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## 1st and 2nd Grade Visit the Jewish Home



Our first and second graders took a fun and exciting field trip to the Jewish Home last week. They sang Purim songs with the residents, and put together mishloach manos baskets with them. Thank you

very much to Mrs. Silvana Bacman for arranging the trip, and to Rabbis Chastain and Caro for teaching the songs and chaperoning.



## Congratulations To...

Chanoch Abrahamson Tziporah Abrahamson Mindy Akkerman Tali Akkerman Aeli Berenstein Sam Brea Chana Blima Caro Maya Chilungu Benny Diskind Simha Elmaleh Chayala Hanson Aliza Lagunov Shani Lagunov Chava Tova London Pessa London Elisheva Mammon Shlomo Mammon Devora Max Shimmy Max Yossi Mochkin Yael Noble Shmuel Rosenzweig Esther Stein Chana Yaras Mussi Yaras February's Middle School Math Homework Incentive Qualifiers!



## From the Principal

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

A lot has changed and much has stayed the same since I used this space last week to encourage parents to remind their children about frequent hand washing, not coming to school sick, not touching faces,

We've all heard about the draconian measures put into place in Israel, Italy and other countries, as well as in Ohio, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey and NYC to stop the spread of Coronavirus. Here in Rochester, we are still concentrating on keeping our schools open and as clean as possible. We are in close touch with the local school districts and health department and will share any important updates as they occur.

The Chief Rabbi of Israel, Harav Dovid Lau suggests that in addition to taking the warnings seriously, "we should also be makpid on saying 100 brachos a day like the Gaonim wrote that Dovid HaMelech was metakein for bnei Yisrael to bless 100 brachos every day when a mageifah broke out during his time and the mageifah was stopped." He ends his recommendations with the tefillah:

"מחרב ומשבי ומדבר ומגפה ומכל צרה ויגון הצילנו כי לך קיוינו... ראה בצרותינו ושמע קול תפילתנו, כי אתה שומע תפילה"

## Happy Purim!

In keeping with our (really fun) annual tradition, on Taanis Esther, we offered the following: "help the poor in Eretz Yisrael by donating to Od Yosef Chai, and skip the uniform today"! Kids and teachers were allowed to come in costume or in clothes of their choice. So, on Monday morning, we raised \$421 for Od Yosef Chai that was distributed in Israel this Purim! It was lots of fun - for a great cause!

# One Happy Camper

#### **Apply for One Happy Camper today!**

One Happy Camper is a program of the Foundation for Jewish Camp. In partnership with local Jewish communities and Jewish overnight camps across North America, One Happy Camper introduces children to the magic of Jewish camp by providing incentive grants of up to \$1800 to families with children attending nonprofit,

Jewish overnight camp for the first time. Second year campers are eligible for a \$1000 needs-based grant.



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For more information please contact: Elana Pogal (e-mail - epogal@jewishrochester.org or call 585-241-8642)

## Benching Superstars!

Menachem Caro Shira Chastain Gary Chilungu Adina Goldstein Shlomo Hanson Shmuel Hanson Ahuva Katz Yaakov Lagunov Tehila Lehrer
Mordechai Mammon
Sima Scutaru
Dovi Shulman
Malka Shulman
Rena Sloviter
Aron Dov Vogel
Mottel Vogel

Nosson Yaras



## Brighton Transportation Reminder!

If you haven't already, please fill out the Request for Transportation to Non-Public School form for your child(ren) with the Brighton Central School District. A form is attached or you can find it at: <a href="https://www.bcsd.org/Page/489">https://www.bcsd.org/Page/489</a>. Registration for transportation is due April 1, 2020.

## Middos Menchen Stars of the Week 🕏

Leah Max heard a classmate ask for a glue stick and she jumped up out of her seat, eager to get one for her friend! How thoughtful!

Mazel Tov to this week's additional Middos Menchen Recipient:

Shira Chastain volunteered to sweep the entire first grade classroom! Wow!

### Calendar

- Friday, March 20 - **Registration for 2020-2021 school year due**. Next Friday is the last day to have the registration fee credited to next year's tuition.

- Tues., March 24 - Staff Development & Spring Conference Day - No School. Conferences will be held from 3:30 pm—8:30 pm.