

Capping off the school year

Gann, Maimo send off class of '11

Gann Academy in Waltham and Maimonides School in Brookline graduated their senior classes on Sunday.

Forty-five seniors graduated from Maimonides, a Modern Orthodox day school. Valedictorian Tamar Kosowsky gave a speech in Hebrew, while Daniel Poritz gave the English address. Staff speakers included Judy Boroschek, Upper and Middle School principal for general studies, and Rabbi Yaakov Jaffe, Upper and Middle School principal.

Ten of the graduates are children of Maimonides alumni. Jeffrey Swartz, Timberland CEO and chair of the school's board of directors, handed out the diplomas. His son, Noah, was among the graduates.

The pluralistic Gann Academy graduated 81 seniors. Instead of having a valedictorian, Gann seniors choose their speakers: Avi Small of Newton gave a talk in English, and Ronie Gazit, also of Newton, spoke in Hebrew. Head of School Rabbi Marc Baker addressed the students, and at the end of the ceremony asked the students to face each other and invoked the Hebrew blessing parents say for their children. For his senior project, Jeremiah Klarman collaborated with other students in writing a school song, which was performed at the graduation. Faculty members sang an Irish blessing.

Orthodox day schools Bais Yaakov of Brighton and Mesivta High School in Brighton also graduated a new crop of alumni this spring.



Maimonides Graduates (from left) Julia Packer, Dalya Lerner and Sophie Edelman.