

TABC CLUBS ACADEMIC TEAMS AND PUBLICATIONS GUIDE / 2019-2020



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CHASSIDISHE CLUB

Faculty Advisor: Rabbi David Einhorn / Student Advisor: Dovi Lederer '20

Come share divrei chassidus and be uplifted by the divrei tzadikim. Enjoy kugel and rugelach while singing and dancing besimcha.

ENGINEERING CLUB

Faculty Advisor: Mr. Aryeh Tiefenbrunn / Student Advisor: Shai Rosenberg '20

This club is for motivated students who are excited by the idea of planning and building complex do-it-yourself projects involving coding, electronics, engineering, and woodwork.

INTRAMURALS

Faculty Advisor: Rabbi Jonathan Kessel

Join your classmates for lunch time basketball or after school hockey once a week. Personalized gear is available for every participant!

ISRAEL ADVOCACY

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Elliot Prager / Student Advisor: Ezra Seplowitz '20

Are you passionate about Israel and current events? The Israel Advocacy Club empowers students to advocate for Israel. Club members hear from a variety of speakers and bring meaningful advocacy opportunities to the student body. The highlight of participation in this club is the annual trip to the AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington D.C.

INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY

Faculty Advisor: Mrs. Rebecca Lopkin / Student Leader: Daniel Rothstein '20

The Theater Department offers students many ways to learn about and explore theater. Mrs. Lopkin will direct and produce a comedy in the fall and a drama in the spring. Students of all experience levels are welcome for roles ranging from actors to stage management to lighting and design.

MAGIC CLUB

Faculty Advisor: Rabbi Steven Finkelstein / Student Advisor: Uriel Gulich '20

Now you see us, now you don't. You'll have a magical time with this club discussing and perfecting the art of magic.

Extracurricular activities at TABC provide a valuable opportunity for students to grow, explore areas of interest, and have fun with friends. The extracurricular experience at TABC is the perfect complement to classroom study and fosters personal and academic growth. Students may choose to pursue something in which they already excel or try something new entirely.

Ideas for new clubs are always welcome as students and administrators continue to collaborate in creating a wide range of opportunities to match the interests of our diverse student body.



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PRE-MED SOCIETY

Student Advisors: Moshe Dergel '20 & Harry Meister '21

This club is open to anyone interested in medicine, regardless of whether they would like to be a physician or not. Club members discuss new topics and cases as they pertain to the medical profession and regularly host guest speakers with medical backgrounds to enrich the experience.

SPORTS CLUB

Faculty Advisor: Rabbi Ben Krinsky / Student Advisors: Daniel Becker '20, Yoni Herschmann '20 & Ving Levy '20

The Sports Club meets weekly to discuss and argue about sports in a polite and respectful manner. Attendants are free to introduce any sports topic and encouraged to express their opinions and engage in debate. The Sports Club primarily discusses baseball, basketball, football, and hockey.

TABC BAND

Faculty Advisor: TBD / Student Advisor: TBD

Come and jam with your peers! Band members will collaborate and create and occasionally perform at special events. See Rabbi Stone for more details.

TABC-TV

Student Advisor: Pinny Silver '21

TABC was a trailblazer in the world of yeshiva high school broadcasting clubs. This club broadcasts and livestreams Storm games and special events throughout the year, offering opportunities for students to be involved as videographers, editors, and commentators.

YACHAD CLUB

Student Advisors: Ezzie Kilimnick '20, Natan Rifkind '20 & Avi Stuart '20

The Yachad Club promotes awareness and inclusion of the special needs community through meetings and events and offers opportunities to volunteer and participate in Yachad events throughout the year.

YAF CLUB

Student Advisor: Natan Rifkind '20

The YAF Club is a chapter of the Young Americans Foundation, a national outreach organization of the political conservative movement. The YAF Club meets weekly to discuss current events and politics and will hopefully welcome guest speakers throughout the year.

ACADEMIC TEAMS

CHESS TEAM

Faculty Advisor: Mr. Ken Dietz / Student Captains: Ving Levy '20 and Asher Rauzman '21

Led by Coach Ken Dietz, the Chess Team is part of the Metropolitan Yeshiva High School League. Participants compete in matches against other yeshivot, culminating in the playoffs. The TABC Chess Team has been enormously successful and won several championships.

CHIDON HATANACH

Faculty Advisor: Rabbi Neil Winkler

Rabbi Winkler coaches TABC students virtually from Israel to excel in the American, and eventually international, Chidon haTanach. For those interested in expanding their knowledge of Tanach and excelling in this prestigious competition, please speak with Rabbi Jachter.

COLLEGE BOWL

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Manny Landau / Student Captains: TBD

Led by Coach Manny Landau, College Bowl is a quiz-show format competition. TABC's teams compete against other metropolitan area yeshiva high schools. The Varsity team (primarily seniors) and the Junior Varsity team (freshmen, sophomores and juniors) each feature four students competing at a time. The competitions test students' knowledge in a variety of content areas and both teams have been very successful. Over the last ten years, either Varsity or Junior Varsity has been the citywide inter-Yeshiva high school College Bowl league champion, which makes TABC the most successful competitive team. Students need to have a great deal of knowledge, very good recall time, and excellent physical reflexes to be successful team members.

ACADEMIC TEAMS

DEBATE TEAM

Faculty Advisor: TBD / Student Captains: Ezra Baron '20 and Daniel Becker '20

The TABC Debate Team competes against Yeshiva high schools throughout the metropolitan area. Teams of two students take either the affirmative or negative side of a topical issue, such as the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance or the relevance of the United Nations. Debate cultivates students' reasoning and public speaking skills, preparing them for both their personal and professional adult lives. Tryouts will be announced.

ENVISION SHAKESPEARE

Faculty Advisor: TBD

Envision Shakespeare is a tournament style Shakespearean competition designed specifically for Jewish high schools. You don't have to be an actor or director to participate. Students will collaborate with the faculty advisor to stage and rehearse a scene from an assigned Shakespeare work.

HISTORY BOWL BEE

Faculty Advisor: TBD / Student Captain: Ephraim Helfgot '20

The History Bowl is a quiz show format competition that involves schools from around the country. The Bowl has both JV and Varsity level teams and tests students' knowledge in all varieties of American and World History. History Bee is the individual competition covering the same topics.

MATH LEAGUE

Faculty Advisor: Mrs. Dassi Silverman / Student Captain: Mikey Schwartz '20

Students will learn cool math concepts while prepping for New Jersey Math League competitions.

MOCK TRIAL

Faculty Advisor: Mr. Yehuda Gertler '14

Mock Trial is an imitation courtroom competition sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Association. The students compete against teams from other schools in New Jersey and are judged by volunteer attorneys in a survival or elimination process. The Bergen County champions then compete on a statewide then national level. TABC has been the Bergen County champion five times. In 1999, TABC finished third in the state and in 2005, the team won the New Jersey Statewide championship and represented New Jersey in the national competition in Charlotte, North Carolina. Tryouts will be held in the fall.

MODEL CONGRESS

Faculty Advisor: Rabbi David Nachbar

Organized by HAFTR, Model Congress offers students the opportunity to compete against their peers from other Yeshiva high schools in mock sessions of Congress. Students will write their own bills and resolutions and present them to fellow committee members, while engaging in debate on dialogue over the pressing issues of the day. Interested students must engage in extensive independent research, possess strong writing skills, be able to articulate their thoughts in a persuasive oral presentation, and demonstrate critical thinking skills. Tryouts for the team are held in December.

MODEL UN

Faculty Advisor: TBD

The Yeshiva University Model United Nations (YUNMUN) is a student-run simulation of the real United Nations. Students have the opportunity to learn about and experience the complex landscape of international diplomacy. Playing the roles of delegates to actual UN member nations, participants represent a variety of positions, often ones with which they may not necessarily agree. In advocating for a given country, students must conduct thorough research of that country's interests and policies on a wide range of issues, adding both to their knowledge of world affairs and to their facility with research, communication, and critical evaluation. This year's Model UN will take place February 9th-11th, 2020. Tryouts will be held in the fall.

MODEL BEIT DIN

Faculty Advisor: Rabbi Howard Jachter

Under the leadership of prominent community dayan and longtime TABC rebbe Rabbi Jachter, Model Beit Din is assigned a case and tasked with researching the halachic issues involved, formulating decisions and presenting its argument at a competition sponsored by Lander College for Men. Tryouts take place after winter break.

ACADEMIC TEAMS

POETRY SLAM

Faculty Advisor: Mr. Michael McGoldrick

Students will compose and perform original works of poetry in various forms and attend several competitions throughout the year at local yeshivot.

ROBOTICS

Faculty Advisor: Mr. Aryeh Tiefenbrunn / Student Captains: Mendel Aizikovitch '20 & David Reese '20

The Robotics Team builds and programs robots for entry in competitions.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Faculty Advisor: Mr. Ken Dietz

Students work in teams to invent technology based on the annual theme of the SciOly competition held at Lander College for Men.

TORAH BOWL

Faculty Advisor: Rabbi David Einhorn / Student Captain: Ephraim Helfgot '20

Torah Bowl follows a quiz show format with questions based upon a pre-designated sefer of Chumash and Rashi. Students study on their own for the matches, which take place during school hours. Tryouts will be announced at the beginning of the school year.

PUBLICATIONS

EYE OF THE STORM

Faculty Advisor: Mr. Michael McGoldrick / Student Editors: Yoni Weinreich '20 & Yitzi Weis '20

Eye of the Storm is the official newspaper of TABC and provides a space for students to both present their opinions and to report on topics relevant to the TABC community. Student journalists have the opportunity to work as individual reporters as well as collaborate with a team to publish an online paper. All enthusiastic writers are invited to join. Please contact Mr. McGoldrick for more details.

ISRAEL REPORT

Student Editor: Ezra Seplowitz '20

TABC's *Israel Report* is a compilation of articles from various Israeli news sources, including Arutz-7, the Jerusalem Post, YNet, and Israel HaYom. Working on this publication offers an opportunity to provide the TABC community and beyond with a snapshot of what's going on in Israel.

KOL TORAH קול תורה

Faculty Advisor: Rabbi Howard Jachter / Student Editors: Ephraim Helfgot '20 & Ezra Seplowitz '20

Join the staff of the TABC weekly Torah publication and help thousands learn Torah! *Kol Torah* is a compilation of divrei Torah written by our rebbeim and students and is distributed to shuls across the United States and beyond. Staff positions are available for students interested in writing or editing divrei Torah, distribution, website design, or business management. Interested students should speak with Rabbi Jachter.

THE BLUE GOLD

Faculty Advisor: Mrs. Enid Goldberg / Student Editors: Harry Meister '21 & Jake Resnick '21

The Blue and Gold literary magazine is an annually printed magazine containing essays, short fiction, art, and photography created and produced by TABC students. The staff occasionally meets during breakfast.

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