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OUR "BAYIT CHAM" PROGRAM IS OFF TO A GREAT START!

Sukkot break started with a reprise of summer-like weather, as well as with a plethora of activities which brought together our students and faculty for both learning and that special Ma'ayanot *ruach*.

Our newly-initiated *Bait Cham* program was in full swing, with two successful

programs held over *Sukkot*. "Because I'm Happy - [Pharell's Sukkot Message](#)" was held at the home of Mrs. Yael Weil on October 18 in Teaneck, and "Food, Schmooze, Singing and Games" was the offering at the home of Mrs. Adele Katzenstein in Monsey that same afternoon. Mrs. Weil opened her door to an estimated 25 students from all grades, as well as to some moms and dads! Her *shiur* explored four Jewish definitions of *simcha*. According to Mrs. Weil, "although there were more than four types of desserts, it seemed that people had more of an appetite for learning than for eating, because there were a lot of leftovers." Mrs. Katzenstein hosted a small group which was perfect, she said, "to schmooze, eat and play some games."



From left to right are Mrs. Tamar Appel, Dr. Shoshana Poupko, and the winners of the sukkah-building contest, juniors Simmi Glicksman, Meira Prager and Adira Levine.

On the evening of October 19, **Eliana Zelig '18 and Dassi Zelig '20** and their parents opened their home to several dozen students, as well as to Mrs. Rivka Kahan, Mrs. Tamar Appel, Rabbi Zev Prince, Dr. Shoshana Poupko, Mrs. Shifra Schapiro and Rabbi Donny Besser for our annual *Simchat Beit HaShoeva*. Rabbi Besser and Eliana offered *divrei Torah*. Rabbi Besser spoke about the reciprocal implications of the name "*sukkot*," and Eliana shared thoughts about how the *brachot* in *vezot habracha* teach lessons about forgiveness and *achdut*.

Our build-your-own *sukkah* contest was back: the challenge was to build a *halakhically* correct *sukkah* using



graham crackers and other edibles, and our students proved to be intellectually and artistically up to the task, as you can see in the photo at right.



MISHMAR AT MA'AYANOT: MORE POPULAR THAN EVER

Certain words, names or concepts just seem to be paired. There's *lulav* and *etrog*, Romeo and Juliet, Watson and Crick, Democrats and Republicans, and, of course, Thursday evening and *Mishmar*. Always popular with students, this year's *Mishmar* program, under the aegis of Mrs. Ora Schrier and Rabbi Zev Prince, has been attracting upwards of 100 students each week!



Making sukkah decorations at Mishmar

The first *Mishmar*, on September 29, featured Rabbi Jay Goldmintz, whose *shiur* was "Long Live the Queen: Insights Into the Rosh Hashanah *Davening*." The following week, October 6, offered participants a choice of learning sessions and *chesed* activities, under the umbrella "On The Day of Judgement, It's All For One and One For All." Students could listen to Mr. Daniel Rothner, Founder and Director of [Areyvut](#), speak about "Joining Together to get Involved," or participate in *chaburot* with alumnae college fellows Tova Sklar '15 or Naima Hirsch '15. Tova's group focused on "If I Had a Million Dollars" and Naima asked her group to consider "Why Should I Care? A Crash Course in Jewish Social Justice." The evening concluded with an opportunity to make beaded *sukkah* decorations for [Care One](#) or to recycle T-shirts into decorated bags for [Leket Israel](#), Israel's national food bank. Last night, October 27, Rabbi Donny Besser presented "Defending Kayin: How History's First Murderer Saved the World." Rabbi Besser pointed out that a closer look at the story of Kayin reveals him to be both the villain and the hero, and provides inspiring lessons about how to respond to adversity which springs from our own mistakes.

Watch for details about remaining *Mishmar* programs this semester: November 3, November 10, November 17 (at the school-wide *Shabbaton*), December 1, December 15 (*Mishmover*) and December 22.

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!



OPEN HOUSE
November 6, 2016

9:00 am — Registration
9:30 am — Program
12:00 pm — Lunch

REGISTER TODAY

All prospective members of the Class of 2021 are welcome to register.

Visit our website,

www.maayanot.org

and click on the tab at left, "Open House."

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.

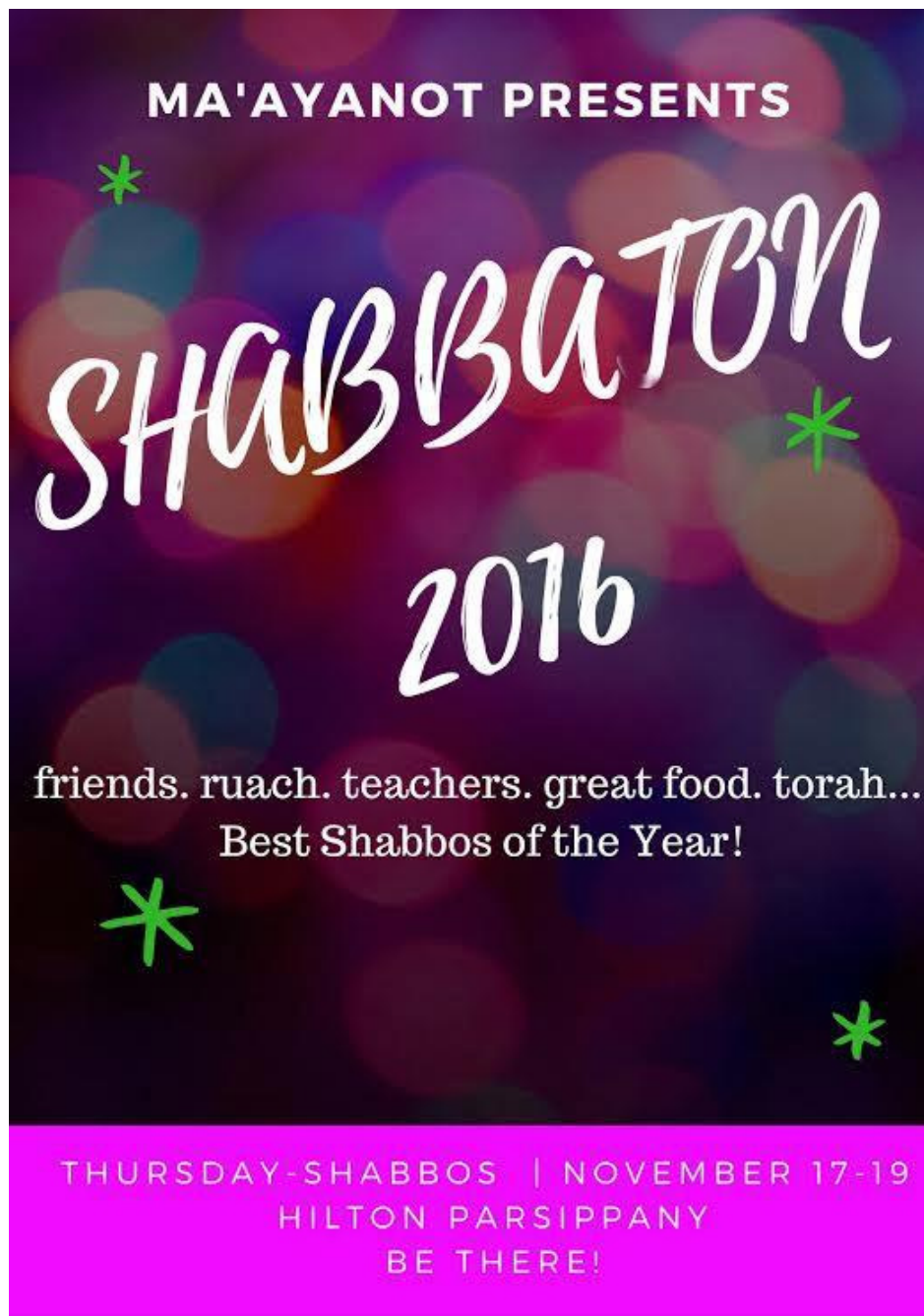
Ma'ayanot Ulpan is an Advanced Intermediate class, taught by Mrs. Penina Kaplan, which is offered on Tuesdays, from 7:30 - 9 PM.

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.



A LOOK AHEAD

November 4 (Friday)

No classes

November 6 (Sunday)

Open House for prospective students: 9 AM - Noon

November 8 (Tuesday)

Election Day: Regular classes

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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