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**Mayor Sukhee Joins Tarbut V'Torah in Celebration of Tu B'Shevat
(The Jewish Holiday of Trees)**

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On Monday, February 9, from 10:00-10:30am, the Mayor of Irvine, Mr. Sukhee Kang, and Mrs. Ayelet Nachman, a representative from the Jewish National Fund (JNF) will address students at Tarbut V'Torah Community Day School. Following the assembly, students will gather in the school courtyard for a planting ceremony involving 400 trees of the podocarpus species. These plants will then be donated to the Great Park in Irvine. The celebration of Tu B'Shevat (holiday of the trees) teaches Healing the World and caring for the environment, values underscored by the Tarbut V'Torah's curriculum. Various grade-level activities will continue throughout the day.

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 18th (chai) year, and the 85th birthday of its founder, Mr. Irving Gelman, with a Benefit on February 22, 2009. Visit www.tarbut.com for more information and events.