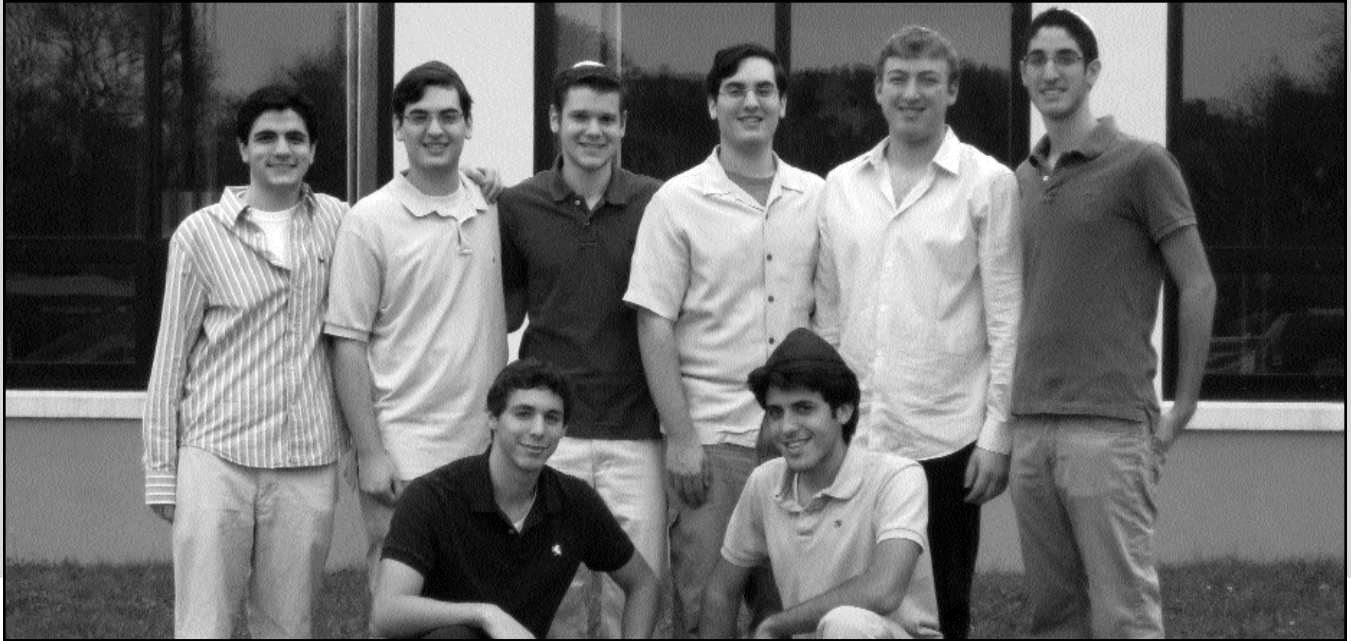


Hillel Yeshiva Students Ace the SATs



**Standing left to right: Andrew Gilson, David Conegliano, Ike Newman, Andrew Conegliano, Jeffrey Epstein, Joey Sultan.
Sitting left to right: Jeffrey Epstein and Joey Bouganim**

After nearly a month off for the holidays, the school year is just getting back under way. But for the senior class of Hillel Yeshiva High School, one of the most important milestones of school has already been reached. The first batch of SAT scores is in, and if they are any indication, the future looks bright, indeed! Eight students scored over 700 on SAT subject tests. Three students scored a perfect 800 on a section of the SAT reasoning test—two in the critical reading section and one in the mathematics section. And beyond the realm of SATs, four students qualified for a National AP Scholars Award for consistent scores of 4 or 5 (out of 5).

According to Rabbi Howard Bald, head of the high school, Hillel's program strives to maximize the potential of each student. "We are very proud that we had multiple perfect scores on the SATs and

numerous above 700 scores on the SAT subject tests. But what we are most proud of is the fact that our high school's multiple track program is able to serve the entire community and to maximize the educational potential of all our students—from regular to high honors." These exceptional students did have much potential, and that potential has now been fully realized.

Joey Bouganim, Student Council President, aspires to attend the University of Pennsylvania. He has a strong interest in the legal and medical fields, and believes that Hashem has guided him to this success.

Andrew Conegliano would like to major in computer science at Boston University, or in the honors program at Rutgers University. His goal is to become an engineer or computer scientist and found a computer company of his own.

David Conegliano, Editor in Chief of the yearbook, hopes to find

a cure for diseases someday through his interest in biomedical research and engineering. He has applied to many Ivy League schools in order to reach this lofty goal.

Jeffrey Epstein is keeping his options open for the future. He would like to attend one of several Ivy League colleges that he has applied to, and then decide what interests him most. He placed second in the AP Biology Science League, was a College Bowl finalist, and is the captain and goalie of Hillel Yeshiva's varsity hockey team.

Andrew Gilson plans to continue his studies next year in Israel. His experience with counseling German Jewish boys in Austria will certainly be an asset for whatever path he chooses in his future.

Daniel Levi is an all-around success, balancing extra-curricular activities with a strenuous academic course load. His experience at mock

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trial has given him a yearning to try his hand at trial law, hopefully beginning with the undergraduate program at the University of Pennsylvania.

Ike Newman, a finalist in the 2008 College Bowl and the 2nd place winner of the 2008 YU Model UN, hopes to be a contract lawyer. He counts being an active member of the Hillel community as one of his future goals.

Joseph Sultan is a member of Hillel Yeshiva's first-ever champion softball team. He has applied to many top-notch schools, including Columbia University, Brandeis University, NYU, Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania, after which he will apply to law school. His dream is to open his own law firm by the age of 30. When asked what has inspired him to set these goals, he replied, "Hillel has laid the foundation for my future endeavors."

This sentiment is recognized by many members of the Hillel Yeshiva family. Norman Jemal, a member of the Board of Directors, exclaims, "While I am extremely proud of the select students who scored such impressive grades on the SATs this year, I must also give credit to the teachers who helped mold and inspire these students for four, 12, and in some cases 15 years. Acing the SATs is not something that can be achieved without a lifetime of proper educational tools and techniques, and I am so happy that Hillel continues to maintain the stance that instilling wisdom and understanding through education is tantamount as a goal of the entire school. I hope that as these individuals transform from students into graduates and alumni, they always remember to give back to the great institution that helped shape them to this point in their lives."

Neil Tobias, a member of the Board of Trustees, adds, "Hillel's academic achievements are unbelievable. Not many schools can boast such impressive SAT scores. No doubt, it is due to the qualified educators and our school board, sitting at the helm of this illustrious institution."

Dr. Gayle Krost, Chairman of the Board of Education, congratulates the eight students for their remarkable achievements. "I am so proud of our high school and the many students who attained such remarkable SAT scores. Hillel Yeshiva has reached a new level of academic excellence. These extraordinary scores are a perfect illustration of the remarkable education and the wonderful and dedicated teachers and administrators who influence our students to reach for the stars. We look forward to watching all our students fulfill their dreams and develop into successful community members."

The entire Hillel Yeshiva community takes pride in wishing these students, along with the Class of 2009, congratulations on their accomplishments and best of luck in all their future endeavors. □