



Derech HaTorah of Rochester

The Path of Respect and Excellence

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April Calendar

Wed. April 13 - Fri. April 22: **Pesach Break - No School**
April 26th & 27th : **NYS Math Tests (3rd - 8th Grades)**

Learning is fun at DHR!



Matzah Bakery Trip



Our Kindergartners and 1st graders took a wonderful trip to the JCC Chabad Matzah Factory to see how Matzah is made!

Benching Superstars

Efraim Gestetner
Baruch Ber Herman



Yosef Shulman
Shmuel Winograd

Thank you to...

...Ross Kosow, our building manager, for his herculean efforts to keep our building warm despite a major boiler-system failure! Thank you so much!!

... All of the parents who made delicious dishes for our annual Parent/ Teacher Conference Day Dinner!

...Sam (Shmuel) Zargary, Regional Director of Aliah Home Care, for sponsoring tissues for the rest of the school year.

... Ellen & Stephen Filreis donated \$180.00 in honor of Dr. Lea Goldstein's milestone achievement. "Learning never ends. Thank you for all you do at DHR and the k'lal."

...All of the parents who helped DHR celebrate our principal, Dr. Lea Goldstein's, doctoral degree from the University of Rochester's Warner School. Special thanks to our students, teachers and parents for the beautiful cards, balloons and flowers and to Mrs. Jessica Nussbaum for organizing the celebration and Mrs. Adina Dan for the delicious cake!



Condolences to ...

...Mrs. Shoshana Lapin (DHR Kriah Teacher) upon the petira of her father Rabbi Reuven Shnidman, ע"ה.

"המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים"

From the Principal

Dr. Lea Goldstein

This Shabbos is Rosh Chodesh Nissan, the first of Nissan, which is one of the most significant days in Jewish history. It was then, in Mitzrayim, that Hashem gave the first mitzvah to our people — the mitzvah of declaring the new moon and sanctifying the new month.

At the seder, we mention this day, when we read: "One might think that the obligation to recount Yetzias Mitzrayim is from the beginning of the month (of Nissan). Therefore, the Torah says, 'On that day'..." We are told that the obligation to relate the story of the Jewish people leaving Mitzrayim only begins once a person has matzah and maror in front of him (at the seder). Both the Sefer HaChinuch and Rav Chaim Brisker (quoted by R' Yitzchak Sender) point out that this teaches us the importance of the "sense experience", of having symbols that we can see and touch in front of us. If we want to have an impact on a person, especially a child, we must provide tangible, living symbols to stimulate their interest.

Thus, the Haggadah conveys a vitally important lesson about the chinuch of our children. It is insufficient to simply instruct our children about Torah and mitzvos. It is imperative that we show our own commitment; only then can we endeavor to enthusiastically influence and encourage our children to perform the mitzvos. We cannot just say to our child, "Get up, go to shul", "help your grandmother" or "take out a sefer and learn." We must be living examples for our children to emulate. Therefore, the Haggadah points out that the conversation about Yetzias Mitzrayim is not just academic, historical and philosophical, but it must happen when we have matzah and maror placed in front of us.

Middos Mentions!



Levi heard his friend say that she needed her water bottle, so he smiled and offered to go get it for her!

Azkara for Rav Chaim, Kanievsky, זצ"ל

It was an honor and a privilege for our middle school boys to hear from Rav Aharon Pessin שליט"א. He visited DHR to talk about HaRav HaGaon Rav Chaim Kanievsky זצ"ל. Thank you very much to Rabbi Lagunov for arranging his visit.



Staff Development & Conferences at DHR

Our faculty enjoyed a delicious brunch on Wednesday morning (sponsored by Mr. James Sawers), then had a faculty meeting, followed by a school lockdown presentation and practice session with "Chief" Mark Henderson and State Trooper Jason Klewicki. Afterwards, we had differentiation meetings to address student needs. Finally, we welcomed nearly 80% of our parent body for teacher conferences in the afternoon and evening. Major shout-out to the 14 parents who sent dinner! Our hard-working teachers enjoyed three types of chicken dishes, pasta, rice, meat platter, salads, fruit, desserts and drinks! WOW! Thank you so much!



Mazel Tov to...

...Gennadiy & Gitana Mirochnik on the birth of their son!

...2nd grade made a grand, really fun siyum on Parshas Lech Lecha!

...Rabbi Caro's 4th grade boys made a double siyum on Parshios VaYishlach and VaYeshev. Wow!

...Yisroel & Bekka Levinson on the birth of their son!

