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FEMALE STUDENTS ENHANCE THEIR TEACHER'S SIYUM

Traditionally when someone completes a book of tanach, mishnah, or gemara they make a siyum or celebration to mark the culmination of this learning. Today, our female high school students had the special opportunity along with administration and faculty to join RKYHS faculty member Ms. Sarah Robinson for a siyum upon her completion of Masechet Rosh HaShanah -- a tractate of Talmud which explores various measures of time and addresses the High Holy Days tefillot and the laws of shofar. After sharing a d'var torah about the masechet, Ms. Robinson recited the Hadran prayer which indicates one's completion in learning that book, then the students joined together with song and dance to celebrate this milestone accomplishment in their teacher's personal Torah study.

Ms. Robinson is grateful to her colleagues at RKYHS for their support and for helping create this celebration, and thanks the countless educators and chevrotot whose guidance and friendship provided the tools to properly learn a sugya of gemara including those in Maimonides School early on as a student, Migdal Oz, Stern College, and most recently, in a special masters program in Yeshiva University for women who want to study advanced Talmud called the Graduate Program for Advanced Talmudic Studies (GPATS).

