



The Lion's Link

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Senior D'var Torah: Yom Kippur



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Calendar Highlights

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| Grade 5 Sukkah Building | M | 9/20 |
| PTSO Fundraiser Last day to order! | T | 9/21 |
| Lower School Picture Day | T | 9/21 8:00 AM |
| MS Athletics: Flag Football and Volley- | T | 9/21 3:15 PM |
| US Cross Country: | T | 9/21 2:30 PM |
| US Girls Volleyball: Vs. Fairmont | T | 9/21 3:15 PM |
| Erev Sukkot: Noon Dismissal | W | 9/22 Noon |
| Sukkot—First Day: TVT Closed | TH | 9/23 |
| Sukkot—Second Day: TVT Closed | F | 9/24 |

Described as a day of atonement, Yom Kippur is the day "to cleanse you of all your sins," in the words of the Torah reading from Yom Kippur morning. [Vayikra Leviticus 16:30]. We essentially get an annual 'do over'! Of course, this doesn't come easily. As Rashi (1040-1105) emphasizes in connection with a later description of the festival, Yom Kippur *only* atones for those who actually repent for themselves [Leviticus 23:27]. We can't just show up to services and call it a day. For at least these ten days beginning with Rosh Hashanah, we have to go through the steps of *Teshuvah*, or repentance. These include recognizing your mistakes, having remorse, ceasing to make the same mistake, making restitution (where possible), and confessing. To grow from our mistakes we have to take action



TVT Senior Brianna Broussard links Yom Kippur to cycles in our own school year. Photo: Lifetouch.

and ask for forgiveness. **W**hat is pretty cool about Yom Kippur is its timing. Unlike the secular New Year in January, Yom Kippur falls within the first month of school. While we atone for our spiritual sins, we can also ask our friends or teachers for forgiveness. We get to literally start over with a new school year. But as with Yom Kippur, we have to earn that new start. Right now is a chance to start over, take action, and work for what you want. Very rarely are we just handed what we want in life. For instance, I really wanted to avoid writing this, but I couldn't just not write it. What would I have said? "Sorry, *Star Wars* was more interesting?" So here's my big closing message: Don't waste your time procrastinating. If there is something you want, try. It may well turn out rewarding - just like my d'var torah!

Art Teacher Earns State Honors



For students at TVT, experiencing the arts happens across our subjects and throughout our campus. The arts are everywhere! So the TVT community is proud – and not surprised – that Mrs. Helaine Yeskel, your lower school student's art teacher and coach, has been awarded the Exemplary Program Award for integration of visual arts into the curriculum by the California Art Education Association. This award honors Mrs. Yeskel's professionalism and contributions to the field of visual art.

The California Art Education Association is a professional art education organization composed of classroom teachers, administrators, college and university professors, art specialists and other individuals who are interested in the teaching of visual arts.

This distinguished award will be presented to Mrs. Yeskel at this year's California Art Education Association's Award Breakfast in San Jose on November 21, 2010. To quote Ms. Kathleen Crocetti, Professional Awards Chair, "Ms. Yeskel's professionalism is greatly appreciated and admired and we feel that she has set an outstanding example in the profession through the development of a strong, rich, and exemplary art education program."

More new from our Principals desks is online!

PTSO:

Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser envelopes are due next Tuesday, September 21st. Now is the perfect time to sell to family and friends! Great prizes for the top sellers! Any questions, please call Debbie Paillet Eisen @ 949-856-2658.

SAVE THE DATE: K-5 Math Night is Tuesday, October 26th (originally scheduled on October 27)! Details to follow. Please plan for childcare.



A New Year 's Ceremony

As part of the traditions accompanying Rosh Hashanah, our 4th and 5th grade students experienced Tashlikh at Mason Park. Thank you to our parents who carpoled and chaperoned this event! Look online for a complete slideshow!



Kol HaKavod!

Grades 2-5 have completed CTP-4 testing for 2010-11. Thanks to our parents for seeing to early bed-times and healthy breakfasts! Teachers are eager to identify areas of strength and challenge with the results, so that they can tailor teaching for the individual learner.



Shofar Factory

After a special shofar-making workshop, proud 5th grade students show off their new shofars (and a ram his old ones). The workshop is one highlight of 5th grade studies at TVT, and eagerly anticipated by the lower grades. More photos available online.



TVT Athletics

TVT athletics are in full swing! The US Girls Tennis team won their first match against Crean Lutheran 13-7 and followed it up Thursday with another victory versus Whitney: 10-8. MS Girls Volleyball beat Orange-wood Academy in their first game, then lost the second, before coming back to take the rubber match!



Honey Workshop

Our first graders participated in a seasonal honey workshop, which included a focus on bee behavior. More photos can be found online.

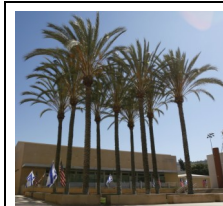


Middle School Studies Cell Bio

Science students from grades 6 & 7 performed an experiment in which they extracted their own DNA. Under Ms. Kraut's supervision, DNA was scraped from students' cheeks and put into solution where it became visible to the human eye. Here students display DNA pendants.



Community Happenings: Are now online! Please visit <http://www.tarbut.com/HOME/parents.asp> for more information!



Notice a difference? We've transformed the K-5 Cubs' Roar and the 6-12 Shabbat Newsletter into *The Lion's Link* that you're reading now. For further looks into school life please visit: <http://www.tarbut.com/HOME/parents.asp>.