



# Derech HaTorah of Rochester

The Path of Respect and Excellence

כ"ס"ז

October 27, 2023  
"ב מר חשוון, פרשת לך לך, תשפ"ד"

## Calendar

Fri., Nov. 10- Veterans Day/ Professional Development -**No School**  
Tues., Nov. 21- Reg. Schedule, Parent Conferences 6:30pm-9pm  
Wed., Nov. 22- Parent Conferences 9am-12pm-**No School**  
Thurs., Nov 23- Fri. Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Break-**No School**

## Fun & Learning at DHR



## A Special Thank you...



...Mrs. Sara Leah Solomon for coordinating the DHR letters to חיילי צה"ל (IDF soldiers)! They received our box of cards and loved them. They even sent a video of a soldier reading Naama Roness' card (written in perfect Hebrew) and thanking our students.

## Middos Mention...



...Yisroel always shares his supplies with students who lost theirs because he doesn't want anyone to feel sad. Such kindness!



...Levi and Sara cleaned up someone else's mess. We are so proud of them. Wonderful!

## Benching Superstars....

Binyamin Berzow - Zelda Deitch - Sara Katz - Zecharia Kuyunov  
Esther Mittel - Rina Malka Ribakow - Nossion Vogel - Levi Yaras

## The new, exclusive Minyanaire Club

Excitement is filling the air at DHR - especially on the top floor! The middle school boys were informed about an innovative year-long journey to upgrade their participation in tefillah betzibur. The talmidim who go through a rigorous eligibility process will be invited to join the Minyanaire Club. Being part of this exclusive club will come with special privileges. It is our hope that every talmid will, one day, become a member of the DHR Minyanaire Club! More details to follow...

## Condolences to ...

... the Shulman family upon the death of Mr. Marc Shulman, father of Tzvi Shulman.

"המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים"

Last Friday's learning (on the 5th of Cheshvan) was sponsored by the Sandel family in loving memory of Meir ben Yitzchok Dovid haKohain, z"l.

## From the Principal

Dr. Lea E. Goldstein

From Rebbetzin Jungreis' book, The Jewish Soul on Fire: It was June 1967. The Six-Day War was raging in Eretz Yisrael. HaRav Amram Jungreis z"l, was the rav of a small town on the outskirts of Tel Aviv. He wrote us, telling of both the difficulties and miracles taking place. "There was a family in the shul that came from Yemen. They had eight sons in the IDF. Their mother, beside herself with worry, consulted a Gadol and begged that he advise her where she might best pray for the safe return of her children.

"At which grave should I pray? Whom should I awaken from slumber? Who will be the righteous messenger to carry my plea to Hashem's throne?" He pondered her question, and then instructed her not to pray at any grave, but to go home and await her children. He told her "The graves of the holy souls are empty. They are all at the front, battling alongside your sons, watching over them. Be assured that they will bring them home safely."

This week, we read Parshas Lech Lecha – "Go for yourself". Hashem was sending Avraham on a journey fraught with danger and super-human tests. But Avraham overcame the challenges, emerging as Avraham Avinu, father of the Jewish nation.

Once again, Klal Yisrael is battling a most ruthless enemy, and Hashem is sending Avraham Avinu on a different mission. A mission to go and be with his children. As the Gadol told the woman, the kevarim of our forefathers are all empty. The neshamos of our holy Avos and Imahos, our patriarchs and matriarchs, are all at the front. They are with acheinu kol bais Yisrael, our brothers, our people. It is only with this emunah that we can securely forge ahead. Three times a day, during Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv, we turn to Hashem during Shemoneh Esrei and mention the Magen Avraham, the Shield of Avraham. The Magen Avraham is with us now.

But why only Avraham? Why not mention all of the avos, Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov? The Chidushei Harim explains that in the z'chus of Avraham withstanding ten difficult life tests with prodigious emunah and bitachon, a spark of Avraham is implanted in every Jew. A spark that is an eternal shield. This is the legacy bequeathed to us by Avraham Avinu. To endure life's difficulties, its tests and challenges, and to emerge even stronger.

We, too, are experiencing events that are difficult to comprehend. It is the Magen Avraham, the Shield of Avraham that gives us chizuk. It is a shield of hope and trust in Hashem, and a belief in the eternity of Klal Yisrael. Finally, Rebbetzin Jungreis pointed out that Magen Avraham also shields Am Yisrael by virtue of Avraham Avinu's boundless chesed, loving kindness. Together with Sarah Imeinu, Avraham built an eishel, a tent open to guests and travelers trekking through the desert. He offered food, drink and a place to rest, and personally tended to the needs of his guests. Avraham not only provided food and lodging, but taught his guests what it means to believe in One G-d. He modeled what it means to have gratitude to Hashem.

This frightening war has been a catalyst for incredible achdus and achrayus, unity and responsibility. We are, once again, a nation uniting and becoming an Am Echad, one people, each one feeling for and caring for the other.

At DHR and all over the world, Jews are saying more Tehillim, adding time to their daily Torah learning, and increasing their chesed. Hashem told Avraham, "V' nivrichu b' chah kol mishpachos ha'adamah - All the families of the earth shall be blessed through you" (Bereishis, 12:3). Let us all daven that through our tefillos, tzedakah, and chesed, we, too, will merit to be a source of blessing to all of mankind and that the Magen Avraham will bring protection and shalom to all of Am Yisrael – both in Eretz Yisrael and throughout the world.

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Also, please encourage your children to join in DHR's "Al Shelosha Devarim" campaign to increase Torah learning, Tefilla/Tehillim and chesed as a zechus for the soldiers and all those needing a refuah or yeshua! We are trying to fill up our globes with beautiful notes! Please send in a post-it describing what your child is doing to help!

