

Beth Jacob girls clean up at area science fair

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When the students at Sally Allen Alexander Beth Jacob School for Girls win they do it in a big way. Almost half of the girls in grades seven through 12 came away from the recent area-wide science fair at Cobo Hall in Detroit with ribbons. It is not the first time students from the school have won a large percentage of the ribbons awarded in the annual fair. The Sally Allen Alexander school is in Beverly Hills, in the for-

mer Valley Woods Elementary School of Birmingham. Rabbi Shalom Goldstein, principal of the school, said the number of winners the school has produced is the result of the "ability and devotion" of Ezra Roberg, the school's science teacher for the past 12 years. The school was located in Southfield before its move to Beverly Hills last fall. "It is a mark of his professional interest and achievement," Rabbi Goldstein continued, "He is the backbone of the science program."

ROBERG BELITTLES his role in his students' success, saying, "The students don't have a choice. It is mandatory that they do a science project." There is "a tremendous amount of value in a science project," Roberg said. "It has more meaning than a difficult test. There is much a student learns from this, like meeting deadlines and the responsibility of being able to put something together that comes out complete." Roberg also teaches science to the

Beth Yehuda Boys School in Southfield. Of the 104 entries in the science fair from the two schools, 77 received awards. All projects will be on display at the school, 32045 Bellvue Trail, near Lahser and Fourteen Mile roads, from 2:30-6 p.m. April 2. The public is welcome. Forty-two of the 67 girls in grades nine through 12 were asked to display their projects in the science fair. Of those, 31 received awards, including 17 honorable mentions, seven special

awards, four second-place and three first-place ribbons. First-place ribbons were awarded to Mara Gittleman in chemistry, Andrea Herschfus in behavioral and social sciences and Janet Burg in biochemistry. Second-place awards were received by Debby Eisenman in chemistry, Reva Kresch in botany, Dorothy Tewel in medicine and health and Tzirl Josephs in micro-biology. The latter project also received an award as the most original engineer-

ing project from the Engineering Society of Detroit and will be written up for the society's journal. In addition, one of three bronze medals given by the U. S. Army was awarded to Mara Gittleman for her project. The school also produced a number of winners in the junior division with seventh grader Nechama Kupinsky earning a first place award in life science. Seven other seventh and eighth grade students received honorable mention ribbons.

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