

DHR Celebrates School Choice Week!



Started in 2011, National School Choice Week has grown into the world's largest celebration of opportunity in education. It is a nonpartisan, nonpolitical public awareness effort. The goal of National School Choice Week is to raise awareness about the K-12 education options available to children and families, while spotlighting the benefits of school choice.



Middos Menschen

Moshe Chastain, 2nd grade - Moshe expressed his appreciation (for something nice a classmate had done) in such a mature and impressive way! - Mrs. Polatoff

Simha Elmaleh, 5th grade - Simha was on her way to recess but kindly waited for a classmate who was not yet ready. - Mrs. Davidowitz

Shmuel Rosenzweig, 5th grade - Shmuel held the door for the second graders as they came in for gym. - Mr. Loncao

Dov Shulman, K - Dovy was so helpful during Kindergarten Shira today. - Mrs. Mammon

Moussie Yaras, 5th grade - As Moussie was on her way to recess, a classmate called her to wait for her while she put on her sneakers. "Sure!" was Moussie's quick response. - Mrs. Davidowitz

Izzy Rennert, 5th grade - Izzy did something very impressive and we are proud of him! - Mrs. Goldstein

Benching Superstars!

Sara L. Abrahamson
Talia Akkerman
Bella Angelone
Dovid Brea
Chana Blima Caro
Shneur Caro
Yerucham Dahari
Leora Elmaleh
Tammy Hauser

Moussi Hein
Benyamin Kozadayev
Ariel Kuyunov
Tehila Lehrer
Chava Tova London
Batsheva Max
Shmuel Mochkin
Ella Nussbaum
Esther Schon

Malka Shulman
Rena Sloviter
Elishava Tsits
Esther Tsits
Chana Yaras
Nosson Yaras



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From the Principal Mrs. Lea Goldstein

In this week's parsha, parshas Beshalach, we learn of the incredible miracle known as Krias Yam Suf — a miracle which affects us to this very day. The Torah details that it happened in "the merit of their belief in Hashem". Interestingly, in the Gemara (Pesachim 118a), Rabbi Elazar ben Azarya states that earning one's daily sustenance is "as difficult as Krias Yam Suf". We also find a connection between the difficulty of Krias Yam Suf and finding a mate in a different Gemara (Sotah 2a).

Of course, the splitting of the sea was a great miracle, but it's a strange statement. Who was it difficult for? Hashem? Can something really be difficult for Hashem?

Rav Belsky, זצ"ל, addressed this question by explaining that although shidduchim and parnassa are as hard as splitting the Yam Suf, nothing is truly hard for Hashem. However, He made the splitting of the sea contingent on Nachshon ben Aminadav and Klal Yisrael trusting Him and entering the raging waters. He said that shidduchim and parnassa work in the same way; we have to trust Hashem, then take the initiative and jump into the sea.

On the Shmuz.com, Rabbi Shafier points out that while we must take initiative, it is most important that we recognize who runs the world. He explains this concept as functioning on a continuum. It seems that the more a person trusts in Hashem, the more Hashem feels an obligation to take care of that person, and the more He will be directly involved in that person's life. It is almost as if Hashem says, "How can I not take care of him? He relies on Me, he trusts in Me". This seems to be the answer as to why the "merit of their belief in Hashem" was so pivotal at Krias Yam Suf. The reward for trust – that Hashem takes care of us - is a powerful lesson. We have to go out and do our part, following the laws of nature, knowing all the while that whatever Hashem has decreed will come about — no more, no less, no sooner, no later. However, the quality and quantity of our trust in Hashem will directly affect how much Hashem will intercede on our behalf. So, it seems that when we rely on Hashem and trust in Him, Hashem "feels" obligated to take care of us.

Events

We have several very exciting events happening soon at DHR! So please grab your calendars and make sure that these don't-wanna-miss events are written down. Here they are:

TORAH FAIR – This year's annual Torah Fair with the theme of Shabbos, is coming soon! Our students will be sharing what they've learned on Tuesday evening, February 6, 2018 from 5:30-6:30pm at DHR. The 8th grade boys will also be selling dinner – see attached flyer.

DHR NIGHT AT THE AMERKS – Our P.E. teacher, Mr. Jeremy Loncao, has organized DHR's 2nd annual Night at the Amerks hockey game. On Wednesday, February 7, tickets are "buy one, get one free" for \$14 total (\$7 each). This outing coincides with the hockey unit that most of our classes are learning in P.E.

SCHOLARSHIP DINNER & JOURNAL – We are thrilled to announce that DHR will be honoring the Springut Family on Sunday evening, March 11, 2018 at Beth Sholom. You should be receiving the journal mailing this weekend and dinner invitations within the next few weeks! Please be a part of this important event!

MEGILLATHON – DHR 6th-8th grade boys and TIUNY's high school and bais medrash bachurim are learning meseches Megillah and are seeking sponsors for their learning! Call the office for more information.

