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-From Mrs. Kahan

Dear Parents and Students:

It was a pleasure to see many of you at conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday. Next week, we look forward to our school musical on Monday afternoon and evening, which, as always, promises to be a highlight of the year. Please be reminded that dismissal is at 4:40 beginning next Tuesday and continuing for all eight nights of Chanuka. Additionally, there is no school next Friday or the following Monday, in honor of Chanuka.

With Chanuka approaching, I would like to share a simple but meaningful comment of Rav Hutner, in his *sefer Pachad Yitzchak*, about *nerot* Chanuka. Rav Hutner builds on the well-known symbolism of the miraculous oil, and by extension the *nerot* Chanuka, as representing the essential core of Torah wisdom that was untouched and uncorrupted by Greek culture and thought. He draws a connection between this idea and the *halakha* that the *nerot* Chanuka may not be used for personal benefit, and the double emphasis of this *halakha* in the *nusach* of *Hanerot Halalu* ("ain lanu reshut lehishtamesh bahem, elah lirotam bilvad"). Rav Hutner suggests that this concept illustrates that, like the *nerot* Chanuka, Torah knowledge is beautiful and luminous in and of itself; it does not derive its value from being able to be used for utilitarian or practical ends. The light of the *nerot* Chanuka symbolizes the value of Torah *lishmah* and of appreciating the inherent, independent splendor of the Torah.

May we be *zochim* to appreciate the beauty of the Torah in our lives this Chanuka.

Shabbat Shalom and Chag Urim Sameach,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rivka Kahan".

Mrs. Rivka Kahan



Sports Corner



On Monday evening, December 12, our JV and Varsity Basketball teams played a scrimmage against the teams from Memorial High School in West New York, New Jersey. It was not only the home court advantage but also skilled teamwork which allowed the Rapids to bring in wins against both challengers.

At the left, members of our Varsity team smile with some members of the Memorial team.

The Rapids were "on a roll" Monday, because our Varsity Volleyball team, also playing at home, defeated Kushner 25-10 and 27-25!

above, Ma'ayanot team members sport their white Rapids shirts, members of the Memorial team are wearing the brown pull over shirts

Go, Rapids!

Our Athletic Department is pleased to announce the members of our Swim Team. They are:

Captains:

- Hedva Weissler '13
- Gali Sadek '13

Team Members:

- Devorah Giller '13
- Kira Paley '15
- Gavi Colton '13
- Tehila Schwartz '14
- Daniella Jacobs '15
- Tova Wieder '15
- Nicole Rothenberg '15
- Amira Pechet '15
- Tani Staiman '12
- Leah Miller '15

- Tova Goldstein '13
- Arielle Okin '14
- Miryam Fischer '14
- Sara Shelling '15
- Avital Rosen '14
- Michal Fromowitz '13
- Nicole Polonetsky '13
- Leora Hyman '14
- Michal Laub '14
- Lisa Helrich '12



It's Time for Spring Sports Tryouts!

Hockey - all grades, 7-9 PM - **Sunday, December 18** in our gym
Tennis - Wednesday, December 21 from 5:30-7:30 PM and Tuesday, Jan 3 from 6-8 PM
 at The Maywood Racquet Club. Their phone number is 201-843-2022

Family Conferences

This year, fall Family Conferences were held on the afternoon and evening of December 13 and 14. Conferences took place on two successive dates in order to allow teachers more time to accommodate all families that wished to schedule a meeting. This year, most teachers were situated in either the MPR or the gym, so that parents would not need to run from room to room to keep their appointments.



above, Mr. Yaacov Samuels of our History Faculty meets with parents in the MPR

Conferences at Ma'ayanot are different from those held by many other schools because our students are encouraged to attend with their parents so that they can participate in the dialogue with their teachers.

Families of ninth and twelfth graders had their conferences on Tuesday; families of tenth and eleventh graders had their on Wednesday.



our Seniors never miss an opportunity to raise money for Yearbook-above, a bake sale



above, Mrs. Julie Goldstein of our Jewish History faculty discusses a student's progress

ADULT EDUCATION AT MA'AYANOT

Mrs. Shifra Schapiro
of our Tanakh Faculty

is presenting the current series of *shiurim*,

"MAN AND MISSION: HOW OUR GREAT BIBLICAL PERSONALITIES REACTED TO BEING CALLED BY GOD."

Each *shiur* will focus on a different figure in the *Tanakh*: The initial call to a divine mission, and his/her response to that call.

Four additional Wednesdays in this six-part series:

December 21 28, 2011 January 4 and 11, 2012

11:15am-12:15pm

Everyone in the community is welcome.

-Sara Olshin & Ria Levart

Ma'ayanot Adult Education Coordinators

"Conrad Birdie is coming!!!"

Don't miss the Ma'ayanot Musical Theater Club's production of

"Bye Bye Birdie"

Monday, December 19, 2011
at 3 PM and 7:30 PM

in the Ma'ayanot Playhouse

Live simulcast for men in our media center



Support our Parent Council and recognize important occasions by purchasing "Ma'ayanot Mitzvah Cards." Call Mrs. Susan Levin at 201-928-4015 or contact her by email at susanklevin@gmail.com
Cards are \$5

Save the Date

December 19 (Monday) - "Bye Bye Birdie" at 3 PM and 7:30 PM. 3 PM show is mandatory for all students
December 20 -27 (Tuesday-Tuesday) -4:40 dismissal, Chanukah
December 23 - 26 (Friday-Monday) - Chanukah recess, no sessions
January 2, 2012 (Monday): New Year's Day observed, no sessions
January 5 (Thursday): *Asarah b'Tevet*, fast day schedule
January 8 (Sunday): Day of Study in the Liberal Arts and Sciences, 9:30 AM - Noon
January 9 - 18 (Monday-Wednesday): Midyear exams



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