

# The Stream

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## *From Mrs. Kahan...*

Dear Parents and Students:

It is difficult to believe that the school year has come to an end, and exhilarating to look back on the growth and new initiatives of this year. One of the primary projects of this school year has been the thorough process of self-evaluation and reflection that we undertook as part of our Middle States re-accreditation effort. The five school improvement goals that we have identified are rich and substantive, and will guide much of our growth over the coming years. The goals include: incorporating greater use of educational technology in our classrooms; providing more teacher training in educating students who have various learning challenges; establishing a system of curriculum review and improvement that will provide for greater administrative involvement as well as cross-curricular collaboration among teachers; developing an organized curriculum of the social-emotional and religious values and attitudes that we hope to impart; and improving policies relating to student attendance.



It is extremely gratifying that we have recently made significant steps toward enhancing the educational technology in our classrooms in preparation for next year. I am deeply grateful to all of the families that have already contributed to our effort to raise funds for additional SMART Boards toward the ultimate goal of equipping all of our classrooms with SMART Boards. Our end-of-year professional in-service day, as well as several lunch-and-learns over the course of the year, were geared toward training teachers at all levels of SMART Board proficiency in even more effective, creative SMART Board use, and our faculty eagerly anticipates having access to more SMART Boards next year.

This was the first year that we employed a writing fellow, Mrs. Nyer. Mrs. Nyer worked with teachers in the science, *Talmud*, and history departments to help them integrate the teaching of writing into their disciplines. We look forward to continuing and expanding our efforts at integrating writing into all areas of the curriculum next year. Additionally, our teachers began to experiment this year with a range of alternative forms of assessment, in addition to standard tests. For example, many teachers replaced their midterm and final exams with more creative, writing-based assignments that assess students' skills and knowledge more fully than a standard exam. I believe that continued exploration and implementation of alternative

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assessments holds great potential for our students' learning.

Next year, we will be introducing several innovative electives, including interdisciplinary courses such as Ms. Wolf's Comparative Literature elective, which will analyze themes of the *Hamesh Megillot* and their relationship to classical and contemporary fiction. We are pleased that tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade elective offerings for next year all include at least one course that was introduced based on student suggestions. These courses include French, Photography, and Architecture.

Another noteworthy event of this year was the Ma'ayanot/NCSY mission to Minnesota, which brought a group of twelve tenth and eleventh graders, accompanied by Rabbi Zev Prince and Coach Eileen Schwartz, to Minnesota to help rebuild homes destroyed by the flooding of the Red River. The group also participated in the Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure at the Mall of America. The experience gave our students the opportunity to broaden and deepen their commitment to social justice and to contributing to the world community. Thank you to Ms. Steinreich and Rabbi Prince for coordinating the program, and to Coach Schwartz for serving as a chaperone. I hope that we will be able to build on this success by continuing to find ways to strengthen our students' sense of connection and responsibility to those in need.

I look forward to September, when we will welcome the largest incoming class in the history of Ma'ayanot, *b'ezrat Hashem*. Additionally, we are excited to welcome several talented new faculty members, who will be profiled in the first edition of "The Stream" in September. I wish much *bracha vehatzlacha* to our recent graduates, and a healthy, enjoyable summer to all of our students, parents, and faculty.

Warmly,



Mrs. Rivka Kahan

Class of 2001  
Ten Year Reunion!



Ma'ayanot's second graduating class, the Class of 2001, will hold a ten-year reunion at Mocha Bleu in Teaneck, New Jersey at 6:30 PM on Sunday, June 19.

The reunion is coordinated by Yael Green Rudolph '01 and Esther Berman Lefkowitz '01

Shuli Taubes '01 will give the dvar Torah

## Parshat Shlach a dvar Torah by Ms. Ariella Steinreich

In this week's *parsha*, *Parshat Shlach*, Hashem commands Moshe to send spies to scout out ארץ ישראל . Why did Hashem tell Moshe specifically which individual spies to choose? One would think that sending spies showed that *Bnai Yisrael* did not have *Betachon* in Hashem. Nechama Leibowitz comments that, ideally, *Bnai Yisrael* would have relied on the word of Hashem. But, since they wanted to send spies, Hashem would not interfere with their request, and would help them carry out their mission in the best way possible.

With regard to Moshe being asked to hand pick the spies, Seforno comments that the reason Hashem told Moshe which specific people to choose was because if *Bnai Yisrael* chose spies randomly they would not appreciate all that the land has to offer. Based on this, our next question is, "Who would be part of this designated group of spies?" Rashi explains that the ones who were sent to scout out the land were all highly respected and distinguished leaders.

When the spies returned after their mission they brought back an evil report about the land. Rashi informs us that one of their complaints was, "Wherever we went, we found people dying, and the people were involved with burial process." They viewed this as something that was certainly a lucky omen for *Klal Yisrael*. Rav Simcha Wasserman points out that, in fact, the exact opposite was true. Hashem had engineered it so that all of the people that were to die during that *Tekufa* would die when the spies were there. As long as the people were involved with burying the dead they would not realize that there were spies among them. In this manner the spies were able to do their work undetected.

As the class of 2011 graduates, I believe this is a great lesson to keep in mind. It is important to realize the great *Hashgacha* that governs our entire lives. A great deal of *Hashgacha* has already governed the lives and experiences of the Class of 2011; getting to know one another, learning and interacting with one another, doing *chesed* together and, along the way, becoming a unified group. What is the most important thing we can ask for at graduation? Here are two ideas: One, that we realize the great Divine Providence that governs our every step. Two, that we ask Hashem for the privilege of *Shmira Elyona*, to let us be guarded from Heaven, as it says "*Ki Melachav Yetzaveh Lach Yishmorcha B'chol Derachecha*," that the *Melachim* were charged to watch us in all of our ways.

The class of 2011 is a distinguished group of leaders. They are the captains of our sports teams, leads in our musicals and plays, and heads of clubs and committees. Whereas the spies failed in their mission, our hopes for you are for you to look beyond the fears and frailties of man and realize that we have to have *Betachon* in Hashem and his overall plan. Our wish is that as you leave Ma'ayanot to "scout out the land" you, too, appreciate all that this world has to offer you.

May you have great *Hatzlacha* in all of your endeavors.  
*Mazal Tov!*



Ms. Ariella Steinreich, Alumnae Coordinator, *Chesed* Coordinator

## Next Year's G. O. Officers and Grade Reps Elected

Freshmen, Sophs and Juniors "took to the polls" on Friday, May 27, after a week of spirited campaigning, to elect next year's G. O. officers and grade representatives. Each of this year's grades voted for their grade representatives. Next year's Freshmen will vote for their class reps in a special election to be held in the fall, after they have gotten a chance to know one another. Every candidate is to be commended for wanting to step up to the plate and take on the responsibility and hard work that G. O. involvement entails.

Next year's G. O. officers will be:

- Elana Blanchard '12** - President
- Deena Fuchs '13** - VP of Publicity
- Racheli Weil '13** - VP of Programming
- Rena Bierig '12** - Treasurer
- Esti Baum '14** - Secretary
- Avital Rosen '14** - Grade 10 Rep
- Micayla Rosenbaum '14** - Grade 10 Rep
- Rachel Olshin '13** - Grade 11 Rep
- Gali Sadek '13** - Grade 11 rep
- Danielle Wietschner '12** - Grade 12 Rep
- Kayla Gottlieb '12** - Grade 12 Rep

*PRESENTING  
NEXT YEAR'S G.O -  
in front, from left to right, are  
Esti Baum, Micayla  
Rosenbaum, Avital Rosen,  
Rena Bierig, Gali Sadek and  
Mrs. Dena Bock, Advisor; at  
rear, from left to right, are  
Racheli Weil,  
Elana Blanchard, Deena  
Fuchs, Rachel Olshin, Danielle  
Wietschner, Kayla Gottlieb  
and  
Ms. Sarah Gordon, Advisor*



## Student Appreciation Breakfast/ Yom Yerushalayim

Each school has its own cherished end-of-year rituals, and, at Ma'ayanot, the Student Appreciation Breakfast is among ours. This provides a chance for students and faculty to socialize over a tasty pancake breakfast and for students to be recognized for their contributions to the school with a brief awards ceremony. This year's breakfast was held on Wednesday morning, June 1, on a sultry morning which made us feel that Summer is really right around the corner.



*Always learning, Sophs (from left to right) Tzipora Leiser, Rena Landsman and Tamar Landsman demonstrate that pancake syrup is denser than orange juice!*



*above, some freshmen "make empty plate"*

The day was made even more meaningful because it coincided with *Yom Yerushalayim*. After breakfast, faculty and students returned to the *Beit Knesset* for a *Yom Yerushalayim* program coordinated by **Nediva Susman '14**. She presented a moving Power-Point which took us back in time to that day in 1967 when Israeli soldiers reunited the Old



*Rebecca Peyser '10 sent the photo above to "The Stream," in which Ma'ayanoters in Israel met up with one another at a Yom Yerushalayim celebration*

City. This was followed by a video prepared by alumna **Rena Levin '10**, in which she took her audience on a visit to Yerushalayim with members of the Class of 2010 as they celebrated *Yom HaZikaron*, *Yom HaAtzmaut* and as they looked forward to today, *Yom Yerushalayim*. To enjoy this video, point your browser to [http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=Wmst1\\_h5I5c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Wmst1_h5I5c). Our Dance Club, directed by Ms. Yael Brodsky (sister of **Molly Brodsky '13**) then came to the stage to put on a brief and lively dance to celebrate the day. Our Dance Club members are **Hannah Ash '14**, **Ayelet Golubtchik '14**, **Nediva Susman '14**, **Rochal Greenberg '14**, **Marlee Goodman '14** and **Leora Hyman '14**.



*Talia Adler '10 speaks excitedly about being in Yerushalayim*

Honored for their involvement in school life and activities this year, are:



*above, Nediva Susman '14 introduces her Yom Yersuhalayim presentation*

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## Student Appreciation Breakfast/ Yom Yerushalayim (continued)

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**Excellence in Journalism - "The Source": Hanna Erdfarb '11, Talia Stern '11, Michal Wiseman '11**

**Excellence in Journalism- "Ma'ayanei Torah": Chaya Kanarfogel '11**

**Excellence in Journalism - "Sambatyon": Adina Chesir '12, Sarah Gold '12, Ilana Kruger '12**

**Middot: Chavi Cohen '14, Racheli Weil '13, Deborah Strauss '12**

**School Leadership: Arielle Isaac '14, Molly Brodsky '13, Zisse Hanfling '12**

**School Spirit: Hannah Tessel '14, Rina Landsman '13, Miriam Jacobson '12**

**School Service: Chavi Cohen '14, Daniella Steinreich '13, Tani Staiman '12**

**Torah: Marlee Goodman '14, Ilana Weinberger '13, Talia Moss '12**

**Chesed: Shira Wolff '14, Tali Spier '13, Lisa Helrich '12**

**Keter Shem Tov: Tova Greenberg '14, Julie Schwartz '13, Danielle Wietschner '12**

**Peer Tutoring: Eliana Tambor '12, Tamar Novetsky '12, Molly Brodsky '13, Eliana Applebaum '13, Areilla Applebaum '13, Tali Spier '13, Shira Hanau '13, Tobey Linhart '13, Sophie Satloff '12, Tsiporah Cohen '12, Chana Ben-Zacharia '11, Daniella Greenbaum '12, Rivka Golding, Chana Garbow, Cheli Arussy '11, Michal Laub '14, Elana Feldman '11 and Rachel Mendelson '11**

**Barnard Book Award: Adina Chesir '12**

**Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award in Humanities and Social Sciences (given by the University of Rochester): Etana Staiman '12**

**George Eastman Young Leaders Award: Miriam Jacobson '12**

**Brandeis Book Award: Lizzy Klein '12**

The program concluded with a G. O. slideshow, which looked back on a busy, *ruach*-filled and meaningful year.



above, the Dance Club performs



Yael Brodsky, at left, and "Molly Brodsky '13

## "On the Road Again..."



The enthusiasm of our spirited seniors was evident as they boarded the buses on the morning of May 31 for the annual senior trip. Chaperoned by **Mrs. Leah Herzog** and alumnae **Zahava Hoffman '09** and **Esti Hirt '09**, everyone departed for Montreal under bright blue skies and summery warmth. The long ride was broken up with a stop for a box lunch and then the "Fun Spot," an amusement park featuring Go Karts, skating and laser Tag. Just in case those suitcases weren't heavy enough, the next stop was for outlet shopping and a box dinner before crossing the border to Montreal and checking into the hotel.

After breakfast and *tefilla* at the hotel, the next morning brought a day packed with activities. First on the agenda was a visit to an ice skating rink (and practice at last fall's *Shabbaton*, no doubt!) followed

almost everyone bravely put on skates, having gotten by the traditional pizza lunch. Suitably nourished, the group proceeded to the Olympic Tower, which offered spectacular views of Montreal all the way to the Laurentian Mountains. To make a virtual visit to the Tower, click [here](#). Next came a visit to the famous Biodome, to explore and learn about the five ecosystems in the Americas. Can't name them? Click [here](#) for a virtual tour! This was followed by dinner and the famous "ghost tour" of the Old City. An early wakeup on Wednesday for *tefilla* and breakfast fortified the group for jet boating and, if that were not enough, a hike up Mount Royal and a



tour of the Montreal Underground, each with a professional guide.

Exhausted but happy, the Class of 2011 boarded buses for the long, sleepy ride back to Teaneck.



## Ma'ayanot's Annual Community Shavuot Programming



This year, Ma'ayanot's Alumnae Association, coordinated by Ms. Ariella Steinreich '07, offered its fourth annual Shavuot learning program. This year, the *Shavuot shiurim* took place not only in Teaneck, but in surrounding communities as well, and involved faculty, students, alumnae and interested women who are not directly affiliated with our school.

**Mrs. Tamar Appel**, Assistant Principal, presented "A Comparative Look at Ruth and Esther" at Kehillat Kesher's *Tikun Leil Shavuot* program in Englewood. Our *Tikun Leil Shavuot* program, hosted by Congregation Keter Torah in Teaneck, provided a full night of activities, beginning with *chavruta* learning until midnight, when **Mrs. Rivka Kahn**, Principal, came to the podium to present "The Second *Luchot* and the Birth of *Torah She B'al Peh*." **Ms. Ariella Steinreich '07**, Alumnae and Community Service Coordinator, presented "Skirting around the issue: a look into whether pants are *halakhically* considered *begeid ish*." "Shavuot: The Royal Wedding" was the intriguing title of the *shiur* by **Adena Eizikovitz '09**. **Miri Koolyk '07** presented "How do we Read the Torah? Plain Meaning vs. Assigned Meaning of the Mitzvot." At 2:45 AM, everyone was still going strong, and **Anna Sce '06** engaged the group with "Midrashic Insights into Har Sinai." Members of the newly-minted Class of 2011, **Rivka Kaminetzky** and **Chaya Kanarfogel**, asked, as the title of their *shiur*, "Born in the USA, Should I Make Aliyah Today?" And, just before *Shacharit*, **Talia Moss '12** and **Ilana Teicher '12** kept everyone awake with "*Mashiach* Mythbusters."

On Wednesday, June 8, the first afternoon of *Shavuot*, **Mrs. Lynn Kraft** of our *Tanakh* Faculty, spoke in Bergenfield about "The First and Second *Luchot*: What's the Difference?" In Teaneck, **Shuli Taubes '01** presented "I Firmly Believe in the Coming of the Messiahs: How Many Does it Take to Redeem the Jewish People?"

On Thursday, June 9, **Mrs. Shayna Goldberg** of our *Halakha* Faculty presented "*Shavuot*: A Genuinely Human Holiday" at a *shiur* in Teaneck. Also in Teaneck, on Thursday, **Mrs. Shira Schiowitz**, *Tanakh* Chair, offered "Response to Tragedy in *Megillat Rut*" and **Mrs. Adeena Mayerfield** of our *Tanakh* Faculty presented "*Megillat Rut*: Layers of Heroism, *Tikkun* and *Chesed*." In Fair Lawn, **Mrs. Leah Herzog** of our *Tanakh* and Israel Guidance Faculties, gave the *shiur*, "What Are We Celebrating on *Chag HaShavuot*? Time and Place in the Torah." And, in Silver Spring, Maryland, **Chava Chaitovsky Lerner '04** presented "Principles Beyond Principles: Maimonides on the *Mitzvot*" at a *Tikun Leil Shavuot* program, and presented the same *shiur* on Thursday, June 9.

Dr. Howard and Mrs. Paula Friedman provided the refreshments for the *Tikun Leil Shavuot* learning program at Keter Torah; Mr. Ilya and Mrs. Ann Brodsky opened their home and provided the refreshments for Mrs. Herzog's *shiur* in Fair Lawn; Rabbi Shalom Baum (Father of Esti Baum '14) and Congregation Keter Torah hosted our Shavuot night learning, and Congregation Ohr HaTorah in Bergenfield and Congregation Bnai Yeshurun in Teaneck hosted afternoon *shiurim*.

## Proudly Presenting...The Class Of 2011!

Our "Seniors who rule the school" (another popular mantra) became alumnae at our twelfth annual graduation, held Sunday morning, June 12. The 61 members of the Class of 2011 were joined by friends, family and faculty at Congregation Bnai Yeshurun in Teaneck under warm but cloudy skies which held the promise of Summer and good times to come.



above, the graduates enter

After the graduates entered and were seated, Rabbi Zev Prince of our *Talmud* and *Halakha* Faculties led the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" and "*Hatikvah*," after which Dr. Howard Friedman gave what was his



from left to right, Alona Stewart, Cheli Arussy and Layla Blenden smile proudly

valedictory address as President of Ma'ayanot. The moment was additionally bittersweet for Dr. Friedman as his youngest daughter, Aliza, is a member of the Class

of 2011. Mrs. Rivka Kahan welcomed the group and asked our "almost graduates" to emulate Moshe as he led Bnai Yisrael, keeping watch over the battlefields but never losing sight of the mountains, thus encouraging the Class of 2011 to face their problems and be practical, but never lose sight of their dreams. Salutatorian **Hanna Erdfarb** spoke next, and then the following students were introduced as they came forward to be recognized with the following honors:



Hanna Erdfarb, Salutatorian

The Ilana Hiller Memorial Award for Outstanding Scholarship, Service and Character - **Allison Alt**

The David Lesser Memorial Award for Excellence in Social Studies

- **Aliza Friedman**

Ron Heller Music Theater Award - **Ayala Schnaidman, Cheli Arussy, Shira Kaye, Elana Kook**

The Benjamin Strauss Memorial *Chessed* Award - **Rebecca Fein**

The Hannah Shulman Outstanding Sportswoman Award - **Hanna Erdfarb**

The Sylvia Shusterman Memorial Award for Ma'ayanot's Athlete of the Year - **Marcella Berman**

The Arthur and Joyce Fein *Chessed* Award in memory of Mrs. Naomi Wolinetz - **Chaya Kanarfogel**

The Solomon David Helfgot Memorial Award for Excellence in Character and *Middot* - **Tziporah Herzfeld**



Talia Stern at the podium

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**Talia Stern** was chosen by her peers for the honor of presenting the "Class Greetings." She spoke humorously but sagely, as is her style, about experiences and escapades which she shared with her grade over the past four years.



*Daniella Grodko,  
Class Valedictorian*

**Daniella Grodko** then came forward as Valedictorian. She reminisced about her interview for Ma'ayanot when she was an eighth grader, embarrassed at not knowing (she claimed) what she hoped to get from her high school years. Looking back, Daniella credits Ma'ayanot for encouraging her individuality, and that of her peers, while still enabling strong interpersonal bonds to grow.

Mrs. Kahan called each student forward to receive her diploma and take her place as a graduate, after which Assistant Principals Mrs. Tamar Appel and Ms. Elana Flaumenhaft distributed Ma'ayanot's gift to each new alumna. Our Parent Council provided a tasty and eye-catching collation, over which everyone could mingle and enjoy the feelings of warmth and accomplishment which pervaded the morning.



*Chaya Kanarfogel  
happily holds her  
diploma*

To see the entire graduation program, click [here](#).



*Leora Judas is  
officially an "alum"*

## Sports Update

"Coach" Eileen Schwartz, Athletic Director; Ms. Laura Schuette, Assistant Athletic Director

**Varsity Hockey:** **Rena Bierig '12** broke a scoreless tie with 3:16 remaining in the first period, and **Elisheva Wrubel '11** netted a pair of third period goals to lead the Ma'ayanot hockey team to a 3-0 victory over SKA in the semi-finals, held at Mayanot on Sunday evening, May 29. Goaltender **Eliana Stone '11** flawlessly turned away the few SKA scoring opportunities, contributing to a dominant performance by the Rapids, who went on to face Heschel in the championships. The Varsity Hockey championship game was played to a packed house at JEC in Elizabeth on Sunday evening, June 12. **Shira Feigenbaum '11** scored the only two goals of the game, but they were all it took to bring home the championship in a 2-0 shutout! Shira was recognized as MVP of the game as well.



## Teachers Never Stop Learning!

During finals week, teachers do more than prepare, grade and proctor exams...they meet for in-service learning and to plan for next year!

On Thursday, June 2, our Judaic Studies faculty gathered to review its co-curricular program and activities, and to begin thinking about both curricular and co-curricular offerings for next year. This year (as reported in "The Stream") our students were offered many opportunities to participate in *ruach*-filled and spirited learning, combined with building new friendships among

included a *Simchat Beit HaSho-eva* gathering, a *Lag b'omer* bonfire, *Toraton*, *Why-aanot* (our Judaic Studies blog), and more.

On Monday, June 6, our entire faculty gathered for our annual end-of-year in-service program. First on the agenda was a discussion of the Middle States action plan of developing an organized curricular approach to achieving our school's affective goals and imparting religious values. Teachers were given "homework:" they were asked to come to that meeting with their ideas about what religious and social/emotional values

This session was followed a demonstration by Mrs. Fayge Ravitz about how to use Smart Boards in the classroom to meet our educational goals. Next year, Ma'ayanot hopes to have a Smart Board in almost every classroom, so this was a perfect opportunity for everyone to expand his or her skills and knowledge by participating in

small-group sessions based on his or her level, followed by a chance to practice developing lessons with the help of an instructor.

After a break for lunch, faculty gathered



Mrs. Tova Sinensky introduces Mrs. Fayge Ravitz, at far right

peers and faculty. These activities

and beliefs we should aim to impart to our students during their years at Ma'ayanot.

by department to reflect on year-long goals...and to wish one another a restful and restorative summer!



Mrs. Shifra Schapiro introduces her workshop by remembering how she became inspired by Mrs. Ravitz's presentation several years ago

## "Final Exam Time"

...every picture on these two pages appeared in this year's editions of the "Stream."  
Can you identify what is happening in each?  
Don't you wish you had paid more attention?

The Musical Challenge Round is a new one: "*On the Right Track*" is heard in what Broadway show, with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz? Extra Credit: What 2003 blockbuster did he compose as well?





# Salute to Israel Parade, 5771



The annual "Salute to Israel Parade," which took place this year on Sunday, June 5 (3 Sivan) has been a fixture of the New York Jewish life since its inception in 1964. No longer a simple "hometown" event, the parade draws participants and spectators from across the nation. This year, an estimated one million spectators lined the parade route along Fifth Avenue, including, of course, those who had come to show support for Ma'ayanot as well as for Israel. To visit the parade's website, point your browser to <http://salutetoisrael.com/parade/>.

photos thanks to Ms. Elana Flaumenhaft



The theme of this year's parade was "In Tune With Israel." Our shirts, designed by **Miriam Jacobson '12** and **Shifra Arnheim '12**, incorporated musical notes into "2011" and "Ma'ayanot," as you can see from the photos.



at left, members of the Class of 2009 unite for Israel - at rear are Elianna Kaplowitz, Chana Tolchin, Margot Reinstein, Zahava Rothschild and Aviva Novick; in front are Nikki Press and Ariel Shapiro



## Our Chesed Program - Looking back on a Meaningful Year

It is written in פרקי אבות פרק א משנה ב -

"על שלושה דברים העולם עומד - על תורה, ועל העבודה, ועל גמילות חסדים"

"The world depends on three things: on torah study, on the service of God, and on kind deeds." As Jews, it is our responsibility to do *chesed* and help others. This year our students have taken this to heart and have completed over 5,400 hours of community service!

When we started the Community Service Program four years ago, our goals were to expose our students to various community service opportunities and to help them become active community members. Four years later, I am happy to report that while our requirement mandates each student to complete a total of 8 projects throughout the course of the year, many of our students have completed between 15 and 30, and some have even exceeded 50 projects. Through their involvement in our *chesed* program, our students have become active members in organizations such as *Tomchei Shabbos*, *Yachad*, Friendship Circle and Sinai to name a few.

This year's *Chesed* Committee, including **Rivka Rosenblatt '11**, **Danielle Wietschner '12**, **Ariella Cohen '11**, **Chava Danishefsky '12**, **Rachel Goldstein '11**, **Lisa Helrich '12**, **Tali Spier '13**, **Mairav Linzer '14**, **Shira Wolff '14**, and **Aviva Weiner '14**, have worked tirelessly to bring various *chesed* opportunities to their peers. These opportunities included making bracelets for OHEL, *Rosh Hashana* cards for Gilad Shalit and the elderly at CareOne, Purim cards and *Mishloach Manot* for Jewish patients at Hackensack Hospital and tote bags for CareOne. They organized many drives throughout the year to benefit "Bears from Bergenfield," "Reach Out and Read," as well as a soap drive to help Haiti. In addition, Ma'ayanot partnered with TABC for our annual Blood Drive where we collected more donations than ever before.

We offered many *chesed* trips for our students this year, including trips to "Tomorrow's Children" at Hackensack Hospital, to the JCC in Tenafly to make *Hamantashen* and *charoset* with the elderly, and to Hackensack Hospital to deliver *Mishloach Manot* to Jewish patients. Our freshmen visited *Otsar*, the 10<sup>th</sup> grade visited OHEL and the New Jersey Food Bank, the 11<sup>th</sup> grade participated in a *chesed* program through the Hebrew Free Burial Society and ran a *Yachad* carnival at our school as well. We sent our first ever student leadership mission to Minnesota where our students participated in various *chesed* opportunities. They spent two days doing disaster relief work in Hammond, Minnesota where they spent *Shabbat*, and where they had the opportunity to speak with people about what life is like in a smaller Jewish community. To watch a video made by participants **Daniella Steinreich '13** and **Racheli Weil '13**, click [here](#). Our students walked in the Susan G. Komen March for a Cure on behalf of *Sharsheret*. They visited "Mary's Place," a shelter for homeless families where they played with the young children.

Our "Pay it Forward" club met each Wednesday this year and paired over 60 of our students with young students in the community. Each week, our students tutored neighborhood kids in math, reading comprehension (in both English and Hebrew), and helped build other critical skills. The young children looked forward to coming to Ma'ayanot each week and doing homework with their buddy. It has been a phenomenal opportunity for our students to learn the skills of tutoring and teaching while providing a fun atmosphere for their young students to do homework. The children come to us from Yavneh, Moriah, Ben Porat Yosef, The Rosenbaum Yeshiva of North Jersey, Yeshivat Noam, Sinai, and The Benjamin Franklin Middle School. A special thank you to Chava Danishefsky '12 and Tali Spier '13, who each spent a semester tutoring a Sinai student, and to Etana Staiman '11 and Talia Kaszovitz '12, who taught Judaic studies to children who were no longer able to afford a Jewish Day School education.

I look forward to hearing about the *chesed* you continue to do!

*Tisku L'Mitzvot,*

Ariella Steinreich



*Chesed* Coordinator



The Drama Department announces that next year's musical will be  
**BYE BYE BIRDIE**

All interested thespians please rent the movie, learn the songs and be prepared to audition during the first week of school.  
Have a great summer.

-Mrs. Heller & Mrs. Selter

### Save the Date

**June 20** (Monday): Students review of finals, 9 - 10 AM  
looking ahead to next year...

**September 7** (Wednesday): Orientation for all Grades, time TBA

**September 8** (Thursday): First Day of Classes

**September 28** (Wednesday): *Erev Rosh Hashana*, no sessions

**September 29-30** (Thursday-Friday): *Rosh Hashana*, no sessions

**October 7** (Friday): *Erev Yom Kippur*, no Sessions

**October 12-23** (Wednesday-Sunday): *Sukkot* Recess, no Sessions



Recognize an important event and support our Parent Council at the same time - send a Ma'ayanot Mitzvah card!

Contact Mrs. Susan Levin at  
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