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TABC's 33rd Annual Dinner Breaks Records

The TABC Annual Dinner was a great success! Over 570 people -- current parents, alumni, alumni parents, faculty, seniors, guests of the honorees and members of the greater community -- came together to pay tribute to our well-deserving honorees and celebrate what makes TABC so special. **We raised nearly half a million dollars.** Thank you everyone for your generous support!

Thank you to our Dinner chairs Elizabeth Naor & Miriam Lightman and their committees for all their hard work. Please click [here](#) for coverage of the dinner, and [here](#) for more photos.

Mazal Tov once again to our honorees.

It's not too late to contribute!

[Click here](#) to donate.



TABC Represents at the Maccabi Games

Congratulations to Tai Gerszberg and Mo Proctor on their participation in the Maccabi Games in Santiago, Chile. They were part of the 16 U team, which brought

A Lesson on Perception by Rabbi Dr. Schnall

home the **Gold Medal!**



TABC's New Punching Bag

Thanks to the efforts of our students Yonatan Berner and Ephraim Linder and a generous donation from Yonatan's grandparents, Linda and Reuben Berner, TABC added a new feature to its gym program - a stand-up professional punching bag.

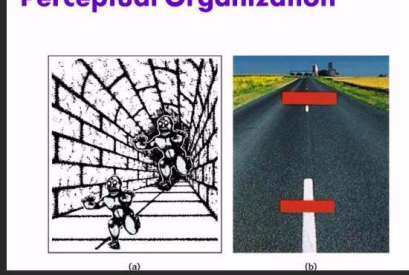
Students can now punch away in a constructive, athletic manner.



Congratulations Avi Schmeltz

Congratulations to Avi Schmeltz for winning two tickets to an Islander's game for being able to name two of the five

Rabbi Dr. Eliezer Schmitt's AP Psychology classes have been



studying perception. The students were amazed by the famous Ponzo Illusion (pictured), which demonstrates that even identically sized objects appear to us as different sizes, based on their surroundings. They also

discussed examples in Tanach where perception influenced how unusual sights and situations were experienced. For example, ask your son to explain Moshe's perception of the Burning Bush (Exodus III) in light of 'top-down processing.'

Kurt & Adele Judas Visit Holocaust Studies Class

The twelfth grade Holocaust studies class was recently privileged to meet with Mr. Kurt and Mrs. Adele Judas, both of whom are Holocaust survivors and the parents of Mr. Danny Judas, from the community, who often works with our students



as well on field trips and any events where transportation is needed. **Their stories were quite heart wrenching as they spoke of being young children torn away from their parents and deported to concentration camps and spending time being hidden as Christians.** The students had many questions for the Judases about how they overcame the many trials and tribulations which they had faced in their youth. They spoke about leaving Germany and then being incarcerated in France. **They tried to convey to the students how it felt to be "living a lie" for so long that you begin to believe it yourself. Mr. and Mrs. Judas reminded students that it is important to acknowledge that there were upstanders in Europe who were willing to risk their lives to save Jewish children.** The instructor of the course, Mrs. Reichardt, who initiated and created the curriculum for the course itself, believes strongly that the best way to educate young people about the Holocaust is by allowing them opportunities to interact with survivors for as long as possible, so that **these students will become the next generation's witnesses to the Shoah.**

IDF Widows and Orphans Organization Visits TABC

IDF Widows and Orphans Organization recently visited with talmidim from Y17, Y15, Y11, and Y13. Chairperson Nava Shoham, herself a widow of Major Raanan Shoham, who was

faculty/staff members who were once students of Rabbi Blau's. Can you name them, too? Click [here](#) to submit your answer.



Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to Nati Wind '11 on his recent marriage to Emily Mostow in Israel. Pictured here is Nati with DJ Newman '11, one of his groomsmen. Both TABC alumni went on to serve in the IDF, and we are immeasurably proud of the men they have become.



TABC Talent

Congratulations to Yechiel Hyman '18, who is a finalist in the Teaneck Teen Idol Contest. He will be competing this Saturday night, January 16th at 8:00 PM at Teaneck High School.

killed in the First Lebanon War, addressed our students regarding the work which this wonderful organization does to **strengthen families that have paid the ultimate sacrifice for Am Yisrael**. This organization provides financial, emotional, and psychological support for widows and orphans, and provides camps, trips, and retreats for bereaved families. **TABC senior Shlomo Kroopnik was so moved by the program that he raised over \$300 selling IDF Widow and Orphan bracelets around the building**. We look forward to joining forces with the IDF Widows and Orphans to perform many acts of chessed together in the future.

TABC Students Create Hebrew Movies

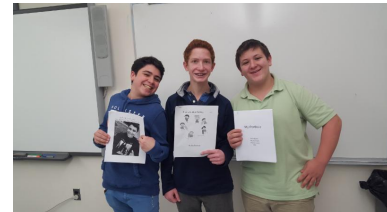
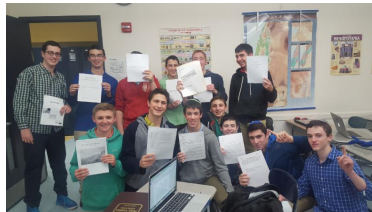


The students of Dr. Katash's Hebrew classes have been working hard on their end of the semester project. **They wrote dialogue based on the vocabulary learned during the semester and filmed**

movies using the dialogue. The movies can be viewed on Schoology.

Portfolio Presentations

Students in Ms. Burstein's 10th grade writing classes submitted their portfolios this week. Each student's portfolio consists of all the work he completed this semester. **The classes celebrated their work with presentations of their writing.** Ms. Burstein is eager to continue working with her writing students next semester on new and exciting writing projects!



Chazara Integral to Success



The gemara in Chagiga says that one cannot compare

Sunday Learning

Sunday morning shiur with Rabbi Wiener is on hiatus until after Winter Break.

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

Upcoming Events

January 15-20
Mid-Term Exams

January 15
Friday Night Oneg at
the home of Rabbi Wiener
420 Maitland Avenue,
Teaneck
7:30-9:30 PM

January 21-31
Intersession

February 1
Classes Resume

February 5-6
Senior Mentor Shabbaton

February 7th
Sunday Learning Resumes

February 10
10th Grade Parent Guidance
Program

February 12-15
President's Weekend
No School

February 19-21
Freshman Shabbaton

February 20
8:00 PM
Freshman Parents

someone who reviews one hundred times to someone who reviews one hundred and one times. Chazara is an integral part of talmud Torah. **The talmidim of TABC are engaged in intensive chazara now, as the zman is ending. This allows them to solidify their understanding of what they have learned the past zman and to reinforce the skills that will guide their future learning.**

Mock Trial

TABC's Mock Trial Team is off to a great start! **The team is currently 3-0** after impressive wins against Paramus Catholic, Ramapo, and Ma'ayanot. TABC assumed the role of prosecution for the first match and then the role of defense for the latter two. We wish them much luck for their next trial on the 19th.



TABC Book Day Launch *The Other Wes Moore*



There was a good reason that we all davened Shacharit together last Thursday, January 7th. It was the perfect place to launch Book Day 2016, starring our choice ***The Other Wes Moore***. A short video, narrated by the author Wes Moore, was shown and books were distributed to the students during

period one. **Book Day, coordinated by Mrs. Moskovits and Dr. Master, is the one day a year when the entire school--staff, faculty and students--meet in day-long workshops to discuss one book and the many issues that emerge from it.** This year, we hope to precede Book Day with faculty blogs and student discussion boards to encourage everyone to not only read but think about what he/she is reading.



Mid-Day Madness

On Tuesday TABC students enjoyed some Midday Madness, before midterms started. **The student council provided pizza for all the students and everyone had the chance**

Parnas HaYom

We would like to thank our recent Parnas haYom Sponsors

The Garb Family

The Rothenberg Family

To dedicate a day or learning, or for other sponsorship opportunities, please contact Sharon Rifkind, Director of Development & Communications at 201.837.7696 x123 or Sharon.Rifkind@tabc.org.

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

TAPA

Thank you to **TABC parent Chazzan Daniel Schwartz, Esq.** for volunteering his time for the Sunday morning Nussach HaTefillah series.

TAPA is looking for your help. If you have **a special talent or skill**



to hang out together in a more relaxed atmosphere. Rabbi Finkelstein and Dr. Atlas presented some helpful tips to the freshmen, to help them prepare for the coming exams. We wish every one good luck as the semester comes to an end.

STORM Report

TABC VARSITY HOCKEY STORMS

THE FRISCH COUGARS

Written by Jonah Ganchrow



It was Monday night as TABC came to Frisch to take on the Cougars in a packed house. The Frisch students still in school for shiryah, packed the gym making it a great environment for this fun rivalry. The game was intense from the first minute as both teams exchanged chances. It was Frisch who got on the board first with a nice backhand by Bryan Alter off the faceoff and took the lead into the locker room after the first period. With the game

heading into the second period, both teams knew this game was far from over. On the first shift, Daniel Levy stuffed one in tying the game at 1. Frisch junior Yehuda Brinn capitalized on a breakaway giving them the 2-1 lead. After drawing a powerplay, Calev Minsky took a shot off the faceoff that hit off the back wall with Yair Knoller came flying in to bat it into the net for a power play goal. With the game tied, TABC offenseman Josh Deschino ripped a beautiful shot from the middle to give TABC their first lead of the game. In the third period, TABC extended the lead to two with a beautiful power play one timer from Levy to Minsky. Frisch kept playing strong and with a few minutes left Bryan Alter netted his second of the game to cut the lead to one. **The Storm locked down defensively and took the 4-3 victory. TABC is now 12-0 with the next game coming after the break.**

STORM WRESTLING UPDATE



On Monday night, TABC hosted a the wrestling team of Bayonne HS and the JV team of Paramus HS. Over the span of two hours the spectators saw many intense matches from both schools. At the start of the night TABC was losing to both schools, but thankfully, the upper weight class varsity wrestlers pulled ahead of Bayonne and won by ten points, and only lost to Paramus by one match. According

that you would like to share with the TABC parent body, please email the Torah Academy Parents Association at tapa@tabc.org.

SAVE THE DATE: Freshman Parents Meet & Greet will be held on February 20th at 8:00 PM. Details to follow.

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](#).

Tweeting Up A STORM!

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

Seeking Parent Volunteers

Family involvement at TABC is critical to our success. We are so grateful for the contributions that parents and alumni make of their time, skills and resources. We invite you to participate by joining one of our active committees for this school year. Please click [here](#) to see how you can get involved.

to the coaches of the wrestling team this was **one of the wrestling team's finest matches yet!**

STORM ICE HOCKEY

The TABC Ice Hockey Club played their first scrimmage against Frisch.

It was the first time two yeshivot faced off on the ice. Coached by Ari Gellman, Kenny Schiff and Noam Spinowitz, the Ice Hockey Club practices at Mackay Ice Arena in Englewood every Sunday night.



There are 20 boys in the club ranging from beginner to experienced skaters. Each week the team practices skating and hockey drills. The club is looking forward to playing more games against Frisch, SAR, and Flatbush.

STORM VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM VAULTS INTO THE PLAYOFFS

With their season on the line, the TABC Varsity Basketball team faced a powerful opponent on Wednesday, January 13th. Entering this game, HAFTR had lived up to its billing as one of the league's elite teams. TABC had already come very close to defeating several top teams this season, coming up short on each occasion. This game started out the same way: TABC opening with an energy surge, propelling them to a comfortable lead after one quarter. HAFTR chipped away at this lead and actually led by six points at the half. The team, however, emerged from the locker room with a renewed sense of urgency which displayed itself on the court. Led by Captains Shua Naor and Tai Gerszberg on offense AND defense, the team jumped back into the lead and controlled the 4th quarter. Mo Proctor provided much needed offensive firepower and Eitan Gerszberg followed suit on the defensive end. Gavi Smith and Aaron Heideman made important contributions down the stretch. Avi Glazer and Drew Stomer added valuable minutes as well. **The final score was 65-57, guaranteeing TABC a spot in the post season. Congratulations to our Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball teams for their wins in a double header against HAFTR on Wednesday night!**



TABC Torah Available Globally

Each week a new D'var Torah by one of our esteemed faculty members will be available online at www.yutorah.org/tabc. The series is well under way, so check it out!

TABC Joins Team Yachad in Jerusalem Marathon

Torah Academy of Bergen County has been a friend of Yachad for several years and we are now glad to announce that **we will be running with Team Yachad in the 2016 Jerusalem Marathon**. We are excited and proud to be part of such a tremendous organization, and cannot wait to show our support while running through the streets of Jerusalem!

[Click here to donate!](#)

CHADASHOT 

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