

Derech HaTorah of Rochester The Path of Respect and Excellence

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5/6 Girly Cantata

The 5/6 Girls did a fabulous job at their Bas Mitzvah Contata this past Wednesday evening! They sang, acted and shared the beautiful ideas that they learned this year with Mrs. Mammon in their Bas Mitzvah class. A big thank you to Mrs. Mammon for planning and organizing this wonderful, inspiring event!

Free Bowling Program

Bowl-a-Roll will once again be offering its popular summer program called, "Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Bowling". On Monday, we will be sending home cards that entitle your child to one free game of bowling (including shoe rental) **every day** during the summer (June through August).

Special Guest



The kindergarten and first grade students were excited to welcome local author and Morah, Mrs. Naomi Shulman, to their classroom. Mrs. Shulman read her new book, "I Daven Every Day" to our students, answered questions and then donated a copy of her beautiful new book to DHR's library! Thank you!!

Nonderworks



Lying on a bed of nails? This was just one of the "wonders" experienced by the 3rd and 4th graders at WonderWorks yesterday. The students enjoyed many scientific activities at the scientific indoor amusement park, including virtual roller coasters, shadow air hockey, mind games, giant bubble making and optical illusions galore. All the ice cream sandwich sales and landscaping really paid off!

From the Principal Mrs. Lea Goldstein

Summer is almost here! Summer vacation is the time to relax, have fun, recharge our batteries and gear up for another year of important, exciting and meaningful learning. However, students experience learning losses when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer. Educational experts have estimated that up to 80% of what children are taught in school can be lost over the summer if it is not reinforced. Furthermore, research shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of summer vacation (Cooper, 1996).

Therefore, since DHR always endeavors to be on the cutting edge of educational progress, we have decided to set up a recommended school-wide summer learning program for this summer. Students currently in K-7 will receive packets before the end of the school year (and they will also be posted on our website). The purpose is NOT to teach new skills, but to review what they've learned over the school year.

However, we also value the importance of play. Children really love summer vacation...and deserve a break! So, the packets are not too time-consuming, and as an incentive, all students who complete their summer packets will be awarded Derech HaTorah Dollars that they can use at the <u>Student Auction for Great Stuff</u> during the first week of school in September.

Please remind your children that teachers are expecting them to work hard on their summer packets! Please partner with us in assuring that all of our students retain their hard-earned skills and are ready to start new material in September without needing a great deal of review and re-teaching.

Condolences to ...

...to the entire Roth family upon the loss of Mrs. Sylvia Roth... המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים."

Thank you to...

...Gerry & Sue Segelman for their \$25 donation in memory of Mrs. Muriel Davidowitz, u"v.

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...Rabbi Avrohom Berenstein and Mrs. Dara Rennert for driving and chaperoning the 3rd/4th grade trip to Wonderworks.

...all of DHR's friends and family that have helped this year with our transition to a new building. Your support and generosity have been and continue to be greatly appreciated!



Monday, June 20th: Kindergarten Graduation, 1st Grade Chumash Presentation & 2nd Grade Performance, 2pm.

Monday, June 20th: 8th Grade Graduation, 7:30pm.

Tuesday, June 21st: Last Day of School, 11:30am dismissal.



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