



Derech HaTorah of Rochester

The Path of Respect and Excellence

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Important Calendar Changes & Additions

Mon., May 9th - Virtual Grandparents Day
Sun., May 22nd - Wed. May 25th - 8th Grade Girls Trip
Mon., May 30th - Memorial Day - **No School**
Tue., May 31st - 7:00 pm @ DHR 5th/6th Grade Girls Cantata performance : An elegant evening for women and girls.... Inspiring Drama, Song, Dance and Refreshments !!
NEW: Fri., June 3rd - "Erev 3-Day Yom Tov - **NO SCHOOL**

SAVE THE DATES...

May 24th - 25th - **BIG DHR & TIUNY Campaign!**
June 14th - **DHR Picnic/BBQ/Open House & Thank you Party** - 4:00pm-6:30pm

Learning is fun at DHR!



Benching Superstars

Yosef Brea
Sara Katz
Rikki Lagunov
Michal Polatoff



Bentzion Scutaru
Aliza Sloviter
Rena Vatch

Middos Mentions!



Talia and Ariel saw Mrs. London & Ms. Stacy cleaning the refrigerator and offered to help!

Thank you to...

... Yehuda Dubitsky for his donation in memory of Feigah Leah bas Yeshuah Mendel & Tovah bas Feigah Leah.
... Kindergarten students' tzedaka donation of \$ 11.87 from their class tzedaka box!
... Rabbi and Mrs. Michael Abrahamson for their Yizkor donation.
... Rabbi Dovid Roness, DHR Rebbe, for his ongoing tzitzis, yarmulka, etc. sales. His most recent donation of proceeds was \$1,169!

From the Principal

Dr. Lea Goldstein

The Seriousness of Regression

Regression is the loss of learned skills, usually after breaks in instruction such as a long Yom Tov or after summer vacation. After these breaks, teachers often see slippage, loss of skills, failure to maintain skills or a lack of maintenance and generalization of skills. Clearly, some regression is inevitable and normal in all children — with or without learning disabilities or special needs.

In some instances, however, students are profoundly affected by lapses in instruction. These students may be unable to store concepts in their long-term memory in a way that can be easily recalled. The amount of instruction they need to recover or "recoup" their abilities and skills may be longer than other students need, and they may need additional instruction to catch up. Students with learning disabilities often experience more regression than typical students their age.

Specifically, teachers are reporting this week that younger children who didn't read and practice Kriah over the Pesach break came back to school with very significant regression and a definite loss of weeks/months of previously-acquired skills.

Remedies for Regression

The best remedy for regression is to prevent it from happening. Our teachers assist in preventing regression by sending home reading and Kriah sheets and recommending activities for parents to do with their children. Teachers also incentivize their students to read and learn over breaks by offering prizes and encouraging students to earn points/tickets, so students are often motivated to keep up their skills over breaks from school. However, it's up to parents to remind their children who are not yet independent or who struggle with executive function to carve out time for these important, crucial activities.

We really need to make addressing the issue of summer and vacation learning loss a priority not only because it exacerbates achievement gaps (Atteberry, A., & McEachin, A., 2016), but also because it "wastes" so much of the knowledge students have gained during the school year. Learning loss from breaks also undoubtedly increases the amount of time teachers have to spend "re-teaching" content (Polikoff, M.S. (2012).

Partially excerpted from: Regression and Learning Loss During School Breaks by Ann Logsdon. <https://www.verywellfamily.com/understanding-school-break-regression-2162688>

Grandparents Day!



Virtual Grandparents Day! Monday, **May 9th**. Please see attached flyer and we'll email the times and links next week.



Mazel Tov to...

... Yerucham Dahari and Shimmy Yefraimov for earning Rabbi Shulman's monthly homework incentive for April. They were inadvertently omitted from the 4/8/22 newsletter. Great job!
... Rabbi & Mrs. Binyomin Sloviter on the birth of their daughter Yakira Leah.
... The 5/6B celebrated the completion of Parshas Shemos with Rashi with Rabbi Roness, Haddar Matzos Balls and Chef Woo!



Condolences to ...

... Condolences to the Ganz and Davidowitz families upon the loss of Rabbi Berish Ganz. "המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי עיון וירושלים"