

Rambam Record Parshat Toldot

Rambam Hosts 21st Annual Shabbaton in Israel

Since the inception of Rambam in 1992, the Mesivta has held an annual Shabbaton for its alumni learning in Eretz Yisroel. This year's get together, Rambam's 21st, was held at Yeshivat HaKotel in Yerushalayim. Both the boys and Rosh Mesivta, Rabbi Zev Meir Friedman, look forward to this event. "It is an opportunity for the talmidim to get together, schmooze, catch-up and enables me to witness their progress and help them with any questions they may have. It is great to see the growth that the talmidim experience," said Rabbi Friedman.

On Friday afternoon, the boys davened Mincha at the Kotel. Their joyous singing of Kabbolas Shabbos attracted others to their minyan. After Maariv, they headed back to Yeshivat HaKotel for the seuda which was filled with Divrei Torah, Zemiros and shmoozing.

All the boys were very interested to hear about the latest happenings in Rambam and get 'caught up' on recent events and programs. The seuda was followed by a Tisch where more Divrei Torah on the parsha were shared over nosh and soft drinks.

On Shabbos morning after Shacharis and kiddush, the boys were treated to a walking tour of Yerushalayim, with Michael Eisenstein, an expert tour guide during the week, volunteering his time on Shabbos.

Lunch, Zemiros and more Divrei Torah ensued. After a brief break, boys returned for an interactive shiur with Rabbi Friedman on "Mitzvos Tzrichos Kavannah." "I was amazed to see how the boys were able to anticipate, ask, and answer many different opinions that the Meforshim bring down in analyzing this issue. The nachas was well worth the trip!" shared Rabbi Friedman.

The discussion continued until Mincha which was followed by Shalosh Seudos and more Ruach.

Shabbos came to an end with Maariv and Havdolah with many hoping to join again next year.



Rosh Chodesh Chaggigah

The talmidim of Rambam Mesivta welcomed the month of Kislev with enthusiastic singing and words of chizuk. The singing was accompanied by Joseph Stern on bongos and Natan Alon and Mordechai Gerstley on guitars. With Rabbi Young and the 11th grade "Tisch Team" setting the tone, it was an epic Chaggigah that will surely set the tone for a festive month!



Rambam Wins at Annual Poetry Slam

After helping to create the Yeshiva Poetry Society League (YPSL) seven years ago, with just four schools and about 20 students participating, Rambam recently hosted its 7th Annual Poetry Slam that featured 8 schools and 60 poets.

The topic of the day was "The Poetry of Prayer" and the poets were asked to present two poems. One was a free verse on how their prayers would be different 20 years from now and other had to be a form poem (i.e. a Sonnet, Villanelle, Haiku, etc.) on the subject of Davening. Poets from Central, Frisch, HANC, Ma'aynot, SAR, Shalhevet, SKA, and Rambam presented diverse and unique perspectives on the topics.

The judges of the day were Co-Founder of YPSL, Aaron Roller, who helped establish the league with Rambam's Assistant Principal, Mr. Hillel Goldman, and SAR English teacher Mr. Hillel Broder, and Tamar Rydzinski, Vice President and director of subrights at the Laura Dail Literary Agency. She represents bestseller like Danielle L. Jensen and Sarah J. Maas as well as award winners like Laura Andersen and Bryan Denson.

The day was incredibly meaningful and showed the awesome talent of the Yeshiva students. Rambam junior, Mordechai Gerstley made it to the final round and was awarded "Best Free Verse Poem" by the judges. Everyone is already looking forward to the next Slam scheduled for Dec. 22 at Kushner.



Rambam 4-Corner Dodgeball Tzedakah Tournament Helps IDF

Now in its 7th year, Rambam Mesivta's Annual 4-Corner Dodgeball Tournament brought

together all the grades for a worthy cause: helping to refurbish a Sefer Torah for an IDF Unit. The tournament was run by seniors Gabe Greenbaum and Noah Schwartz, with the help of 4-Corner Dodgeball Commissioner and Rambam Assistant Principal, Mr. Hillel Goldman. Going into the 18th and final round of play, the red, white, and blue teams were all in contention with the green team still hoping to play spoiler. After a few minutes of tension-filled calculations, the white team emerged victorious by a narrow margin. White was led by veteran Benny Csillag, who was awarded an All-Star Award, and sophomore Aaron Azose, who was named the Al Hecht Memorial MVP. Yoni Auerbach of blue, Gabe Kessler of green, and Michael Akhavan of red were also awarded All-Star trophies. The tournament was also live streamed by Rambam's "Stream Team" led by Yair Oppenheim and Raphi Lowe.

