

AROUND THE FIVE TOWNS

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tough loss last week. Aura played a tough game but still fell to 0-8.

TSI Exterior 47, Schreiber's Bakery 42. Binyamin Lipschutz had 16 for Tuvya's TSI squad and Azriel Gleiberman had 23 in loss.

Midwood Lumber 50, Harrico Pharmacy 39. Adam Motovich exploded and scored a career high 40 to ensure that Lumber would not finish the year in last place. Midwood takes on Mountain Food next week in a Playoff preview.

Lazer Marble 47, Jewish Press 46. In a back and forth matchup that was to decide the one seed for the playoffs, Lazer came away on top. Avrumi Streicher had 11 and Netanel Havlin had 16 for Lazer. Look for these to meet in the Finals.

Quality Carpet 31, Creative Lighting 28. Quality has gone from the worst to the one of the most feared as they win their third in a row. Ushi Friedman led with 17.

Mountain Food Jr. 29, Judaica Place 19. Lazer Schneck and Modchy Itzkowitz combined for 20 as Food sits just 1 win away from a perfect season.

Printing Factory demolished Boro Rug and Carpet to climb to 7-1. "Vameivin Yovin."

The FBL continues next week with a full schedule of games. Follow your favorite team right here in your favorite Jewish newspaper. ❖

Rambam Learn-A-Thon

Nissim and Ezra gave each other a



At the annual Rambam Mesivta learn-a-thon.

nod of recognition as they unwound their *tefillin* in the *beis midrash*. Normally, they *daven* beside one another but today is different. All around them fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and even older brothers were filling up the seats between the *talmidim*. It was January 1 at Rambam Mesivta—the annual learn-a-thon had begun. The federal holiday provided the perfect backdrop for bringing fathers and sons together; when the office doors close, the *mesivta's* doors are wide open for learning in an atmosphere of *achdus*.

A deliciously strong aroma of coffee suffused the room and trays of *rugelach* hit the spot, enjoyed by the men and students as they finished *davening*. This was followed by a 45-minute father and son *chavrusa* session in preparation for

the *shiur* that would follow. Everyone settled comfortably into chairs as the keynote speaker, Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblatt, rose to the microphone.

Rabbi Rosenblatt has lectured widely in the United States, the United Kingdom, South Africa, and Israel. He studied in Israel at Yeshivat Har Etzion and was ordained at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University in 1982. He currently serves as rabbi at The Riverdale Jewish Center and has been active in a wide range of community and charitable causes with a special interest in the needs of children. His lecture at Rambam Mesivta centered on the Jewish perspective of "goyim," based on the writings of *Kedushat Levi*, Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev.

The event concluded with a fulfilling *tish of kugels and chulent*, followed by dancing. A wonderful feeling of *achdus* was borne by all the participants as they left Rambam Mesivta to begin their preparations for what was hopefully an equally enjoyable Shabbat. ❖

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