



# Derech HaTorah of Rochester

The Path of Respect and Excellence

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## March Calendar

**Mon. March 28:** K&1 Matzah Bakery Trip 9:45am -11:15 am  
**Wed. March 30:** Staff Dev. & Spring Conferences **NO SCHOOL**  
**Conference hours from 1pm -5:30pm & 6pm-8 pm** New format - first come first served.  
**March 31: Last day to request transportation** from your school district for 2022-23 school year, please see form on DHR webpage Please return the transportation form to your district.

## NYS Test Dates

March 29th & 31st : NYS ELA Test (3rd - 8th Grades)  
April 26th & 27th : NYS Math Test (3rd - 8th Grades)

## Learning is fun at DHR!



## Planetarium fun!

Mrs. Polatoff's second grade class just completed a unit on "Space & Weather". To conclude this unit, the 2nd grade class took an amazing field trip to the Rochester Strassenburgh Planetarium. During this field trip, they learned about the night sky, planets and the sun! The class watched two Digistar presentations... what fun!



## Middos Mentions!

Gary, Yaakov, Naftali, Chaoch, Nosson, Shneur, Ariel, Shmuel and Yaakov, carried all of the goods in and out of school for the Mishloach manos gifts for the Jewish Home. Great job!!

Michal saw a friend get hurt and she ran to the office to get an ice pack !

## Benching Superstars

Efraim Gestetner, Asher Kilimnick, Rena Vatch



## From the Principal

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

In response to the fall conference survey results, parent suggestions, input from other schools and as a result of our growing student body (B"H), we will be trying out a new Parent-Teacher Conference format, called "Arena Individual Conferences" next week. All of DHR's teachers will be seated at their own designated tables in the gym. Tables will be spaced appropriately to allow for private conversations between the teacher and each child's parents. Conferences will not be scheduled. Instead, parents can come to the DHR gym any time from 1:00pm to 5:30pm and/or from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The teachers will have a dinner break from 5:30-6:00pm.

This new, modified concept will hopefully afford us the opportunity to offer parents more flexible, continuous conferences and will maximize the availability of teachers throughout the afternoon and evening. At DHR, while we prefer to offer team conferences, our growth has made them logistically complicated. Nevertheless, if you would prefer a team conference format, please reach out to our office and we will work with you to schedule it on a different day.

These conferences will provide you with an opportunity to discuss your child(ren)'s progress - both academically and socially/emotionally - with DHR's teachers.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you on Wednesday, March 30.

## Mishloach Manos

DHR students helped pack gifts of food for the residents at the Jewish Home. How wonderful!



## 5th Annual Max Farash Memorial Day of Learning

In appreciation of Max and Marian Farash & the Farash Foundation's generosity and commitment to Torah Education in Rochester, DHR annually dedicates a special day of learning in memory of Max Farash on his Yahrzeit (Taanis Esther - 14th of Adar). This year, we celebrated the yahrzeit and learned in his memory on March 16.

## Thank you to...

...the wonderful volunteers who drove for the 2nd grade Planetarium field trip: Mrs. Leah Cohen, Mrs. Chayi Vogel, Rabbi Dov Chastain and Mrs. Miriam Polatoff.

...the ORA girls and the 7th/8th girls for helping with the DHR Purim Carnival and making it a great, fun success!

...Mrs. Nancy Klein & Congregation Rosh Pinah for their donation!

...the Solomon children for their donation from their tzedaka box!

## Mazel Tov to...

...Chaim & Perel (London, class of 2011) Mittel on the birth of their son Yaakov Ezra!



## Condolences to ...

... the entire Dan family upon the loss of their beloved matriarch, Mrs. Dolly Dan, ע"ה. Mrs. Dan was a major DHR donor who cared so much about children and education.

"המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים"

