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**Tarbut V'Torah Partners with the Prestigious Reali School of Haifa, Israel to Form a Unique Student Exchange Program.**

Excitement mounts campus-wide as Tarbut V'Torah students prepare to welcome twenty-three Israeli students and three faculty chaperones into homes and classrooms for the 10-day kick-off for the Tarbut-Reali Exchange Program. Reali students are scheduled to visit in mid-January, with a reciprocal visit by TVT students this June – part of the extra-curricular Poland/Israel trip that traditionally caps the Junior-year experience at TVT.

Designed to foster an environment of sharing, common experience, friendships and attachment, the program embodies the school motto “love learning, live values, discover heritage.” Dr. Hakimi-Maghen, Director of Judaic Studies at TVT, hopes the visits will feel as much like a “family reunion” as a cultural exchange, as both groups increase their understanding of Israel’s people and “deepen their connection to Jewry, our community and especially TVT students.”