

Chess Parents

Youth Chess Charitable Foundation And GSN, Inc. Present: International Master - Alex Rabinovich



Alex Rabinovich personal background:

While a teenager Alex became a leading international chess player. As a player he traveled to 13 countries to compete in international events, including 30 team events where he represented Israel. He became fluent in Hebrew, Russian, and English.

At age eighteen he entered the army. He served as a First Sergeant.

At age twenty-one he completed his armed services tour and began college studies. While in college he continued to organize chess events. He also taught chess, for example providing lectures and coaching the Junior Israeli Olympic team.

He has always trained chess players through private coaching and large-group lectures. For his final University project he wrote chess instruction software for children with Attention Deficit Disorder.

Personal Accomplishments include:

Hobbies include: Chess, Basketball, Tennis, and Soccer
For chess, select major accomplishments:

- Chess World Champion for High School, 1996
- Earned International Master Title, awarded by FIDE, the international chess body, 1998.

The Events:

On Saturday, September 10th at 1:00 pm, at the East Hills Mall, Alex will give a 40 board simultaneous chess exhibition (That means he will play 40 people at the same time.) These boards are open to anyone who would like to play. There is a donation fee of \$20.00 to participate. There will be some very special guests playing from the city.

On Sunday, September 11th at 1:00pm, at the East Hills Mall, Alex will play give a 5 board simultaneous blindfold exhibition (That means he will wear a blindfold while playing all 5 people at the same time!) Anyone is invited to play. There is a donation fee of \$40.00 to participate in this truly unique event.

There will be prizes...including an East Hills Mall Gift certificate of \$100.00 to the person who beats Mr. Rabinovich

Other Events:

Alex will, free of charge, give lessons to three local school chess clubs.

A Chess University

Chess is extremely important in Israel. All children must play chess in school. It has proven that it enhances a child's learning across all subjects in school.

Alex has been following chess in the United States. He has been looking for a place here in the US where he can bring the same sort of success that the students of Israel experience. He wishes to start a chess university right here in Bakersfield. He wants to create a university in which special programs will be developed for all ages and audiences.

He has read about the success of Bakersfield school's chess programs and he feels Bakersfield is the perfect place to start that university.

This event is to raise the awareness of the people of Bakersfield. To let them know Bakersfield already has a great program and to also let them know what a great program we CAN have here in the future.

How can you participate?

Because there are a limited number of boards for both events, you should call and reserve a board. You may call Dina Hester of East Hills Mall at 661-872-7990. Anyone registering early will not need to pay until the day of the event at the registration table.

If any boards are still available on the day of the event, there will be a registration desk where you may register at 11:00am on site.

Come and help promote youth chess in our city!