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OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

Eliot Abrams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abrams, is a junior at Oak Park River Forest High School, where he is a member of his school's debate, speech, and mock trial competition teams. Eliot comes from the conservative Jewish movement. At his local Temple, West Suburban Temple Har Zion, he has participated actively as a teaching assistant in the Sunday school program and in the conservative Jewish youth group USY. Over past summers, Eliot has attended the Junior State of America's Foreign Policy course at Georgetown University and the Bluebonnet National Speech Tournament in Texas, working at a Tool & Die factory in a nearby industrial park to help pay for these programs. During the school year, Eliot maintains a 4.0 GPA and takes advantage of many optional educational opportunities. He has traveled to the Florida Keys as part of the school's Marine Biology summer course and has created an independent philosophy course.



MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

Ari Atkins, son of Angie and Norman Atkins, is a junior at Montclair High School, where he lettered in wrestling, played the viola in the school orchestra, and earned honors in various math, science, and language contests. He has participated in community service projects in Bolivia, Peru, and the Dominican Republic. Ari is a member of Congregation Shomrei Emunah in Montclair. Ari was recently admitted to Stanford University, where he plans to study environmental engineering, beginning in the fall of 2008. He plans to defer his studies so that he can travel and work in South America over the next year, following the Bronfman Fellowship.



MANALAPAN, NEW JERSEY

Samy Belfer, son of Mindy and Richard Belfer, is a junior at the Marine Academy of Science and Technology (MAST), where he is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Skills USA, and Key Club, as well as a participant on his school's Ocean Bowl, Mock Trial and Math teams. Samy serves as vice president of the MAST Technology Student Association and has achieved first place in the state of New Jersey in the category of prepared presentation at the club's annual competition for the past three years. The rigorous course work and the unique science opportunities in and out of the classroom have fed Samy's passion for the sciences, which he hopes to pursue as a career after high school. Samy has maintained his Jewish connection through observance and his active involvement in the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY). Serving as the Englishtown chapter president this year, Samy has shown leadership and determination in planning and executing events. Samy also is a member of the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps as a part of the Marine Academy's curriculum, where he is currently ranked as a chief petty officer. As assistant academic officer, he led his academic team to achieve

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prestigious honors in the NJROTC Unit. “The honor, courage, and commitment that the NJROTC program teaches cadets has helped me in every facet of my life. I am definitely a more prepared and mature person because of it,” says Samy of his experience.

This year, Samy joined with other students from Monmouth County schools, to establish Student Ocean Advocates, an organization designed to educate high school students about the importance of keeping the oceans and beaches clean of pollution.

In prior summers, Samy has participated in the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth programs, the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, and has interned for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on Sandy Hook. He has also been selected as a New Jersey Governor’s School Scholar.



EL CERRITO, CALIFORNIA

Alison Fitch, daughter of Wendy and Mark Fitch, is a junior at El Cerrito High School where she is currently in several clubs including the Environmental Club, Gay Straight Alliance, Amnesty International, ACLU, and Dead Poet Society (a creative writing club). She spent her first two years of high school as an active participant on the debate team and was ranked 46th in the nation among underclassmen as a sophomore.

Alison has also been very active in theatre. She has been in three productions at her school and has worked at a local theatre for many years. Midrasha, a local Jewish community high school, was Alison’s first experience in Jewish education. Her studies of Jewish culture, history, and practices there increased her interest in Judaism and in expanding her Jewish identity. Her studies also instilled in her a desire to be more observant of Jewish holidays than she had been previously so she began attending services for various holidays at the local Jewish Community Center. In her free time, Alison enjoys reading, acting, babysitting, doing yoga, and knitting.



CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Gabriel Frieden, son of Karl and Susan Frieden, is a junior at the Commonwealth School in Boston, where he started a chess club. Gabe likes to play chess, run and bike long distances, play just about any sport—in particular basketball, tennis, touch football, and lately ultimate Frisbee—and he enjoys playing poker with his friends on the weekend, watching good movies (especially older ones), eating Asian food and ice cream, and Sunday

dinner with his grandparents and cousins.



PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Eliana Tair Roberts Golding, daughter of Dr. Michele Roberts and Dr. Jeremy Golding, is a junior at Wachusett Regional High School where she is a member of the National Honors Society, and the National French Honors Society. Eliana also enjoys performing and can be seen doing such with her Israeli Dance troupe, with the Theater Company at Wachusett,

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and with her high school's award winning music department. Eliana has performed in over a dozen plays, and is a member of the Wachusett Singers. Eliana's love of people extends beyond entertaining them. Eliana also helps coordinate and run Think Globally, Act Locally, a social action and awareness group at her school. This year, the group has tackled malaria, and continues working for awareness of the genocide in Darfur, Sudan.

Gaining her Jewish education from her family and community (both local and abroad), she remains an involved member of her own Jewish community. She attended the Solomon Schechter Day School of Worcester and is currently very involved with her synagogue. Eliana is the Religious Education director for her local chapter of the United Synagogue Youth, and attends Prozdor (Hebrew High) in Worcester.

Eliana is dedicated to—and enjoys— activities ranging from social action and global awareness, to music and theater. Eliana is looking forward to continuing her education, and pursuing a career in human rights activism.



WOODCLIFF LAKE, NEW JERSEY

Roberta Goldman, daughter of Steven and Patti Goldman, is a junior at the Abraham Joshua Heschel High School in New York City where she is an Honors student, an elected officer of the Fairness Committee, a member of the Mock Trial and Debate teams, and an Ambassador on the Student admissions representatives. Roberta also sings with the Heschel a cappella group, the Heschel Harmonizers.

Roberta is a volunteer at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck New Jersey, where she works in the Emergency Room to comfort patients and families and assist medical staff. Roberta attended Camp Modin, a Jewish sleep-away summer camp in Maine, for 6 summers. This past summer, she served as a counselor in training for a bunk of ten-year-olds. Roberta and her family are members of Temple Emanuel.



GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

Edie Hannah Joseph, daughter of Debbie and Michael Joseph, granddaughter of Sue and Sol Greenberg of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Phyllis and Joel Joseph of Port Washington, NY, is a junior at F.W. Buchholz High School where she takes numerous AP classes and consistently ranks in the top ten percent of her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Italian club, the Overthrow Apathy

club, and serves as President of the Varsity Debate Team. Edie has competed in over thirty local, state, and national debate tournaments. Her major accomplishments include winning 1st place speaker in Public Forum Debate at the 2004-2005 and 2006-2007 Florida Varsity State Championships and being a finalist at the Florida Blue Key Tournament, which hosted over 120 debate teams nationwide. Edie and her debate partner Ann Piatyszek are currently ranked in the top twenty debaters in the country, and they recently qualified to compete at the National Debate Tournament in Houston, Texas over Memorial Day Weekend.

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In addition to debate, Edie is an active member of the Reform Jewish community, particularly at Temple Shir Shalom of Gainesville where her father serves as rabbi. She helped establish a new and dynamic Reform Jewish youth group that is affiliated with the North American Federation of Temple Youth. Edie spent eleven summers at the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Camp Harlam as a staff child and camper, and then went to the URJ Kutz Camp in 2005 to participate in a program specifically designed to train youth leaders in the Reform Jewish community. In 2006, she attended Genesis at Brandeis University, a dynamic program that exposed her to the pluralistic ideals of Judaism.

Edie was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and later enjoyed growing up in Kingston, Pennsylvania, and Norfolk, Virginia. She loves to read, play tennis, and spend time with her friends and family.



POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Rebekah Judson, daughter of Nancy and Bruce Judson, is currently a senior at Poughkeepsie Day School where she has been involved in a variety of organizations, including Youth Against Discrimination, the Poughkeepsie Day School Board of Trustees' Diversity Committee, Sidereal (an a cappella group), and the PDS Jazz

Ensemble. Last year, Rebekah led a group of students in organizing a weeklong women's rights awareness event, and recently helped to plan and host a school-wide gathering dedicated to world leaders in peacemaking and civil rights. Rebekah spent the past year creating and teaching a course on Modern and Experimental Poetry along with another student. Outside of the school environment, Rebekah has also been active in Poughkeepsie's Jewish community. She is a graduate of the Community Hebrew School of Dutchess County, where she also recently served as a Hebrew language tutor and teaching assistant. Rebekah enjoys co-leading weekly Junior Congregation sessions at her local synagogue, Temple Beth El.

Since elementary school, Rebekah has maintained an active interest in poetry and creative writing. Her poems have been published in various anthologies, including the collection of Hebrew-language student writing "Tov Lichtov", as well as the literary journal Hanging Loose. This past summer, Rebekah traveled to southern Louisiana with the American Jewish Society for Service and spent six weeks rebuilding the homes of hurricane victims in rural communities. As a result of this enriching experience, Rebekah made the decision to devote a year between high school and college solely to service. She will serve as a City Year New York corps member beginning in the fall of 2007.



BOGART, GEORGIA

Elyssa Rose Kaplan, daughter of Drs. Ray and Holly Kaplan, is a junior at North Oconee High School (NOHS) where she is currently Junior Class President, a three-year Varsity Letter in Track & Field, as well as a two-year Varsity Letter in Cross Country. She is a member of the *National Honors Society* and *Beta Club*, and is founder of the NOHS

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Latin Club. Among her many endeavors is membership in the *Georgia Civics Awareness Program for Students* pilot program of Oconee County, where she has met with local government representatives in order to learn more about Civics and to promote the learning of Civics throughout the state.

Because of her generous volunteer efforts, Elyssa was awarded the 2006 Teen Volunteer of the Year Award presented by the Junior Women's League of Athens. As a sophomore, Elyssa was an integral member of the *Rock 'n Relief* committee that coordinated the first Tri-School Talent Show and a Rock Concert Festival. The festival brought together Oconee County High School, Athens Academy, and North Oconee High School for a very successful fundraiser for the American Public School Endowment. Elyssa continues making use of her talent for coordinating talent shows, and to date has produced two additional shows at NOHS raising money for Relay for Life.

Elyssa belongs to Congregation Children of Israel synagogue in Athens, Georgia where she became a bat-mitzvah. She is a Hebrew teacher for third grade and a Religious School teacher for kindergarten and first grade. Additionally, Elyssa is a member of the National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY), the local Athens Federation of Temple Youth (AFTY), and is a life member of Hadassah, an international organization of women that helps support Hadassah Hospital in Israel and advocates for better health care everywhere.



BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Eitan Lefkowitz, son of David and Elisabeth Lefkowitz, is a junior at Yeshivat Rambam Maimonides Academy, where he busies himself with various honors and AP classes. Eitan is a member of the Yeshivat Rambam Model United Nations team, which was present at the Yeshiva University's Model United Nations in New Jersey this past winter. He holds the seat of Treasurer on the school's Student Council, and is a member of the schools National Honor's Society. In addition to partaking in a multitude of programs offered by the school, he takes active rolls in activities that serve the greater Baltimore community and Israel. Eitan assists young adults with special needs at "Yachad", an arts and crafts event at the local Jewish Community Center. He is a member of the Teen Grant Making Initiative, responsible for granting monies to various organization under the auspices of the Baltimore Jewish Federation that have made formal grant proposals. As one of the Regional Directors, Eitan assisted in the planning and organization of America Eats For Israel.



THORNHILL, ONTARIO

Arielle Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart and Carolyn Lewis, is currently in grade eleven at TanenbaumCHAT North Community High School where she is on the Religious Affairs, Israeli Affairs and Tzedakah committees, and is in the school choir. Arielle graduated as Valedictorian of her elementary school, Netivot HaTorah Day School, where she was also

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class representative on student council and a member of the championship school basketball team. She spent grades nine and ten at the Bnei Akiva Ulpanat Orot High School and made the honour roll each year. This past summer of 2006, Arielle attended Genesis at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, a pluralistic Jewish leadership program where she studied Jewish and American law and multimedia art.

Outside of school, she is a member and madricha of the Bnei Akiva Youth Movement, was a co-chair of the Youth Advisory Committee in her synagogue (the Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation), and participated in Chidon HaTanach. She was involved with Yachad, participating in activities and learning sessions with physically and developmentally challenged children and adults.

Arielle enjoys writing and has won awards for her writing including the UJA Federation Board of Jewish Education's Hebrew Creative Writing Contest and the Royal Canadian Legion-Ontario Provincial Command Remembrance Day Essay Contest. She attends community lectures on Jewish ethics and philosophy and enjoys drawing, singing and playing piano.

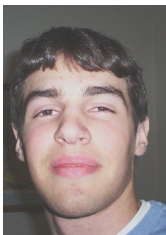


WOODMERE, NEW YORK

Noah Lindenfeld, son of Drs. Sheldon and Valerie Lindenfeld, is a junior at the Davis Renov Stahler Yeshiva High School for Boys where he is a member of his school's science research team, political action committee, baseball team and honor society. For the current spring semester, Noah has been appointed by his Congresswoman, Rep. Carolyn McCarthy to serve as a Congressional Page in the House of Representatives. He is living in Washington D.C. where he attends the U.S. House of Representatives Page School. He, along with 60 other pages from throughout the United States works daily in the Capitol for members of Congress as well as other government officials.

Noah has attended HALB, a modern orthodox Yeshiva day school for most of his life. He is a member of a number of organizations in the community. Noah volunteers weekly at LIJ Franklin General Hospital where he performs tasks for the medical staff as well as visiting sick elderly patients. He also volunteers along with several other classmates at the local elementary public school where he tutors students in the younger grades.

Noah is a member of Kulanu, an organization which is dedicated to bring high school teenagers together with mentally disabled children from the community. He studies Bible weekly after school hours with the children reviewing with them topics such as the Hebrew alphabet to the weekly Torah portion.



FLATBUSH, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Yasha Magarik, son of Mr. Larry Magarik and Ms. Linda Safron is a junior at Stuyvesant High School in Manhattan where he is the Op-Ed Editor and Managing Board Member of *The Stuyvesant Spectator* and plays Ultimate

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Frisbee with the Stuyvesant team. In his free time, Yasha enjoys writing, backpacking, listening to music, and studying Talmud with his father.

Yasha attends the Ivry Prozdor at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and his family belongs to Park Slope Jewish Center.



MT. VERNON, NEW YORK

Julie Meyer, daughter of Beverly Segal and Jonathan Meyer is a junior at SAR High School, a new modern Orthodox high school in the Bronx where she is on the Varsity Volleyball team, Varsity Soccer team and current events club. In addition to a dual curriculum of secular and Judaic studies, she studies Arabic. In addition to her passion for learning Arabic, she has a passion for current events.



ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Hody Nemes, son of Alan Nemes and Fawn Chapel is a junior at John Burroughs where he was recently elected to the highest level of student government at his school, serving as Chief Justice of his school's student court and senior member of the student congress. Hody is currently the V.P. of his school's Diversity Club, serves as co-president of his school's Environmental Awareness club, and senior member of the student newspaper. Through his high school he is an active participant in the Global Youth Leadership Institute (GYLI), a three-year summer program designed to inculcate greater appreciation of diversity in high schools throughout the region. Hody often volunteers at the International Institute. Hody was part of a three-person team that received 1st place in the 2004 Toshiba NSTA Exploravision Contest for designing an E.coli-detecting glove to be used 20 years in the future.

Outside of school, Hody is currently the co-chair of St. Louis' Israel Teen Advocacy Group (iTag), which he helped create in 2005. He is also a member of St. Louis' Muslim-Jewish Teen Dialogue group. Hody is a participant in the Jewish Community Relations Council's (JCRC) Student-to-Student program, a prejudice-reduction group for high school students. He is a graduate of Seeds of Peace, a peace-devoted summer camp that brings together Jews and Muslims from the Middle East (and America). He is also a former participant and percussionist in Berkshire Institute for Music and the Arts (BIMA), a Jewish summer arts program.

He attended elementary school at Forsyth School. For Jewish education, Hody has attended the weekly Tichon Jewish studies program since its inception three years ago, and has engaged in private Judaic study for many years.



NEW YORK, NY

Gabe Paley, son of Rabbi Michael Paley and Mrs. Anny Dobrejcer is a junior at Stuyvesant High School where he is a multi-sport athlete, competing with the baseball team in the Spring and the Indoor Track team

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in the Fall. He is a starting pitcher for the baseball team and has won several medals as a jumper for the track team. He has also played for the New York Gothams Baseball Club in national championship baseball competitions along the East Coast. Gabe is a photographer for both the school newspaper and yearbook, and will be the Editor-in-Chief of the school satirical newspaper, "The Broken Escalator," in the coming year. He was also a comedy writer and sound director for the school Varsity show, and has worked on the sound crew for several other school shows.

As a musician, Gabe has performed as the lead singer and rhythm guitarist at the Knitting Factory with his rock band and is currently the First Chair French horn player in the Stuyvesant school band.

Gabe has attended Minyan Ma'at at Ansche Chesed throughout his life and is a student at the Ivry Prozdor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. In the summer of 2006, he was a member of the American delegation to the JDC camp in Szarvas, Hungary, which gathered Jewish teens from around the world.



ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Hannah Rabinowitz, daughter of Dr. Ian Rabinowitz and Dr. Marina Arbetman- Rabinowitz is a junior at Sandia Preparatory School where she is involved in Mock Trial and Model UN. She won a Bill Richardson Award for Diplomacy during the 2007 UNMmun Session. She also serves as an officer in Sandia Prep's World Language Alliance and is a member of Sandia Prep's National Honors Society through which she tutors elementary school students once a month.

Hannah belongs to Congregation Albert, a reform synagogue, where she currently serves as the Social Action Vice President of Congregation Albert's youth group, TASTY. In addition, she sits on a joint social action committee which includes members of the synagogue's Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

This year, Hannah has participated in the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership program, where she gained leadership skills and learned about different facets of the Albuquerque community with students from all over the city.



ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

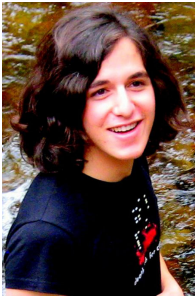
Ben Schenkel, son of Ms. Deborah Schenkel, is currently a junior at Moravian Academy where he is involved in numerous pursuits. He is the editor-in-chief of the *Moravian Star* school newspaper and has participated in advanced committees for both Model United Nations and Model Congress. He has been a member of the school's successful Scholastic Scrimmage team, for which he has also served as a captain. Ben is also a dedicated varsity cross-country runner at the Academy, and participates in Debate Club and Junior State of America.

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Ben has received academic and leadership honors both in and out of school. Most recently, he placed second as a competitor on *Jeopardy's* Teen Tournament. He twice was a recipient of the President's Award for Educational Excellence; has consistently achieved the "high honor roll" distinction at Moravian; and earned first place awards at both state and local competitions of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science.

His involvement extends to the community as well. Ben works at Target Guest Services part-time, where he was named the Great Team Hero of March 2006. He volunteers at the Parkland Community Library in addition to playing bridge at the Lehigh County Senior Citizens Center. He further serves as the Co-President of Keneseth Israel Temple Youth.

His summers have been busy as he engaged in intellectual and cultural growth opportunities such as Junior Statesman of America (held at Princeton University), Spanish language immersion in Costa Rica, and summer study with his relatives in Paris, France.



CENTENNIAL, COLORADO

Daniel Smith, son of Candise Shulman-Smith and Clive Smith, is a junior at Rocky Mountain Hebrew Academy (DCJE). Daniel mainly enjoys studying History, Mathematics and English in school, but is a firm believer in getting educated outside of a school environment. He enjoys learning from his father, mother and brother, and spends time reading about music, history, engineering, and software design.

He is extremely passionate about music, and has played the guitar for over five years. He is an active musician who composes and records songs with a very modest bedroom recording set-up. He enjoys attending local concerts, and hopes to one day play some of his own.

He is also an active artist who tries to draw and paint as much as possible. Daniel often prefers creating compositions with extreme contrast, often enjoying Black & White composition, although he has begun using colorful paint and permanent marker.

Daniel has also been heavily involved in the Rocky Mountain Region BBYO, and has coordinated social action and Judaic awareness programs for his chapter and region.

Daniel involves himself in the study of electronics and has won over 15 awards at both Denver Regional and Colorado State Science and Engineering Fairs. Daniel mainly applies his love of engineering to the guitar, and plans on starting a company with an invention that he unveiled at the 2007 Colorado Science and Engineering Fair.



NEW YORK, NY

Dalia Terry, daughter of Avi Terry and the late Beth Levine, is a junior at the Abraham Joshua Heschel School of the Upper West Side where she has taken advantage of the extra-curricular activities that her school offers. Dalia has been dedicated to the Heschel cross-country team since its creation two years ago. Dalia has also been part of the Heschel debate team since being recruited in her sophomore year, and this

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March, she won her first debate trophy.

Dalia spends two hours a week tutoring at the Star Learning Center of Manhattan, where she volunteers to work with underprivileged children with learning disabilities. She has been with her current student for the past two years, and looks forward to continuing to help students improve their reading, writing and math skills.

Dalia is very active in the Jewish community: She has attended pluralistic Jewish day school her whole life, and belongs to both the Anche Chesed community and Old Broadway synagogue, a shteeble in Harlem. She grew up in a household with a Conservative mother and an Orthodox father.

In her past few summers, Dalia has attended Camp Nesher in Lake Como, Pennsylvania, where she spent her days playing volleyball and singing songs. She spent her last summer in Argentina, where she did volunteer work with the Argentine Jewish community—working mostly with young children and the elderly, while doing some art projects on the side. In her free time, Dalia enjoys reading, enjoys pencil sketching and creative writing and she has made contributions to her school's literary magazine, *Epitome*.



GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Anya van Wagtendonk, daughter of Lyn Yonack and of Reinout van Wagtendonk, is a junior at Monument Mountain Regional High School where she is involved in theater, and has participated in Shakespeare & Company's Fall Festival of Shakespeare and the Spring Musical for the past three years. She writes for Maroon Reflections, her school newspaper, and is the incumbent editor of *Images*, the school's literary magazine. She is also active in the National Honor Society, Amnesty International, and founding member of a chapter of STAND: A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition. She is the recipient of school awards in history and world language, as well as a state-wide Scholastic Art Award. She belongs to Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, the Reform synagogue in Great Barrington, where she is the president of HoTY, the senior youth group, a young teacher, and a member of the Confirmation class. Outside of school and synagogue, she is on the board of the B'nai Tzedek Youth Foundation, a philanthropic organization for Jewish teenagers throughout Western Massachusetts, is a youth columnist for the Berkshire Jewish Voice, plays the drums, writes, and sings. Last summer, she spent six weeks in Israel with Young Judaea, the Zionist Youth Movement of Hadassah, and for three summers before that, she attended Johns Hopkins University's Center for Talented Youth program in Carlisle, PA on the campus of Dickinson College, where she took life-changing, thought-altering classes in existentialism, comparative arts, and writing.



OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS

Isaac Wilder, son of Harris Wilder and Harlene Hipsh, is a junior at the Hotchkiss School, in Lakeville, Connecticut where he played a role in the Hotchkiss Dramatic Association production of *Lysistrata* this past winter. Wilder is an active member of his schools Speech & Debate society,

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winning several awards. He was a commended delegate at the Yale University Model United Nations this year, with the school taking an Outstanding Delegation award.

While at the Hebrew Academy, Wilder was the Yeshiva University Model United Nations team captain, and the team captain for We The People, a civics competition. He was co-captain of the Academy's engineering team, which won the National JV Division I title in 2006. He was an editor of the Academy Voice, and a member of the Hebrew Academy Dramatic Society.

He is also a member of the slam poetry ensemble, dubbed Unity Through Rhythm. He has performed as a poet with the Hotchkiss Jazz ensemble, and at the Nuyorican poetry Café in New York City. His short stories have been published in Hotchkiss' literary magazine, The Writing Block, and in the inaugural issue of 8x8 magazine.



EAST WILLISTON, NEW YORK

Jordan Yadoo, son of Shlomo and Debbie Yadoo, is junior at the Wheatley School where he is editor of his school's award winning newspaper. Taking great interest in the areas of public speaking and debate, Jordan is a member of his school's Mock Trial Team, which, in 2006, advanced to the Nassau County Semifinals. He is an executive board member of his school's World Affairs Club, through which he has attended Model United Nations Conferences at both Princeton and Johns Hopkins University. Jordan is actively involved in Inter Cultural Unity (ICU), an organization which seeks to spread tolerance and eliminate hate. Through ICU, he attends monthly Anti-Bias Task Force Meetings and has participated in the Adopt a Survivor Program at the Holocaust Resource Center of Manhasset's Temple Judea. Jordan is a member of National Honor Society and is a student leadership council representative. Outside of school, Jordan has made notable contributions as well; he was last year recognized by Winthrop University Hospital for his eighty hours of community service.

At Wheatley, Jordan's favorite academic subjects include History and English. He has been named both "Global Studies Student of the Year" and "AP European History Student of the Year." This year, he was awarded a Certificate of Recognition by the Veterans of Foreign Wars for his essay entitled, *Freedom's Challenge*. Jordan takes great interest in studying foreign languages as well. He has been inducted into both the French and Latin Honor Societies. He has been awarded 1st place at the American Association of Teachers of French Poetry Contest and has received recognition for his high scores on the National Latin Exam.

In the areas of Math and Science Research, Jordan has received two consecutive gold medals at the Al Kalfus Long Island Math Fair, first through his study of Fractal Geometry and last year, through his exploration of Mersenne Primes and Perfect Numbers. During the summer following his freshmen year, Jordan participated in a 30-hour workshop in recombinant-DNA technology at the Dolan DNA Learning Center of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. This year, Jordan conducted a behavioral study through which he examined student attitudes towards cheating; he will showcase his research at the Rohm and

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Haas Electronic Materials Invitational Science Fair this April.

A member of his school's Symphonic Orchestra, Jordan has studied the violin for seven years. As a freshman, he was awarded an A+ by the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA).

This past summer, Jordan participated in the Samberg Family History Program, an academic fellowship for high school students at Manhattan's Center for Jewish History. There, he studied his family's past in the context of Jewish history and visited sites such as the Lower East Side Tenement Museum and the Museum of Jewish Heritage.

Jordan received his Hebrew school education at the Shelter Rock Jewish Center, where he became a Bar-Mitzvah at thirteen.

ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY



Cody Yudkoff, daughter of Peter and Ophelia Yudkoff, is a junior at the Dwight Englewood School, which she has attended since seventh grade. Prior to that, she attended the Elisabeth Morrow School. She also attends Bergen County High School of Jewish Studies, a supplementary Hebrew School, on Sundays. She is a member of Temple Sinai of Bergen County, where she was Bat Mitzvahed and Confirmed. She has attended their religious school since second grade. She is also an assistant teacher in their fourth grade class, and a student in their post confirmation program. Last summer, she worked in their religious school office.



BEXLEY, OHIO

Yael Zinkow, daughter of Rabbis Misha Zinkow and Elka Abrahamson, is a junior at The Columbus School for Girls (CSG) where she is currently the junior class president, participates in the honor choir, the Grace Notes, and has acted in several CSG theatrical productions. She is the treasurer of her high school's chapter of the Thespian society and a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Prior to CSG, Yael attended the Talmud Torah of St. Paul Day School in St. Paul, Minnesota. When she moved with her family to Ohio, she began the 5th grade at the Columbus Jewish Day School in New Albany where she was a member of the first middle school graduating class in 2004.

Yael has spent her summers at Camp Swig in California, Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute in Wisconsin, and primarily at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin. She was confirmed at Temple Israel last year and is now the second grade student teacher aide in the congregation's religious school. She volunteers at the YWCA Family Center in Columbus teaching drama and theater games to children, and last year she spent a week in New Orleans with her family gutting and cleaning homes destroyed by the Katrina hurricane.