



The Lion's Link

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Calendar Highlights



TVT Head of School,
Rabbi Seth Linfield.

Hanukkah Greetings

Dear TVT Family,

As we begin this week's parasha of Va-Yeshev, Joseph earns the envy and enmity of his siblings. Jacob his father nonetheless sends Joseph to check in on those brothers, who have taken their flock to graze. When Joseph reaches where they are supposed to be, an unidentified man finds him wandering. Joseph asks where his brothers are. In sparse prose, the Torah relates that "the man said, 'they have gone from here, for I heard them say: Let us go to Dothan'" (Genesis 37:17). These simple words, *they went that way*, dramatically alters the Biblical saga: Joseph finds his brothers, who sell him into slavery in Egypt, where he ultimately becomes second in command in all of Egypt and prevents starvation in the known world by organizing the response to a spectacular famine, which leads to his reunion with his brothers, our bondage in Egypt, and ultimately redemption from Egypt and receiving Torah – and all because of one John Doe who helped the adrift Joseph.

Hanukkah also celebrates this power of the single individual, particularly when one is more purposeful than the anonymous man in Dothan. With a simple word or act, you or I can alter another's outlook or future path. As we recite in the Al Hanissim (For the Miracles) addition to the Hanukkah liturgy, we celebrate the deliverance caused by the few. Hanukkah is a tribute to the grandeur in affecting one life, and by that to the lives connected to that person. At TVT, we graduate well-rounded young men and women who enter college imbued with Aristotelian "phronesis," the practical wisdom to decide how to live virtuously and advance human imagination (and no, we don't see any irony in citing a Greek philosophical term on Hanukkah). Especially in today's networked world, each time you're a candle offering a little light against the dark, every time you care when it's easier to be indifferent, you can change eternity's direction.

Shabbat Shalom and Chag Urim Sameach – happy and healthy Festival of Lights to you and yours.

Winter Break

No Classes **M-M** 12/19-1/2
Offices closed 12/26-1/2

Classes Resume

School-wide **T** 1/3

MS Parent-Admin Coffee

US Conference Room **T** 1/3
8:00 AM

Zechter Music Center

US Classroom #313 **T** 1/3
5:30-7:30

Community Scholar Program

Clive Lawton (LS MPR) **T** 1/3
7:00 PM

LS Parent-Admin Coffee

Lower School MPR **W** 1/4
8:00 AM

US Parent-Admin Coffee

US Conference Room **W** 1/4
8:00 AM

Grade 5: Field Trip

W 1/4
9:15 AM

MS: Special Program

"Alley Cats" (US Lecture Hall) **TH** 1/5
2:00 PM

Alumni Mixer

Yardhouse Irvine **TH** 1/5
6:00 PM

K-5 Kabbalat Shabbat

Lower School MPR (3C Leads) **F** 1/6
8:00 AM

Grade 4: Special Program

"Treasures of the Tide" **W** 1/6
9:40 AM

TVT Open House

Lower School Campus **Sun** 1/8
10-Noon

TVT Gala: Out of Africa

St. Regis Monarch Beach **Sun** 6/3
5:00 PM



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JUNGLE FEVER

Did you see any wild animals running around TVT last Friday? Spot the tiger, elephant and monkey! Information was passed out with a yummy treat , gourmet coffee was served and there was a lot of buzz about this exciting event " OUT OF AFRICA," Sunday, June 3, 2012.

The Annual Benefit is only six months away. Visit our website:

www.tvtgala.myevent.com

to purchase a ticket, place a tribute journal ad, make a generous donation, or leave a note.



Music Showcase Rocks

TVT's 7th and 8th Grade Garage Bands performed along with both sections of Upper School Music in this term's Music Showcase. Students performed over twenty unique pieces ranging from Jazz and Blues to Pop and Rock for a crowd of nearly 200 fans. Incorporated into the performance were a number of soloists including **Rachel Ast** on keyboards (Grade 7), **Breana Foigelman** on violin (Grade 7), guitar solos by **Matthew Littman** (Grade 12) and **Max Shofron** (Grade 11), as well as **Lahna Sheron** (Grade 10) on alto sax.



Sports Clinic

TVT 5th graders participated in the first-ever Lower School Sports Clinic, working on their basketball skills for 2 hours with TVT Athletic Director **Danny Herz** as well as **Assistant Coach Rudy Hackett**. The students focused on ball handling, rebounding, and shooting. Every 5th grade student left the clinic with a unique T-Shirt and a big smile!



Musician Jams with TVT Student

During her recent visit to TVT, Jewish gospel singer, **Neshama Carlbach**, mentioned that due to the absence of her drummer, she would be unable to perform one of her favorite songs. Sitting in the front row, TVT's "school drummer," **Zach Lehrich**, very capably filled the void.



Lower School Hanukkah Celebrations

TVT's Kindergarten class performed like stars. Showing off their hard work—and the dedication of their teachers—the students delighted the audience with Hanukkah songs, dances and specially crafted costumes. Third Graders got creative with an olive press and candle-making workshop.



SPORTS CORNER

Varsity Girls' Basketball scored an amazing victory over LA Adventist (22-21), followed by yet another victory over Saddleback Valley Christian. **Varsity Boys' Basketball** went up against Liberty Christian for a 46-25 victory, led by **Joe Linfield's** 11 points (Grade 11), **Sahar Elbaz's** 9 rebounds (Grade 12), and **Jacob Ast's** 6 assists (Grade 9). Going into Winter Vacation, **Varsity Girls' Soccer** is 4-0 for the season; **Boys' Varsity Soccer**, 4-1-1; **Varsity Girls' Basketball**, 4-1; and **Varsity Boys' Basketball**, 5-4.

Though the **Middle School Boys' Basketball** Team lost to Calvary Santa Ana, the **MS Girls' Basketball** beat Calvary Santa Ana 21 – 16.

GO LIONS!!!



Varsity Boys' Soccer T 1/3
v. Crean Lutheran (US Field) 3:00 PM

Varsity Girls' Soccer T 1/3
v. Sage Hill School (LS Field) 3:00 PM

Varsity Girls' Soccer W 1/4
v. Avalon (LS Field) 11:00 AM

Varsity Boys' Soccer W 1/4
v. Avalon (US Field) 11:00 AM

MS Boys' Basketball TH 1/5
v. Heritage Oak (LS Gym) 3:00 PM

Varsity Boys' Soccer TH 1/5
v. Capo Valley Christian 3:15 PM

MS Girls' Basketball TH 1/5
v. Heritage Oak (LS Gym) 4:00 PM

Varsity Boys' Basketball TH 1/5
v. Rolling Hills Prep 4:00 PM

Good & Welfare

Mazel Tov to eighth grade students **Daniel Ahdoot** and **Robert Theisen** on their recent Bar Mitzvot!

Congratulations to **Mrs. Kelly Sullivan-Perez**, wife of TVT's Facilities Director, **Mr. Anthony Perez**, who was selected as California's Charter School Association Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Perez has taught second grade at the San Jacinto Valley Academy Charter School in San Jacinto for the past eleven years.