



Derech HaTorah of Rochester

The Path of Respect and Excellence

March 12th, 2021

כ"ח אדר, פרשיות ויקהל-פקודי, תשפ"א

3"סב

6/7 Girls Megillas Esther Siyum!



4/5 Boys New Amsterdam Project



4/5 Girls had a Surprise Bowling Trip!



2nd Grade Science Activity

Mrs. Polatoff's second graders showed the different phases of the moon, using sandwich cookies!



Math Incentives

Middle School Math homework incentives are back! Congratulations to the following students for qualifying for this month's incentive:

Sam Brea	Shani Lagunov	Shmueli Rosenzweig
Chana Blima Caro	Chava Tova London	Immanuel Yefraimov
Leorah Elmaleh	Pessi London	Levi Yefraimov
Chayala Hanson	Shimmy Max	

Mazel Tov! It's a Siyum!

- ~ 3rd grade on their Siyum for Parahas Toldos. Chazak Chazak V' Nischazeik.
- ~ 4/5 Boys on completing Maseches Sukkah.
- ~ 6/7 Girls for learning Parshas Naso.
- ~ 8th Girls for finishing the 32nd Perek in Chumash Bereishis.

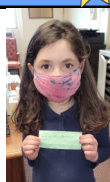


Middos Menchen Stars of the Week



Avigail K. (1st) - Avigail helped walk her friend up to the office after her friend got hurt. How thoughtful!

Shmuel W. (K) - Shmuel showed kindness to his friend and offered his swing without being prompted or asked!



From the Principal

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

A Traditional Revolutionary: Sarah Schenirer's Legacy

This week was Sarah Schenirer's 85th yahrtzeit. In the years since her death, her influence has continued to permeate Torah society and the impact of her innovation has grown stronger. The Bais Yaakov movement successfully created new and exciting opportunities for Orthodox Jewish women, religiously, educationally, professionally and communally. Bais Yaakov introduced girls to a new world of studying limudei Kodesh (Jewish studies), and made Jewish education for girls an indisputably accepted community norm. Women and girls are no longer ignorant of their traditions. They know halacha, how to daven and how to learn. For many women, this knowledge and the ability to intellectually engage with Torah is a major source of their connection to Yiddishkeit. The story of Sarah Schenirer and the Bais Yaakov movement suggests that as our children are exposed to high-level secular studies and ideologies, the more compelling, challenging and rigorous their Jewish education needs to be.

Perhaps a clue to the incredible accomplishments of Sarah Schenirer can be derived from a speech given by Sarah Schenirer herself. She taught her students that they must learn to balance two important concepts: the idea of looking inward, being modest and working on themselves —aligned with the traditional Jewish concept of tznius, and the need for helping the klal and turning outward—for extraordinary action. Sarah Schenirer did not believe tradition and innovation were mutually exclusive. You could be a traditional revolutionary—which is exactly what she was.

Five years ago, at the eightieth yahrtzeit commemoration event, Rabbi Paysach Krohn recounted a story about Rabbi Yechezkel Sarna, former rosh yeshiva of Yeshivat Chevron, who told a crowd of people that the person who had done the most for Am Yisrael in the past 100 years was not the Chofetz Chaim, the Alter of Slabodka or any of the great Chassidic Rebbes of the previous generation; it was Sarah Schenirer. She fought assimilationists, she battled with community leaders, she faced threats of excommunication. She fought l'shem Shamayim and she persevered. In doing so, she has become an integral link in the mesorah. She continues to serve as a connection for girls and women to Torah Judaism and she provides an approach to tradition and innovation that will continue to help our community thrive and grow.

Excerpted from an article in the Summer 2016 issue of Jewish Action by Leslie Ginsparg Klein.

Thank you to...

- ~ Mr. Tom Hyman & Rabbi Danny Goldstein for sponsoring and coordinating a surprise bowling trip for our 4/5 girls!
- ~ Rabbi Dovid Sandel for his \$180 donation made in memory of his beloved mother, Mrs. Selma Sandel, a"h.
- ~ Mrs. Nancy Klein and Congregation of Rosh Pinah for their \$100 donation.
- ~ Frank & Ellen Hagelberg for their \$180 donation in honor of Rabbi Danny & Lea Goldstein.
- ~ Rabbi Dovid Kilimnick for his \$200 donation.
- ~ Dr. and Mrs. Yaakov Scutaru for donating a beautiful Birchas Ha'Bayis plaque for the next DHR auction.

Benching Superstars!

Menachem Caro	Sophie Nussbaum	Racheli Stein
Chana Cohen	Tova Serebrowski	Mendel Vogel
Hirshy Cohen	Dovi Shulman	Mottel Vogel
Naomi Dahari	Yosef Shulman	Malachi Yefraimov



Calendar

~ Wed., March 24th - Mon., April 5th: Pesach Break (No School)

