

in urging you to consider that Jonathan Pollard has now paid a huge price for his espionage on behalf of Israel and should be released from prison.

I am impressed that the people who are best informed about the classified material he passed to Israel, former CIA Director James Woolsey and former Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee Dennis DeConcini, favor his release.

I find the letter you received from former Attorney General Michael Mukasey of the Bush administration particularly compelling.

**With my respect,
Sincerely yours,
George P. Shultz**

A Rambam Student, Once Again, Announced As Intel STS Finalist

When the semifinalists for this year's Intel Science Talent Search were announced on January 12, Rambam Mesivta's Nathan Akhavan was among the select few, of the 2,000 who applied, to receive this honor. Nathan joins the ranks of Mordechai Bronner, Raffi Holzer, and Michael Hagler as he becomes the fourth Rambam student in the past few years to be named an Intel semifinalist.

The award came as a result of months of intense research and writing, as Nathan diligently spent his free time at Stony Brook in an effort to benefit society. "While I am certainly one to value knowledge for its own sake, it feels good to know that this project may improve the world by cutting down on carbon emissions and preserving our precious resources," said an ebullient Nathan following the announcement. His project, "Enhancing Organic Polymer Solar Cell Efficiency Through the Incorporation of Graphene and Graphene Oxide," focused on integrating graphene, a 2-dimensional sheet of carbon atoms with extraordinary electrical properties, and graphene oxide (GO), a derivative of graphite, into organic polymer solar cells in order to improve their current low efficiency. The results showed that solar cells made with GO improved voltage production by 26%, introducing an exciting new direction in energy research.

"Nathan is truly a well-rounded individual," declared assistant principal Hillel Goldman. "I have been working with him in his capacity as senior council vice president, and his areas of expertise extend beyond science and into the worlds of business, politics, and writing. We are so proud of him."

Principal Rabbi Yotav Eliach stressed that "Nathan follows in a long line of Rambam students to have their scientific achievements recognized by various national organizations such as Intel, Siemens Westinghouse, and the Davidson Institute. He is what the school is about: A love of learning combined with a commitment to share our knowledge with the world." *Rosh mesivta* Rabbi Zev Meir Friedman declared, "Nathan truly appreciates science as a reflection of *chochmas Hashem* and will undoubtedly inspire others to recognize the *Borei Olam*."

Nathan feels that his success is a result of a team effort. "A special thanks for the success of this endeavor must go out to Benjamin Goldman for his contributions and insight. I'd also like to thank Mrs. Rebecca Isseroff and Dr. Miriam Rafailovich for making the



(L-R): Mrs. Rebecca Isseroff, Nathan Akhavan, Rabbi Zev Meir Friedman, and Rabbi Yotav Eliach.

vision of this project a reality."

Dr. Rafailovich had this to say about Nathan and about Rambam: "This the tenth year that I have had the pleasure of working with Rambam students in our summer research program at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Science, learning, and achievement have almost become a Rambam tradition. Sustained accomplishments are not a coincidence. Rambam students are fortunate to have a combination of

the best science mentors on Long Island, who are also community models of *chesed*, Torah, and *middos*."

In addition to being an Intel semifinalist, Nathan is captain of the playoff-bound Rambam hockey team, and a member of the soccer, math, and mock trial teams. Next year, Nathan plans on studying in Israel and then pursuing a career in medicine at Johns Hopkins, University of Pennsylvania, Columbia, or Yeshiva University. ❖

Lawrence Schiffman Appointed Vice Provost At YU

President Richard M. Joel has announced the appointment of Lawrence H. Schiffman as vice provost for undergraduate education at Yeshiva University. Schiffman joins YU from New York University where he served as the Ethel and Irvin A. Edelman Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies and chair of the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies.

"Professor Schiffman will lead the effort to 're-imagine' undergraduate education at Yeshiva University," said President Joel. "This undertaking will involve restructuring the undergraduate colleges, creating a unified undergraduate faculty to establish more commonalities and synergies among disciplines at both the Wilf and Beren campuses. The vice provost will work in close collaboration with the undergraduate deans and the provost to strengthen and foster a student experience of excellence and success and provide the optimum environ-

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