

Calendar

Friday, Jan. 14 - Mon., Jan 17: **NO SCHOOL**
Friday, Jan. 28 - End of 1st Semester, regular school day

Fun and Learning at DHR



Benching Superstars!

Zecharia Akkerman	Hirshy Cohen	Rochie Dan
Shmuel Hein	Adina Herman	Devorah Katz
Sara Katz	Aviva Kuyunov	Aliza Sloviter
Mendel Vogel		



Middos Mentions!



There were not enough Tiki cards and a student really wanted one, so Devora offered her card to the student!



Aliza saw her friend struggling to hold her books & lunch she ran to help out.

Ashira took a chair from her class and gave it to an older friend who was hurt so he could sit in the hallway!

Thank you to...

...Hamodia for featuring DHR's Mishnayos extra learning program in their Around the Country section.
...Rabbi Danny & Lea Goldstein for purchasing the Artscroll Mishnayos set of all the Zeraim volumes for the middle school boys' Mishnayos program leiluy nishmas Rabbi Goldstein's parents: Yaakov ben Meir and Tzivia Trina bas Dovid. The boys are almost finished with the entire meseches Moed - five months ahead of schedule!
...Adina Goldstein for donating the Buffalo Bills poster to decorate the gym!



As a result of a scheduling change at Derech HaTorah of Rochester, the following students will not be attending the program on Friday, January 14th through Thursday, January 20th. The administration created a special challenge for these students to help them stay on track. The students who are not attending the program on Friday, January 14th through Thursday, January 20th, will be participating in the program on Friday, January 21st. The students who are not attending the program on Friday, January 21st, will be participating in the program on Saturday, January 22nd. A sign-up form is posted on the website when they are available to attend the program.

From the Principal

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

The Effort Department

Following the narrative in which Hashem explains to Moshe how he will approach Pharaoh and Pharaoh will ignore him, the Torah states "Moshe was eighty years old and Aaron was eighty three years old when they spoke to Pharaoh" (Shemos, 7:7).

Rabbi Shimon Schwab explains that the Torah emphasized their ages because of their significance to Pharaoh's own decrees: 83 years earlier, Pharaoh instructed the Jewish midwives that all Jewish boys were to be killed immediately after birth, and three years later the order was revised to demand that all Jewish male children be thrown into the Nile. These decrees, executed to prevent the existence of a redeemer who would lead the Jewish people out of Egypt, actually spurred Moshe's elevation to greatness. Without Pharaoh's command, Moshe would never have been hidden in the basket and cast into the Nile, he wouldn't have been taken in by Pharaoh's daughter, he would not have been raised in Pharaoh's palace and would not have learned the requisite lessons of leadership. Pharaoh's efforts to the contrary notwithstanding, the Divine will came to fruition, as it always has and always will.

All human beings, like Pharaoh, want to believe that the events around them are as simple as they appear. Everyone rationally knows that they cannot possibly fathom the entirety of every scenario into which they enter, but once in that situation, they are forced to absorb the reality and make snap decisions. The "Pharaoh's" of the world have nothing to follow but their limited scope of vision and their feeble intellects to navigate this expansive universe of reality. But the Torah Jew knows that he is not in control; he understands that Hashem is in full control and has addressed every perceptible and imperceptible variable. The Divine will will come to fruition, as it always has and always will. We simply need to focus on our job - to follow the timeless instruction offered in the Torah - as we do the best that we can. As Rabbi Tarfon taught us (Pirkei Avos, 2:20-21), "The day is short, the task is abundant...you are not required to complete the task, yet you are not free to withdraw from it."

We need to expend our best efforts to address life's challenges. We don't need to worry about the end result - just focus on our jobs in the "effort department". Results? That is Hashem's department.

Excerpted from Rabbi Shlomo Jarcaig - <https://torah.org/torah-portion/kolhakkollel-5764-vaera/>

Mazel Tov to...

...Mrs. London's 5/6 Girls' Chumash class for learning Parshas Shemos. They celebrated with a siyum and Jeopardy game. What fun!



...Mrs. Ellen Leckner who turned 104 last week. Sue (Shoshana) Shull, an LNP at Rochester Center and a friend of DHR, came up with the idea to send 104 birthday cards to Mrs. Leckner. Our little guys also sang happy birthday to her on Zoom!

... Congratulations to Menachem and Sarah Gestetner and their entire family upon the birth of their new daughter!

... Mordechai and Brachi Winograd upon the birth and bris of their son Yaakov!



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