

Derech HaTorah of Rochester The Path of Respect and Excellence

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Mrs. Lea Galdstein

Welcome Back! We are so happy to see you again!



The Office:

We are so fortunate to have Mrs. Josie Waverly-Reger as our new secretary/administrative assistant! She is a multi-talented very capable multi-tasker who smiles while juggling phone calls, deliveries, splinters, ice-packs, front-door buzzers, teacher requests, administrative needs, newsletters and much more. She is a proud grandma, a musician and a published author.

The Kindergarten:

Ms. Eileen Hajduk (pronounced "Hi-Duke") has 30 years of experience as an early childhood teacher. She has served as a lead teacher at Kinder Care and at the JCC, was director of a day care center, taught kindergarten and earned her degrees in the SUNY system in Elementary Ed. Her references describe her as a warm, loving, organized, efficient teacher who makes sure that every child succeeds. We are thrilled to welcome her to the DHR family.

Mrs. Rachel Mory, an experienced kindergarten teacher, has graciously joined us as our Kindergarten Assistant Teacher this year. Her warm, wonderful, gentle-but-structured presence is greatly appreciated in our busy classroom of 22 students, בע"ה. We are so blessed to have her! Title I:

We are thrilled that Mrs. Daniella Vatch has joined our staff as a Title I teacher this year. She was a beloved TLC teacher, so she is a very friendly, familiar face for our kindergartners. Mrs. Vatch has already begun our K-5 Aimsweb assessments so we can ascertain which students need additional support. Of course, we will request parental permission before a student receives services.

Physical Education:

Our new P.E. teacher, Ms. Aimee Spilman has a bachelor's of science degree in kinesiology and sport management. She is an experienced coach, a three-sport athlete, a three-time SUNYAC Champion and served as a peer mentor and assistant in the sports information department at SUNY Brockport. She loves P.E., is enthusiastic and is really looking forward to joining the DHR team. Ms. Spilman will teach K, 1, 2, 3, 4 and the middle school girls' classes. Don't worry about our middle school boys, though...they have the great Rabbi Dov Chastain, a former high school varsity baseball, basketball, and track star!

Allergy Alert: Please take note!

Allergy Notice:

Due to a student's anaphylactic allergies, we are not allowed to heat up fish in the school microwaves. Please do not send your child to school with fish that needs to be warmed up. Cold tuna fish is fine.



From the Principal

Welcome back!!! We have come to the conclusion that this might be our cutest, most enthusiastic group EVER! Our student body has, B"H, grown by more than 10% and we opened our doors on Wednesday to 129 children in grades K -8... כן ירבו!

We are looking forward to a wonderful, productive, fun and, of course, learning-filled year. We have loads of exciting new additions, like the...

...game room!! We already have a foosball table, a ping-pong table, a giant Connect Four game, bean bag games, tabletop push-pop-stressrelieving-sensory game and a couch. We are working on getting an air -hockey table and a pool table. If you have any leads on those, please let us know.

...new outdoor balance beams and recess benches. We are waiting for delivery of our new picnic tables to enable us to have classes enjoy outdoor lunches on occasion.

...new high-security doors and windows are being installed (thanks to a major grant from the Dan Family through the Federation) and will add another level of safety for our students and staff.

...middle school girls' wing and class rooms!

כתיבה וחתימה טובה!

Friendly Reminders:

- Immunizations/Physical Exams NYSED requires an annual physical exam for new entrants and student's grades K, 2, 4, 7. Please have your doctor fax over the completed forms as soon as possible to DHR at (585) 486-1089. Thank you!
- Please remember to include plastic silverware with your child's lunch, if needed. DHR does not provide silverware or bowls.
- In school, no personal electronic devices (cell phones, ipods, mp3, tablets, kindles, etc.) are allowed at all! No exceptions! On the bus, students may use electronic devices as long as they are blocked and not connected to the internet. Also, the devices may not have any objectionable content that can be listened to or viewed. Thanks for your support n this issue.
- Sunday Schedule is printed in each Yoman as well as on the website.

Special Welcome to our New DHR Families!

The Burger Family The Eidelman Family The Hirsh Family The Hirshfeld Family The Kilimnick Family The Lapin Family The Mory Family The Sufrin Family The Vatch Family The Zargary Family

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See Attached Paper

September Calendar

- ~ Monday, September 6th Happy Labor Day! no school
- ~ Tuesday, Wednesday September 7-8 Rosh Hashana Break no school
- ~ Thursday, September 9th Tzom Gedalia (1 pm dismissal)
- ~ Monday, September 13th Meet the Teacher Night 7:30-8:30pm
- ~ Sunday, October 3rd TIUNY& DHR BBQ at Brookside 4-6pm
- ~ Wed. & Thur., Sept. 15-16th Yom Kippur Break no school
- ~ Fri., Sept. 17th Thurs. Sept., 30th Sukkos Break no school

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