

Derech HaTorah of Rochester The Path of Respect and Excellence

November 4, 2022 י' מר חשון, פרשת לך לך, תשפ"ג

Calendar

Fri., Nov. 11- Staff Development Day 9am-12pm - No School Tues., Nov. 22- Evening Parent -Teacher Conf. 6:00pm - 8:00pm Wed., Nov. 23- Parent-Teacher Conf. - 10:00am - 12:00pm and 12:30pm to 2:30pm- **No School**

Thurs., Nov. 24 - Fri., Nov. 25- Thanksgiving Break - No School

Work & Fun at DHR



Benching Superstars

Zelda Deitch Yosef Brea Moussia Cohen Yisroel Kosow

Ahron Shulman Moshe Zargary Nosson Vogel

Math Homework Incentive Superstars!

Middle School students who qualified for this month's math homework incentive from Rabbi Shulman ...

Sara Leah Abrahamson Tali Akkerman

Dovid Brea Shneur Caro Ella Cohen Yerucham Dahari Meira Dan

Atara Kosow Ariel Kuyunov

Aliza Lagunov Yaakov Lagunov Tehila Lehrer Chava Tova London Elisheva Mammon Batsheva Max Shmuel Mochkin Avital Polatoff

Ahuva Roness Naama Roness Sima Scutaru Malka Shulman Rena Sloviter Esther Stein Chana Yaras Nosson Yaras

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Sponsored Days of Learning

- Thank you to the Caro family for sponsoring a day of learning on Sunday, October 30, as a zechus for a refuah shelaima (speedy, complete recovery) for יונתן חיים בן צביה הלוי
- Thank you to the Sandel family for sponsoring a day of learning on Monday, October 31, in loving memory of Mr. Meir Sandel, מאיר בן יצחק דוד הכהן.

Thank you to...

....Yehuda Dubitsky for creating and donating a hand-made authentic, miniature log cabin tzedaka box for DHR's of-

...Rabbi and Mrs. Chastain for sponsoring prizes for the Middle School boys' Shekel store.

Chanukah Soldier Packages!

Once again, we are asking DHR families to help us send Chanukah cards and care packages to U.S. soldiers serving around the world. Soldiers' Chanukah Cards and Care Packages need to be at DHR by 9:00am on Monday, December 5th.

From the Principal Dr. Lea E. Goldstein

How We Really Educate Our Children

Excerpted from an article by Rabbi Jared Viders on Aish.com

"And Avraham heard that his brother [Lot] was taken captive, and he armed his initiates who had been born in his house...(14:14). Rashi comments on the word "initiates" (Chani'chav) and explains that the "root of the word chani'chav stems from that of chinuch, i.e., the beginning of the entry of a person... into a craft in which he is destined to

One of the hallmarks of a Jewish home is the emphasis placed upon education. The shelves are lined with sefarim containing timeless wisdom. People of all ages and stages are perpetually seeking to deepen their understanding of the Torah in multiple contexts. Rabbaim, moros and educators are held in high esteem and portraits of legendary Rabbanim possessing sterling character grace the walls.

In this universe where knowledge and sincerity is the coin of the realm, we refer to the education of our children as "chinuch." As Rashi explains, the notion of chinuch is much broader and more multidimensional than a mere education or accumulation of facts and figures. It's about creating and sustaining and instilling an orientation to life and to Torah "which one is destined" to hold onto for life. It's an all-encompassing outlook. One that is "caught; not taught."

Along these lines, Rabbi Rokowsky once offered what he considered to be the single, most fundamental consideration in parents' approach to chinuch, education. "You should know," he told me, "that children are very attuned – not to what their parents are doing, but to what their parents' wish they were doing." Children sense when their father truly enjoys davening in shul more than eating and drinking at the kiddush, or when their mother is sincerely excited about the opportunity to do chesed for someone in need, or when their parents really look forward to Shabbos together. It all feeds into an environment of love, positivity, enthusiasm and joy.

On the other hand, when their father's learning is distracted by the cell phone that he's checking every three minutes, or they overhear their mother speaking loshon hora, then the long-term goal of chinuch, i.e., of creating an orientation to life and Torah, is undermined.

As Jews, we are all expected to be educators. Whether we are employed as teachers or not, we are all "in chinuch". Sometimes we teach directly, and on other occasions we teach by example. Who knows what others may glean from our conduct? In this capacity, life presents no shortage of "teachable moments." May we merit to capitalize on all of them and inspire many "initiates" who will happily and confidently carry the torch of Avraham Avinu's legacy.

Mazel Tov to...

...the Max family on the occasion of Chanoch's Bar Mitzvah!



Middos Mentions...

Ella and Nava worked very hard to help clean up the

Aharon helped clean up a spill on the floor without being asked. Great job!!

Shmuel helped clean up a large mess in the classroom without being asked!



