



The Lion's Link

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Commencement Speech Highlights

MAX BIDNA: Things other schools would label as untraditional, have become TVT traditions. We have individual attention and warmth of small classes. We have a two day break from school to play in the snow and hold a male beauty pageant. For two years in a row, we had the entire school travel to watch the boys basketball team play in the CIF finals. We have the ability to start any club, student group, or sports team. We are at a place where all students have a simple but yet unmatched respect for one another. We are part of a community where many of the teachers and students have been here for over a decade.



Tarbut V'Torah Class of 2011

The real uniqueness of TVT lies with its students. TVT brings together students with multiple interests, strengths, and talents. [...] Like the Jewish community TVT is here to serve, we are Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox. We are Ivy League, UC, and JC. Respect for all that diversity make us stronger. [...] We at TVT are fortunate to have such amazing Teachers, Coaches, Administrators, and Staff. TVT high school is a place where the students have their college counselor on speed dial, regularly go to lunch with their teachers, and often attend Shabbat Dinners at the house of their Jewish Studies Teacher. [...] One of the most important lessons we will take from TVT is not so obvious. It is to remember and value the old traditions, while we create new ones of our own.

GABY NATELSON: At TVT I have been able to create a stronger Jewish identity for myself and I now have a deeper connection with our Jewish people. This school has instilled in

me values that are much deeper than the words themselves. *Kavod* means more than just respect. It means having an Honor Committee that follows the golden rule, ensuring that we treat others the way we ourselves want to be treated. *Chessed* means more than just kindness. It means making sure Freshmen on my basketball team feel welcome and comfortable. *Emet* means more than just truth. It means standing up for what you believe in no matter what campus you're on. *Tzedek* means more than just justice. It means committing to and embracing community service and making it part of your life, as I have done as a proud TVT Ambassador.

JONATHAN ZALOMEK (delivered in Hebrew): As we begin a new chapter in our lives, embark on our personal journeys and continue to grow, study, and even have families of our own, let us never forget the values learned from TVT; never forget the family that surrounds us today. We have built a strong foundation from which we can thoughtfully face the future, with humility, respect, and strength. Our experiences together at TVT will always be a part of us. We will never forget walking through the dark concentration camps in Poland together. [...] This trip taught us how important Israel is in our lives. [...] My hope for my TVT brothers and sisters is that you be leaders in all that you set out to do. Know that when you need a friend, your TVT family will be just a text message away. May the eternal light of this family continue to glow and illuminate the future.

Calendar Highlights

Prom Off Campus	Sun <u>5/29</u> 9:00 PM
Memorial Day No Classes/TVT Closed	M <u>5/30</u>
Junior Trip to Poland & Israel	M- <u>5/30—6/22</u> W
Parent Meeting: 10th Grade College Counseling—Lecture Hall	T <u>5/31</u> <u>6:30 PM</u>
K-5 Yom Yerushalayim Assembly Lower School Courtyard	T <u>5/31</u> <u>8:05 AM</u>
MS Girls' Flag Football v. Mission Hills	W <u>6/1</u> <u>3:15 PM</u>
MS Parent-Admin Coffee US Conference Room	TH <u>6/2</u> <u>8:00 AM</u>
Grade 7: Field Trip Knott's Berry Farm	TH <u>6/2</u> <u>9:00 AM</u>
Student Ambassador Lunch LS Conference Room	TH <u>6/2</u> <u>12:30 PM</u>
Culminate & Celebrate Lower School Campus	TH <u>6/2</u> <u>6:30 PM</u>
K-5 Kabbalat Shabbat Grade 5 to Lead—LS MPR	F <u>6/3</u> <u>8:00 AM</u>
SAT Exams US MPR	Sun <u>6/5</u> <u>8:00 AM</u>
TVT Ambassador Service Trip Rarotonga, Cook Islands	Sun- <u>6/5-6/19</u> Sun
Erev Shavuot Noon Dismissal	T <u>6/7</u> <u>Noon</u>
Shavuot No Classes—Offices Closed	W- <u>6/8-6/9</u> TH
Freshmen-Sophomore Reading Day No classes for grades 9-10	F <u>6/10</u>
PTSO Family Fun Day Lower School Fields	Sun <u>6/12</u> <u>1-4 PM</u>
Summer Programs Campus-Wide	M-F <u>6/27-8/21</u>

Hooray for

FAMILY FUN DAY!!!!

Sunday, June 12, 2011 • 1:00—4:00 PM

- Free • Fun • K-12 • Skee Ball
- Dunk Tank • Euro Bungee
- Popcorn • Quarterback Blitz
- Snow Cones • Garage Band Performance • Sack Races
- Cotton Candy • Tattoo Artist

CULMINATE & CELEBRATE

Please be sure to join us on **Thursday, June 2, 2011 from 6:30-8:00 PM** for our K-5 Culminate & Celebrate Open House/Art Exhibit:

An Evening for Family and Friends, celebrating a year of integrated learning, explorations, creativity and growth. Tour general studies, Jewish Studies/Hebrew Language, science, technology, art, music, and PE classes, meet next year's teachers and visit the All Student Art Show.

Summer Schedule Online

Summer is right around the corner—sign up students (7 years +) for the exciting programs available right here at TVT. With everything from sports camps, academic enrichment, and adventurous excursions, there's something for everyone! More information available through Summer Session hotlink at:

<http://www.tarbut.com>



TVT Students Make Nationals In Bible Competition



For the first time, TVT participated in the Middle School division of Chidon HaTanakh, the International Bible Competition. Out of five students who participated in the local round, two students, **Noah Guralnik** (Grade 6) and **Vivian Herscovitz** (Grade 7), qualified for the national-level competition in New York. Well done!

Imagination Celebration

Seventy-three of our lower school students were awarded certificates for their participation in The Imagination Celebration! This event, which features 1,000 Pieces of Art from all over Orange County, draws over 6,500 entries annually, making TVT's showing particularly impressive! In addition, 16 of our students have been selected to move on to the **Laguna Festival of the Arts** this Summer.

Full list of participants online:

<http://www.tarbut.com/NewsViews/Welcome.html>

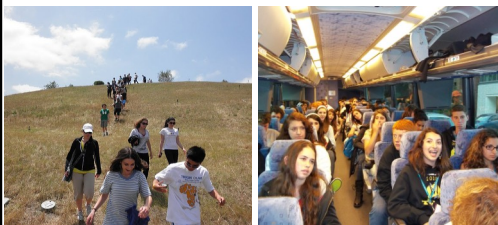
**Baba The Storyteller**

World-renowned Kora musician, **Baba the Storyteller**, had TVT Lower School students mesmerized during his recent visit. Encouraging audience participation, Baba wove tales of respect, team work, and culture with West African music and the traditional call and response rhythm. As a parting gift, Baba gave each student a CD full of stories and song!



Access TVT's school newspaper, **The Lions' Pride** online:

<http://www.tarbut.com/NewsViews/Welcome.html>

**Now Posted!**

Enjoy highlights from the 8th Grade

Washington D.C.-New York Trip online:

<http://www.tarbut.com/NewsViews/Welcome.html>

Follow our juniors as they explore **Poland and Israel**: through the "Global Trips" icon on the homepage, or by visiting:

<http://www.tarbut.com/Israel2011>

Good & Welfare

Mazel Tov to **Noa Lin** (Grade 7) on her recent Bat Mitzvah.

Condolences to **Yael and Ory Gur** and their children **Shira** (KDG), **Noam** (Grade 8), and **Yuval** (Grade 11) on the recent passing of Ory's mother, Rita Gur Z"L, may her memory be for a blessing.

Stage Fright? Not for the Class of 2012!

TVT Juniors completed "Junior Transition Week, designed to teach important leadership skills. One of the features of this week is "hands-on" lessons in public speaking. Irvine City Councilwoman the Honorable **Beth Krom**, Rabbi **Peter Levy**, of Temple Beth El, and **Mr. Howard Bidna**, attorney (and parent of senior, **Max Bidna**), were among those on hand to share both the philosophy and practical tools of speaking publicly.



TVT Congratulates The Class of 2011

Nicole Babaknia

*Department Award for Jewish Studies
Expected Student Learning Results (ESLR)*

Award: Strongly Identified Jew

Jonathan Ben-Menahe

Max Harrison Bidna

Alexander Benjamin Bogart

Adina Brin

*Department Award for Mathematics
ESLR Award: Critical Thinker & Problem Solver*

Amy Broukhim

Briana Jaye Broussard

*Recipient of the Academic Excellence Awards
in Math, Science & English*

Adam Chase Cohen

Department Award for English

Jeremy Mark Cosel

Department Award for Science

Mark Charles DeLoach

*Department Award for
Visual & Performing Arts*

Zev Friedman

ESLR Award: Achiever & Life Long Learner

Zachary Adam Gayer

ESLR Award: Communicator & Listener

David Gindi

ESLR Award: Moral & Ethical Behavior

Micha Goldsman

Maximillian Grossman

Erin Monique Gurewitz

Ryan Kasoff

Academic Excellence Award in History

Shaina Katbian

Academic Excellence Award in Spanish

Robben Harwill Levine

Debra Tamar Linfield

Department Award for Hebrew

Academic Excellence Award in Jewish Studies

Davannah Hileena Linkon Fryzer

Department Award for Athletics

Jesse Tyler Marans

Shelby Moss

Gabrielle Esther Natelson

ESLR Award: Leader & Team Player

Alexander Isaac Sable

Department Award for History

Academic Excellence Award

in Visual & Performing Arts

Ivan Jacob Straight

Shanni Chaya Suissa

Jena Brooke Vogel

Jonathan Marshall Zalomek

Department Award for Spanish

Academic Excellence Award in Hebrew