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December 24th, 2020 ט' טבת, פרשת ויגש, תשפ"א

Chanuka Fun Day!



Busing Update

- ~ Brighton will <u>not</u> be providing busing on Dec. 24th or 31st and Jan. 1st & 18th.
- ~ Rush Henrietta & Pittsford will not be providing busing from Dec. 23rd -Jan. 1st and Jan. 18th.
- ~ RCSD will not be providing transportation from Dec. 24th - Jan. 1st and Jan. 18th.



Calendar

- ~ Fri., Dec. 25th: Asara Be'Taives (no school)
- ~ Fri., Jan. 1st: Shiur for 4-8 Boys (no school for K-3 & 4-8G)
- ~ Mon., Jan. 18th: Martin Luther King Day (There will be school)

Middos Menchen Stars of the Week

Adina G. (4/5G) - After Adina was finished cleaning her desk she rushed to her friends to offer to help them clean as well. Avital P. (4/5G) - Avital noticed a big sandy mess on Mrs.Ribakow's desk and was quick to offer to help clean it up! Aviva K. (2nd) - Aviva helped her friend who fell on the stairs come to the office and nicely asked Ms. Lexi to get her friend an icepack.

Yerucham D. (4/5B) - Yerucham gave his seat for a friend who had nowhere to sit.



From the Principal

Despite the pandemic's many challenges, we are very grateful that our Chanuka event was so successful. First, a HUGE thank you to our volunteer, superstar chef, Yoni Dahari; our volunteer sous chef R' Ross Kosow, and parent kitchen volunteers: R' Danny Goldstein, Yisroel Mayer Katz, Meir Brea, Tali Brea, Bracha London, Rivka Chilungu, Mira Kuvunov, Malka Miriam Stein, Shana Herman, Ruth Ulloa and Naomi Shulman! We also appreciate our dinner delivery driver families: Abrahamson, Aranov, Cohen, Elmaleh, Flink, Max, Mirochnik & Rosenzweig! Thank you!!

A big thank you also goes to Rabbi Dov Chastain, DHR's Assistant Principal, for coordinating the tech aspects - and making sure that everything ran smoothly.

Also, a BIG shout-out to our fabulous entertainers! Lance Corporal Richard Jones was brilliant...and funny! Rabbi Dovid Kilimnick really made us laugh! Thanks to all those who joined us for that wonderful evening!

Finally, we truly appreciate all those who purchased raffle tickets. We sold over 150 tickets for the beautiful Sterling Silver Menorah Raffle and we were thrilled that Chana Noble, a DHR alumna, won the raffle. Special thanks to our anonymous sponsor, who donated the entire

cost of the menorah לעלוי נשמות ר' שלמה ורבקה שלעזינגער.

Mrs. Lea Goldstein 🥦

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Rosh HaYeshiva's Visit

It was an honor and a privilege to host Rabbi Akiva Grunblatt, the Rosh HaYeshiva of Chofetz Chaim in Oueens. Rabbi Grunblatt gave an inspiring D'var Torah about guarding our Mesorah to our middle school boys. Thank you to Rabbi Lehrer for arranging the Rosh HaYeshiva's visit to DHR.



Security Update

This special section serves two purposes:

- 1. To express our thanks, appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Bruce Dan and his family. While we are grateful for many things that they do for DHR and our community, this thank you is focused on upgrading DHR's security. Specifically, Mr. Dan recently donated a very large sum to the local federation's Community Security Campaign, and earmarked the entire amount to upgrade DHR's security!!
- 2. As a result, we are working closely with the Director of Jewish Community Security, (Chief) Mark Henderson, and we've met with Community Security Campaign Chairs Howard Crane and Michael Gordon. We've solicited bids from multiple companies for new, secure doors to replace the original 1920's doors that cannot be locked during a potential lockdown, shatterproof windows to replace the remaining old windows on the ground and first floors, and a digital security system upgrade that would enable us to "see" the entire exterior and interior footprints simultaneously. We are also starting to get bids for additional exterior security including an electronic entry gate to control who can enter the school grounds.

We will keep you posted on these exciting developments.