



## **CUB'S ROAR**

*September 3, 2010*  
*24 Elul 5770*

Dear Parents,

We are off to an amazing 2010-11 school year! Kindergarten through third grades kicked off the year at this week's Meet and Greet mornings with parents, which continues next week for our fourth and fifth grades.

Transmittal envelopes were sent home with your students on Monday, which contained our Student Behavior Procedure, student work and communication from your students' teachers. It is important that you take time on Monday evenings to review the contents with your child. Please sign the front, place back any papers asked to be returned, and ensure that your child brings the envelope to his/her homeroom teacher the following morning. Teachers review all contents returned in the envelopes. This along with email communication serves as an open line of communication between home and school.

We encourage all students, faculty and staff to show their school spirit by wearing any TVT logo shirt on Mondays and to wear a white shirt in honor of Shabbat on Fridays. Thank you for your support!

On Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, please join us for Parent Night for our Everyday Math Program in the LS MPR beginning at 6:30 PM. The evening will include an overview of the program followed by breakout sessions taught by our grade level math teachers for parents to experience authentic Everyday Math learning. We look forward to having you with us.

Our Lower School Back to School Night will take place on Wednesday evening, October 13. Please be sure to mark your calendars. This evening is for **adults only** and will provide an in-depth understanding of the learning your child will be engaged in this school year.

True to form, our PTSO was very busy this week hosting the Kehillah Connection. They have embraced the partnership of making TVT the finest educational institution, bar none. Our first K-12 membership meeting of the year will be held next Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 AM in our upper school MPR. We hope to see you there. Many thanks to Laura Dolan for spearheading the Kehillah Connection and to the parents who helped out with this effort!

Registration for our first session of after school activities at TVT will be sent home within the next two weeks. Through experience we have found that it is best to begin these offerings after the high holidays. Consequently, they will begin the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>. Samples include TEC (Tarbut Engineers' Club), formerly FSEA for grade 5 (grade 4 FSEA will be offered in second semester), Newspaper (grades 4-5), Creative Chemistry (grades 3-5), Math Facts (2-5), Creative Problem Solving Math Club (4-5), Mandarin Language (K-5), Art Explorations (K-5) and much more to follow.

A few words about **Drop Off and Pick Up...**

- Beginning next week, we ask that all parents adhere to the assigned grade level Drop Off and Pick Up locations. Shalom, our Director of Security, will be actively involved to ensure that guidelines are followed.
- A friendly reminder that morning good byes must be said at the lunch tables for all students to step into their day of learning together.
- Fifth graders are allowed to sign themselves out and their siblings. However, parents of carpool students must write a permission note to their child's homeroom teacher and to the homeroom teacher of the 5<sup>th</sup> grader requested to pick up their child.
- Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students must be signed out by a parent (their own or carpool) or a sibling who is 5<sup>th</sup> grade age or older. Kindly remember to keep a close eye on your child after sign out to ensure his/her safety.

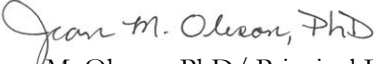
- It is imperative that you send a note with your child if he/she is to go home with another child/family or will be picked up by someone other than those listed on your Emergency form. It is our utmost concern that your child be safe at all times, and signing out at the end of the day plays a significant role with this.
- I also ask your cooperation in reserving Handicapped Parking spots for who they are intended. These spots are monitored by the Irvine Police Department and we certainly do not want anyone to receive a ticket.

Last spring, administration and PTSO actively sought to provide a viewing of The Race to Nowhere to our TVT community. Please note that the JCC will be showing this film on October 26 at 7pm. Ticket and additional information is available at <http://www.racetonowhere.com/postcard/october-26th-jcc-orange-county>

**Many of you are aware of a new trend, Silly Bands, which has hit many of our lower school students by storm. Due to their high distractibility, they are not allowed on campus. Any bands seen on campus will be confiscated by the faculty. Thank you for your support and understanding.**

Our faculty has expressed great excitement over the incoming knowledge base of their students as well as their passion for learning. No doubt, your child is in for an exceptional year of learning.


Shabbat Shalom,

  
Jean M. Oleson, PhD/ Principal Lower School

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*You may find all TVT events listed in our website calendar at [www.tarbut.com](http://www.tarbut.com)*

### September

6	<b>LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL</b>	
7	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Meet and Greet (8:00-8:30AM) classroom Grade 5 Shofar workshop 8:15 AM LS lunch tables Grade 1 Honey workshop 10:40 AM MPR	
8	Grade 5 Meet and Greet (8:00-8:30AM) classroom <b>NOON DISMISSAL – EREV ROSH HASHANAH</b>	
9-10	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – ROSH HASHANAH</b>	
13	K-5 Havdallah 8:00 – 8:30 AM LS MPR Grade 4-5 Tashlich grade 4 – 8:45 AM/ grade 5 10:00 AM (Mason Park)	
14-16	CTP4 testing – grades 2-5	
14	Mandarin After School Activity Introduction 3:00 PM MPR	
15	Nutrition After School Activity Introduction 3:00 PM MPR	
17	Kabbalat Shabbat/ Yom Kippur Assembly 8:00 AM MPR <b>NOON DISMISSAL – EREV YOM KIPPUR</b>	
20	Grade 5 build Sukkah	
21	K- 5 Picture Day	
22	<b>NOON DISMISSAL – EREV SUKKOT</b>	
23-24	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – SUKKOT</b>	
27	Grade 5 PTSO ArtsTeach Program “Write Away” 2:00 PM US Lecture Hall	
28	October on line lunch order deadline	
29	<b>NOON DISMISSAL – EREV SHEMINI ATZERET</b>	
30	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – SHEMINI ATZERET</b>	

**October 1 SCHOOL CLOSED – SIMCHAT TORAH**

**OFFICE HOURS ... Mon – Thu 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM / Friday 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT... WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>!**  
**K-5 MATH NIGHT... WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**

*These two events above are adult-only evenings. Plan your child care needs in advance! Details to follow*

**FROM THE DESK OF AVI CHELOUCHE**  
**HEBREW LANGUAGE & LITERATURE / JEWISH STUDIES DIRECTOR**

**WELCOME.....BRUCHIM HABA'IM**

We are introducing the Midah, *Bruchim Haba'im, Welcome and Hospitality*, during the first month of our new school year. In class, the teachers will discuss with their students the value of welcoming fellow students, faculty and guests to our school. The teachers will also involve the students in various activities pertaining to this Midah. *Hachnasat Orchim* (Hospitality) is also an important part of the Midah. The teachers will discuss how the students can practice *Hachnasat Orchim* at school, by making everyone feel welcome, greeting new and returning students, and ensuring that everyone feels part of our T'VT family.

In Jewish law, hospitality (*hachnasat orchim*) is not just a social pleasantry, but a legal obligation. The literal meaning of the term *Hachnasat Orchim* is "bringing in of guests." Providing hospitality to strangers is a tradition which has its roots in earliest biblical times. Abraham is the first person to perform this Mitzvah when he greeted three visitors who approached his tent. He never lost an opportunity to serve his guests, doing so with swiftness and courtesy (see Genesis 18:2). Hospitality continues to be an important Mitzvah today. Perhaps as much as any other Mitzvah, *Hachnasat Orchim* exemplifies the saying: "All Israel is responsible for one another."

Continuing with our tradition, we will present the students with a new Midah each Rosh Chodesh (New Month).

We invite families to join us throughout the school year at our weekly Kabbalat Shabbat celebrations which take place on Fridays from 8:05 – 8:40 AM as well as our monthly K – 5 Havdalah assembly from 8:00 – 8:30am. Dates will be announced in our "Mark Your Calendar" or are available on the web calendar.

Parents are also welcome to participate in our T'fila (Prayers) according to the schedule below:

<u>Mondays (Havdalah) &amp; Thursdays (T'fila)</u>	
Grades Four and Five	9:30 – 9:50am
Grade One	11:15 – 11:35am
Grades Two and Three	12:00 – 12:20pm

As we approach the High Holidays, we have been sounding the Shofar each morning at the conclusion of our announcements, with thanks to Mr. Ron Bruder, father of Taylor (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) and Bailey (Kindergarten).

A friendly reminder... parents are invited and encouraged to attend the following workshops, both taking place on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> as follows:

- Grade 5 Shofar workshop - beginning at 8:15 AM LS at the LS lunch tables
- Grade 1 Honey workshop - beginning at 10:40 AM at the LS MPR

Bruchim Haba'im...Welcome to everyone....to our returning students and their families, and to our new students and their families!

## ***LOWER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

### **MONDAY WEEKLY COMMUNICATION**

Please expect a weekly transmittal envelope every Monday. It will include completed class work, tests, quizzes, forms, notes, flyers and any important material regarding your child's school experience. We ask your cooperation in reading through the material every Monday evening and sending the envelope back to school every Tuesday morning. Signed forms, etc. can simply be placed in the envelope and returned to your child's homeroom teacher.

Our doors are open to you... if you have anything to communicate to us, please do not hesitate to call or just chat when you see us on campus. We'd love to hear from you!!

### **GOT CHALLAH?**

As a service to our parents, the PTSO organizes the sale of challah, available Fridays at pick up. This year we are able to offer challah to TVT families at a LOWER PRICE!

**Annual Orders** include 31 weeks of challah **and** one round plain challah for Rosh Hashana for **\$160**. **Additional Rosh Hashana Round Challah** (Plain or Raisin) can also be ordered for **\$5** per challah.

Challah order forms are available at the lower school front office. For additional information on challah sales, please contact Gloria Dror at [drador@adelphia.net](mailto:drador@adelphia.net).

### **PICTURE DAY HEADS UP... TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**TUESDAY, September 21<sup>th</sup>** is our Picture Day! A reminder went home to parents in this week's transmittal envelope.

Classic School Portraits by Sumner Photography will be taking our pictures this year. Once again with the help of our wonderful parent volunteers, the process should run quickly and smoothly. Only students will have their picture taken on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Our faculty had their picture taken during our Pre-Service week. For those who are not familiar with our Picture Day, ordering information will accompany your child's proof set. **Make up day is Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. For any picture related questions, please contact Classic School Portraits directly at 800-440-2002 and they will be glad to help you.

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### **COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**

This section is an overview of events throughout the Jewish community.

We welcome contributions from synagogues and Jewish organizations that wish to inform our TVT community of their special programs. Agencies wishing to be included in Community Happenings should send an email, with a link to their website, to [lofsowitz@tarbut.com](mailto:lofsowitz@tarbut.com) by noon on Thursday for publication the following Monday. Event listing is not necessarily an endorsement by TVT

### ***JCC***

#### **KIDS NIGHT OUT**

**Saturday Nights 6-10 pm**

**Mark youR calendar for Kids Night Out!**

Sat Sept. 11

Sat Sept. 25

Grades K-3 and 4-5, Members \$20, Public \$30

Spending the evening at the J with your friends, dinner, ice cream sundaes, and a movie!!!

Please register by Thursday before.

Price at the door is now Members \$25, Public \$35

#### **School's Out/JCC's In**

Sept. 17, 22, 29 TVT ½ day pick-up

Thursday, Nov. 11 Veteran's Day all schools

Friday, Nov. 12 TVT

School's Out! Participate in a variety of activities including: sports, art, swimming and more!  
9:00am- 3:30 pm  
Club J Members \$30  
JCC Members \$40

**Register for Fall After School Enrichment Classes**

**Fall Session/After School Enrichment Classes Sept.13-Nov. 11**

Class Schedules and Class Descriptions are available at the JCC Front Desk and forms are available at [jccoc.org](http://jccoc.org).

NEW \*Mathobotix enrichment class comes to Club J!

**Mathobotix**

Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30pm 6-9 years old

Wednesday, 3:30-5:30 pm, 10-15 years old

Mathobotix is project based and highly customizable program to meet the individual student's ability and skill level. The teaching method revolves around STEM, science, technology, engineering and mathematics, language and communication skills.

JCC Member: \$480+\$40 annual lab fee

Public \$500 +\$40 annual lab fee

**Robotics Competition**, Sunday, Nov. 7 9am-3pm

First Lego League robotics competition Qualifying tournament for Orange County.

**Look What's Happening in the Teen Department:**

**CLUB 18: TEEN AND TWEEN PROGRAMS**

For members entering grades 6-12. Must wear JCCID. Come enjoy foosball table, pool table, a fast set pin pong table, big screen TV, rockin stereo, 4 computers or just come chill.

Time: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. 3-6pm.

Wednesday 2:30-6pm

Friday 2:30-5pm

**Teen Events and Activities:**

**TLC: Teen Leadership Connection**

This program is designed to create young leaders in the community, 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders get hands-on experience in group leadership, child development, conflict resolution and developing programs.

**Meetings:**

Tues. Sept. 21, 3:30 pm

Tues. Oct. 19, 3:30 pm

Tues. Nov. 16, 3:30 pm

**Socials:**

Sat., Oct. 9 6-10 pm

Sat. Nov. 6, 6-10 pm

Sat. Dec. 4, 6-10 pm

**Mitzvah Project: Community Service**

Family Community Service Day

Sunday, Oct. 17, 2-4 pm

**Schools Out Days**

**CIT Program, Grades 6-8**

Receive service hours by being a CIT in our after school program.

Friday, Sept. 17

Wed. Sept. 22

Wed. 29

Thurs. Nov. 11

**Teen Trips:**

**Arizona College Tour**

Thursday, Nov. 11-Tuesday, Nov. 15

Tour Arizona colleges with Merage JCC, San Diego JCC, Long Beach JCC, and JCC of LA.

**The Princeton Review**

**SAT Preparation**

**Aug. 1- Oct. 7**

**ART Experiences for Teens**

**Advanced Rembrandts, Ages 10-13**

**Sept. 16- Nov. 11**

Advanced Rembrandts will explore different art media and begin creating a professional portfolio.

Time: Thursday 3:45-4:30 pm

\$135 members, \$155 public

Club

**Rock & Roll Art Class, Ages 14-18**

**Sept. 15- Nov. 10**

Time: Wednesday 5-7 pm

\$150 members, \$170 public

**NJB Boys Grades 7-8**

**Dec. 5 – Feb. 6**

\$160 members

Clinic and 4 on 4 instructional league.

Time: Sunday 1-5 pm

***PETER PAN***

**Sunday, October 10 @ 1:00pm**

**OCPAC Theater in the Round**

**Members \$80**

**Public \$95**

Register by 9/8

***BEAUTY AND THE BEAST***

**Sunday, November 21 @ 1:00pm**

**OCPAC**

**Members \$92**

**Public \$107**

Register by 10/21

For more information, contact Geri Dorman at (949) 435-3400 ext. 303 or

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