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DOUBLE BEIS MEDRASH FAHAR WITH RABBI ZISKIND



Last Thursday, Rabbi Ziskind's Double Beis Medrash shiur went out to numerous Rabbis to be tested on their year in learning. The first stop was Yeshiva University

where the team met with Rabbi Wiederblank and Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Schachter. Groups presented to the Rabbis different Sugyas of Gemara from different places in Bav Basra. After that, the shiur went to Monsey to meet with Rabbi Ziskind's uncle, Rabbi Braun. Other groups presented there as well. Rabbi Braun also gave a presentation showing rare Jewish artifacts such as coins from the Second Bais Hamikdash Period and even ashes from the Charbon.

All in all it was an incredible trip that wouldn't have been possible without the great Rabbi Ziskind himself. Thank you for being an amazing teacher and an inspiration to us all.



The talmidim with Rabbi Braun

Moe Goldstein (Junior)

RAMBAM WINS BIG AT CIJE INNOVATION DAY!

This past week, Rambam participated in CIJE Innovation Day, an event that brings together over 1,000 high school students from dozens of schools across nine states, including New Jersey, New York, Florida, Texas, Maryland, and Washington. For Innov-

ation Day, teams were tasked to develop an invention that could make a real impact and then present their projects at Innovation Day, which took place at the American Dream Mall.

Throughout the day, teams had five minutes to pitch their invention to a room filled with fellow students and judges. After presenting, judges asked questions to each team about their project and about the development process.

At the end of the day there was an award ceremony in which Rambam ultimately won First Place for Best Pitch, with a project centered around a milk cap designed to detect whether



Winners!

milk is spoiled. The team was led by sophomores David Rabinow and Effie Neuman who worked for months developing the cap. As part of the development process, David flew out to Chicago to meet with a

professor from the University of Chicago and discuss different testing methods that could help determine whether milk had gone bad.

The project was developed over several months through designing, coding, testing, and refining the cap. The cap works by measuring changes in the milk's electrochemical properties, specifically shifts in ionic conductivity caused by microbial activity. As milk spoils, bacteria metabolize components in the milk, producing acidic byproducts and other charged particles that alter the milk's conductivity. The cap takes an initial baseline reading and then compares future readings to tested thresholds of ionic activity. Once the readings pass certain levels, the cap can help determine whether or not the milk is spoiled.

The team hopes to continue refining the project and eventually make an appearance at CIJE Tank.

To check us out go to: <https://biocap.davidrabinow.com/>

David Rabinow (Sophomore)

RAMBAM CHESS WINS CHAMPIONSHIP!

After an amazing regular season and tournament at YU in March, the prestigious Rambam Chess team headed back to YU on Monday to play in the 33rd annual Rabbi Mair Wolofsky z"l Yeshiva League Chess Championship. Rambam would be competing against 3 other schools: Frisch, MTA, and North Shore. Each of these teams won their respective divisions, so it would be a tough slate of games up ahead for Rambam. Rambam would be playing 3 games against North Shore, 2 against Frisch, and 2 against MTA.

Before the games began, Rabbi Baruch Pesach Mendelson from MTA shared a few words about Rabbi Wolofsky z"l and what he meant to the chess season/championship and the yeshiva league as a whole. He really ran the league on his own for 33 years, and his passing this past March was extremely tragic. Rabbi Mendelson shared how this was not a solo effort and thanked all the coaches from the 4 teams involved. He explained how Rabbi Wolofsky's goal in his endeavor was for yeshiva guys to play chess and how much of a success it has been the past 33 years. The tournament was named in his honor, and hopefully, his family will continue to run the league for many years to come.

The games began and each side would have 35 minutes to spend throughout the game. As always with chess, every game is different, and it was very interesting to see all the different types of games that were being played at the championship. Some games finished quickly, and some were longer games which required more thinking. MTA had a hot start and took the lead early, with Rambam and Frisch closely behind. Rambam was not doing extremely well early on and only had 2.5/5, a prompt third place. However, there were still 2 games left to play.

Rambam won both of their final 2 games, headlined by an amazing pin from Aaron Grimm (10th) and a brutal

fork from Jakey Glass (12th). Rambam would finish the tournament with 4.5/7, an impressive score. MTA and Frisch, the teams closely behind Rambam, had 2 games left to play against each other. MTA was at 3.5/5 and Frisch was at 3/5, so it was almost certain that Rambam would tie with one of the other 2 schools. That first game between MTA and Frisch ended in a draw, so it set up the stakes for the final game. An MTA win would mean they win the championship alone, a draw would mean Rambam and MTA would be crowned co-champions, and a Frisch win would mean Rambam and Frisch would be crowned co-champions. After a crazy pin, a controversial touch-move violation, and the game being decided by literal seconds on the clock, Frisch's player came out victorious, and Rambam and Frisch would be crowned co-champions for the second time in the past 4 years. This would be Rambam's third Championship win in the past 4 years. Shoutout to Aaron Grimm, Jakey Glass, Ethan Farber (12th), and Shimmy Orenbuch (9th) for winning their games.

That being said, we'd like to wish a farewell to all the seniors who have played this season. Co-captains Avi Pearlman and Shachar Klein, Jakey Glass, Ethan Farber, Noam Leban, Yehuda Gol, Moshe Holzer, Mark Khaimov, and Isaac Masri. The team next year will be headlined by captains Aaron Grimm and Yehuda Fistel (11th). A big thank you to captains Avi Pearlman and Shachar Klein, assistant captain Aaron Grimm, and the rest of our starting players. Rambam Chess should continue to be successful for many more years.



Avi Pearlman (Senior)

RAMBAM MOTHER-SON TRIVIA NIGHT IS A SLAMMING SUCCESS!

Last Wednesday, the Rambam community held their 2nd Annual Mother/Son Trivia Night, where teams of 3-4 mother-son pairs would face off in a trivia battle. Each team also had different faculty members helping them out each round. The mothers, sons, and faculty enjoyed pizza and salad before the competition, and the different moms got to meet new friends.

The competition began with a set of 200 multiple-choice questions to be answered via Scantron. There were questions on so many different topics across all different categories that it's impossible to encompass the entire competition in one category of questions. Each team had 15 minutes to answer all 200 questions and fill out both Scantrons in order for the questions to be graded.



After the first set of multiple-choice, Dr. Goldman led a Panoply Challenge on the Smart Board for various categories for the short-answer section. The mothers, sons, and faculty had to name certain mothers from Tanach, identify different TV show sets, identify the country based on the flag, etc. There were 3 rounds of multiple-choice questions and 2 rounds of short-answer questions. With such a broad range of questions, every person had their chance to shine with their specific knowledge. It was very interesting to see all the different skill-sets and the knowledge that all the participants have in various categories.

This year, there about 60 sets of mothers and sons, compared to about 45 from last year. This made for 16 teams. Out of the 16 teams,



Team #1 !!!

the top 2 were recognized and were given plaques. The winning team was Team 1, consisting of Gabe Weiss (12th) and his mother, Jacob Gordon (12th) and his mother, and Moshe Dahan (11th) and his mother. The runner-up team was Team 14, consisting of CJ Berkowitz (12th) and his mother, Noam Rosenbaum (12th) and his mother, and Ethan Farber (12th) and his mother. All the moms were given special Rambam Mom hats that they can proudly wear, knowing that their sons are true Rambam Men. A huge thank you to Tami Tsadik, Dr. Goldman, Rav Yitz, and the entire faculty for creating an amazing night for mothers, sons, faculty, and the greater Rambam community as a whole.



Runners-up!

Avi Pearlman (Senior)

ASSEMBLY WITH ELI ROSENBAUM, NAZI HUNTER

This past week, the talmidim of Rambam had the opportunity to hear from Mr. Eli Rosenbaum. For 38 years, Mr. Rosenbaum, cousin of Aidan Mayer and Noah Mayer,



worked at the Office of Special Investigations in the United States Department of Justice, eventually serving as its director. The office was responsible for interviewing, and in some cases deporting, alleged Nazi war criminals living in the United States. This special division was formed after the United States and other European countries' poor efforts in punishing Nazi war criminals. During his presentation, Mr. Rosenbaum described how his office operated. He

showed the students photographs of the suspects, pictures from the famous Nuremberg trials, signatures, signed death warrants, and shared personal stories from his experiences.



In one of these cases, Mr. Rosenbaum credits Rosh HaYeshiva Rabbi Zev Meir Friedman for his activism and teaching generations of Rambam students to rally for the causes in

which they believe. The case involved Jakiw Palij, a former Nazi labor camp guard who was living peacefully in Jackson Heights, Queens. He came to the U.S. from Ukraine after World War II and claimed that he had worked as a farmer. Although his citizenship was eventually revoked, no other country was willing to accept him. Palij maintained that while he had served as a Nazi guard, he never personally killed anyone. However, Mr. Rosenbaum's investigations uncovered documents bearing Palij's signature that authorized the execution of Jews, as well as evidence showing that he served as a guard at a Nazi labor camp. There, Palij prevented prisoners from escaping before they were murdered during a mass killing operation in late 1943. Due to Mr. Rosenbaum and Rabbi Friedman's work, Palij was finally kicked out of the United States and deported back to Germany in 2018.

Even though he has since retired, Mr. Rosenbaum was asked by the U.S. Attorney General to assist with similar investigations related to the Russia-Ukraine conflict. In addition, since October 7th, Mr. Rosenbaum has been writing numerous articles condemning Hamas's acts of terrorism and strongly defending Israel against false accusation of "genocide".



Special thanks to Aidan Mayer for organizing this important assembly after working for five years to make it a reality. Thank you also to Mr. Aaron Friedman and Reb Yitz Milworn for helping prepare the event by putting posters and other boards in the shul. Finally, sincere gratitude goes to Rabbi Friedman, Rabbi Herschman, and Dr. Goldman for their support in making this meaningful and educational

Aidan Mayer (Senior)

RAMBAM ULTIMATE FRISBEE TOURNAMENT IS A SUCCESS ONCE AGAIN!

Last Tuesday, Rambam held their Annual Ultimate Frisbee Tournament/Draw your Own Jersey Contest. Each team had a specific color shirt, and part of the contest was to create a design on your shirt based on your team name. The different team names were the Fris-Beasts (red), the Disc-Jockeys (orange), the Throwverlords (blue), the Chuck Norrises (gray), Dragon Army (tan), and the Ultimate Knights (white).



Guys were designing their shirts in school and at home, and after school, everyone met at Cedarhurst



Shaya Lubner (left) and Yonah Meir (right)

Park to begin the tournament. Yonah Meir won first place for the draw your own jersey contest with a cool America/cowboy design in honor of Chuck Norris. Shaya Lubner won second place with a cool beast design for the Fris-Beasts.

Dr. Goldman (a 3-Time Ultimate Frisbee Champion) and Rav Yitz shared a few words and the tournament began. Immediately, 3 teams got out to an extremely hot start and solidified themselves as true contenders. The Fris-Beasts, the Dragon Army, and the Throwverlords. These teams ended the tournament 3-0, 3-0, and 2-1, respectively. The Chuck Norrises snuck into the playoffs with a 1-2 record, but lost to the Fris-Beasts in the semi-finals. The Throwverlords upset the 3-0 Dragon Army in the semi-finals and set up a rematch for the championship. Fris-Beasts, led by Captain Shaya Lubner, vs Throwverlords, led by Captain Gabe Weiss.





The Fris-Beasts bested the Throwverlords in their first meeting, but this time would be different. The Throwverlords dominated, with amazing play by the entire team.

Gabe Weiss, Sammy Mimun, Natan Aryeh, Moshe Dahan, and Yitzchak Engelsohn. Gabe Weiss rightfully won MVP of the tournament and brought glory to the blue team. A huge thank you to Dr. Goldman and Rav Yitz for running an amazing tournament yet again!



Avi Pearlman (Senior)

WRITERS' GUILD COMES TO A CONCLUSION

The best of the last four years of Writers' Guild came to a close on Monday with a quality plot twist in real life: over a dozen students wrote not only stories, but individual prompts for one another, making the entire packet a love letter to Guild. Some prompts invited writers to work with incredibly little direction ("Write a story about a guy who likes potatoes"); others made inventiveness even more challenging than it already is ("Write a story about yourself with any fantasy powers of your choice; your character must complete something and win exactly \$87,134 upon completion").

The writers, even under an unusual time crunch of only one week, delivered above and beyond. One story turned a prompt about a character doing something while asleep into a horror story about a haunted house with tentacles emerging from wardrobes and staircases that changed length. Another writer, asked to contribute to the internet lore of the SCP Foundation, produc-

-ed a file in which the Bee Movie and a meme about about a television show were deliberately orchestrated by the Chaos Insurgency to cause global catastrophes. There were stories about people pulled from alternate versions of the world, stories about Johns Hopkins University students turning themselves into potatoes, and meta stories about writer's block ending with Rickroll links disguised as GoFundMes for exactly \$87,134.

And who could forget the commentary at the heart of Guild, the famous "I like your story, but..."? Yoni Kogan discontinued Dovid Engelsohn's long tradition of rating stories from 1 to 13 (with 8 being the highest) in favor of grading prompts from 1 to about 7, with 6.3 being ideal and decimals mattering more than you'd think. After discussing each story, not only the authors but the prompt-makers themselves rose to reveal and explain their creations.

This love letter of a Guild packet concluded with a beautiful signature story by Guilderbeast Rafi Taubefeld, a story in which the consequences of every writing decision are more real than the Guild knows, and which expanded upon the club's tradition of including a special symbol in each packet.

Thank you to Rafi Taubefeld and Betzalel Graber for running an incredible year of Guild for us all, and here's to another year of extremely self-possessed political messaging and pretentiously written joke stories led by next year's Guilderbeasts, Betzalel Graber and Gavriel Ovits, together with their Assistant Guilderbeast, Yitzchak Engelsohn.

Your pen is your gun and your soul is your ammo. Let the future look upon your works, ye mighty, and despair!

Yoni Kogan (Senior)



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