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**PARSHAT HA'AZINU
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ENHANCING THE HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE

A variety of co-curricular activities enhanced the *Yamim Noraim* experience here at Ma'ayanot. On Friday, September 30, *Hatarat Nedarim*, introduced by Rabbi Zev Prince, was held at the conclusion of *tefilla*. Rabbi Prince asked his audience to consider both the meaning of *Hatarat*



Nedarim as well as why we ask forgiveness from our vows before *Rosh Hashanah* and also on *Yom Kippur*. HEC, the Holiday Enhancement Committee, had some creative activities to add. Our weekly *Shabbat* Queens were given a test: could they identify the *simanim* of *Rosh Hashana* by taste alone? Our Arabic class, taught by Mrs. Esther Captan, prepared a spirited rendition of "Dip the Apple in the Honey" in Arabic, demonstrating both their progress and their ecumenical spirit. HEC concluded the program with an activity in which participants were invited to create their own *simanim* from assorted props, for example, car+pool=carpool, as in, "may my carpool always be



Our Rosh Hashana Shabbat Queens, Yonina Segal '17 (at left) and Esther Avidan '19

on time."



Rabbi Bashevkin speaks with our students

On Wednesday, October 5, Rabbi Dovid Bashevkin, Director of Education for NCSY, was our *Tzom Gedalia* speaker. He explored the topic "Sorry-Not Sorry" as he guided his audience to consider ways in which to make apologies sincere and meaningful.

On Sunday, October 9, Mrs. Chava Lerner announced the winners of the *Hilchot Teshuva* contest. This past summer's *Limudei Kodesh* learning for grades 10 and 12 focused on the 10 *perakim* of Rambam's *Hilchot Teshuva*, guided by a series of questions, which you can read by clicking [here](#). Students were then challenged to make a short, creative presentation to bring their learning to life and to share with their schoolmates. Winning projects were created by **Malka Feldman '19**, the team of **Meira Cohen '19** and **Batsheva Dattlekramer '19**, **Penina Krischer '19**, the team of **Noa Applebaum '17** and **Avigayil Altman '17**, the team of **Anya Weitz '19** and **Esther Avidan '19**, **Jen Felder '19**, the team of **Yonina Segal '17** and **Dina Jawetz '17**, and **Kayla Goldfarb '17**. Click [here](#) to see the winning presentations. (Please note that some of th presentations include singing.)This project was featured in an article in the *Jewish Link* of October 7, which you can read by clicking [here](#).

Our *Aseret Yemei Teshuva* Student *Yom Iyun*, organized by Rabbi Zev Prince and Mrs. Ora Schrier, was held on Monday, October 10. Faculty members Rabbi Donny Besser, Rabbi Zev Prince, Ms. Sarah Gordon, Mrs. Gabrielle Berger, Dr. Shoshana Poupko, Mrs. Dena Block, Mrs. Yael Weil, Mrs. Ora Schrier, Mrs. Chava Lerner, Mrs. Leah Herzog, and Mrs. Shifra Schapiro presented a panoply of topics from which our students could choose. To see the



complete program, click [here](#). A special time schedule allowed the entire school to gather in the *Beit Knesset* for a spirited and moving *kumzitz* between sessions. To see more photos and videos of this program, be sure to visit our [Facebook page](#).



Look forward to our annual *Simchat Beit haShoeva*, which will be held on the evening of October 19 at the home of **Eliana Zelig '18** and **Dassi Zelig '20** and their family at 417 Vomel Drive in New Milford. The program will begin at 7:30 PM and continue until 9:30. Will this year's program feature our renowned "build an edible *sukkah*" activity or will there be other thematically-appropriate challenges? There's sure to be *ruach*, singing, great snacks and great times. Be there!

MAKING ALIYAH: A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH MA'AYANOT ALUMNAE



Seniors enjoyed a special program, planned and coordinated by Mrs. Ora Schrier, "*Sherut Leumi, Aliyah, Israeli Universities...Should more Americans be considering these options?*" The presentation took place during *Mehanechet* period on Thursday, October 6. A panel of recent alumnae, **Shifra Arnheim '12**, **Esti Baum '14**, **Adina Cohen '14** and **Shira Sohn '14**, shared their feelings and experiences as new *olim*. You can read about what motivated these young women to make such a serious commitment by clicking [here](#).

INTRODUCING OUR "BAYIT CHAM" PROGRAM

The new year brings a new and exciting program to Ma'ayanot, "*Bayit Cham: A Warm Home*." Members of our faculty and administration will be opening their homes to students on *Shabbat* or on various *yontovim* for a variety of meaningful programs.

The first program took place on *Shabbat* afternoon, *Shabbat Shuvah*, October 8, at the home of our Director of Guidance, Dr. Rayzel Yaish. Dr. Yaish and her co-host, Dr. Oshra Cohen of our guidance team, were joined by 18 students, representing all grades, for "*Teshuva Talks*." There was a cold sorbet bar with toppings galore to complement the theme of "*Bayit Cham*." Learning was in honor of *Shabbat Shuva*, with a focus on how and if people can change, using as a point of departure concepts from the field of cognitive behavioral psychology as they connect to



Dr. Yaish's sign says, "Welcome, Ma'ayanot!
Bayit Cham here!"

teshuva. The group played several rounds of the game "Spyfall," a question and answer game in which participants have to identify the secret spy based on his/her responses to a series of questions. Dr. Yaish was incorrectly "accused" of being the spy! She was not spying when she happily overheard students saying, as they were leaving, "these programs are such a good idea...they make me feel that Ma'ayanot is not just my school but also my community."

Upcoming Bayit Cham events include "Because I'm Happy - [Pharell](#)'s Sukkot Message" at the home of Mrs. Yael Weil (1678 Hanover Street in Teaneck) on October 18 at 5 PM and "Food, Schmooze, Singing and Games" at the home of Mrs. Adele Katzenstein (143 Brick Church Road in Monsey) on October 18 at 5 PM.

UPCOMING SPORTS TEAM TRYOUTS

Hockey and soccer team tryouts for the Spring, 2017 season are coming up, as are Swim Team tryouts:

Swim Team - November 1, from 7:30 - 9 PM at the Teaneck Jewish Center. Sign up [here](#).

JV Soccer - November 13, from 1-2:15 PM

Varsity Soccer - November 13, from 2:15-3:30 PM

Hockey - November 13, from 6:30- 8 PM

Tryouts for soccer and hockey will be held in the Ma'ayanot gym.

In order to try out for soccer or hockey, you must complete the registration form, by clicking [here](#) and filling in the appropriate information, at least 24 hours before the scheduled tryout. Go, Rapids!



Come out and cheer our teams on to victory! Follow the links below to check the date, time and location of each game, as well as the scores when the game is concluded.

[JV Basketball](#)

[Varsity Basketball](#)

[JV Volleyball](#)

[Varsity Volleyball A League](#)

[Varsity Volleyball B League \(Women only\)](#)

Go, Rapids!

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Ma'ayanot's Continuing Education program is pleased to offer a variety of adult education opportunities for the 2016-17 academic year



Our Thursday *shiur* series continues with Rabbi Donny Besser of our Talmud faculty, who will present "A Second Look at *Sefer Bereishit*" on November 3, 10 and 17, and on December 1 and 8 from 9:45-10:45 AM at Ma'ayanot. For the entire schedule of Thursday *shiurim*, click [here](#).

The Ma'ayanot Book Club meets every other month throughout the year. The next meeting will take place on Monday, November 14 at 8 PM, when Ms. Samantha Kur, English Chair, will lead a discussion of *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. Details to follow.

Ma'ayanot Ulpan is an Advanced Intermediate class, taught by Mrs. Penina Kaplan, which will be offered on Tuesdays, which began on September 6, and meets from 7:30 - 9 PM. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

PARNAS HAYOM

Through our *Parnas HaYom* program, families are able to sponsor a day of learning or a special school program in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special occasion, or in the merit of the recovery of a loved one.

Each dedication is publicly announced at an appropriate time during the school day, and sponsorship notices are displayed in our lobby and noted in "The Stream," Ma'ayanot's weekly online newsletter.

For more information regarding sponsorship of these or other programs, or if you would like to schedule sponsorship of a day of learning, please contact Pam Ennis at ennisp@maayanot.org or call 201-833-4307 x265.

Torah learning on October 10, 2016 (8 Tishrei 5777)
was generously sponsored by Mr. Charles and Mrs. Miriam Gershbaum
in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of Mrs. Gershbaum's father,
Moshe Shraga ben Nussan, z"l,
grandfather of Shana Gershbaum '16

Torah learning on October 14, 2016 (12 *Tishrei* 5777)
was generously sponsored by Mrs. Felicia Grossman
in commemoration of the *yahrzeits* of
Moshe Ber ben Mayer, Moshe Grossman z"l
and Hannah bas Chaim Yakov z"l,
father and grandmother of Hannah Grossman '19 and Erin Grossman '20



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A LOOK AHEAD

October 17-26 (Monday - Wednesday)

Sukkot recess

October 19 (Wednesday)

Simchat Beit HaShoeva: details to follow

November 4 (Friday)

No classes

November 8 (Tuesday)

Election Day: Regular classes



November 6 (Sunday)

Open House for prospective students: 9 AM - Noon

November 15 (Tuesday)

College Program for the Class of 2018 at 7:15 PM

November 17-19 (Thursday - Wednesday)

School-wide *Shabbaton*

November 23 (Wednesday)

Clerical day: No classes

November 24-25 (Thursday - Friday)

Thanksgiving: no classes

December 3 (*Motzei Shabbat*)

Second Annual *Melave Malka*, details to follow

To see the complete calendar for the 2016 -17 academic year, click [here](#).

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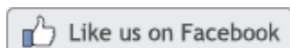
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