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This issue features a thoughtful retrospective by the alumnus who edited *A Guide to Jewish Prayer* by Rabbi Isaiah Wohlgemuth, z"l; a profile of a graduate in the Galil working in metal arts; and a story about a former sports card collector who now represents professional athletes and their collectibles.

The Ezra Schwartz Ballpark in Ra'anana was dedicated at ceremonies on December 3. Ezra, zk"l, a 2015 Maimonides School graduate, was murdered by a terrorist during his post-graduate year in Israel. According to Ra'anana resident David Galper '93, the ballpark is actually a complex, with four baseball diamonds, two bullpens, a batting cage, dugouts, lights, stands, and bathrooms. Dave provided a description of the dedication:

"It was a sunny 73 degrees, and the field was filled with more than 100 kids playing catch, taking grounders, pitching, and running the bases. Several hundred people from all over Israel, including a representative from the U.S. Embassy, were in attendance. The mayor of Raanana, Chaim Broyde, spoke in Hebrew and English describing the project and the importance of remembering Ezra. Yoav Schwartz, Ezra's uncle, who spearheaded the effort to build the field, recounted the efforts of so many to bring the project to reality."

"Ezra's mother Ruth spoke of his love for baseball and her love of being on the field. Her husband Ari, who brought Ezra's glove to the dedication, recalled how Ezra was first and foremost a team player and recounted his days playing at Maimo. The mayor lit *Chanukah* candles and after a ribbon cutting the crowd sang '*Hatikvah*.' A number of Maimo alumni were in attendance and enjoyed being the first people to play on the field. Generations of children from throughout Israel will have the opportunity to play on this field and share their love for the game with Ezra."

