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*Invites all
High School Students & Community to
CAMPUS/STUDENTS/COMMUNITY*

*Meet these citizen soldiers with combat experience who served
in the IDF during missions in Gaza, Lebanon,
and the West Bank. Hear their personal
stories from the front lines.*

*Saturday, October 28, 2017 7:30 PM
at Temple Beth Or, 200 Van Zile Rd, Brick, NJ 08724*



HAITHAM, 30, was born and raised in Bir al-Maksur, a Bedouin village in northern Israel, to a Bedouin father and Arab mother. His tribe emigrated from Syria to Ottoman-controlled Palestine in the late 1800s. As a child, his uncle nicknamed him “Tom” and he’s gone by that name ever since. The nomadic Bedouin culture runs deep in Tom’s veins — he’s a free spirit who was always hard to pin down. He was drafted into the Israeli Air Force in the Iron Dome unit and after being discharged, he worked at the Israeli water company, before traveling to Italy for school to study Art History and Italian. Today, Tom is getting his degree in Law, Government, and Management at the Academic College for Science and Law. He also works for Acharai (“Follow Me”), a non-profit organization that prepares teenagers for their military service, and guides them to be more socially involved and responsible.



KAREN is 24 years old and is currently studying politics and government, middle east studies and the state of Israel studies at Ben Gurion University of the Neg- ev. She was raised in New Jersey until the age of 16, when she decided to make Aliyah on her own. Karen finished high school in Israel and enlisted into the IDF, where she served as a Basic Training Commander and later on with the Para- troopers. She lived in Madrid for four months after the army and fell in love with teaching people about Israel. Because of that, she decided to commit her career to advocacy for Israel. Karen is a great believer in equal gender rights and took part in a StandWithUs project that was based on women who broke through the glass ceiling. Karen’s greatest passion is helping street animals.

