

The Hebrew Academy Appreciates The Gift Of Learning

Every year at this time the Hebrew Academy is fortunate to receive a very special gift for the holiday season. It is not a glittering toy, a shiny candy box, a new picture book or a late model computer. It is simply a very high mean score achieved by the students on the IOWA tests of basic skills administered in November of this year. This year's mean (average) composite score in language and math reached 95th percentile, an all time high score for the Hebrew Academy students.

This means that only 5% of the students tested nation-wide scored higher and 94% scored lower than the students at the Hebrew Academy.

It is important to note that the students at the Academy made significant progress in a span of only 3 years. In 1982 they achieved a score of 88%ile.

The breakdown for the grades for November 1985 is as follows:

Kindergarten	93
1st grade	99
2nd grade	96
3rd grade	96
4th grade	97
5th grade	96
6th grade	82
7th grade	99
8th grade	94
9th grade	94 and 100% on minimum proficiency test

The Hebrew Academy students, parents,

faculty and administration have good reason to rejoice at this holiday season.

They are grateful for the gift of learning, achieving and the new challenges which the New Year will bring.

ORT "Think Tank" Meets At Oxford

The ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training) Academic Advisory Council concluded its second annual meeting with a strong directive reemphasizing the need to include instruction in moral and ethical values as a critical component of the total ORT program. ORT's education and technological training programs represent the largest non-governmental vocational education system in the world, comprising 800 schools from Bombay, India to Lima, Peru, with 100 schools in Israel, alone.

The 14-member council -- an impressive roster of world-renowned academics, scientists, industrialists, and statesmen -- met for two days at Yarnton Manor, site of Oxford University's Centre for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies, in England. Their mandate is to function as a "think tank," evaluating ORT's current curricula for relevance and making long-range recommendations based on projected worldwide technological needs.

In addition to strengthening the Jewish content of ORT education, the council called for civics classes to help students understand the structure of the societies in which they live, maximum curriculum flexibility to adapt to rapid changes in technology, and the inclusion of biotechnology into the ORT curricula.

10 Neo-Nazis Convicted On Federal Charges

SEATTLE (WNS) — Ten members of The Order, a violent anti-Semitic and white supremacist group based in the Northwest, were convicted of racketeering charges that included murder, armed robbery and counterfeiting as part of their plot to kill Jews, deport non-whites and overthrow the government. The verdict in the trial, which began in September, was reached after the jury deliberated for two weeks.

Each of the nine men

and one woman convicted of violating the 1972 federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt

Organizations (RICO) Act was found guilty of at least two offenses. The 10 who were on trial were among 23 members of The Order indicted in April on similar charges. Eleven made plea-bargain arrangements and never stood trial, another was convicted

of the murder of a highway patrol officer, and one is still at large.

The jury heard from 370 witnesses and received approximately

1,500 pieces of evidence to support the prosecution's contention that the purpose of The Order was to overthrow

the "Zionist-controlled" government. The Order was charged with the 1984 murder of Alan Berg, the Jewish radio

personality who was outspoken in his condemnation of anti-Semitic and rightwing individuals and outfits.

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