

Calendar

Mon., Sept. 25-Yom Kippur- **No School**
 Thurs., Sept. 28-Mon., Oct. 9 - Sukkos Break -**No School**
 Wed., Oct. 18 - School Picture Day - Lifetouch Photography
 Fri., Nov. 10- Veterans Day/Prof Dev.Day 9am-1:00pm-**No School**
 Tues., Nov. 21-Reg.Schedule, Evening Conferences 6:30pm-9pm
 Wed., Nov. 22-Parent Conferences 9am-12pm-**No School**
 Thurs., Nov 23-Fri.,Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Break-**No School**

Fun & Learning at DHR!



Benching Superstars....

Zechariah Chastain
 Goldie Cohen
 Rochie Dan
 Zelda Deitch
 Zevi Gestetner
 Nosson Hein



Sara Katz
 Zecharia Kuyunov
 Rikki Lagunov
 Rina Malka Ribakow
 Rena Vatch
 Nosson Vogel

Middos Mention...



...Rochel and Eliana jumped to help a friend who needed help packing her folder, how kind!



Mazel Tov to...

...Yaacov Ulloa on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah!



Thank you to...

...Yehezkel Roness on his donation of \$200 to sponsor a month of breakfasts for our 5-8 boys!

Soup for sale- \$2.00

- ⇒ The **8th grade girls** will be selling cups of soup daily. The soup is **\$2.00** per container and may be purchased in DHR's office.
- ⇒ The **8th grade boys'** Cholent sales will begin on **Friday, October 13th**. The cholent will cost **\$2.00** per bowl and will be available during all three lunches on **Friday**.



From the Principal

Dr. Lea E. Goldstein

As we approach Yom Kippur and learn about the holy avoda and wardrobe changes of the Kohen Gadol, perhaps it's worth focusing for a minute on the Kohen Gadol's Me'il (robe/coat). The Gemara (Erachin 16a) states that the me'il, the blue coat with a hem comprised of alternating gold bells and pomegranates, atones for the sin of lashon hara. What is the connection? The Gemara answers, "Let an item which produces a sound [the me'il - whose bells chimed when the kohen gadol walked] come and atone for a matter involving a sound [lashon hara]."

Next to each bell was a pomegranate. Another Gemara (Berachos 57a) tells us that the pomegranate is an expression of everything that is good about the Jewish people: "Even the empty ones among you are full of mitzvos, like a pomegranate is full of seeds." Obviously, the question is, how can someone be both "empty" and "full of mitzvos" at the same time? The answer is, there will always be redeeming features in any person. If you choose to ignore these positive points, you will see the person as empty. You may come to speak lashon hara about another person because you feel there is nothing good to say about him or her. To this end, the Torah places a pomegranate next to each bell, as if to say, when you are about to "ring a bell" and make a negative sound about someone, make sure that it is a "pomegranate sound." There is plenty of positive in others if you are prepared to see it. This is the antidote to lashon hara – and the pathway to forgiveness. As my esteemed father, the Rosh HaYeshiva, mentioned Tuesday night at the annual Aseres Yemai Teshuva Women's Shiur, even those who appear to be complete reshaim can conceivably have done a mitzvah that can outweigh many of their evil deeds.

Interestingly, while there are bells and pomegranates on the hem of the me'il, the me'il itself is made entirely of techeiles — sky-blue thread, which according to the Gemara (Chullin 89a and Menachos 43b), "resembles the sea, the sea resembles the sky, and the sky resembles the Throne of Glory." The Chofetz Chaim explains that the techeiles color and the kisei hakavod connection should remind us to not speak lashon hara, due to the fear of Heavenly judgment. In a scary quote from the Tanna DeBei Eliyahu, he says that lashon hara penetrates the heavens and ascends straight up to the kisei hakavod. He reminds us that we can literally destroy a person's life with a few words carelessly spoken among a group of people.

Finally, if people generally possess both positive and negative qualities, why would a person ignore another person's positive traits and focus solely on the negative? Typically, one who denigrates and devalues others does so because he wishes to promote himself. Therefore, the Kohen Gadol's bells and pomegranates were attached to a beged of techeiles. If we realize that our entire purpose is to work for the Glory of Hashem, we won't feel compelled to denigrate others. Instead, we will see that every person has qualities which can be used to further Hashem's glory.

(Several ideas were incorporated from the following sources: <https://outorah.org/p/64976/>, https://www.torchweb.org/torah_detail.php?id=197 and <https://www.shortvort.com/3722/>)

Pre-Yom Kippur kumzitz

The middle school boys enjoyed an inspiring Pre-Yom Kippur kumzitz on Wednesday night, arranged by Rabbi Balgley. Rabbis Finegold and Goldstein played along on guitars, and the rest of the Rabbaim added to the ruach. Our middle school chefs also prepared delicious potato kugel and cholent for the event. A special thank you to our setup and cleanup crew!

