

Rambam Record Parshat Vayigash

Rambam Goes Aviator Chanukah Trip!

This past Wednesday, December 20th, Rambam Mesivta took their talmidim to the Aviator- an awesome sports complex. The guys got to choose between many different activities such as Soccer, Football, Basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, and Ice Skating. After morning shiur, they all changed into their favorite sports clothes and boarded the buses. When they arrived they immediately headed to the sports of their choice. There was also a boardgame tournament held in "Carcassonne Arena." Yosef Bluth, Eliyahu Levy, Uriel Sussman, and Benjy Weiner advanced to the finals which will be held on Monday. There was so much room and everyone got to play what they wanted. Everyone left The Aviator satisfied! A big thank you to Rambam Mesivta for an awesome Chanukah and for taking us on this fantastic Aviator trip!

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Military Experts Discuss Terrorism Prevention with Yeshiva Students

Thirteen high school students from around the New York Metro area met with two top members of the Israeli and British armed forces in Manhattan last month. The press conference was organized by Our Soldiers Speak, an organization that uses active duty Israeli soldiers to educate people about Israel and the threats it faces.

The press conference featured Major General Avshalom Peled, of the Israeli Police Academy, and Colonel Richard Kemp, former commander of British forces in Afghanistan. Both men fielded questions about their experiences in the fight against terror.

Coming just days after the truck attack in Lower Manhattan, several of the questions revolved around prevention of lone wolf attacks. General Peled said that there are six layers of protection. The first is physical, including, barricades in front of schools and shuls. Next, intelligence, which focuses on information gained by research. Peled says that "You cannot win a war without intelligence." The third is technology; thanks to all of the new technology invented over the last few years, Israel has been able to create new security cameras that learn of the potential threats and track their license plates. After that comes communication, the Israeli police sometimes even communicate with terrorist organizations in order to stop them. Then is training, Peled believes that if everybody has the right training and instincts, they can stop attacks before they happen. Lastly is public awareness, with all of social media at their fingertips, the Israeli police are able to see almost anything that can pose a threat. Colonel Kemp spoke a lot about Europe's struggles with illegal immigration. He said that England is lucky to be naturally protected by the English Channel but that there are still many challenges in protecting a country from terror. However, the recent wave of immigrants from Syria presents many issues including the potential of lone wolf attacks.

Both men mentioned the difficulties of following the law while catching people who break it. "It's not very easy to fight terrorism in a democracy because terrorists are not democratic," said General Peled, "we're fighting terrorism with one hand tied behind our backs."

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