



Midreshet Shalhevet

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High School for Girls

Illuminating Minds. Warming Hearts

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Shalhevet Poets Captivate Audience

The Shalhevet Poetry team displayed their linguistic talents at the SKA poetry slam on Tuesday, February 10th. Each participant was asked to write one haiku and one free-verse poem relating to the topic of "branching out", inspired by ט"ז בשבט. The girls wrote excellent poetry that not only impressed the other students at the slam, but the judges as well. Congratulations to Tamar Beer on qualifying in the finalist round! It was a day enjoyed by all and the girls are looking forward to the next poetry slam!

-Tamar Yastrab, 11th Grade



Editor's note: Congratulations to Tamar Yastrab on being awarded Best Overall Performer at the Poetry Slam. Humility noted.



YUNMUN 2015

This past week, the Model UN team joined tens of schools in the annual Yeshiva University National Model United Nations competition. We were fortunate to be able to

represent Israel as one of our countries, as well as Australia in this three-day long competition. Over the three days, we represented our countries in committees such as Human Rights Council, UNICEF, and the Middle East Summit and proved how Israel and Australia would respond to various political, economical, and other situations. It was a lot of fun meeting many different teenagers from all over the world who share a common interest on advocacy and our futures of being world leaders. Congratulations to Noa Eliach on winning the Honorable Mention award of her committee, Counter Terrorism! Of course, we would not have been able to accomplish our goals without the help of our coach, Mr. Bader. We thank Mr. Bader for all of his hard work and we cannot wait to participate again next year!!

-Shoshana Waronker, 12th Grade





Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Jody Linden

Shalhevet offers many elective options for us to choose from. One of my favorite electives, is sign language with Mrs. Linden. Mrs. Linden was born in Brooklyn, NY and moved to Long Island when she was 15 years old. She knew she wanted to become a teacher when she did not understand a class lesson and figured out a way to teach it to herself. When she began Queens College, many people felt that she should become a speech therapist, however Mrs. Linden did not want to give up teaching. Instead, she combined her love for teaching with speech, and her sign language skills (which her mother had taught her at age 16) and became a teacher for the deaf at the Lexington School for the Deaf. Mrs. Linden fell in love with teaching there and enjoyed being able to provide a solid education for those with hearing impairments.

When Mrs. Linden heard that Shalhevet was looking for a sign language teacher, she jumped at the opportunity and has never looked back. Mrs. Linden appreciates how motivated, warm, and interested the students at Shalhevet are. "If it weren't for Shalhevet, I would be retiring early. I thought I loved teaching before, but Shalhevet has made me love it even more!"

In addition to teaching, Mrs. Linden enjoys reading, gardening, going to the beach, and to shows with her daughter.

-Laura Ahdut, 11th Grade

Congratulations to the Mock Trial team on another amazing win!

Mazel Tov to Devora Scott-Thoennes, class of 2013, on her engagement to Yosef Deray!

In honor of Phillip Bach's first yartzheit, Mrs. Chava Willig Levy will be speaking about her book "A Life Not with Standing" on February 21. The shiur will take place at the Young Israel of North Woodmere at 8:30 PM.

**Upcoming Events:
Mother-Daughter Dinner- February 23
School Play- March 16**

The JUMP team is running a shoe drive. If anyone has used shoes that they no longer need, please send them.