

Derech HaTorah of Rochester, 125 Kings Highway S, Rochester, New York 14617, was the featured school in the “**Consortium of Jewish Day Schools**” February 2009 publication. An excerpt of the article follows. For more information on DHR, please call 585-266-2920.

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SCHOOL:**



Derech HaTorah of Rochester

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—Mrs. Lea Goldstein, Principal

You’ve probably seen ads recently in the major Jewish newspapers about Rochester, NY. Sure, they can boast very affordable housing (nice 3-4 bedroom houses, big backyards for \$150,000), have had over 20 new young families move in during the last four years, and have a well-known and respected Chofetz Chaim *Yeshiva*, but what about an elementary school?

Here’s the inside scoop: You’ve got to visit Derech HaTorah of Rochester! In just four short years, they have built an outstanding *Yeshiva Ketana/Bais Yaakov*. They have more than doubled their initial enrollment...over 100% growth in four years! The *rebbeim* and *moros* are incredibly talented, dynamic and inspirational and the general studies teachers are all NYS certified and fantastic. Classes are interactive and fun. Students are engaged and interested in what’s being taught. After spending a few minutes in each class, you don’t want to leave. The level of instruction is high, but differentiated as necessary.

The children are enthusiastic and happy; they smile as they walk through the halls. They are polite and respectful. They enjoy being in school!

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The week before *Chanuka*, Consortium of Jewish Day Schools visited us at Derech HaTorah of Rochester. They wanted to see, firsthand, the progress of their JEM mentoree, Rabbi Aron Troppe, and received a tour of Derech HaTorah, Rochester’s new elementary and middle school. We were eager to share what we’ve built with a representative of CoJDS. The tour included our bright, happy school and it was clear that the Consortium is proud to be associated with another community where *chinuch* is successful!



FLAGSHIP / MODEL SCHOOL PROGRAM

There is no longer any reason to reinvent the wheel! At Derech HaTorah, they have a working model – both theory and practice – how it should be done – and how it is done! The principal, Lea Goldstein (MsEd Admin), has over 20 years of teaching experience. She has mentored well known *mechanchim* and *moros* and is now training principals in supervision, curriculum development, financial management and building schools.

We are inviting Derech HaTorah of Rochester (DHR) to join our team as a flagship model school. They have demonstrated that it is possible to have a successful, outstanding school with high standards despite the challenges of being out of town in a smaller Jewish community with limited resources. It can be done! If your school (principal and/or lay administration) is interested in finding out more about our new flagship model school program, please email info@cojds.com.