ross Kosow, our building manager. We are looking forward to receiving their detailed assessment and recommendations to ensure that we are doing everything possible to protect and safeguard our students and strengthen our crime and terrorism prevention efforts.

Additionally, we wanted to update you on our progress with the NYS Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes Grant that we were awarded in the fall. We have already upgraded our entry system and added keyfobs for increased security. We also added seven additional high-resolution security cameras (three exterior and four interior) and updated our existing surveillance system. Next month, work will begin on fencing the perimeter of the property. Finally, this summer, we will be installing impact/ shatter-resistant windows for many of our first floor classrooms. Of course, we rely on Hashem to protect our precious children, but we are also doing everything within our power to make sure that they are safe at all times.

# Team Conferences

Although the end of the school year is not too far off, it's important to remember that 3rd quarter parent-teacher conferences can still play a very important role in a student's development and academic success. Teachers and parents often see different aspects of a child's personality. Only by maintaining an open dialogue and comparing notes on the student's achievements or behaviors can these perspectives be useful for both.

When parents take advantage of parent-teacher conferences and other opportunities to speak with teachers, it often allows parents to learn of any challenges — academic or otherwise — that their child might be having. Similarly, parents can let the teacher know of any special circumstances at home that might affect the student's performance or behavior.

When parents and teachers work together to provide the best environment for learning, the child stands to benefit the most. Therefore, we would like to encourage you, if you did not yet sign up for conferences this Tuesday (April 2), please call the office to secure a slot. See attached conference sheet for the remaining available slots. If you already signed up, you should have received an email confirmation of the time. If you did not receive it, please let us know ASAP. We are looking forward to seeing you!

# Reminders

- Transportation Request forms are due back to the Brighton district on April 1, 2019. Please be sure to mail or drop off completed forms to Brighton to ensure that your children are registered to receive busing for the 2019-2020 school year!

## Calendar

Please save the following important dates:
- 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

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