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**Don't Miss Hanukkah Hoopla & Winterfest - This Sunday 4-6 PM!**



## Israel's Vice Prime Minister Visits TVT!

Excitement abounded on campus as Israel's Vice Prime Minister, the Hon. Moshe "Bogie" Ya'alon, joined our students (Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade), families, friends, staff and faculty for a special Hanukkah candle lighting ceremony. Rabbi Linfield welcomed our distinguished guest in both Hebrew and English before Papa Gelman joined the Vice Minister for the lighting of the candles. Afterward, TVT students offered a special music performance to honor the Vice Prime Minister. As a highlight, the Vice Prime Minister joined with students for Israeli Dancing in the school courtyard. TVT's own Michael Ben-Menahem got the inside scoop, with a televised interview for TVT Today. The Vice Prime Minister was impressed by the ability of TVT students to converse with him in Hebrew.

## Calendar Highlights

<b>PTSO Hanukkah Hoopla</b> K-12 Activities	<b>Sun</b>	<b>12/12</b> <b>4-6 PM</b>
<b>ACT Exam</b> Upper School MPR	<b>Sun</b>	<b>12/12</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Grade 4 &amp; 5 Havdallah</b> Lower School MPR	<b>M</b>	<b>12/13</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>New Parent Luncheon</b> Lower School MPR	<b>T</b>	<b>12/14</b> <b>Noon</b>
<b>K-12 PTSO Meeting</b> Upper School MPR	<b>W</b>	<b>12/15</b> <b>8:10 AM</b>
<b>Peek-into-Upper School</b> Parent Meeting:	<b>TH</b>	<b>12/16</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Grade 5: Walk Thru</b> <b>The American Revolution</b> Lower School MPR	<b>TH</b>	<b>12/16</b> <b>Various</b>
<b>Kabbalat Shabbat</b> Lower School MPR	<b>F</b>	<b>12/10</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Homecoming!</b> Gym	<b>TH</b>	<b>12/16</b> <b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>PSAT Scores Night</b> Lecture Hall	<b>TH</b>	<b>12/16</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>SOS Fundraiser/Concert</b> US MPR	<b>TH</b>	<b>12/16</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Last Day of School</b> Before Winter Break	<b>F</b>	<b>12/17</b>

To watch the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/TVTODAY>

To watch the slideshow:

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





**Alumna Starts Pen-Pal Program Between TVT and Uganda!**

Mrs. Stone and Melannie Levine (Class of 2007) have begun a pen pal letter exchange between Melannie's students in Uganda and Mrs. Stone's students here at TVT. Though it takes eight weeks for a letter to travel between the nations, both classrooms are excited about the budding relationship. More details online: <http://www.tarbut.com/NewsViews/Welcome.html>.



**Middle School Boys and Girls Start Season 3-0!**

Both the Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams, set to play Anaheim Hills and Calvary Christian here at TVT next week, are celebrating an undefeated start to the season.



**Winter Homes Needed for Science lab Animals!**

Our science lab animals want to spend their winter break **with you and your family!** They have been guests at countless TVT homes over the past 12 years. At this time two bullfrogs and a leopard frog are still awaiting placement. Please contact Mr. Seftel for more information: [mseftel@tarbut.com](mailto:mseftel@tarbut.com).

**SPORTS CORNER**

Varsity Girls defeated Desert Christian 52-20 and Southlands Christian 58-28, to go 4-1 for the season. Boys' Varsity Basketball is 4-2 after earning third place in the Gelman Tournament. Girls' Varsity Soccer beat Brethren Christian 4-1 in their first game. Boys Varsity Soccer triumphed over St. Michael's Prep 2-0.

**Good & Welfare**

Mazel Tov to Dean of Jewish Life, Rabbi Leah Lewis, David and the boys on the birth of a beautiful baby girl!

Congratulations to Mr. James Lincoln, Upper School physics teacher on his recent appointment to the National Committee for History and Philosophy by the American Association of Physics Teachers.

Condolences to TVT 7th Grade Student Guy Darel, parents Meira and Eitan Darel and the entire family on the passing of brother and son Lior. May all the mourners be comforted.

Condolences to Mrs. Barbara King, daughter Adeena Homampour (Class of 2002) and the entire family of Rabbi Bernard King on the passing of their husband and father. May all the mourners be comforted.



**TVT Alumna Wins Scholarship**

Mount Holyoke College just announced that TVT Alumna Serah Lukoff (Class of 2010) has received the 21st Century Scholar award for "remarkable achievement." Described as "the most distinguished" scholarship offered, it includes a \$20,000 renewable financial award, special research and internship opportunities, honors tutorials, and faculty mentorship. As if that weren't enough, Mount Holyoke recently sent a letter to TVT remarking that Serah was, "remarkably bright and beautifully prepared" for the rigors of collegiate education. Yasher Koach, well done, Serah!



Middle and Upper School students celebrated the final night of Hanukkah with a special assembly, featuring perspectives from multiple departments.

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<b>Varsity Girls' Soccer</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>12/13</b>
Vs. Oxford Academy (H)		<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>Varsity Boys' Soccer</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>12/13</b>
Vs. Oxford Academy (H)		<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>Varsity Girls' Basketball</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>12/13</b>
Vs. Oxford Academy (H)		<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>MS Boys' Basketball</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>12/14</b>
Vs. Anaheim Hills (H)		<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Varsity Girls' Soccer</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>12/14</b>
At Brethren Christian		<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>MS Boys' Basketball</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>12/14</b>
Vs. Anaheim Hills (H)		<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Varsity Girls' Basketball</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>12/14</b>
At Calvary Baptist		<b>4:30 PM</b>
<b>Varsity Boys' Basketball</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>12/14</b>
At Calvary Baptist		<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>MS Girls' Basketball</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>12/15</b>
Vs. Calvary Christian (H)		<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>MS Boys' Basketball</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>12/15</b>
Vs. Calvary Christian (H)		<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Varsity Girls' Basketball</b>	<b>TH</b>	<b>12/16</b>
Vs. Liberty Christian (H)		<b>3:30 PM</b>