

The Good News from Netanya

Rosana Glazman (18) a 12th grade student majoring in Physics and Computers at Netanya's Sharett High school has put Netanya in the headlines as she was recently awarded first place in the European Astrophysics contest. The contest took place in Athens where Glasman presented the project she had been working on for months "Astroids – truth or myth".

Rosana hopes she will be able to take advantage of the prize she was awarded for first place: two weeks in an Athens summer school learning Astrophysics - as she starts her mandatory army service in July.

Glasman has had a hard life, immigrating to Israel from the Ukraine she grew up without a father and at the age of 14 she lost her mother to an illness derived from the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl close to their home in the Ukraine.

Living with her grandmother she hasn't let her circumstances affect her ambitions. She excels in her studies and her dream is to bring the Nobel prize to Netanya.

Her interest in Astrophysics began at the age of 4. She explains: I witnessed a falling star – I wondered how can that happen? I started to read about it but I didn't really understand anything about it. My level of physics up to 12th grade was low. When my physics teacher told me about the opportunity to learn more about Astrophysics I jumped at it".

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