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SEED SPEAKER INSPIRES STUDENTS TO OVERCOME THEIR OBSTACLES

Zack Pollack was the featured SEED speaker this week. Challenged by Cerebral Palsy (CP) since birth, Zack is a quadriplegic, confined to a wheelchair. He lost most of the function in his arms and legs. Zack is a bright, personable, optimistic and friendly person who graduated from Emerson High School in Emerson, N.J., He is currently a seminary student at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (Yeshiva University) in New York City. He is dedicated to inspiring people—particularly young people—and motivating them to be better human beings. As an observant Jew, he has a deep faith in G-d, as well as faith in the goodness and potential of people of all backgrounds, races and religions. He believes in the power of love and the importance of helping one another. Together as friends we can help make this world a better place for everyone.

The students came away from his talk recognizing that there will inevitably be challenges in life but with hard work and determination, they too can overcome their obstacles. We have to remain positive and not let life's difficulties bring us down and keep us down. We must view our challenges simply as obstacles to be overcome and through which we can learn and grow stronger.

