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Possibly for this reason, much of the research on the relationship. * This work was funded by grant 96-00115/1 from the US-Israel Binational Science Foundation. 4. A bivariate regression of class size on the mathematical expression of Maimonides’s rule has an R² of .49 in the 1991 population of 2018 fourth grade classes. The corresponding R² for 2049 fourth grade classes is .55, and the corresponding R² for 2049 third grade classes is .53. 536. This study is limited to pupils in the Jewish public school system, including both secular and religious schools. These groups account for the vast majority of school children in Israel. We exclude students in Arab schools because they were not given reading tests in 1991 and because no PD index was computed or published for Arab schools until 1994.