

Pesach Projects



From the Principal Mrs. Lea Goldstein

Although Jewish education is always of utmost importance, on Pesach, more than any other chag, the education of children has a very prominent place. The Torah stresses the need to give our children an explanation with respect to four things:

- Eating matzah, and the ban on chametz – “You are to tell your son on that day: ... והגדת לבנך.” (Shemos, 13:8)
- Redemption of the firstborns: “... והיה כי ישאלך בנך.” - “When your son asks you tomorrow, saying, ‘What is this?’, you are to say to him, ‘Hashem brought us out of Egypt...’ (Shemos, 13:14)
- The Pesach sacrifice – קרבן פסח - “When your sons say to you, ‘What is this service of yours?’, you are to respond, ‘It is a Pesach offering to Hashem...’ (Shemos, 12:26-27)
- All the other mitzvos of the Torah - “When your son asks you tomorrow, saying, ‘What are all the testimonies, laws and judgments that Hashem our G-d has commanded you?’, you are to say to him, ‘We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, and Hashem brought us out of Egypt with a strong arm...’ (Devarim 6:20)

Clearly, as adults, we are commanded to pass on to our children the story of the foundation of our people, and the purpose of the liberation from Mitzrayim: to observe the Torah and its mitzvos.

Moshe even tried to explain to Pharaoh that our goal is to educate our children in the way of the Torah. When Pharaoh only wanted to allow the men to leave, Moshe said: “We will go with our young and our old, we will go with our sons and our daughters, with our sheep and goats and with our cattle, because we have G-d's festival.” (Shemos 10:9). There is no festival without the young.

Pharaoh himself realized that Klal Yisrael's future was with the young, which is why he decreed: “Every son born, you are to throw into the Nile!” (Shemos 1:22).

So, our Seder night is dedicated to children, because the Torah dictates that we must tell the history of Yetzias Mitzrayim to our children on this night. The Haggada directs us to do many unusual things to arouse our children's curiosity so that they will want to know “why this night is different than all other nights.” Children are naturally inquisitive and should not be afraid to ask; if people are embarrassed to ask, they do not learn.

At DHR, we try our best to prepare our students for this special Yom Tov, but only to a point. We want to leave lots of exciting information, concepts and ideas for you, their parents, to teach and share so you can fulfill your parental obligation! There won't be a newsletter next week before Pesach, so we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Chag Kosher Vesamayach!

4th Grade Official Proposal



To raise funds for their ambitious upcoming field trip, Mrs. Stoll's fourth graders made a very professional presentation to Mrs. Goldstein. They proposed doing DHR's outdoor Spring clean-up, gardening and some landscaping...and they have been hired!! Above is a picture of the contract being signed.

Jump on this opportunity



Sky Zone Trampoline Park has partnered with DHR to encourage reading and reward students for their accomplishments. Every student has been provided with a special Sky Zone bookmark! Each child will need to read 5 books independently or with a parent. They then will need to record the book titles on the back side of the bookmark and have a parent and their teacher sign the bookmark. Once the bookmark is complete, students can simply bring it to Sky Zone and receive one FREE 30 minute jump!!!

NYC Trip for 5th Grade Boys

We are very excited to announce that we are working on a very special class trip for our 5th grade boys. Rabbi Caro, their Rebbe, has agreed to chaperone his talmidim to the 53rd Annual National Siyum Mishnayos in New York City, on Sunday, May 15th! Special thanks to Dr. Shalom Chilungu who has agreed to help chaperone the trip!

Thank you to...

...Raphaeli Berenstein for his \$6 donation to DHR.
 ...Mrs. Alya Akkerman, Mrs. Sara Leah Solomon and Mrs. Rusi Cohen for driving the K & 1st graders on their Matza Bakery trip!

Mazel Tov to...

...Rabbi & Mrs. Tzvi Max upon the birth of a baby girl, and to DHR siblings: Tzippy, Rochie, Devora, Shimmy and Chanoch.

Calendar

- Wednesday, April 20th – Sunday, May 1st:** Pesach Break - No School
- Thursday, May 5th:** 3rd grade Civil War Town Hall Meeting, 2:30
- Wednesday, May 11:** DHR Science Fair, 5:30pm - 7:00pm.
- Monday, June 6th:** Grades 4 & 8 Science Written NY State Exam.
- Friday, June 17th:** Kindergarten Graduation & Chumash Presentation, 11am.
- Monday, June 20th:** 8th Grade Graduation