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The Israeli GO Congress

The second Israeli Go congress and championship was held during December 22-24 in Rosh Ha'Ayin, Israel.

Following last year's success, the Congress drew record attendance with participants, adults & youth from all over the country, north to south, from Kiryat Shmona to Beer-Sheba coming. For the first time overseas participants from Sweden, China and USA joined the tournament.

The opening ceremony was very impressive. The ambassador of Japan in Israel spoke, the First secretary/ cultural attaché attending, followed by a speech from the mayor of Rosh Ha'Ayin, and many senior municipality officials attending. Both the Ambassador of Japan and the Mayor congratulated the participants and wished them success. The Mayor indicated that the city is proud to host the event, which has become a tradition for Rosh Ha'Ayin. To give the glow to the ceremony a group of Jazz dancers, danced to the sounds of energetic Japanese music.

The new champions are: **Leonid Entin (4dan)**, from Modiin - Adults Champion.
Amir Fragman (2dan), from Rosh Ha'Ayin - Youth Champion.

Shavit Fragman, president of the Israeli Go association and "Mind Go Club", organized this congress, which received the auspices of Rosh Ha'Ayin municipality and Matnas "Lev Afek"

The "championship-deciding game" for the adults happened in the fifth round, with intense fighting game between Leonid Entin (Israel) and Lian Yu (China), which ended with the smallest possible margin of half a point to Leonid.

During the congress many Go introduction workshops were held. They included teaching "the capture game", play on small boards, Hikaru No Go anime, and games with the senior players.



Winners (left): Leonid, Lian, Anatoly, Amir, Dror, Shachar



Mayor, President of Go Association
Ambassador of Japan



Ambassador of Japan views photo gallery at congress site



Congress closing ceremony



Leonid and Lian

More details are available on website: www.go-mind.com

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Num	Name	Str	Co	Club	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	R 5	R 6	MMS	SOS	SSS	Pt.
1	Entin Leonid	4D	IL		13 +b0	4 +w0	10 +w0	8 +w0	2 +b0	3 +w0	33	181	1089	6
2	Yu Lian	2D	China		5 +w0	7 +w0	6 +b0	15 +w1	1- w0	4 +b0	32	184	1081	5
3	Vernik Anatoly	3D	IL		12 +w0	6- b0	5 +w0	7 +b0	11 +w1	1- b0	31	183	1073	4
4	Aharoni Eitan	4D	IL		11 +w0	1- b0	13 +w0	6 +b0	8 +w0	2- w0	31	182	1082	4
5	Fragman Amir	2D	IL	Mind	2- b0	17 +w2	3- b0	10 +w0	9 +b0	6 +w0	31	180	1061	4
6	Raikin Shlomo	3D	IL	Haifa	14 +b0	3 +w0	2- w0	4- w0	7 +b0	5- b0	30	183	1084	3
7	Solganic Gershon	3D	IL	Mind	9 +w0	2- b0	14 +w0	3- w0	6- w0	8 +b0	30	181	1079	3
8	Globus Uri	3D	IL		15 +w0	10 +b0	12 +w0	1- b0	4- b0	7- w0	30	180	1072	3
9	Ben-Non Avi	3K	IL		7- b0	12- b0	15 +w0	13 +w0	5- w0	10 +b0	30	175	1069	3
10	Weinstein Josh	2K	IL	Jerusalem	17 +w2	8- w0	1- b0	5- b0	14 +w0	9- w0	29	180	1046	2
11	Entin Tatiana	3K	IL	Modiin	4- b0	13- w0	16- w3	14 +b0	3- b1	18 +w1	29	174	1027	2
12	Doncic Andreas	1D	Sweden	Weizmann	3- b0	9 +w0	8- b0	18- w3	0= 0=	0= 0=	29	174	1017	2
13	Leiderman Ruslan	3K	IL	Mind	1- w0	11 +b0	4- b0	9- b0	16- w2	14- b0	28	180	1039	1
14	Veltman Ari	1K	IL		6- w0	15- b0	7- b0	11- w0	10- b0	13 +w0	28	174	1072	1
15	Lazar Asher	3K	IL	Natanya	8- b0	14 +w0	9- b0	2- b1	0= 0=	16- w1	28	174	1028	1½
16	Zivony Ofer	9K	IL		18 +w0	21 +b0	11 +b3	17 +b0	13 +b2	15 +b1	27	153	974	6
17	Helfgott Craig	6K	USA		10- b2	5- b2	18- w0	16- w0	22 +w2	20 +w2	26	156	935	2

18	Hevin Dror	8K	IL		16-b0	19+w1	17+b0	12+b3	20+w2	11-b1	26	155	922	4
19	Baba Kfir	11K	IL		20+w0	18-b1	22+w0	21+b0	0=	27+w4	23	130	778	4½
20	Kopelman Joseph	10K	IL		19-b0	22+w0	21-w0	27+w4	18-b2	17-b2	22	135	815	2
21	Rosenberg Tuvya	10K	IL	Natanya	22+b0	16-w0	20+b0	19-w0	0=	24-w2	22	135	785	2½
22	Idan Elad	10K	IL		21-w0	20-b0	19-b0	28+w3	17-b2	23-w0	21	132	775	1
23	Gluska Shachar	13K	IL		24+b0	0=	25-w0	26+w1	28+w2	22+b0	21	115	663	4½
24	Raikin Shay	13K	IL		23-w0	29+w2	27+w1	0=	26-w2	21+b2	20	115	658	3½
25	Raikin Azriel	14K			26+w0	27-w1	23+b0	0=	0=	0=	19	105	615	3½
26	Golan Noam	16K	IL	Mind	25-b0	28+w0	32+w2	23-b1	24+b2	30+w1	18	105	601	4
27	Fragman Uri	15K	IL	Mind	28-b0	25+b1	24-b1	20-b4	33+w3	19-b4	17	107	660	2
28	Bakshinsky Shahar	16K			27+w0	26-b0	29+b0	22-b3	23-b2	34+w4	17	104	629	3
29	Lavi Ron	17K	IL	Mind	30+b0	24-b2	28-w0	33+w1	31+w1	32+w2	17	94	531	4
30	Altshuller Sergey	18K	IL		29-w0	0=	31+w0	35+w2	34+w2	26-b1	15	85	497	3½
31	Keshet Einat	18K	IL		0=	32-w0	30-b0	34+b0	29-b1	35+w2	14	79	475	2
32	Mardix Nir	25K	IL		34+w0	31+b0	26-b2	0=	35+w1	29-b2	13	77	485	3½
33	Goldshlack Alex	21K	IL		35+b0	0=	34+w0	29-b1	27-b3	0=	13	71	468	3
34	Mishal Barel	25K	IL	Mind	32-b0	35+w0	33-b0	31-w0	30-b2	28-b4	11	76	487	1
35	Sabag Dor	30K	IL		33-w0	34-b0	0=	30-b2	32-b1	31-b2	10	71	448	0½