

## Calendar

DHR '23-'24 - **Registration Packets** and **payments are past due.**  
 Tue., May 9 - Yeshiva/DHR Lag B'Omer -BBQ Dinner  
 Wed., May 10 - NYS Science Field Test 3rd-8th grade  
 Mon. & Tues., May 22-23 - Million \$\$\$ Campaign  
 Thurs., May 25 - Fri., May 26 - Shavuot Break - **No School**  
 Mon., May 29 - Memorial Day -**No School**  
 Wed., June 14 - All DHR library books are due back to school  
 Thurs., June 15 - **\*\*THE EVENT!\*\*** DHR & Yeshiva Dinner  
 Celebration, 6pm at the Wintergarden  
 Fri., June 16 - 4/5 girls Birchas Yaakov performance 9:30 am  
 Mon., June 19- **Teacher Appreciation Picnic 11:45am-12:30pm**  
 Tues., June 20 - **K Graduation & 1st Grade Chumash Celebration**  
 (starting @ 2pm with Kindergarten)  
 Tues., June 20- **8th Grade Graduation, 7:30pm**  
 Wed., June 21 - **Last Day of School , 11:30am dismissal**  
 Thurs., June 22- Teacher Work Day (9:00am-3:00pm)

## Fun and Learning at DHR!



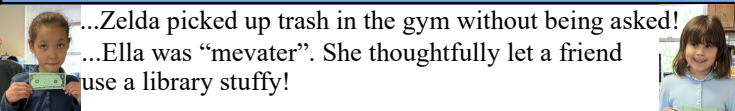
## Benching Superstars...

Zeesa Aranov  
 Yosef Brea  
 Ephraim Burger  
 Zelda Deitch  
 Ashira Hirsh  
 Sara Katz  
 Rikki Lagunov  
 Michal Polatoff



Ahron Shulman  
 Aliza Sloviter  
 Tziporah Twersky  
 Hannah Ulloa  
 Rena Vatch  
 Nosson Vogel  
 Levi Yaras  
 Moshe Zargary

## Middos Mentions...



...Zelda picked up trash in the gym without being asked!  
 ...Ella was "mevater". She thoughtfully let a friend use a library stuffy!

## Thank you to...

...the Filreis family for their thoughtful donations!

## Mazel Tov to...

...Mrs. Stacy Burke on the occasion of her birthday today!!!



## From the Principal

Dr. Lea E. Goldstein

In Parshas Emor, we find the words: "וְלֹא תִחַלְלוּ אֶת־שְׁמִי קְדוֹשִׁי" - "Do not profane My Holy Name". According to the Chofetz Chaim (in the pesicha to Sefer Chofetz Chaim), this is the sixth lav (prohibition) relating to lashon hara. In his Be'er Mayim Chaim, he explains the close, intertwined relationship between speaking lashon hara and transgressing the prohibition of "Do not profane My Holy Name".

**The first reason is that lashon hara, in and of itself, does not provide a tangible benefit to the speaker or listener.** The Gemara in Taanis (8a) tells us that in the future, all of the animals will gather around the snake and say to him: "A lion mauls its prey and eats it; a wolf rips apart its prey and eats it; but you, what pleasure do you have when you bite (a large animal or person that you are incapable of eating)?" The snake will say to them: "And what advantage does the speaker of lashon hara gain? A snake commonly kills prey and then slithers away without eating it. The ba'al lashon hara is the same, he kills with his words but does not gain a physical advantage. When someone receives a physical pleasure or advantage from a sin, it is, of course, still an aveira, but we are not perfect beings and in weak moments we can be tempted to do something that might provide an immediate pleasure or physical benefit. When it comes to lashon hara, however, since there is no physical pleasure or benefit, it is considered to be a flagrant desecration of Hashem and his mitzvos.

The second reason is that, because lashon hara has become so commonplace, people often trivialize the halachos and become unable to see their speech as even possibly violating the Torah. When you point out to the speaker that they're speaking lashon hara, the Chofetz Chaim says, the speaker will bring "one thousand reasons" as to why what he said was either permitted or actually obligated. Often, he will double down and say even more egregious lashon hara. The Chofetz Chaim asks: "הנמצא כזה בכל עונות שבעולם" - "Can you find any other sin that is like this?" When it comes to desecration of Hashem's name through lashon hara, it often leads people to speak more lashon hara!

### The Takeaway:

Those who speak lashon hara, and particularly ba'alei lashon hara—those who habitually speak lashon hara - commit a chilul Hashem because they generally have no physical pleasure from their speech and, therefore, it appears as if they are simply and knowingly acting against Hashem and his mitzvos. Additionally, the baa'al lashon hara will find any excuse to justify his speech and even claim that it is required. This type of immunity to rebuke and twisting of halachah is a true chilul Hashem.

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<https://beyondbt.com/2023/05/04/do-not-profane-my-holy-name/>



**Tuesday, May 9th**  
**Brighton Town Park, 777 Westfall Road**  
**BBQ Dinner & Fun—Free for the family!**  
**Girls' party (6th grade and up) at Brookside**  
**(Yeshiva's new campus) starting at 4:30pm**