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## RKYHS STUDENTS LEARN IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION FROM GUEST SPEAKER

On Friday, Juniors and Seniors of RKYHS heard a presentation by Ellen Newman about the loss of her son Ariel Newman a”h. A little less than three years ago, Ariel, after graduating from Yeshiva University High School for Boys set off for his gap year in Israel. Within one week of arriving in Israel, Ariel Newman died of exertional heat stroke in the Judean desert. Ms. Newman shared her story today to with our students in the hopes of teaching basic potentially life saving information.

That the Newman family is using their personal tragedy to benefit the Jewish community and others is an example we can all learn from. That a young healthy students went off to Israel and died among tragic circumstances should give of all of us pause to appreciate our ephemeral blessings and to heighten our consideration of personal safety wherever we are.

We are grateful to the Newman family for taking the time to speak to our students. Please read more about keeping yourself safe during hikes using Ariel’s checklist.

Click here:

<http://ksi.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/1222/2015/06/Ariels-Checklist.pdf>

