

# Wizards of the Mind

Kids Achievement Center and Chess Club

## Recent news from Wizards Chess Club

Dear Parents and Wizards,

I would like to proudly inform you of a great success that our chess students have recently achieved. As you already know, our wizards won numerous awards at a **New Jersey State Grade Championship** that was held last November. Just to mention a few:

- **Dennis Sobol** won 1st place in 5th grade section
- **Allan Gou** won 1st place in 6<sup>h</sup> grade section
- **Beata Gelman** won 3 place in the 1st grade section
- **Jack Yang** won 1st place in 9<sup>h</sup> grade section
- **Robert Milman** won 3rd place in the 7th grade section

This trend continued during the **New Jersey State Elementary Championship** held on Sunday, February 25th, which is an even harder tournament since there were only 2 sections with many more players than just in your own grade. Here are our outstanding results:

In the primary (K-3rd grade) section we had two **champions** : **Max Sherer and Adam Branovan**. Both **Max and Adam** scored a **perfect 5 out of 5** getting the **first and second place** respectively.

**Beata Gelman** got **13th place with 3 1/2 points** playing mostly older kids and losing only to Adam.

**Elliot Dunayev** showed **excellent results** as well. His score was **4 out of 5** got him **8th place** trophy in the K-6 grade section (Elliot is only in the fourth grade).

With all these terrific results, I almost forgot to mention our flagman: **Anna Matlin**. At the age of 11 Anna is one of the highest rated players in the country (with 1800 rating). We hope that Anna will get an opportunity to represent our country (as well as our club) at the international tournament this spring.

I attribute these outstanding results to the hard work of our instructors/teachers and would like to thank **IM Leonid Sokolin (Advanced Group), Felix Fiterman (Intermediate Group) and Jacob Schwartzman (Camp Instructor/Counselor)** as well as **Parents and Students**. Especially, I'd like to extend my congratulations and thanks to our dedicated parents that spend many hours taking our champions to chess lessons and tournaments (and convincing our wizards to do their homework). With all your help, I am sure that our success and growth as a chess club will continue with many more outstanding results and many more champions to come.

Bravo, Wizards.

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