

## **TARBUT V'TORAH BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT**

Tarbut V'Torah – Press Release

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### **New President Brings Diverse Expertise and Long Record of Service**

IRVINE, CA—Lou Weiss, incumbent president of the board, announced today that Samuel A. Wyman, prominent local lawyer, has been unanimously elected to succeed him in a two-year renewable term, through 2011.

“I am delighted,” said Weiss, “Sam is an extraordinarily talented individual whose vision for our School will further extend TVT as one of the finest Jewish day schools in the nation.”

Derek Gavshon, acting head of school and an ex-officio member of the Board, noted: “Aside from his distinguished academic vision, Mr. Wyman also brings expertise and leadership in a number of fields – law, insurance, real estate and construction – that are vital to the governance and continued growth of the School.”

To support its educational mission, Tarbut V'Torah completed a record fund-raising year. Total giving for fiscal year 2008, which closed August 31, was \$2.5 million. The endowment fund continues to grow, while the scholarship fund received an unprecedented pledge of 10 million dollars over ten years, which allows the school to offer financial aid to all qualified families. Under Mr. Wyman's guidance, the board will begin work on a capital campaign to accommodate the burgeoning middle school and continue efforts to increase the school endowment.

Student SAT scores also continue to rise, with the Class of 2008 scoring more than 25 points over 1,826, the benchmark average used by the University of California System to enroll the state's top students. Furthermore, 100% of TVT's graduating seniors meet the minimum course requirements for UC enrollment.

### **Sam Wyman, JD. Senior Partner Wolfe & Wyman LLP**

Mr. Wyman has been a senior partner at Wolfe & Wyman LLP since the firm's inception in 1994. Mr. Wyman has received the coveted "AV" rating by MARTINDALE-HUBBELL, which is the highest rating available by this prestigious organization. In 2004, Mr. Wyman was named a Southern California "Super Lawyer" by LAW & POLITICS and LOS ANGELES MAGAZINE. Super Lawyers are the top 5% of attorneys in each state, as chosen by their peers and through independent research.



Mr. Wyman earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS where he joined the Chi Phi fraternity and chaired the ASUCD Business and Finance Commission. He received his *Juris Doctorate* from the UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC, MCGEORGE SCHOOL of Law where he was a competition finalist, and later served as an instructor, in the school's National Moot Court competition. In addition, he has earned a post-graduate certificate in mediating litigated cases from PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, the No. 1 law school in the nation for ADR studies. He has also served as a court-appointed mediator for the Los Angeles County Superior Court since 1999 and is sought after as a private mediator in the local community.

Mr. Wyman brings additional experience in academic matters, lecturing as an adjunct professor at CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH. He is a member of Congregation B'nai Israel, where he helped start their Newport/Irvine Annex and the founder and chair of Family Philanthropy Venture Fund under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Orange County. He is a founding member of the Orange County Community Scholar Program, committed to bringing the best Jewish minds in the world to Orange County. Mr. Wyman is a member of the American Bar Association (Litigation and Construction Sections), as well as the Orange County and Los Angeles County Bar Associations (Litigation Section), the Southern California Association of Defense Counsel, the Defense Research Institute and the Litigation Institute of America.

#### **About Tarbut V'Torah Community Day School:**

The mission at TVT is “to provide superior educational opportunities in a pluralistic Jewish environment.” Offering comprehensive instruction in grades K-12, TVT is committed to ensuring that every Jewish child receives a world-class education. This year the school celebrates dual milestones: the school’s 18<sup>th</sup> (chai) year, and the 85<sup>th</sup> birthday of its founder, Mr. Irving Gelman, with a Benefit on February 22, 2009. Visit [www.tarbut.com](http://www.tarbut.com) for more information and events.

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