

April 2010

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Ma'yan Research Training Internship (RTI), a selective 12-month program where high school aged girls like you will advise Ma'yan's work from your unique perspectives.

Currently, Ma'yan is in the midst of a multi-year examination of Jewish teens and community service. As a Ma'yan Research Training Intern, you will have the opportunity to join our research team and work with us to address critical questions, such as: *What do Jewish teens learn about privilege and social justice in community service programs? Why do so many high schools require students to complete service hours? Are these policies effective?*, and above all, **Who is served by our community service?** These questions are places for us to dive in to this important topic, but where we go from there is up to the RTIs!

Over the course of the internship, participants will:

- 1) share, examine, and discuss their own experiences (as teens, as young women, as Jews, as Americans, etc.);
- 2) train as researchers to design a study of Jewish teens and community service, collect data from their peers, and analyze the results;
- 3) present their insights to a group of Jewish youth and community service professionals at a public forum in November 2011; and
- 4) get to know a diverse group of young Jewish women in the NYC community with a broad range of backgrounds, experiences, interests, ideas, and skills.

Interns will participate in monthly training sessions between October 2010—November 2011 (we will not meet in July or August). Meetings will take place on weeknights from 6-8:30 pm (dates to be determined; Ma'yan will make every effort to accommodate Interns' schedules) at the JCC in Manhattan. In addition, there will be an orientation on Tuesday, October 19th and an RTI Retreat on Sunday, November 7th from 10am-4pm. Both the orientation and retreat are mandatory. Interns are required to attend each session, with two approved absences permitted over the course of the program. Meals will be provided at each session, and Interns will receive a

stipend of \$600 upon successful completion of the project. The internship will officially culminate with a presentation of research findings in November 2011.

We hope you will apply and we invite you to forward this information to any friend or classmate whom you think might be a good fit for this program. Applicants must be entering 9th-11th grade in the fall of 2010, and must be students in good standing in the New York metropolitan area. Candidates will be selected based on their RTI application form (attached) and a brief telephone interview conducted in September 2010. Interns will be notified of their acceptance by October 4th, 2010.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Beth Cooper Benjamin at beth@mayan.org or 646-505-4487.

Please return the attached form by September 1st, 2010 in order to be considered.

All the best,



Beth Cooper Benjamin, Ed.D.
Director of Research
Ma'yan

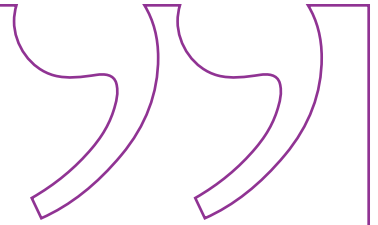


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The Ma'yan Research Training Internship for Jewish Teen Girls

Application for Cohort 3: 2010-11

Research Topic: *Who is Served by our Community Service?*

General Information

Full Name: _____ Name you prefer to be called: _____

Address: _____ Apt. _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Parent Contact Information: _____

School you will attend in fall 2010: _____ Grade you will enter: _____

How did you hear about the Ma'yan Research Training Internship? _____

Please sign below to indicate that you have read the attached informational letter and that you understand the expectations and commitment associated with participation in the Research Training Internship program:

Please answer the following questions on a separate, typed page.

- 1) Why are you interested in becoming a Ma'yan Research Training Intern?
- 2) How do you define "community service?"
- 3) What community service activities have you participated in (at school, in your Jewish community, on your own, etc.)?
- 4) Do you believe schools should require students to complete community service hours as a graduation requirement? Why or why not?

Applications are due via email to beth@mayan.org by September 1st, 2010. Applicants will be contacted to arrange a phone interview, and notified of their status by October 4th, 2010. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Beth Cooper Benjamin, Ed.D., Director of Research, via email (above) or by phone at 646-505-4487.