


## Calendar


Mon., Jan. 2 - **NO BUSING** -all districts- **parents must transport**  
 Tues., Jan. 3 - **Asara Be'Taives - 1:00 pm dismissal**  
 Weekend of Jan. 13 & 14 - **MSG DHR Shabbaton!!**  
 Mon., Jan. 16 - MLK Jr. Day - **School Open - NO BUSING**  
 Wed., Jan. 19 - End of Semester  
 Fri., Jan. 27 - Mon., Jan. 30 - Winter Break Weekend - **No School**  
 Tues., Feb. 7- **Save the date: DHR's Winter Open House Celebration**  
 Tues., Feb. 14 - **School Picture Day (details to follow)**  
 Fri., Feb. 17 - Mon., Feb 20 - **Presidents' Weekend - No School**


## DHR at home and school ...




## Middos Mentions...

 ...Tamar thought to save a sufganiyah for a classmate who was out sick. So thoughtful!

 ... Paysach helped a classmate clean up a big mess. How helpful!

 ...Ephraim & Yisroel read the siddur during a game and they had the best pronunciation in the class!

 ...Hooray for Sara!!! She was our "Computer Teacher" today and went around to her classmates to help them log in. She does chesed b'simcha!!!

## Thank you ...

...to Mrs. Ribakow from the 8th grade girls: On Monday, 12/19, the MSG had an amazing, special chagiga! The inspirational day would not have happened without Mrs. Ribakow. She made sure that everything was in place, from the shopping to the planning and everything in between! The 8th grade girls really appreciate her dedication, help and guidance!

... Mr. & Mrs. Leonardo Ulloa for their generous maaser donation of \$200.

... the Brea family for their donation from the family tzedeka box!

... the Berzansky & Bensoussan families for their book donation to DHR's library: "Shadow Pirates". It was donated in memory of Rabbi Yosef (Joey) Azar. "Joey was born and educated in Rochester, drawing upon the royal legacies of his parents Jack & Rhoda Azar. He developed into a true Baal midos, talmid chocham, a much sought after Rabbi and speaker, son, father and husband!"

...Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolf for their thoughtful donation.

...Mr. Harvey Kreyov for his kind donation.

...the Schwarzman children for their donation of \$60 from their tzedeka box!

...Special thanks to Mrs. Devorah Scutaru for organizing, collecting and wrapping all of the thoughtful parent gifts for our amazing DHR teachers and staff! The faculty truly appreciates the gifts, which consisted of gift cards, mugs and chocolates sponsored by DHR's parents. THANK YOU!

## Special dedication...

This week's newsletter is dedicated in loving memory of Reb Shlomo Schlesinger, שלמה בן דוד, on his yahrzeit.

## From the Principal

Dr. Lea E. Goldstein

Over the last few weeks, we've been blessed with three parshios in a row teaching us both obvious and subtle lessons in proper moral leadership. In וישב, we witness Tamar's willingness to die rather than embarrass Yehuda. In מקץ, Yosef saves humanity during the famine while simultaneously helping his brothers do teshuva. In this week's parsha, ויגש, Yehuda shows great courage and selflessness in standing up to the viceroy and offering himself in place of his brother Binyomin.

The exemplars listed above include instances of great, public, moral leadership as well as examples of more private modeling of greatness. While they seem almost unreachable, the Alter of Slobodka teaches us that humans have extraordinary strengths and the potential for greatness. That is why we have an obligation to emulate Hashem – because we have that capacity. The Gemara (Shabbos 133b) tells us: Just as He is merciful, so, too, must you be merciful. Just as He is kind, so, too, must you be kind. The Alter, Rav Nosson Tzvi Finkel, elaborates (in Ohr HaTzafun, Maamar Hashraas HaShechinah, Parashas Terumah) by explaining that each person has the capability for greatness and the ability to bring the Shechina into the world through learning Torah and performing mitzvos.

On a more relatable level of leadership, this week's newsletter is dedicated to my incredible Zaidy, ז"ע, whose second yahrtzeit is today, the 6<sup>th</sup> of Teves. He was a survivor of the Holocaust whose entire family was murdered by the Nazis, yemach shemach vezichram. He personally endured horrifying tribulations, near starvation and inhuman cruelty. Yet, he didn't complain or question. He had incredible emunah and constantly recognized the good in his life and thanked Hashem. He would tell us stories from the war years, about his efforts to keep the mitzvos and how Hashem always saved him, against all odds. He lived his life with joy and inspired so many of us with his incredible simchas hachayim, courage and resilience.


Finally, on the topic of leadership, I would also like to thank our wonderful administrative team, and our faculty and staff, for their dedication to DHR and the community's children! While several of us were stuck away from Rochester in the aftermath of the storms this week, they all held down the fort with smiles and great competence.

## Mazel Tov to...

...Rabbi & Mrs. Mayer Katz upon the birth of their son Isser Yehuda!  
 ...Chaim Chastain on winning the grand prize from the national Al Hamichiya program!  
 ...the following amazing students who have been added to this month's "DHR Distinguished Writer's Board"! They also received the "Distinguished Writers Pen": Efraim Gestetner, Yosef Shulman and Binyamin Stein.



## Benching Superstars

Yosef Brea 	Yisroel Kosow	Ahron Shulman
Rochie Dan	Zecharia Kuyunov	Aliza Sloviter
Zevi Gestetner	Rikki Lagunov	Tzipporah Twersky
Perel Giardina	Esther Mittel	Levi Yaras
Baruch Ber Herman	Rina Malka Ribakow	Moshe Zargary 