



Dear Shalhevet Community,

We would like to share with you some exciting Shalhevet student successes. Last week, Shalhevet participated for the 5th time in the Princeton Model Congress, a simulation of U.S. Government put together by students of Princeton University. Shalhevet walked away with 14 individual awards and won a team award for the school having the 2nd most individual wins in the country.

About Princeton Model Congress:

Princeton Model Congress, a simulation of U.S. Government put together by students of Princeton University. In this simulation, our students act as Representatives and Senators in the U.S. Congress, and attempt to pass mock legislation that they create. Additionally, they debate and may attempt to amend pieces of legislation put forth by delegates from other schools. Participating students spend the majority of their time in committees that model actual counterparts in the U.S. Congress, such as the Senate Foreign Relations Committee or the Senate Appropriations Committee. They spend the rest of their conference time in Full Sessions that model the full House or full Senate.

In Full Sessions, the best student-created bills that passed through Committee Sessions are chosen by the conference staff to be debated. Participating students are able to win a single Best Delegate (who receives the gavel that had been used by the chairperson throughout the conference) or one of two Honorable Mentions out of the 20-24 delegates in the committee. There are also a Best Delegate and two Honorable Mentions given in Full Sessions that contain about 150 students each. Additionally, one Best Delegation and two Outstanding Delegation awards are presented to the top three schools in terms of total number of individual awards won.

Princeton Model Congress hosts approximately 45 schools, mostly elite private schools from along the Eastern seaboard, and accommodates about 1,300 students in total. Shalhevet is the only school from west of the Mississippi that attends, and we are also the only Shabbat-observant Jewish day school to attend this conference. Our goal is to compete in this competition at the highest level possible while proudly standing for Jewish values and religious principles at the same time. In observance of Shabbat, Shalhevet students miss 1 of 4 Committee Sessions and 1 of 3 Full Sessions (amounting to 30% of the conference being missed).

Shalhevet Awards (Total: 14 individual awards and 1 team award)

- **Shalhevet High School:** Award for Outstanding Delegation (2nd most awards won by any school)
- **Rose Bern:** Honorable Mention in Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
- **Justin Brandt-Sarif:** Honorable Mention in Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee

- **Trevor Brandt-Sarif:** Best Delegate in Senate Judiciary Committee
- **Josh Feder:** Best Delegate in Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee
- **Ari Feuer:** Honorable Mention in Senate Appropriations Committee
- **Deanna Grunfeld:** Best Delegate in Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
- **Nathaniel Kukurudz:** Honorable Mention in Senate Judiciary Committee
- **Zach Miller:** Best Delegate in Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- **Daniella Newman:** Honorable Mention in Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- **David Rokah:** Honorable Mention in Senate Appropriations Committee
- **David Soroudi (2 awards):** Best Delegate in House Full Session and Honorable Mention in House International Relations Committee
- **Eitan Spitzer:** Honorable Mention in Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
- **Bracha Stettin:** Honorable Mention in Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Shalhevet Model Congress Participants:

Aronowitz, Daniel
 Bern, Rose
 Brandes, Noa
 Brandt-Sarif, Justin
 Brandt-Sarif, Trevor
 Cafri, Meirav
 Feder, Joshua
 Feuer, Ari
 Grunfeld, Deanna
 Harel, Maya
 Kukurudz, Nathaniel
 Mandel, Benjamin
 Meir, Keren

Miller, Eitan
 Miller, Zachary
 Newman, Daniella
 Reich, Talia
 Rokah, David
 Schwarcz, Ezra
 Shalom, David
 Soroudi, David
 Spitzer, Eitan
 Stettin, Bracha - Team Captain
 Suriel, Michael
 Tuchman, Ari

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Christopher Buckley: Chief Advisor and Debate Coach
Joelle Keene: Chaperone and Judaic Advisor for female students
Dr. David Keene: Chaperone and Judaic Advisor for male students
Louis Keene: Alumni Co-Advisor

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OUTSTANDING PRINCETON MODEL CONGRESS TEAM AND ITS ADVISORS. YOU MAKE US PROUD!

Shalhevet School