

North Atlanta Jewish Students' Technology Fair



Media Alert:

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Techno-Innovators Of The Future Prepare For Regional & State Competition:

Media professionals are welcome as nearly 100 students from schools in the region compete at the **5th Annual North Atlanta Jewish Students Technology Fair**. Techno-savvy Jewish students from independent schools, public schools and home schools will be competing at the 2008-2009 Technology Competition. This year, the event will be held at [The Epstein School](#) in Sandy Springs, Georgia (335 Colewood Way, Sandy Springs, GA 30328).

- Grades 3-12 will compete on **February 1, 2009**.
- First place winners will advance to the State competition on **March 12, 2008**.

NAJSTF uses this forum to demonstrate how students are integrating technology at the local school level as an extension of the curriculum.

The fair is entirely staffed by volunteers from across the area. **Please see the website for more information** <http://www.NAJSTF.org>.

Thank you in advance for supporting our Technology Competition.

History of the Fair:

North Atlanta Jewish Students Technology Fair Started in 2005: It began because the present Co-Director and Chair of the Georgia Educational Technology Fair **Anthony Shields**, wanted to take some of the tech-savvy students from The Epstein School to the Technology Fair in which most public schools participate. At the time he was the Regional Director of the Fair, and work at the school, but to his surprise he encountered a problem.

Problem: The fair was held on Saturday, the designated holy day of the Jewish culture, the Sabbath. **The solution:** Mr. Shields decided it was important that the Jewish students in the Atlanta Area be given a venue to compete and demonstrate their high-tech capabilities, and thus he organized the 1st Annual North Atlanta Technology Fair, that did not take place on a Saturday. The students were very impressive and the competition intense. With categories ranging from short film, video editing, web design and science and technology PowerPoint presentations, this fair had the future generation of technology innovators firmly in hand.

Since then, in 2007, technology educator **Leora Wollner** of The Epstein School and Director of Technology **Sue Loubser** of Greenfield Hebrew Academy have taken the reins of the fair as Co-Directors and have been delighted to see hundreds of students compete each year and many go on the state level.