

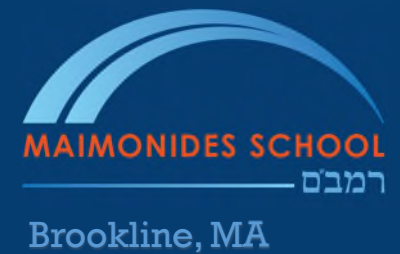


*Pictures courtesy of Susie Berg*

Maimonides School

**2017 INAUGURAL EZRA SCHWARTZ  
MEMORIAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT**

**May 18-21, 2017**



[ezraschwartzbaseballmemorial.com](http://ezraschwartzbaseballmemorial.com)

[facebook.com/The-Ezra-Schwartz-Memorial-Baseball-Tournament](https://facebook.com/The-Ezra-Schwartz-Memorial-Baseball-Tournament)



## Welcome!

Welcome to the Ezra Schwartz Memorial Baseball Tournament. This tournament is especially important to us and the entire Sharon community as a way to memorialize Ezra.

Ezra played little league in Sharon since he was 5 years old, eventually playing Junior Varsity and Varsity for Maimonides School. Ezra and our four other children, ranging in age from 11 to 21, have played for years at the Sharon and Maimonides baseball fields, each of them passionate and talented baseball or softball players in their own right.

Maimonides Baseball was everything to Ezra. He loved it! He worked hard, played hard and he led by example. Ezra supported his teammates and he took pride in their accomplishments. He wanted everyone to play hard but also to love the game.

While Ezra was on the team he really wanted Maimonides to attend a baseball tournament, but they never did. That is why we decided to host this Baseball Tournament in his hometown of Sharon, Massachusetts, in his memory.



Ezra was competitive, but he was also friendly and he loved to have fun. By sponsoring a baseball tournament weekend, we want to honor Ezra's passion for baseball and create a fun environment in which to remember Ezra.

Our community in Sharon is so excited to welcome the Maimonides varsity baseball players as well as the varsity baseball teams from Ramaz, SAR and Atlanta Jewish Academy to participate in our tournament weekend.

We are so glad you are here.

Ruth and Ari Schwartz

## THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS BUSINESS SPONSORS

Crescent Ridge  
Catering by Andrew  
Tova's Catering  
Dushez Catering  
Jerusalem Pita Bar & Grill  
Zayde's Marketplace  
Café Eilat  
Kupel's Bakery  
Mark and Beth Epstein  
Trader Joe's, Foxboro  
Stop & Shop, Norwood  
Starbuck's  
MPG Productions  
Pickakippa  
Spectrum Print Plus  
L&M Bargain

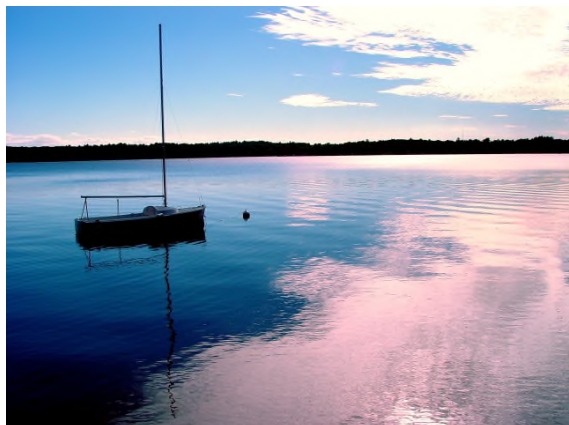
Individual tournament sponsors are listed on the website:

[ezraschwartzbaseballmemorial.com](http://ezraschwartzbaseballmemorial.com)



## ABOUT SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS

Sharon is a beautiful suburban community in a natural setting, halfway between Boston and Providence. In 2013, it was rated by *Money Magazine* as the #1 small town in America, in its list of “places with great jobs, strong economies, affordable homes, excellent schools, and that



special something that makes it a great place to live.” Many of the 18,000 town residents have second- and third-generation family roots in Sharon, but the town is also notable for its diversity and openness to newcomers.

Incorporated in 1765, Sharon has a long and unique history. Beginning as a small farming community, Sharon soon thereafter transi-

tioned to a mill town, with its many waterways providing the power. During the American Revolution, in fact, the townspeople of Sharon made cannonballs and cannons for the Continental Army at a local foundry. In the early to mid-1900s, many Jewish families from Boston vacationed in Sharon during the summer. Sharon continues its tradition of being a family-friendly town, and is home to seven synagogues, an eruv and a mikvah.

The vacation-like setting has continued to this day. Sharon’s motto, “A better place to live, because it’s naturally beautiful,” was coined because of the town’s picturesque surroundings and outdoor recreational opportunities, such as hiking, biking and bird-watching. The town’s centerpiece gem - the 353-acre, spring-fed Lake Massapoag - is a magnet for swimming, boating, fishing, sailing, camps and summer concerts.



Friends,

On behalf the Young Israel of Sharon and the entire Sharon community, we are excited to welcome you to the first Ezra Schwartz Memorial Baseball Tournament! We can’t wait to ‘play ball’ and enjoy some classic springtime fun on the field.



Our dear Ezra, z’tkl, loved the game of baseball. Baseball is a thing of beauty, especially here in Boston. When the temperatures begin to climb and the sun hangs in the sky a little longer, almost every kid, little or big, takes out their glove, puts it on, punches it in and tosses up a ball into the air to catch it. This is the classic springtime ritual that transports kids to dream forward about playing in the majors and transports adults to dream backwards about playing ball in little league or in high school.

Baseball slows life down and makes it more enjoyable. We put down our devices and enjoy each other’s company, with some healthy competition in the mix. Friendships are formed sitting on the bench or in the stands. Memories are made through dramatic plays and unexpected comebacks.

The culture of baseball, as described above, is one that embraces the goodness that our dear Ezra brought to our lives. Ezra generated wholesome fun, appreciated good competition, and was a great friend.

This tournament intersects with the double Parsha of Behar-Bechukotai, which includes the concept of *kinyan*, of acquiring material possessions. The Rabbis in Pirkei Avot use this term—*kinyan*—to describe the way in which we make friends: *kaneh lecha chaver*, acquire for yourself a friend. The Rambam asserts that specifically this term is used because it indicates the effort that one must exert in order to make good friends. Friendships don’t happen on their own; they require deep caring and compassion, great effort and energy. Ezra was the master of acquiring friends. He was a magnet who attracted people to him and kept them close.

It is in that spirit of deep friendship that we gather together as a community of baseball lovers to celebrate Ezra and his legacy as a master friend and teammate.

May we continue to be inspired by the goodness that Ezra brought to our world.

With blessings,  
Rabbi Noah Cheses  
Young Israel of Sharon



## TOURNAMENT RULES OF SPORTSMANSHIP

### Player, Student and Fan Guidelines for the Ezra Schwartz Memorial Baseball Tournament

- ♦ Show proper sportsmanship, and conduct yourself in a proper manner
- ♦ Show respect to each team's players and coaches, officials and opposing fans
- ♦ While natural negative reactions are understandable, do not harass officials or opposing players, coaches or fans through negative language or activity
- ♦ Do not heckle or jeer
- ♦ Do not use profanity, obscene gestures, or language/actions that allude to inappropriate behavior
- ♦ Dress appropriately at all times
- ♦ Respect your surroundings and shul property
- ♦ Do not leave trash at the fields
- ♦ Players should attend all games that they are not participating in
- ♦ DO have fun, cheer hard, and show respect for the fans around you!

### THANKS TO THE TOURNAMENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Suellen Beiser • Susie & David Berg • Randy & Steven Bergel • Ilyse Ehrenkranz • Julie & Ezra Galler • Amy & Adam Goldman • Lynn, Sheldon & Tara Hanau • Shari & David Katz • Devorah Kosowsky • Julie Krinsky • Sharon Lerner • Lindsey & Andy Moore • Alyssa Rosenbaum • Jodi Saltzman Jordana Schreiber • Ruth & Ari Schwartz • Mollie Schwartz • Sheera & Ahron Solomont • Miriam Spear • Deena & Avi Traum • Naami & Jay Turk Jen & Amiel Weinstock • Herman Weiss • Shani & Erik Winton

### THANKS TO MAIMONIDES ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF

Hal Borkow, Athletic Director • Rabbi Dov Huff, Middle & Upper School Limudei Kodesh Principal • Nathan Katz, Head of School • Mike Rosenberg, Director of Alumni & Community Relations

### THANKS TO TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERS

Shira Ellenbogen • Gavi & Cary Krinsky • Naama Forman • Lisa Strunin Jason Geller • Jakob Fine • Jared Shein • Ariel, Elisheva & Yoey Goldman Ilana Michaelson • Moshe Zisblatt • Hannah Spear • Sharyn Schechter Tamar Vogel • Wendy Hauser • Steve Shostek • Debbie Sussman • Shlomit Taube • Jodi Ephraim • Josh Beiser • Norma Berg • Jane & David Chefitz Elisha Huff • Ruby Yarmush • Batya & Adam Greene • Michal Benzakein Laurie & Andy Warren • Shira & Eli Picard • Rabbi Chaim Zirkind Basha Zirkind • Shlomo Lerner • Daniel Rosen • Ari Kafka • Ed Gelb Yoni Klausner • Eli Winton

### THANKS TO HOST FAMILIES

Randy & Steven Bergel • Annette & Ravin Davidoff • Julie & Ezra Galler Batya & David Greene • Lynn & Sheldon Hanau • Cheryl & Jay Harris Wendy & Eli Hauser • Sharon & Shlomo Lerner • Rachel Levine & Aryeh Feder • Devorah & Josh Kosowsky • Julie & Cary Krinsky • Jordana & Judd Schreiber • Alyssa Weiner & Jay Rosenbaum • Ruth & Ari Schwartz Deena & Avi Traum • Naami & Jay Turk • Shani & Erik Winton

Thank you to Sandy Spector, Young Israel's office manager, and Rabbi Yehudah Potok, Striar Hebrew Academy's Head of School, for their cooperation with logistical details so the tournament could run smoothly .....

A special thank you to Rabbi Noah Cheses for embracing this tournament from the moment he arrived in Sharon and, most important, for his unending support for the Schwartz family & the Sharon community

## Important Contacts

<b>Tournament Hosts</b>	<b>Ruth &amp; Ari Schwartz</b> ruthsschwartz@gmail.com schwartz@massmed.org 617-633-7857 Ari 781-710-9108 Ruth
<b>AJA Team Liaison</b>	<b>Suellen Beiser</b> suellenbeiser@gmail.com 617-939-7955
<b>Ramaz Team Liaison</b>	<b>Shani Winton</b> shanierik@comcast.net 781-915-4472
<b>SAR Team Liaison</b>	<b>Jodi Saltzman</b> josalt17@gmail.com 917-687-4416
<b>Maimonides Team Liaison</b>	<b>Deena Traum</b> traumfamily@gmail.com 781-856-4238 Deena
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Shari &amp; David Katz</b> 339-364-1107 Shari 339-364-0952 David
<b>Davening/Shabbat</b>	<b>Deena &amp; Avi Traum</b> 781-856-4012 Avi

*Special thanks to  
Coach Josh Prybyla for  
helping to make this  
tournament a reality,  
and for caring about  
our boys...and Ezra z"l*



## Tournament Game Schedule

### Thursday, May 18

**Game 1:** 1:00-3:30 pm  
Maimonides vs Atlanta Jewish Academy (AJA)  
at Sharon High School

**Game 2:** 5:00-7:15 pm  
AJA vs Ramaz at Sharon High School

**Game 3:** 7:45-10:00 pm  
Maimonides vs SAR at Ruane Field  
JFK School, 100 Dedham Street, Canton

### Friday, May 19

**Game 4:** 9:30 am-12:00 pm  
Maimonides vs Ramaz at Sharon High School

**Game 5:** 12:30-3:00 pm  
AJA vs SAR at Sharon High School

**Game 6:** 3:00-6:00 pm  
Ramaz vs SAR at Sharon High School

### Saturday, May 20

**Homerun Derby:** 9:30-11:00 pm  
Deborah Sampson Little League Field (Ezra Schwartz Field)  
36 East Foxboro Street, Sharon

### Sunday, May 21

8:00-10:00 am  
**Consolation Game** at Sharon High School

10:00 am-1:00 pm  
**Championship Game** at Sharon High School





## Atlanta Jewish Academy JAGUARS

David Frankel, Coach  
Steve Strauss, Coach



#	Player Name	Position	School Year
2	Moshe Cohen (captain)	1B/P	12
5	Avi Cavalier	3B/P	12
6	Micah Frankel	SS/P	10
10	Aharon Weiden	P/3B/SS	10
11	Binyomin Pearlman	C/SS/P	11
24	Daniel Strauss	3B/C	
30	Aden Shmuel	CF/P	12
34	Yehuda Benshitrit (captain)	3B/P/C	12
42	Josh Italiaander	C/OF	12
21	Simmy Wilson	3B/SS/P	8

## Ezra Schwartz Memorial Baseball Tournament Schedule of Events

### SHABBAT/SATURDAY, MAY 20

9:00 am	Shabbat morning davening, kiddush
1:30 pm	Lunch
3:00-7:30 pm	Hang out at the Schwartz's: wiffle ball, ping pong, etc.
7:40 pm	Mincha at Young Israel
8:00 pm	Community Seudat Shlishit sponsored by YI of Sharon
8:50 pm	Maariv, Havdalah, back to host homes for quick turn-around to evening event
9:30-11:00 pm	<b>Home Run Derby</b> at Deborah Sampson Park little league field (Ezra Schwartz Field), 35 East Foxboro Street, Sharon
11:00-midnight	Late night dinner at Young Israel

### HOME RUN DERBY PARTICIPANTS

<u>MAIMO</u>	<u>AJA</u>	<u>RAMAZ</u>	<u>SAR</u>
Doni Berg	Moshe Cohen	Michael Weisberg	Noah Green
Hillel Schwartz	Aharon Weiden	Ryan Leibowitz	Noah Lang
Aaron Weinstock	Micah Frankel	Sammy Henkin	Amichai Zeilerfeit

### SUNDAY, MAY 21

6:30 am	Shacharit at Young Israel - Players must bring luggage with them where it will remain until end of day
8:00-10:00 am	Game 7: Consolation Game, Sharon High
10 am-1:00 pm	Game 8: Championship Game Sharon High
1:00 pm	Lunch at the Schwartz's, closing ceremony, swimming, BBQ, awards
3:00 pm	Return to Young Israel to get baggage and goodbyes
4:00 pm	AJA team departs for Logan Airport Ramaz and SAR bus departs from Young Israel

## Ezra Schwartz Memorial Baseball Tournament Schedule of Events

### THURSDAY, MAY 18

- 11:15 am AJA Team arrives at Young Israel of Sharon.  
Leave bags, eat snack
- 12-12:15 pm Walk to Sharon High School
- 12:30 pm Ramaz and SAR arrive by bus at Young Israel of Sharon.  
Leave bags, eat snack. Register if time allows.  
Walk to Sharon HS to watch Game 1.
- 1:00-3:30 pm **Game 1: AJA vs Maimo, Sharon High School**
- 3:30 pm Return to Young Israel, Mincha, snack. Register now if you didn't before.
- 6:00 pm Luggage will be dropped off at host homes
- 5:00-7:00 pm **Game 2: AJA vs Ramaz, Sharon High School**
- 7:30 pm Opening Ceremony, Ruane Field at the JFK School on  
Dedham Street, Canton
- 7:45-10:00 pm **Game 3: Maimo vs SAR**
- 10:15-11:00 pm Back to Young Israel for dinner
- 11:00 pm Return promptly to host homes

### FRIDAY, MAY 19

- 6:50-7:30 am Shacharit at Young Israel
- 7:30-8:00 am Breakfast in the social hall
- 9:30 am-12:00 **Game 4: Maimo vs Ramaz, Sharon High School**  
(Box lunch for all teams)
- 12:30-3:00 pm **Game 5: AJA vs SAR, Sharon High School**
- 3:00-5:30 pm **Game 6: Ramaz vs SAR, Sharon High School**
- 5:30-6:00 pm Return to host homes to prepare for Shabbat
- 7:00 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner at Young Israel

## Maimonides School MCATS

Josh Prybyla, Head Coach  
Mike McDonough, Assistant Head Coach  
Ben Yodzio, Assistant Head Coach



#	Player Name	Position	School Year
1	Doni Berg (captain)	SS, P	11
2	Hillel Schwartz	3B, C, P	9
3	Uriel Cohen	C, OF, P	10
4	Noach Weiss	OF, C, P	12
6	Eitan Traum	2B, OF	10
7	Zevi Traum (captain)	2B, SS, P	12
8	Josh Fine	OF	10
9	Ami Katz	3B, 2B, P	10
10	Jon Rears	2B, SS, OF	8
11	Sruli Picard (captain)	OF	12
15	Charlie Kramer (captain)	OF	12
23	Shomo Warren	OF, 3B	11
24	Eytan Pomper	OF, 1B, P	9
27	Aaron Weinstock	1B, P	10
32	Jesse Spear	1B, 3B, P	8



## SAR Academy STING

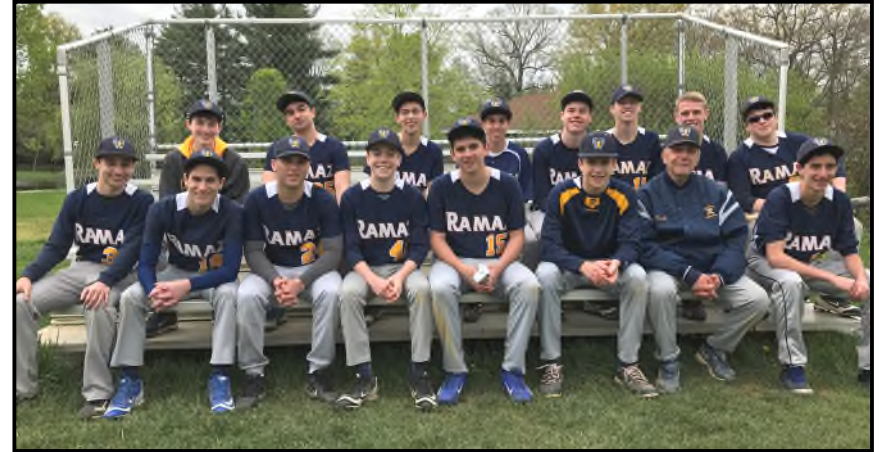
Matt Dacorta, Coach  
Andrew Barefoot, Coach



#	Player Name	Position	School Year
4	Louis Tuchman	3B, C	10
5	Josh Hyman	C	9
8	Adam Nayowitz	IF, OF	9
12	Joseph Block	OF	11
15	Jacob Nayowitz	SS, P	11
21	Joshua Milstein	1B, P	9
25	Jacob Glasman	P, IF	10
26	Noah Green (captain)	P	12
28	Noah Lang (captain)	2B	12
32	Gabriel Spiegel	SS, P	11
33	Joseph Minkove	CF	11
34	Amichai Feit	1B	12
42	Jake Epstein	LF	11
52	Micah Gentin	OF	10

## The Ramaz School RAMS

Randy Dulny, Coach  
Eli Lewis, Assistant Coach  
Dee Dee Benel, Chaperone



#	Player Name	Position	School Year
0	Isaac Merkin	2B, P	10
10	Sammy Henkin	OF, 2B	9
15	Jonathan Beretz	1B, P	11
17	Sam Berman	P, C	12
19	Daniel Seligson	IF, OF	11
21	Jonah Berman	1B	10
26	Michael Weisberg (captain)	C, P, 2B	12
31	Ryan Leibowitz	3B	9
34	Jacob Szlechter	P, IF, OF	10
41	Matthew Gurewitsch	2B	10
44	Zeke Chernoff	OF	11
23	Eli Lewis	C	12