

# The Stream

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*From Mrs. Kahan...*

Dear Parents:

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our school dinner last *Motzaei Shabbat*. Thank you to everyone who made the dinner such a success and to the honorees for the many ways that they have contributed to Ma'ayanot.

The past few weeks have been filled with the spirit of Adar at Ma'ayanot, as you will see from some of the pictures within this week's *Stream*. Beyond the fun and lightheartedness associated with this month, our students have also learned and articulated the messages of Purim in deeper ways as well. Our tenth graders expressed *ahdut* and solidarity by attending a memorial for the Fogel family on Taanit Esther, which was coordinated by the RCA. Additionally, all of our students attended a shiur by Mrs. Chana Reichman, in which she discussed one of the lessons that can be drawn from *Parshat Zachor*: that of committing passionately to one's values. Finally, our *Ma'ayanei Torah* staff produced a beautiful edition of *Ma'ayanei Torah* for Purim, filled with original *divrei Torah*. I hope that you will take the time to read it over Purim.

I look forward to our first Purim *chagiga* this *Motzaei Shabbat*. Thank you to Ms. Gordon for organizing the *chagiga*, and for constantly looking for new ways to enrich our students' experience at Ma'ayanot, both in and out of the classroom.

Next Tuesday, our conference system will go live and you will be able to sign up for family conferences, which will be held on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. We are using a new application for our conference system and we are hopeful that your scheduling process will go smoothly. Our progress report system will also go live next week so that you can view your daughter's progress reports. I encourage you to use these opportunities to communicate with your daughter's teachers about her progress and about any questions or concerns you have.

*Shabbat shalom,*

*Rivka Kahan*

## Scholarship Dinner, 2011

-photos by Daniella Grodko '11 and Mr. Avi Katz

Last Saturday evening, *motzei* Shabbat March 12, 7 Adar II, Ma'ayanot faculty, parents, students, alumnae and supporters all came together at Congregation Keter Torah in Teaneck for our Annual Scholarship Fund Dinner. The dinner, our only major fundraising campaign, directs its proceeds to underwriting our scholarship program. This enables Ma'ayanot to maintain a "need blind" admissions policy and to insure that any family which desires a yeshiva education for its daughters will not be prevented from getting one due to financial constraints.



above at left, Mrs. Lynn Kraft presents a pre-dinner shiur

The evening began with a pre-dinner *shiur* by Mrs. Lynn Kraft, who is a member of our *Tanakh* faculty, a Senior *Mehanechet*, our Yearbook and Senior Advisor and an Israel Guidance Counselor. Mrs. Kraft spoke about "*Ad D'lo yada: A Biblical Analysis of Drinking on Purim.*"

Each year, at the dinner, Ma'ayanot recognizes those who have distinguished themselves through their support of, and involvement with, our school. The *Keter Shem Tov* Awardees were Mrs. Paula and Dr. Howard Friedman, the Parents of the Year were Mrs. Dena and Mr. Abie Feigenbaum, the Ma'ayanot Service Award was presented to Mrs. Linda Moed Cohen and Dr. Hillel Cohen, and the Teacher of the Year was Mrs. Shayna Goldberg of our *Halakha* Faculty. To read more about the honorees, click [here](#).



above, "Teacher of the Year" Mrs. Shayna Goldberg (at left) and Mrs. Rivka Kahan, Principal

at left, members of the Class of 2011 and some recent alumnae



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## Scholarship Dinner, 2011



*at left, Mr. Abie and Mrs. Dena Feigenbaum, Parents of the Year, with members of their extended family, including Shira '11 and Leora '07 and Aliza '04*

*at right are Leora Cohen '06, Ariella Cohen '11, Mrs. Linda Moed Cohen and Dr. Hillel Cohen (recipients of the Ma'ayanot Service Award) and Aryeh Cohen*



*at left are Dr. Howard Friedman, President of Ma'ayanot's Board of Directors and Mrs. Paula Friedman, recognized with the Keter Shem Tov Award*



*at right, Rabbi Dr. Judah and Mrs. Shayna Goldberg and two of their sons*



## Math is Easy as Pi!

Every high school student knows, or knew at one time, that "Pi" represents the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, which computes to be the decimal 3.14159265... The three dots remind us that Pi is an irrational number, which does not mean that it is likely to do things without a good reason, like an irrational person. When a number is irrational, it means that the number cannot be expressed as a fraction that "divides evenly." For example, "4" is a rational number because it can be expressed as 8/2. Pi is irrational because it is computed as 22/7, making the numbers to the right of the decimal point go on to infinity. In other words, seven is not an integral divisor of 22. Don't you wish you had paid more attention in math class? Once you know about Pi, computations in geometry class are a snap; you can figure out the area of a circle and other nice things.

Because we at Ma'ayanot have a taste for creative learning (that subtle metaphor's meaning will become apparent shortly), our math teachers have a proclivity for celebrating "Pi Day." Of course, you can figure out the date on which it is celebrated! To learn more about Pi and Pi Day, point your browser to <http://www.piday.org/>



3.1415926  
**π**  
Pi Day!

Above, Mrs. Reyce Krause, at far right, sports a T-shirt that proclaims "it's easy as Pi," to get her Algebra II/Trig Honors students in the mood. Students brought pies and other round objects as food for thought and for actual consumption. In the photo are, from left to right, Sophs Naomi Kadish, Lauren Haberman, Eliana Applebaum (who was celebrating a birthday, Anna Siegel, Tali Spier, Shira Hanau, Molly Brodsky, Rachel Olshin (who was visiting this class), Penina Stewart and Tobey Linhart. Camera shy is Chani Dubin.



Mrs. Joyce Heller, at far right sports her Pi shirt, and is joined by members of her Sophomore Pre-Calculus Honors Seminar, from left to right, Elana Forman (who intends to calculate the circumference of her bagel), Tzipora Lesier, and Ariella Applebaum, who is celebrating her Pi Day birthday with a cake, not a pie, but at least the cake is round!

## Ma'ayanot Stand Up to be Counted

On Thursday, March 17, our Sophomores, accompanied by Mrs. Shira Schiowitz and Ms. Devorah Wolf, went to Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun in Manhattan to participate in the memorial for the five members of the Fogel family who were brutally slain in a terrorist attack while they lay sleeping in their home in Israel.

Ma'ayanot's *Tzadakah* Committee sponsored a pre-Purim challah sale, the proceeds of which were split between *Tomchei Shabbos* of Bergen County and the three surviving Fogel children.

# חג פורים שמחה!



## משוכנס אדר מרבין בשמחה



Our frisky and creative students put on their figurative and literal thinking caps to bring some special Adar spice to school this past week. Each day, students and faculty were encouraged to wear crazy hats to match the day's theme. Wednesday was dress up as bride and groom day, with a white runner down the hallways leading to a *chuppah* made of decorated lunch tables in the MPR.

At top left, **Daniella Grodko '11** looks like a Viking, but she is dressed in honor of the "Ides of March." Above, at right, **Rivka Kaminetzky '11** is a "married lady" and **Zisse Hanfling '12** and **Allison Alt '11** are a "punk groom and bride," at left **Etana Staiman '11** is a "bridesmaid" and below, a group of frolicsome upperclassmen show off their hats.



## College Bowl Team Ends Season Successfully

as reported by Ms. Sarah Gordon

The Junior Varsity and Varsity College Bowl teams travelled to Kushner High School on Tuesday, March 15 for the last meet of the season. Both teams defeated Kushner and JEC but lost hard fought matches to TABC. JV and Varsity both finished the season at 5-5, putting each in third place overall in New Jersey. The teams are looking forward to participating in a final one day college bowl special tournament at Yeshivat Rambam in Lawrence at the end of this month.



Our Junior Varsity team is comprised of **Tamar Novetsky '12**, **Tsipora Cohen '12**, **Ilana Karp '14**, **Ilana Kruger '12** and **Daniella Greenbaum '12**. Our Varsity team comprised of Captain **Elana Feldman '11** and ten members **Ilana Teicher '12**, **Talia Moss '12** and **Chana Garbow '12**. Absent, but there in spirit, were **Michal Cohen '12**, **Michal Wiseman '11** and **Amalya Sherman '11**. The team chaperone and coach is Ms. Sarah Gordon.

*members of our College Bowl team, from left to right, Daniella Greenbaum, Ilana Kruger, Ilana Karp and Tamar Novetsky, prepare for the challenge*

## The Ma'ayanot Student Drama Society

presents



## "The Crucible"

by Arthur Miller

directed by **Mrs. Amy Kanarek**

**Monday, April 4 at 7:30 PM**

**in our Playhouse**

**Men and Women are welcome**

## Spreading Purim Chher

This past week, close to 40 Ma'ayanoters made Purim cards and *mishloach manot* packages during their lunch period. It was a nice way to put some of that pre-Purim energy to work so that others might benefit. On Thursday, after our early dismissal for *Ta'anit Esther*, another 30 Ma'ayanot students went to Hackensack Hospital with *Chessed* Coordinator Ms. Ariella Steinreich to distribute the cards and packages, chat with patients and spread good cheer.

*-photos by Tali Spier '13*



*at left, Seniors Michelle Zivari and Evie Notis smile as they work,. Below at left, Sophs Adina Schwartz and Tzipora Leiser show off their work and, directly below, students collaborate as they take materials for their projects*

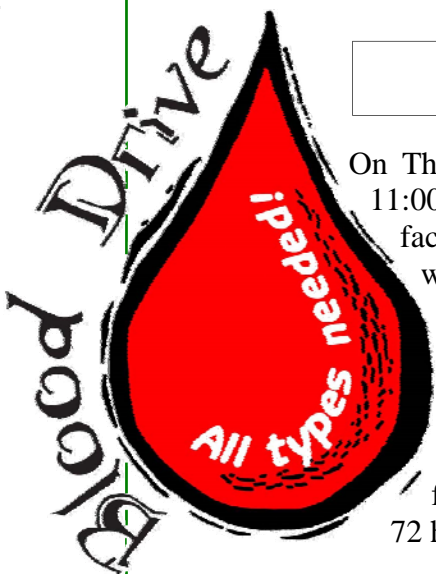


## Roll up Your Sleeve and Give Blood!

On Thursday, March 31, Ma'ayanot will be hosting a blood drive at Ma'ayanot from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, to benefit the new Jersey Blood Services. The drive is open to faculty, community members and students. Students may donate if they are 17, or 16 with parental consent. It is suggested that people figure an hour into their schedule from the time they sign in until they are ready to resume their activities.

As per the New Jersey Blood Services, in order to donate blood one must have not donated blood in the past 56 days, must have proper identification with them (drivers' license, photo ID with social security number), have eaten something before donating blood and have refrained from taking aspirin/ibuprofen products for 72 hours prior to donating.

For more information or to sign up, contact Ms. Ariella Steinreich at 201-833-4307 x 233 or [steinreicha@maayanot.org](mailto:steinreicha@maayanot.org).





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Tentatively scheduled for May 5 - 8

**Help those whose lives were devastated due to the flooding of the Red River  
REBUILD and REPAIR.**

Open to 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students

All interested applicants MUST attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> during lunch



Ma'ayanot's First

# PURIM NIGHT CHAGIGA!

*Motzei Shabbat, March 19*  
from 9:30 PM - 11:30 PM  
in our MPR

Please join us for  
dancing, music, food, skits, *divrei Torah*, *ruach* and more

Costumes are encouraged  
Women are welcome

This program is sponsored in part by our Parent Council



Save the Date

**March 20** (Sunday) - *Purim*

**March 21** (Monday) - *Shushan Purim* (regular sessions)

**March 29** (Tuesday) - Family Conferences, from 5 until 10 PM, details to follow

\*Leave time to visit our Pre-Pesach Boutique from 4 - 9 PM at Ma'ayanot, presented by our Parent Council

Many new vendors and some of your old favorites

For more information contact Reva Judas [springf824@aol.com](mailto:springf824@aol.com) or Sallie Levi [sallielevi@gmail.com](mailto:sallielevi@gmail.com)

**April 4** (Monday) - Student drama production, "The Crucible" at 7:30 PM



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