

## Back from Pesach!



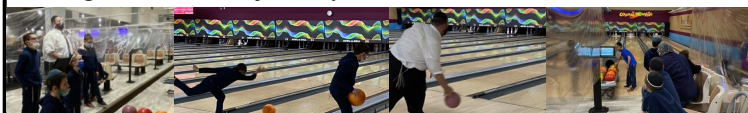
## Thank you, Greece Police

Our 8th grade girls earned slurpees for their efforts during their Friday morning computer coding class. They walked to 7-11 this morning and while there, it started to rain. A thoughtful Greece police officer drove them back to DHR in her vehicle.



## 3rd Grade Earned a Bowling Trip!

Our 3rd grade boys earned the most DHR dollars by Pesach break - totaling \$2,313! Great job, boys!



## Benching Superstars!

Menachem Caro	Ruvy Dan	Fraida Yaras
Chana Cohen	Liba Mittel	
Naomi Dahari	Dovi Shulman	

## Middos Menchen Stars of the Week

**Sophie N. (K)** - Sophie finished her work and instead of going to the library, she started picking up scrap paper to help with clean up!

**Atara K. (4/5G)** - Atara noticed some toys were dropped in the lunch room and rushed to help pick them up!

**Simcha H. (6/7B)** - When Simcha saw a teacher wiping down tables, he immediately took a wipe and helped his teacher clean off the rest of the tables.

**Yisrael A. (1st)** - Yisrael volunteered to show his friend how to do an exercise in class and did them along with the other child.

**Adina G. (4/5G)** - Adina stayed behind to help her teacher clean the middos room after class ended.



## From the Principal

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

In this week's parsha, Hashem tells us how we can ascertain whether or not an animal is kosher. The Torah explains that if an animal has split hooves and chews its cud, then it's kosher and can be eaten. However, if any animal has either hooves that aren't split or it doesn't bring up its cud, then the animal isn't kosher and cannot be eaten. Of all the animals in the world, the Torah lists one that has split hooves but doesn't chew its cud. It is "...the pig, for its hoof is split and its hoof is completely separated, but it does not chew its cud..." (Lev. 11:7).

When an animal has split hooves, it appears that it's kosher. But only by knowing what's going on inside can one know for certain if an animal is kosher or not. The pig - the universal symbol of a non-kosher animal - looks like a kosher animal. However, only by knowing what's happening inside the animal - that it doesn't chew its own cud - can one know that the pig is completely non-kosher.

This teaches us a very valuable lesson. A person could show all of the external signs and traits of being a good person, but inside, like the pig, he/she is actually quite different.

One of the most important foundations that a person needs in order to feel good about himself or herself and to have high self-esteem is to be consistent with who he/she is both externally and internally. Just like for an animal to be kosher, it must have the proper signs on both its outside and inside, we must strive to do the same.

Sadly, people tend to act one way when the world is watching and another way in private. Doing this can never make someone feel good because they are faking. If you show the world one "you", but are really someone much different, then you can never have a strong self-image or be truly happy.

So, which is the real person: the public one or the private one? **The lesson that Hashem is teaching us is that it's the person on the inside who largely determines the real "you"**. And when you refine the character of that person - the one whom the outside world rarely sees - then you'll be living a life of "אמת", truth, not deception. Here's a challenge that we can all try: For one day, live as though everything you do - both in public and private - is being shown on a huge screen for the whole world to see. And as the inside "you" begins to transform into the outside "you" you'll feel happier and more at peace and you'll continue to grow into what we daven for after we light candles... "אנשי אמת זרע קודש". Have a wonderful Shabbos!

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## Thank you to...

~ R' Dovid Roness for donating \$309, the proceeds of his yarmulka, tzitzis, etc. sale!

## Mazel Tov to...

~ R' & Mrs. Yossi Cohen on the birth of their son, Chaim Yehuda.  
 ~ Shmuel & Molly Zargary on the birth of their son, Eliyahu Michael.  
 ~ Dovid Meir & Nitzevet (DHR class of 2013) Miller on the birth of their daughter, Rivka.

## Condolences..

Mrs. Alona Yefraimov on the loss of her father.  
 "המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים"

## Calendar

~ Mon., May 17th - Tues., May 18th: Shavuot Break (no school)  
 ~ Mon., May 31st: Memorial Day (no school)

