

Fun & Learning at DHR



Thank you to...

השם, ברוך השם, our middle school Shabbaton was a fabulous success! The girls had an amazing time and are looking forward to next year! This event would not have been possible without the help of so many people, and we'd like to give them a big thank you:

- The Cohen, London, Goldstein, Polatoff, and Shulman families for hosting the Friday night seudah.
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- Mrs. Tzippy Kosow, Mrs. Fraidel Lehrer, Mrs. Rusi Cohen and Mrs. Devora Scutaru for food prep and/or setting up our Melave Malka along with the 8th grade girls.
- Mrs. Bracha London for spearheading our cleanup afterwards!
- Chabad for hosting our Melave Malka and for the delicious pizza and fries!
- The parents who helped us with driving and walking arrangements!
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A huge Yaasher Koach to the 7/8 girls for all of their efforts before the Shabbaton, and especially to the 8th graders for their ruach and leadership which kept everything running smoothly all Shabbos! No job was too much for them to handle and their positivity added so much to the entire weekend!

Finally, the biggest thank you of all goes to Mrs. Ayelet Ribakow for planning, coordinating and making this first annual DHR Shabbaton so wonderful!!



.. Rabbi Chastain for organizing a basketball game between our middle school boys and the Yeshiva's 9th graders. Our boys played a very competitive game, and are already planning the rematch. Thank you to Dr. Flink for acting as time keeper and score keeper for us, and to Eitan Ben Ari for acting as referee and providing transportation.

... Mrs. Becca Swanton & Rabbi Yitzy Cohen for coordinating and running the spelling bee!

From the Principal

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

The reading of Vayakhel, Sh'kalim and this week's Haftorah serve as an important introduction to the month of Adar and the holiday of Purim. In Megillas Esther (3:9), the wicked Haman's impressive presentation to the royal treasury of ten thousand silver blocks was an attempt to use his wealth to influence the king and gain permission to destroy the entire Jewish nation. He therefore pledged an enormous sum to the treasury to compensate for the financial loss that the kingdom would suffer through the destruction of the Jewish people. However, the Gemara in Megillah (13b) tells us that Haman's wicked efforts were preempted by the donations of the Jewish people to the Bais Hamikdash. Interestingly, this exact sum was annually donated by the Jewish people for sacrifices in the Bais Hamikdash. Hashem said, "Let the Jewish nation's ten thousand abort Haman's influential process of his ten thousand." The lesson of this Gemara is that if one is not personally influenced by money, then financial influence of others can have no effect upon him. The Jewish people's annual donation established that they were not influenced by money. They properly allocated their funds to the most worthy of causes and annually gave ten thousand silver blocks to the Bais Hamikdash. Therefore, Haman's financial influence could have no effect on the Jewish people.

It is with this lesson that we welcome the second month of Adar next week. Parshas Sh'kalim reminds us of the great significance that money can have when allocated in the proper ways. Although wealth produces an inappropriate sense of power and control it can also serve as a positive productive vehicle. The Jewish people in the desert atoned for their grave sin through their generous contributions to the construction of the Mishkan. And as we learn from the miracle of Purim, allocation of one's wealth for proper purposes can even thwart off the fiendish plans of our enemy. Through our charitable donations, we are assured that even our most powerful enemy will have no financial influence over us.

That concept gives us special insight into the unique nature of Purim's Mitzvos, the allocation of funds for Machtzis Hashekel, Matanos L'evyonim, and Mishloach Manos. On Purim, we display our special Jewish quality of generosity and invest our money in tzedaka and friendship. Through these acts we are guaranteed to be protected from the influential power of our enemies and in this special merit of tzedaka, we will eventually witness the rebuilding of the Bais Hamikdash!

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Benching Superstars!

Zecharia Akkerman	Leora Diskind	Liba Mittel
Yosef Brea	Efraim Gestetner	Bentzion Scutaru
Menachem Caro	Baruch Ber Herman	Yosef Shulman
Shira Chastain	Adina Herman	Aliza Sloviter
Ruvy Dan	Aviva Kuyunov	Moshe Zargary

2022 DHR Spelling Bee Winners!



3rd-5th Grade Girls' Winner:
Batsheva Hein



6th-8th Grade Girls' Winner:
Tehila Solomon



3rd-5th Grade Boys' Winner:
Shneur Caro



6th-8th Grade Boys' Winner:
Gary Chilungu

Middos Mentions!



Yerucham, Gary & Yaakov all helped set up for the spelling bee!



Avigail offered her extra cookie halves to others for our sandwich cookie moon phases activity!