The center of your screen is your View Screen, your main window to the world. In it, you see hallways, enemies, gems, capsules, blasts, and missiles. Each player's MazeCruiser is colored the same as the player's name in the scoreboard. Try playing a practice game against one opponent to learn what all of the game objects look like in the View Screen.

Shield indicator. The longer the indicator, the more reserve shield power you have. Press a manual shield key to get a feel for how fast the power is depleted. Note how much the power level decreases when you are hit with a weapon.