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◆ **SMOOTH MEDIATORS:** A select group of students and mediation experts from Bar-Ilan University's Faculty of Law finished in second place at the seventh International Commercial Mediation Competition, hosted by the International Chamber of Commerce. The Bar-Ilan team competed in the final round of the contest, held in Paris, against the South Texas College of Law. Bar-Ilan was represented by **Sarah Davis**, a native of Hollywood, Florida; **Ariel Chesner**, originally from Cleveland, Ohio; Israeli **Zac Rechtschaffen**; and **Aryeh Abramowitz**, who grew up in Baltimore, Maryland. Featuring more than 140 mock mediation sessions based on real cross-border commercial disputes, the competition tested the problem-solving skills of 66 teams from 32 countries, including Harvard, Columbia, Cornell and the London School of Economics. "The overall atmosphere was much more competitive than what we anticipated, but we were well-prepared thanks to our coaches, **Hadas Livni** and Prof. **Lela Love** of the Cardozo School of Law, who came in to work with us prior to the competition," said Abramowitz, a graduate of Baltimore's Yeshivat Rambam who immigrated to Israel after high school. "I think we surprised ourselves by our performance."