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The Young Icons

Episode #1107

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Participants: **Aviva and Tovah Zafrin - Gymnasts**

Michael Zhang - Comedian

Mindless Behavior - Band

Maddison Franke – Brain Tumor Survivor

General Synopsis for Episode #1107

In this episode, each guest shares their personal stories of what motivated them to take on their passion and/or focus to achieve their goals and become role models. Sisters **Aviva and Tovah Zafrin** are talented gymnasts who have used gymnastics to overcome challenges through discipline, hard work and spirit. Aviva deals with a medical condition called Chiari and Tovah has tackled her shyness. They are also developing their talent for singing, dancing and playing the piano. Both girls have set goals to achieve when they grow up. A subscription to Entertainment Magazine inspired **Michael Zhang** to become an entertainer. He refers to his parents as role models who worked hard to learn English when they moved from China. He states that if you want to do something, push yourself. **Mindless Behavior** is a band of four young teen boys who trained in dance and singing for 2 years before they released their first songs. They shared that they need to be themselves by the way they dress and act to give the message for other teens to express themselves. They want to inspire young people through their music and by helping kids in their community. **Maddison Franke** is a 16-year-old brain tumor survivor who loves to volunteer with child and loves music. She shares that she views her medical condition as a gift and not a curse. Maddison uses art and singing as a form of therapy as well as her volunteer work at a daycare. She says, “I want to teach other kids life has its ups and downs. My brain tumor has made me more mature, made me thankful and grateful”.

Observation and Conclusion

In episode #1107, young adults are introduced to talented and motivated icons that share their challenges and journeys to pursue their goals and passion. This episode of The Young Icons delivers an educational and informational message that supports current social, intellectual and emotional aspects of children ages 13 and up. Attributes and advice emphasized by guests instill a grounded balance of priorities, commitment, and perseverance children can apply to their lives.

Sincerely,



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