

Calendar

Mon., Dec. 19 - **TIUNY & DHR's Chanuka Party!**
Wed., Dec. 21 - Mon., Dec. 26 - Chanuka Break - **NO School**
Tues., Feb 7- **Save the date: DHR's Winter Open House Celebration**

Work & Fun at DHR....

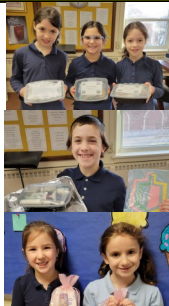


Benching Superstars

Yosef Brea	Zecharia Kuyunov	Tzipporah Twersky
Zelda Deitch	Rikki Lagunov	Rena Vatch
Baruch Ber Herman	Ahron Shulman	Levi Yaras
Ashira Hirsh	Nechemia Solomon	Moshe Zargary
Sara Katz	Aliza Sloviter	

Chanukah Package thank you...

...Mrs. Chayala Diskind for organizing and preparing the Chanuka gift boxes for the US soldiers.
...DHR parents who contributed funds and delicious cookies for the soldier packages.
...DHR students who made beautiful cards!
...The Caro family for baking delicious treats and making amazing cards!
... The Dan family for making wonderful gift bags filled with goodies and tasty treats for our soldiers!



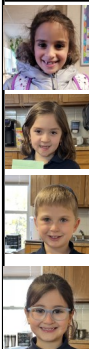
Middos Mentions...

... Naomi held the door open for Mrs. Polatoff when her hands were full without being asked!

...Michal stayed and helped clean up after recess!

...Shmuel displayed good sportsmanship during P.E.!

...Zeeza has been a wonderful role model in P.E. always following directions!



From the Principal

Dr. Lea E. Goldstein

Motivational speaker Rabbi Chanan (Antony) Gordon shared an intriguing insight from this week's parsha, VaYishlach, that reinforces a fundamental lesson for all of us:

In anticipation of the reunion between Yaakov and Esav, Yaakov sent messengers to share an accounting of his assets and numerous gifts for Esav. Yet, he did not mention that he had been blessed with children. Accordingly, on seeing the wives and progeny of Yaakov standing behind him, Esav's inquiry as to "Who are these to you?" was understandable. Yaakov's answer, while ostensibly in response to his brother's question, is a life lesson for all of us.

Yaakov replied that they are the children who Hashem had graciously given to him. **He spoke of his children as gifts that he considered a great blessing.** In a world where demographic trends show a significant drop in the number of children per family, and where mansions and fancy cars are defined as one's legacy, Yaakov's words should hit home.

Popular culture implores us to be self-absorbed, and it is perhaps no coincidence that the first letter of the most popular technology is an "i." In our materialistic society, children can be seen as obstacles to winning the "rat race." In stark contrast, Yaakov's response reminds all of us that children are a gift and are one of the main purposes of our journey in this world.

On a deeper level, while Esav, who personified the hunter seeking his next victim, can at best hold up a proverbial dead carcass as his life achievement, Yaakov, the father of the Jewish people, reminds all of us that our legacies are the children we leave behind and the good deeds that we have accomplished.

"We all die. The goal isn't to live forever, but to leave behind something that will."
- Chuck Palahniuk, author

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."
- Pericles, Philosopher

Mazel Tov to...

...to the 4/5 girls on their siyum for completing Parshas Vayishlach!
... Binyomin and Tovi Weiner on the birth of their daughter Shoshana Raizel!



...to the following amazing students who are on this month's "DHR Distinguished Writer's Board"! They also received the "Distinguished Writers Pen Award": Zeesa Aranov, Nava Hirschfeld, Sara Katz, Yisroel Kosow Paysach Polatoff, Esther Stein and Tzipporah Twersky!



...our principal, whose article about the importance of social-emotional skills was recently published in the Rochester Beacon. Here's the link: <https://rochesterbeacon.com/2022/11/21/the-primacy-of-childrens-social-emotional-skills/>

Condolences to ...

...Mr. Gary Stein and family upon the passing of his sister,
המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים