

CREATIVE WRITING

BY FRIEDA SUTTON

We're running out of time
 'Cause the years are passing by
 You can say I'm different
 You can say I'm unique
 You can say I'm just strange
 In my very own way
 We're running out of time
 How many verses and line
 Do I need to write
 To get me more time
 To live life
 Tell me today not tomorrow
 Because we're running out of time
 You and I
 Because the years are passing by
 Tell me I'm different
 Tell me I'm unique
 Little too late
 Because time is up
 There's nowhere to go
 We were once two
 But now there is none

SENIORS GO PAINTBALLING

BY ALVINA ABRAMOV



Here senior girls pose for a photo during Paintball on their Senior Trip.

On November 9th, our seniors were taken on a very exciting trip for Senior day. The day started off with a short assembly, in which Rabbi Tawil told the seniors the plans for the day, followed by them loading the buses. The cold rainy weather didn't stop them from having a good time.

They went to a thrilling place called Extreme Indoor Sports, for Paintball & Laser Tag. The grade was split into groups, in which they took turns doing the two activities. Those who started off with laser tag, got to run around the arena, whilst holding laser guns, and wearing laser army vests. They ran around that

dark maze, shooting each other left and right. That fifteen-minute game was quite a workout. After laser tag, the groups took a break for some pizza and snacks. They took pictures, some snaps, and recreated memories.

The groups then switched, and went onto their next activity, Paintball. But as they approached the paintball area, they realized that it wasn't actually paint, but solid rubber. Nevertheless, they enjoyed the activity, in which they cried and laughed. It was a fun day, and a good break from the seriousness of senior year.

HONORED RABBIS SPEAK AT SEPHARDIC COMMUNITY ALLIANCE EVENT

BY SHIRLEY SARDAR

On Tuesday, November 15, the Sephardic Community Alliance organized an event for Syrian Jews in the National Museum of Jewish History. It was for young adults from the ages of 18-30, to hear the speeches of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks and Rabbi Dweck. The room was packed with 600 young men and

you're a Jew, so that when they get to college, they know their identity.

The Rabbis then go on and talk about the division of the Jewish people and how to unite them. Rabbi Sacks said that music has always united people, since the time of Moshe, because music is the language of the soul. Secondly, food



Over 600 young men and women attended the Sephardic Community Alliance Event to hear Rabbi Sacks and Rabbi Dweck speak at a panel in the National Museum of Jewish History

women, all excited to ask questions and listen to the two prominent figures on stage. Rabbi Sacks is an Ashkenazi rabbi, and Rabbi Dweck is a Sephardic Rabbi. The Rabbis touched bases on many different topics such as dorming in college, the unity of the Jewish people, and the deniers of Israel.

The night unfolded with questions from the audience, which the moderator, Denise Zami, had the honor to ask. Firstly, both Rabbis introduced themselves. Rabbi Dweck spent sixteen years in the Syrian Community and then moved to England. He said, "It felt good to be back home for a few days." Rabbi Sacks is a British Rabbi and philosopher. He was the Chief Rabbi from 1991 to 2013. The first question that was asked was "Some people go to college for four years, how do we keep our religion intact?" Rabbi Sacks answered first, saying that one should go to a college with a good Jewish life that supports your ideas. He gave an analogy; in Washington there were rarely any Norwegian families, but there was one family, they celebrated all Norwegian families publicly and did not assimilate with the rest of the people. It was the ambassador who did assimilate. So, he said go as an ambassador of the Jews, and you will not assimilate. Rabbi Dweck said we must instill our values in children from when they're young and continue to stress the importance of being proud that

brings people together; he says "Meals makes strangers to friends." Thirdly, listen to one another, instead of talking over one another, listen to what someone has to say. Rabbi Dweck says the way to make unity, is that one needs to recognize that we are all the same nation, and we have survived so much together.

Lastly, the Rabbis ended the night with one last question, about those who deny Israel to the Jewish people. Rabbi Sacks said everyone knows the Jewish connection with Israel, "It's crazy beyond crazy for someone to deny that." He continues to say that the only reason the Muslims and the Christians love Jerusalem is because the Jews have it. He explains a theory that many people believe is bizarre, that the Palestinians are actually Jews, who were forced to convert, and that the Jews are actually czars. Rabbi Dweck says that we should be lucky to be here living in a world where we are not being persecuted against, because at every point in the world, people wanted to destroy the Jewish people, but we are still here. It is the biggest miracle of our people, to still be here, thriving all around the globe.