



Volume I • Volume 19



**TARBUT V'TORAH**  
Community Day School  
Founded in loving memory of Naomi Gelman Weiss

Tarbut V'Torah  
**ANNUAL BENEFIT**  
Sat. Feb 26 2011

**SPOTLIGHT ON CHAMPIONS**  
HONORING sandy bruss • patrick roberts • adrienne & richard matros



## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### Lower School Tu Bishvat Celebrations

Tu Bishvat (the Fifteenth of Shevat), the New Year of the Trees, is always an exciting time in the Lower School. Culminating several weeks of preparation, students learned tree planting skills from Farmer Tom, planted their own trees (to be donated to the Great Park), enjoyed a special performance from the Middle School Garage Band and danced in the courtyard. Special guests included Mr. Tom Larson, Environmental Manager of the Great Park, Mr. Jordy Perkins, also from the Great Park, attorney Michael Balmages, and Ms. Cheryl Honig, Senior Executive Assistant to Irvine Council Member Larry Agran.

View the complete slideshow:  
<http://www.tarbut.com/NewsViews/Welcome.html>

<b>Karaoke Night</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>1/23</b>
TVT Ambassadors		<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Faculty Professional Development—No Classes</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>1/24</b>
<b>Grade 5: Parent Meeting</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>1/25</b>
Electric House: LS MPR		<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Day of Commemoration for Victims of the Holocaust</b>	<b>TH</b>	<b>1/27</b>
<b>Grade 8-10 Visit Chapman University: Rodgers Center &amp; Samuelli Holocaust Memorial Library.</b>	<b>TH</b>	<b>1/27</b>
<b>Grade 8: Parent Meeting</b>	<b>TH</b>	<b>1/27</b>
Private Residence		<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>K-5 Kabbalat Shabbat</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>1/28</b>
Grade 3 Leads: LS MPR		<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Grade 4 Field Trip</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>1/28</b>
Cabrillo Marine Aquarium		<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>TVT Gala</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>2/26</b>
Marconi Automotive Museum		<b>7:00 PM</b>



### Middle School Tu Bishvat Programs

While the 6<sup>th</sup> grade enjoyed a Tu Bishvat outing to the UCI Arboretum, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebrated Tu Bishvat through a "Time Machine." Student performers "Ari and Ariella" traveled through time and experienced Tu Bishvat in Biblical Times, in 16<sup>th</sup> century Safed, in the early years of modern Israel, before returning to the contemporary US. Then students "time traveled" to various stations, including a Tu Bishvat seder, thematic art project, and other celebrations of different eras.



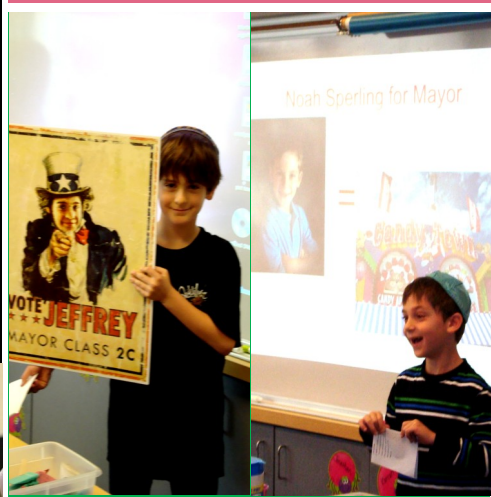
**Varsity Girls' Basketball** triumphed over Fairmont Prep (48-23) after a close loss to undefeated Saddleback Valley Christian (35-29) and are now 2-1 in league play. **Varsity Boys' Basketball** lost to rival Eastside Christian, but looks forward to a strong comeback in Tuesday's game at Avalon. **Varsity Girls' Soccer** is now 2-2 for the season after a recent loss to Connelly, while **Varsity Boys' Soccer** came back from an early disappointment at Saddleback Valley Christian to beat Fairmont 3-2 in a tightly contested match. The **Middle School Boys' Basketball** team enters the Tri-way League playoffs on January 31<sup>st</sup>. They must get past 2 formidable foes (Pegasus and Fairmont) to secure a top seed in the league standings. The **MS Girls' Basketball** team is also poised to make the playoffs after a great win against Mission Hills. Good luck Lions!



<b>Varsity Girls' Basketball</b> at Avalon	<b>T</b>	<b>1/25</b> <b>11:30</b>
<b>Varsity Boys' Basketball</b> at Avalon	<b>T</b>	<b>1/25</b> <b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Varsity Boys' Soccer</b> at Southlands Christian	<b>T</b>	<b>1/25</b> <b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>Varsity Girls' Soccer</b> at Fairmont Prep	<b>T</b>	<b>1/25</b> <b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>MS Girls' Basketball</b> versus Fairmont	<b>T</b>	<b>1/25</b> <b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>MS Boys' Basketball</b> versus Fairmont	<b>T</b>	<b>1/25</b> <b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Varsity Boys' Soccer</b> versus Southlands Christian (H)	<b>W</b>	<b>1/26</b> <b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>MS Girls' Basketball</b> versus Pegasus (H)	<b>TH</b>	<b>1/27</b> <b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>Varsity Boys' Soccer</b> versus Capo Valley Christian	<b>TH</b>	<b>1/27</b> <b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>Varsity Girls' Soccer</b> versus Saddleback Christian	<b>TH</b>	<b>1/27</b> <b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>MS Boys' Basketball</b> versus Pegasus (H)	<b>TH</b>	<b>1/27</b> <b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Varsity Girls' Basketball</b> at Fairmont	<b>TH</b>	<b>1/27</b> <b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Varsity Boys' Basketball</b> at Fairmont	<b>TH</b>	<b>1/27</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>

# Did you know?

**Community Happenings are listed online every week!**  
**Included this week is a special invitation to hear Rabbi Daniel Gordis on February 3, 2011:**  
**Visit: <http://www.tarbut.com/Home/Calendar.html>**



**Second Grade Mayors**  
 TVT's second grade class towns (Candy Town, Pepsi City, and Pet Town) presented speeches to their parents and classmates, fielding insightful questions with enthusiasm. The elected mayors are as follows: 2A: **K.J. Honig**, 2B: **Hali Baron**, 2C: **Jacob Teper**.



**Just Dance**  
 The TVT Visual and Performing Arts Department presented, *Just Dance*, the annual Winter Dance Concert, on Thursday, January 13th to a packed house. The recital featured students from Middle School Dance Class and Junior and Senior Dance Teams. The recital also featured TVT student performers **Benjamin Cohen**, **Kayla Beard** and **Noa Lin**, along with guest choreographer, **Rochone Anderson**.



**Middle School Remembers**  
 The Middle School's interactive memorial service for influential Jewish musician **Debbie Friedman**, led by **Mr. Josh Friedman**, began with a discussion of her music and effect on modern Judaism. While watching a YouTube video, students sang along to her, "Aleph Bet Song" - the same melody that many used when they first began learning the Aleph Bet. Also featured were "Sh'ma", "And Thou Shall Love", and "Miriam's Song", with a recitation of the lyrics from "Sing Unto God". After discussing Mrs. Friedman's mission to use music to bring the Jewish people closer to God and to prayer, the program concluded with a final video clip and all of the students arm in arm singing her melody to "Oseh Shalom".

**TVT Faculty Contribute to the Field:**  
**Dr. Joseph Hakimi-Maghen**, a member of the Upper School Jewish Studies faculty, will visit Valley Beth Shalom School of Encino Valley, CA next week as one of five independent school delegates overseeing Valley Beth Shalom's CAIS and WASC Accreditation Process.  
 If you have news you'd like to see printed, kindly notify: [icarbone@tarbut.com](mailto:icarbone@tarbut.com).