



The Lion's Link

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TVT Tribes—Building Community at TVT

After much anticipation and excitement, the tribes met in their K-12 groups for the first time for an extended lunch. Students across the grades were buddied up to get to know each other and make new friends, 12th grade tribe leaders taught a little bit about the qualities of the person for whom their individual tribes are named and tribe leaders led an icebreaker activity for the entire tribe.

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



November is Jewish Book Month!

Jewish Book Month is an annual event dedicated to the celebration of Jewish books. It is observed during the month preceding Hanukkah. Many titles are available at local bookstores, neighborhood libraries, the Gelman Collection, or the Blossom Siegel Family Library here at TVT. If you would like to read a book and we do not already own it, please let us know and we will be happy to add it to our collection. You will be the first to check it out! A few select recommendations from Mrs. Borkin and Mrs. Berman are below:

For Young Children:

Berlin, Bill and Susan. Peter Welling, Illus. **The Kvetch Who Stole Hanukkah**. Pelican, 2010. *A kvetch steals all the menorahs of Oyville then learns an important insight from three children about the holiday of Hanukkah.*

For Middle Grades

Watts, Irene. Kathryn Shoemaker, Illus. **Clay Man: The Golem of Prague**. Tundra, 2009. *A new version of the classic, bordering on science fiction, tale of the Golem of Prague will keep readers on the edge of their chairs as the man-made monster tears through the city.*

For Teens:

Thor, Annika. Linda Schenck, Trans. **A Faraway Island**. Delacorte, 2009. *In 1939 Sweden, two Jewish sisters wait for their parents, still in Austria, to flee the Nazis. While eight years old Nellie settles in quickly, twelve year old Stephie feels stranded at the end of the world, with a foster mother who is as cold and unforgiving as the island on which they live.*

Peek-into-Middle School
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 30
Student Sessions: 11:45—3:00 PM
Parent Meeting: 6:30—8:30 PM



Calendar Highlights

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| Beit T'Shuvah Info Mtg <u>US Library</u> | M | 11/1 8:00 AM |
| Varsity Cross Country <u>League Finals—Irvine Regional</u> | M | 11/1 - 2:00 PM |
| Middle School Athletics <u>Flag Football Playoffs</u> | M | 11/1 3:00 PM |
| Sixth Grade Art Wheel <u>Lecture Hall</u> | T | 11/2 2:20 PM |
| US Admin-Parent Coffee <u>Upper School Library</u> | W | 11/3 - 8:00 AM |
| MS Admin-Parent Coffee <u>Upper School Library</u> | TH | 11/4 8:00 AM |
| College Counseling <u>For Sophomores</u> | TH | 11/4 2:20 PM |
| Middle School Athletics <u>League Championships</u> | TH | 11/4 6:00 PM |
| Grade 5 Art Program <u>with Miriam Baker</u> | F | 11/5 in class |
| K-5 Kabbalat Shabbat <u>Lower School MPR</u> | F | 11/5 8:00 AM |

SAVE THE DATE: Global Day of Jewish Learning Sunday, November 7 from 2:00—5:00 PM on the Upper School Campus.



TVT Athletics

Varsity Girls' Volleyball defeated Eastside Christian before falling to Connelly. **Varsity Cross Country** ran the Mt. Sac Invitational. **Varsity Girls' Tennis** lost to Connolly and heads into individual playoffs next week. **Middle School Boys' Flag Football** league playoffs begin November 1st.



What's Your Vote?

The senior class conducted our fifth annual Voters' Forum. Working in small groups, they prepared summaries and impact analysis for each of the propositions on the ballot November 2nd. Parents, faculty and students came out to learn about the issues and to become more educated voters. Lively discussions and insightful questions were plentiful.



Lower School Conferences

On-line Parent Conference sign-ups are going live next week, **Wednesday, November 3rd at 6:00 PM.** During this individual 15-minute conference, you will have an opportunity to chat about your child's progress. This provides a framework for meaningful student achievement. Parent Conferences will be held on W & TH December 8th and 9th.

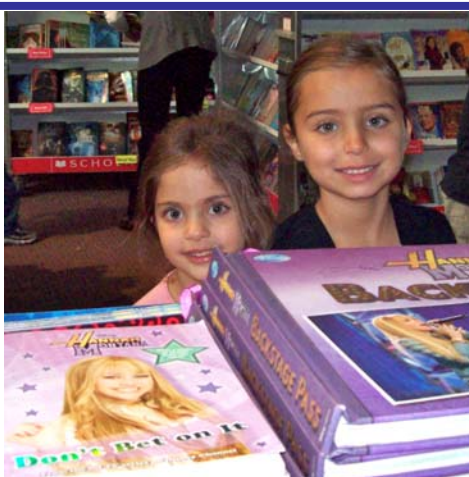


This week will feature recruiting visits from **Washington & Lee College, University of Richmond, Sarah Lawrence College, Wesleyan, University of Redlands, and Whittier College.**



Beit T'Shuva Speaker

Supplementing Red Ribbon week, TVT welcomes Beit T'Shuva's Doug Rosen on campus Monday, November 1 at 8:00 a.m. in the Upper School Library. Mr. Rosen will address issues such as opening the lines of communication between children and parents, signs of addiction and addiction prevention. This is also an opportunity to experience the type of discussion our Upper School students participate in each month with Beit T'Shuva's outreach educators. This session is open to parents with children of all ages.



Box Tops for Education

You can support our Box Tops 4 Education fundraiser by registering your e-mail address at www.boxtops4education.com Sign up by clicking on the tab on the right side of the screen and earn extra box tops for TVT. This site will not sell your address or send spam.

Good & Welfare

Our condolences to Upper School teacher Mrs. Candy Peleaux on the passing of her grandmother.

Renowned Sculptor to Visit TVT

Miriam Baker, a local renowned sculptor who has been commissioned by Chapman University, the Academy of Television Arts and the National Portrait Gallery in Washington D.C. will be coming to TVT on Nov. 5th. She will be working with our fifth graders on a sculptural piece of the human figure. This project explores the proportions of the human body. Paintings of human gestures are currently being completed in the art studio based on the work of Jacob Lawrence.

