

Rambam Record Parshat Ha'azinu

Rabbi Friedman Address Rambam Mesivta Erev Rosh HaShana

Rabbi Zev Meir Friedman's Annual Erev Rosh HaShana Drasha drove home the significance of introspection. He recounted a story from his days as a doctor when he was stitching up a "gentleman" who had suffered an injury during an altercation with another "gentleman." The man informed Rabbi Friedman that after he was stitched up he was "Going to go kill the other guy." Rabbi Friedman informed the police and commented on the foolishness of this type of thinking. Rather than understand that he was in a fight and needed to cool down and reflect on why he was living such a life, the man could only think of revenge and exacerbating his mistakes.

One of the hardest things to do is to admit one's own mistakes and correct one's behavior. The message Rabbi Friedman was trying to convey was this Rosh HaShana should be a time where people work on themselves, understand their own behavior, and grow in a meaningful way.



Rambam Rallies Against Roger Waters' Anti-Israel Rhetoric

Roger Waters, of Pink Floyd fame, has denounced Israel and compared the Israeli Government to that of Nazi Germany's. He has even featured a floating pig with a

Star of David at his concerts. Due to a loophole, Roger Waters is allowed to perform in Nassau County, as it was arranged prior to Nassau County's implementation of anti-BDS legislation. The rally, organized by Bruce Blakeman, was seeking to bring attention to Waters' prejudice and to find a way to close the BDS loophole. Rabbi Zev Meir Friedman, seniors Yoni Auerbach, Itai Eliach, Gavriel Haviv, and junior Benjamin Weiner were featured at the Rally addressing the crowd, or speaking with reporters.



Rambam Entrepreneurial Academy Attends NYC Business Expo

This year, Rambam implemented a new program called the "Entrepreneurial Academy." To kick start this amazing new program, on Friday, September 15th, we went on a trip to a small business expo in midtown Manhattan. There, we listened to some keynote speakers from companies like Google, Touro College, and more. Charlie Harary discussed "The Traits of the Top Performers" and Dave Rosen, a former Director of Operations at Starbucks, shared how he took Starbucks to a 17% increase in revenues in large part due to his innovations such as selling bananas and writing customers' names on their cups. These speakers told us what it's like to be in business and how they gained success. Interestingly, the speakers were orthodox Jews, which gave us a sense of what's it like to be Modern Orthodox in the world of big business. They also gave us some motivation and tips on what it means to be a young businessman.

After the presentations, we went downstairs where we saw some small start-up companies who were trying to gain investors and popularity. As a group, we went to each booth and asked about their business. One business I found interesting was called "Mr. Cory's Cookies." Mr. Cory's Cookies is currently run by 12-year-old boy who made the recipe for his famous cookies all by himself. He started baking at the age of five, and has had a passion for baking ever since. He has been on shows like Ellen DeGeneres and MasterChef. As a young aspiring entrepreneur, Cory is an inspiration to us all by showing that age is but a number.

Overall the trip was a great experience and I'm looking forward to the other trips planned for the Entrepreneurial Academy. A big thank you to the administration for taking us on this amazing trip, and have a great new year!

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