



YESHIVA ELEMENTARY STUDENT AND SNOWMAN AWAIT SHABBATON.

Yeshiva Elementary Student Wins State Prize in Chess

Shlomo Scherban, a First Beit Sefer student at Yeshiva Elementary/ The Gan School in New Haven was crowned Connecticut State Chess Champion Kindergarten Division at the USCF Tournament held Sunday March 11 in Stamford and sponsored by the American Chess Teachers Association. Playing a series of five games against players up to seven years old, Shlomo won four of the five games to accrue the most points in his class.

The youngest member of the Woodbridge Chess Club, Shlomo began playing shortly before his fifth birthday when introduced to the game by his father, attorney Ronald Scherban. In addition to playing Thursdays at the Chess Club, Shlomo also meets with a chess master, Mr. David Grinberg, on Sundays. Of course, many a game is played during recess at Yeshiva.

When asked about the tournament, Shlomo shared that his favorite part is "when you get a queen at the end (passed pawn)". Shlomo also shared his strategy for the opening game (one of his four wins). It was 'double rook check mate'.

Shlomo allowed that his favorite activities at Yeshiva (when not playing chess) are "reading The Van and The Hot Rod with Morah Leslie, and hugging Morah Shevi".

Yeshiva of New Haven sent a number of students to the tournament. Along with Shlomo were his brothers Ben, Daniel and David Scherban, as well as Michael Shrager and Akiva Fialkoff.

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