# Derech HaTorah of Rochester The Path of Respect and Excellence Fram the Principal

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### This Week at D.H.R...



We made delicious Israeli Sufganiot on the last day of Chanukah, and enjoyed a week of great back-to-school learning!



#### Congratulations to...

Tziporah Abrahamson Mindy Akkerman Tali Akkerman Aeli Berenstein Sam Brea Leorah Elmaleh Simha Elmaleh Chavala Hanson Mussi Hein Aliza Lagunov Shani Lagunov

Asher Lehrer Pessa London Elisheva Mammon Shlomo Mammon Devora Max Shimmy Max Yael Noble Chana Yaras Immanuel Yefraimov

December's Middle School Math Homework *Incentive* Qualifiers!



# Thank you to..

...Mindy (Glazer) MacLaren for her \$250 donation to DHR's Jane and Larry Glazer Scholarship Fund.

... Marjorie and Earl Stone for their \$404.60 donation in honor of their great nieces and nephews (the Dan and Bashary children).



...Ms. Kat Snyder for her generous Scholarship Auction donation! ...Rabbi Nechemia Vogel for his visit to DHR for Chanuka! Rabbi Vogel shared a dvar Torah and gave out Chanukah gelt and dreidels.

# Middos Menchen Stars of the Week



Tova cleaned the library without Mrs. Mittel asking her to! Great job! Hirshy did an amazing job Benching this week!

Mazel Tov to this week's additional **Middos Menchen Recipients:** Malka Shulman returned a lost

watch to the office. Dovi Stein and Mordechai Mammon shared snacks with a classmate that didn't have any. Shneur Caro always helps shelve books in the library and helps with clean up after Middos class.

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

In this week's parsha, VaYigash, the Torah says that Yaakov sent Yehuda ahead "להורות לפניו". Rashi quotes Bereishis Rabba and explains that Yaakov sent Yehuda ahead to set up a place for learning Torah, a school, because Yaakov Avinu understood that the future of klal Yisrael would depend on the Torah education of its children.

With that introduction, I'd like to use this special space to recognize and thank a brilliant, master educator, Mrs. Michal Davidowitz. As I'm sure that you've heard, Rabbi and Mrs. Davidowitz are "retiring" to a warm and sunny climate. Although all those who have been fortunate enough to be Mrs. Davidowitz's students will miss her, I think that I will miss her the most.

Besides being my very special Tanta, she has also served as my teacher, my colleague, my advisor, my sounding board and my mentor. Her patience, creativity, subtle humor, kindness and ability to reach every student is legendary...and 100% accurate. While we like to say that everyone is replaceable, I am not convinced that is true in this case.

Next weekend, Rabbi Baruch and Michal will be honored at TIUNY's

45th anniversary dinner in NYC (Sunday evening, January 12 at The Seawane Club). If you have not yet placed an ad and would like to express your hakaras hatov, it might still be possible to place an ad today. Please call or text Rabbi Shmuel Herman ASAP at 585-435-2040.



## Mazel Tov to ..

...Rabbi Danny & Lea Goldstein upon the engagement of their daughter, Nitzevet, to Dovid Meir Miller! Mazel tov also to the Rosh HaYeshiva & Rebbetzin Davidowitz upon their granddaughter's engage-

...Rabbi Rafi & Mrs. Ora Hirsch on the birth of their baby boy, Avraham Elimelech!

...Rabbi Dovid & Mrs. Esti Lagunov on the birth of their baby boy! ...the 90,000 Jews who traveled to Met-Life Stadium on Wednesday to celebrate the Sivum Hashas! They were joined in the celebrations by many, many thousands of others around the world to mark the inspiring accomplishment of learning the entire Talmud Bavli! We are also proud of our local Daf Yomi chevra, led by DHR and TIUNY's Executive Director Rabbi Danny Goldstein. They were featured via a video presentation at the siyum and put Rochester "on the map"! Finally, a special thank you to the Scutaru family for sponsoring a delicious cupcake siyum for the entire school to celebrate the actual completion of shas today! Our Assistant Principal, Rabbi Dov Chastain, shared some highlights of his experiences at the siyum with our students.

#### Welcome to..

...our new 4th grader, Nachi Flink and his brother, in 2nd grade, Chananya Flink. A warm welcome also to parents Rabbi Eugene and Dr. Batsheva Flink who moved to Rochester this week from Israel.



#### Calendar

Reminder: School is in session for the 5-8 Boys this Sunday, Jan. 5th and for all students Monday, Jan. 6th

Tuesday, January 7 - Asara Be'Taives - 1:00pm Dismissal Monday, Jan. 13 - No School - TIUNY Dinner Weekend in NYC Friday, Jan. 24 - End of First Semester

