

# CHADASHOT



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December 2, 2016

2 Kislev 5777

## Please Join Us at Our Annual Dinner

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR  
**34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DINNER**

			
<b>GAIL and TERRY NOVETSKY</b> GUESTS OF HONOR	<b>RACHELLE and HOWARD FRIEDMAN</b> COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD	<b>DENIERA GOLDENBERG</b> FACULTY RECOGNITION AWARD	<b>RABBI BENJAMIN SKYDELL '95</b> ALUMNI TRIBUTE AWARD

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017 | 7:30PM**

**FACTORY 220**  
220 PASSAIC STREET  
PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

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CONTACT SHARON RIFKIND AT 201-837-7696 x123  
OR [SHARON.RIFKIND@TABC.ORG](mailto:SHARON.RIFKIND@TABC.ORG)

## Friday Night Oneg

All students are invited to an Oneg tonight at the home of Rabbi & Mrs. Steven Finkelstein, 88 Lee Place, in Bergenfield.

7:45 PM - 9:30 PM

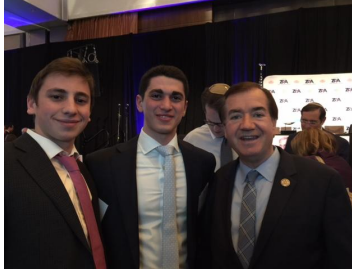
We look forward to seeing you there!

See [here](#) for a special

## TABC Attends ZOA Dinner

On Sunday, November 20, Eitan Gerszberg '17, Ezra Rotblatt '18, and Meir Lightman '17 were invited to attend the annual Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) Dinner in New York where they had the privilege of hearing Professor Alan Dershowitz, Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Danny Danon, and Congressman Ed Royce. Pictured on the left are Ezra Rotblatt, Meir Lightman with Congressman Royce. On the right are the same students with Danny Danon, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations.

Riverdale Oneg  
happening tonight!



## Shabbat Chayei Sara in Chevron

TABC's keshet with its talmidim continues to remain strong long after they have graduated. Mr Poleyeff travels to Israel each year for Parshat Chayei Sarah and while he's there he organizes a reunion in Chevron for TABC alumni.

TABC is proud of how its alumni learning in yeshiva in Israel are all growing as bnei Torah and budding talmidei chachamim.



## Sunday Learning

Sunday morning shiur with Rabbi Wiener is on!

8:50 AM Donuts & OJ  
9 - 9:45 AM Shiur  
in the Auxiliary Lunch Room

Join us and you get 1.5 hours of Night Seder Credit!

## Upcoming Events

December 2-3

## Holocaust Studies

### P'nina Sepowitz Shares Her Grandmother's Story with TABC Seniors

Our twelfth grade Holocaust Studies class welcomed P'nina Sepowitz, our very own TABC faculty member, to speak about her book "White Angel", the personal memoir of her grandmother who survived the Holocaust. P'nina discussed her grandmother's experience growing up in Kremenitz, Poland before the war and shared with students, the unique journey of her life. The memoir depicts the plight of a woman who was separated from her family during World War II, was imprisoned, beaten, starved and tortured and finally escaped to freedom. This story is told using her own words from stories, essays, and poetry translated from Yiddish and Polish. Mrs. Sepowitz discussed the unique nature of the text and how it serves as a guide through the different periods of her own life. After the presentation, students had an opportunity to ask questions and receive signed books.



### Yom Iyun at Museum of Jewish Heritage

Earlier this month, Mrs. Reichardt's Holocaust Studies class

Riverdale Shabbaton

December 16-17  
Highland Park Shabbaton

December 22  
College Guidance  
Jewish Life on Campus  
Program  
7:30 PM

December 24 - January 1  
Chanukah

December 26-27  
No School

January 2  
No School

January 12  
TABC Annual Dinner

## Israel Report

Please click [here](#) for the latest issue of the Israel Report

## Kol Torah

Please click [here](#) for the latest issue of Kol Torah

## Faculty Divrei Torah

Please click [here](#) for recordings of Divrei Torah by our esteemed faculty

## Eye of the Storm

Please click [here](#) for the post-election issue of Eye of The Storm

## Parnas HaYom

We would like to thank our recent sponsors

Naomi & Marc Knoller

Chava & Ephraim Casper

participated in a unique yom ivun at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Lower Manhattan. This special programming was arranged for the class by Dr. Paul Radensky, father of Asher '11 and Binyomin '15, who is the Director of Educational Programming at the Museum.

Their visit began with a tour of the core exhibits, led by one of the museum's educators, where students were able to examine artifacts and discuss many of the events they had covered in class. After a brief break for lunch, the afternoon continued with a workshop on one of the Jewish communities destroyed by the Holocaust, Kovno, Poland and students participated in learning some questions which were posed to the rabbeim of the Kovno ghetto. They found it so remarkable that even under such life-threatening conditions, people still held fast to their level of observance, as much as possible. The highlight of the program by far, was the guest speaker, Mrs. Ruth Pagirsky, who traveled a great distance in order to speak to the students about her experiences during the Shoah. The impact which she had on these students is not describable! Mrs. Reichardt would like to share excerpts from some of the thank you letters which the students wrote to her:

... "To tell you the truth, I have never heard a more powerful speaker in my life. You had me spellbound from the start. Beyond being highly beneficial and educational, it was an absolute honor to hear from someone who was actually there, and to walk in her shoes for a time. I thank you for giving my classmates and I that privilege. You are a truly incredible woman, and I can't thank you enough for all you have done for us and the many others you continue to speak with. The promise to "never forget" is most plainly kept by you, your impeccable memory, and the poignant story you have to tell. You've inspired me by showing just how powerful and moving words can be, how invaluable experiences are, and how the voices of the suffering must always be heard. No lesson could matter more to me or humanity, than yours."

".... I have heard many people discuss their stories but nobody was as vivid, clear and passionate as you. I heard your story loud and clear and will definitely share your story with my family. Ensuring that stories like yours are retold to future generations is extremely important and your mission to retell your story as often as possible is remarkable." It was certainly a very educational and inspiring experience for all the students.



## Torah & Science

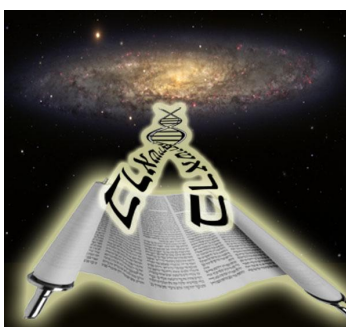


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Sparks were flying in the Torah and Science elective this week. Tani Greengart '18 and Joseph Solomon '17 faced off in a hotly contested debate about evolution. Joseph argued that while micro evolution (evolution within a species) definitely occurs, there is a glaring dearth of evidence for evolution from species to species (macro evolution). Tani countered and cited what he presented was ample evidence for intermediate step species along the evolutionary chain. A similar debate ensued about vestigial organs such as the appendix which Joseph argued were not vestigial but serve a very necessary purpose.

Avi Cooper '17 concluded the discussion with the observation that both sides of this debate agree that Hashem is the Director of evolution. As Aviad Shely '17 noted, how could human awareness emerge without the intervention of a Director? Why did only humans develop into a highly intelligent species? Thus, even if one embraces evolutionary theory, all of the Torah and Science class agreed that it is only reasonable to say Hashem directs evolution and intervenes in the process.

## Chanukah Toy Drive Needs You!

The Bergen County Chanukah Toy Drive needs volunteers to help sort and pack all their toys.

When:  
Thursday night, Dec 8th.  
Motzei Shabbos,  
Dec 10th.  
Sunday, Dec 11th.  
Mon-Wed night,  
Dec 12th- Dec 14th.

If you are interested,  
please email  
Joy Sklar at  
[joysklar@gmail.com](mailto:joysklar@gmail.com)

## College Guidance



### Upcoming "Jewish Life on Campus" Program

## Double Your Support of Our Yeshiva

Do you work for AIG? Goldman Sachs? Quest Diagnostics? Pfizer? One of the many other companies listed [here](#)? Did you know that hundreds of companies throughout the US offer **matching gifts** to qualified 501(c)(3) organizations? Please inquire about matching your gift to TABC. For question,

Please save the date. On Thursday, December 22nd, the College Guidance Department has planned its Jewish Life on Campus Program. The program is primarily for the juniors and their parents. We do expect all juniors to attend this very valuable college guidance program. The program will include presentations from Seif Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus Program, co-sponsored by the OU and Hillel, Rabbis and the twenty-two colleges that now have such programs on their campuses. The program will also include a quick overview of Jewish life on college campuses by student representatives from carefully selected colleges that have been popular with our students. The second part of the program will feature a Jewish Life on Campus Fair where

reach to [Sharon Rifkind](#) about Matching Gifts today.

## Tweeting Up A STORM!

Please follow the Students Activities Page on Twitter [@TABC\\_Activities](#). Rabbi Miretzky, our Student Activities Director, will be tweeting all about the excitement going on at TABC.

## Follow us on Facebook!

Facebook is a wonderful way to see exciting snapshots of what's going on in TABC between issues of Chadashot. Follow us by clicking Like [here](#).

## TAPA

TAPA is always looking for volunteers to help with programs and events throughout the year.

Please contact [tapa@tabc.org](mailto:tapa@tabc.org)

## CHADASHOT

Chadashot is now archived on our website. In case you missed a week you can click [here](#) to view past issues.

parents and students will have the opportunity to speak with the Rabbis and student representatives of Orthodox programs on college campuses. Dr. Carol Master, who has spearheaded the program, has arranged for a great evening and we look forward to seeing you and your son there.

## APPLICATIONS ARE IN

The College Guidance Department is proud to announce that with the passing of the December 1st deadlines for Yeshiva University and Rutgers University, virtually all of the Class of 2017 has now applied to at least one college. We wish our students luck as their applications are being processed by colleges.

## TABC Gears Up for YUNMUN

The TABC Model UN team coming off a top five finish in 2016 (and top overall in NJ) is preparing hard for the 2017 conference. Looking to build on their success, the team has incorporated a more rigorous and interactive practice schedule developed by the team's captains and the Coach and TABC Alumni Moshe "Ziggy" Zharnest. YUNMUN is a student-run simulation of the workings of the real United Nations that gives students an opportunity to experience and learn about the complex landscape of international diplomacy. Playing the roles of delegates to actual United Nations member nations, participants represent a variety of positions, often ones with which they may not agree. The team is eager to test it's skills and public speaking and will continue to prepare hard in the coming weeks leading up to the conference! The team is currently fine tuning position papers and the YUNMUN procedures! Below are pictures from a recent practice!



# Rosh Chodesh Game Show a Hit

TABC celebrated Rosh Chodesh with some fun and friendly competition. The freshmen and juniors took on the sophomores and seniors for game show style questions, a tug of war, hula hooping, Simon says, scooter race and a dance off. Several of the teachers got in on the fun as well. The program culminated with a raffle for all of the competition winners. The students displayed the effervescent ruach that they always have when energy and enthusiasm are called for. A good time was had by all and everyone enjoyed having a fun break in the middle of the day. You can find more pictures/ videos [here](#).



## STORM Report

### TABC STORMs Rambam in Stunning Upset



On Wednesday November 30th, the 2-1-0-1 TABC Storm Varsity Hockey team traveled to Long Island to take on the 5-0 Rambam Ravens. After some back and forth to start the game, the Storm struck first with

Efraim Tiger batting the puck out of the air into the back of the net. The Storm took this lead into the locker room after the first period. To start the second, the Ravens came out flying scoring 3 consecutive goals. Goalie Solly Weiser's stellar play kept the deficit to 2. Down 3-1 the Storm finished the second period with an aggressive last minute and felt confident going into the third to mount a comeback. After



coincidental minors, the teams battled three on three, where Akiva Weider scored on a rocket from the point to cut the deficit to 1. However, Rambam came right back, scoring to bring their lead to 4-2. With the bench alive, the Storm continued pressing and with a little less than 6 minutes left, Josh Wertenteil found the back of the net to once again cut the lead to 1. Then with 2:45 left, Captain Zach Rothenberg took the puck from the corner toward the net and stuffed it in to tie the game at 4. The Storm continued their press and played shut down defense to take the game into overtime. Following numerous chances on both sides, including a tremendous game saving stop by Weiser, Akiva Weider sent the puck from the point toward middle and Zach Rothenberg threw the puck towards the net, creating a rebound that found its way to Efraim Tiger's stick, who put the puck in the back of the net to complete the comeback for the Storm.



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### **TABC JV Basketball Starts Season with Two Big Wins**



The JV Basketball team cruised past Hillel on Wednesday night for their third victory. TABC came out strong, but really stepped it up in the second half to close out the game, with a final score of 44-23. It was a great game for the team, and everyone was able to get in the game. Alex Ostrin was the leading scorer with 11 points. TABC hopes to

continue this strong playing at MTA on Saturday night.

Click [here](#) to read an article recapping our victories against Ramaz and JEC.

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## **Special Oneigs**

### **TONIGHT!!**

בס"ד

TABC invites all **8th graders** to the

# RIVERDALE SHABBATON

Parshat Toldot • December 2-3, 2016

Join TABC Rebbeim and current students for a special

## ONEG SHABBAT

At the home of  
**The Craimer family**  
3000 Arlington Ave.  
7:30 PM



For more information, contact Rabbi Yoni Mandelstam  
[yni.mandelstam@tabc.org](mailto:yni.mandelstam@tabc.org)



**NEXT WEEK!!**



בס"ד

TABC invites all **8th graders** to the

# BERGEN COUNTY **ONEG SHABBAT**

Friday Night • December 9th • 7:45 PM

Join TABC Rebbelm and current students for a special

## **ONEG SHABBAT**

At the home of  
**The Baron family**  
504 Winthrop Road  
Teaneck, NJ



For more information, please contact Rabbi Malitzky  
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**TABC Chanukah Blood Drive  
is Coming Up**

# Torah Academy Chanuka Blood Drive

Give the gift that keeps on living &  
donate blood this December at TABC!

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**10am – 4pm**

**Second Floor Lounge**

1600 Queen Anne Rd  
Teaneck



**APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED  
WALK INS WELCOME!**

**16 year olds must have NJBS Parental Consent Form signed  
Please remember to eat, drink, & bring ID!**


To schedule an appointment contact:  
**Nurse Linda @ (201) 837-7696 x106**

**1-800-933-2566 | [www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org)**

** New Jersey Blood Services**  
*A Division of New York Blood Center*

Students under the age of 16 must have a parent complete [this form](#).

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