

Veterans Day



Auction

The major emphasis this coming week, with the auction exactly one month away, is solicitation. We need help from all of you!!! Take a few minutes to make a list of connections that you have developed and of businesses that you frequent. Then, please call or visit businesses, tell them about your children's wonderful school and ask them to donate an item for this big, upcoming event. When they agree to donate, call or email our office to let us know what donation you solicited and whether it needs to be picked up from the donor. Also, please keep in mind that if you are receiving a DHR scholarship or the New Family Discount, you are contractually required to participate in \$1,000 Give-or-Get. Up to \$500 of that can be credited to your account for working up to 10 hours on the DHR Scholarship Auction or Dinner/Journal (in March).

It's going to be an exciting, wonderful event with live entertainment, featuring "The Magical Comedy of Ari" from Florida, delicious foods and amazing desserts, an open bar, and of course, silent and live auctions! You'll be receiving an invitation in the mail shortly for the event, which will also include information and links for our new Chinese Auction component. But, to make this all possible, we need parental help and involvement! Thanks again to our incredibly busy Auction Chairs, Mrs. Malkie Noble and Mrs. Devora Marciano, who astoundingly, make time to make sure this event is fabulous, every year! Thanks also to parents who have offered their help, including Mr. Alan Rosenzweig, Mrs. Dina Schon, Mrs. Orly Tsits, Mrs. Slagana Mitris, Mrs. Mira Kuyunov, Mrs. Sarah Leah Solomon, Mrs. Livya Aranov and Mrs. Esther Kozadayev.



**Join the Fun...
 be a part of
 the Magic!**

**2 AUCTION EVENTS,
 PRIZES FOR
 EVERYONE!**

SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 11, 2016:
 (doors open at 6:30pm)
SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS
The Magical Comedy of Avi
*Fabulous Food and Outrageous Desserts • Open Bar &
 Assortment of Wines • Elegant, Fun Evening Out with Friends*

TEMPLE BETH EL
 139 Winton Road • Rochester, NY
 Cover Charge: \$36

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016:
THE GRAND CHINESE AUCTION
 ONLINE DRAWINGS
 Bid online at:
www.theGrandAuction.com/DHR


 Derech HaTorah of Rochester

From the Principal

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

Tomorrow, the 11th of Cheshvan, is the Yahrzeit of Rachel Imeinu, the anniversary of Rachel our Matriarch's death. In school this week, your children's teachers talked about how we commemorate and try to learn from the amazing compassion that Rachel Imeinu displayed to her sister.

This yahrzeit gives us another opportunity, both at home and at school, to try to instill in our children that sense of compassion that allows for the development of a true, objective perspective on life by seeing the positive sparks of holiness inherent in all humanity. We endeavor to impart to our children the concept that just as we beg Hashem for mercy and ask him to ignore our shortcomings, so too, we should show mercy and compassion without judging whether or not a person deserves our kindness.

Finally, we work to reinforce the lesson that Rachel suffered, and gave up everything that she had aspired to, to avoid embarrassing her sister. May we be worthy to raise kind, selfless children who follow in the footsteps of Rachel Imeinu.

Mazel Tov to...

...Rabbi Ross (DHR Gemara tutor) & Tzippy Kosow upon the birth of a baby boy! Mazel tov also to big sister Atara (DHR kindergartner)!

Help Support Our Troops



Once again, we are asking DHR families to help us send Chanuka cards and care packages to U.S. soldiers serving in Afghanistan and around the world. It brings so much joy to soldiers celebrating Chanuka far from their families. The coordinator, Keith Freedman, sent the following message to DHR: "So happy to hear that Derech HaTorah will participate again this year. Your students and families make the prettiest cards and best care packages! Derech HaTorah's families have been so very generous. In addition to cards, if the families want to make baked goods or put together packages (as many families have in the past) that would be greatly appreciated. Many of the soldiers are away from their bases for days or weeks on missions so special homemade treats and travel items work best (mini shampoos, toothpaste, baby wipes, etc.)". All cards and donations need to be in the DHR office by Thursday, December 1 in order to have enough time to reach the soldiers by the first night of Chanuka. Once again, Mrs. Chayala Diskind, has offered to put together special care packages for soldiers. She is hoping to do between 50 - 100 but would appreciate donations to help offset the costs of purchasing all the items. To participate, please send your contribution to school in an envelope labeled "Soldier Packages".

Thank you to...

...Jeanne Flye for her donation to DHR. She sent a very touching note about her friendship with "Grandma", Mrs. Muriel Davidowitz, מ"ע. She ended her note with these words: "Please use the enclosed check for the school. It is for \$95.00, the number of years that Muriel was a presence here on Earth". So sweet.

...Abby Dan for donating new wireless keyboards and mice for the faculty room computers.

...Yitzchak & Chanie Kamenetsky for their generous \$500 donation!

...Mr. Steve O'Reilly, our middle school Social Studies teacher, for coordinating our school election this past Tuesday. Teachers of grades 1 - 8 taught their students about the civic duty to vote and how lucky we are to have elections in the land of the free and the home of the brave!