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## TVT Welcomes New Head of School!!

### New Head of School

**By Edden Silverstein & Ivara Roth**

Edden Silverstein and Ivara Roth interviewed Rabbi Seth Linfield the new head of school for next school year.

The process of becoming the new head of school could be simple or very complicated. Here's how the process works. The board and other people interested in the school got together to look for a new head of school around the country. There is a search committee that had representatives on the board and some of the other parties interested in the school, and during this there were more than sixty candidates. There were three finalists and they came out to Irvine and spoke with faculty, students and other friends of the school. Rabbi Seth Linfield happened to have been the silver medalist last time when T.V.T picked Steve Ballaban as the head of school four years ago. Mr. Linfield said, "I came in second place and Rabbi Steve Balaban came in first. So he became the head of school. But I met a lot of

wonderful people and it was actually a lesson for me." That lesson was just because he came in second place he didn't say that's that. So he became a head of school at a new school in Florida, and then he tried out again for T.V.T and he got it!

Rabbi Linfield has seven kids and their names and grades are, Noah at Stanford, Rebecca at Yale, Deborah in 12<sup>th</sup>, Joseph in 10<sup>th</sup>, Rachel in 9<sup>th</sup>, Leah in 7<sup>th</sup> and Jeremy in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

He went to a conservative Jewish day school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and then went to an orthodox high school. After that he went to NYU and then decided he wanted more schooling so he went to Stanford.

It was important for him to become a Rabbi because he wanted to learn more about his culture and get experience.

His first job as head of school was at Solomon Schechter Day School of Essex and Union. It is a PK- grade 12 day school with 822 students in five schools on four campuses.

He looks forward to spending time with the students and faculty and

the upcoming holidays at TVT. He is amazed by the passion and caring everyone has for the school. "TVT is a beacon for Jewish communities all across the U.S." said Rabbi Linfield

Students will be able to communicate with him by coming to his office and telling him their ideas. He said, "If a teacher, a parent, and a student were all outside my door, I would talk with the student first."

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Fifth grade journalists sit down with Rabbi Seth Linfield



Rabbi Seth Linfield visits the TVT Times

## Waves Vs. Nadadores

By: **Jordie Priesman and Sylvana Schaffer**

Hello there, you may remember in our last article we talked about two swim teams: Waves and Liquids. Now we are having the returning champion Waves go against a new team called Nadadores! This time we tried to get as many people as possible to answer!

This is the poll result:

**Waves:** 67 (including Dr. Oleson, Paytra (class president), and Mr. Chelouche



**Nadadores:** 44 including Dr. Oleson and Paytra (class president)



## OPINIONS AND LETTERS

### Summer Camps Around Irvine

By **Elianna Stivi, Isabella Shulman, & Jordie Priesman**

Do you want to know about a few camps around Irvine? Well, we listed some camps right here:

Destination Science

Camp James

Premiere Soccer Camps

Camp Jam

Camp Science Adventures

Advantage Basketball Camp

Quest Therapeutic Camps of Southern California

Adventure Marine Expeditions UCI  
Summer Sports Camps

### Mac vs. Windows



By **Michael Genoot and Jordan Sohoni**

Hello fellow Americans in America. Please listen to our American, heroic speech. Most people use the Internet at least once a day. Well, Leonard Kleinrock invented the Internet, he died in 1961, sadly. Do you know who invented the computer? Most people think Charles Cabbage - I mean Charles Babbage - invented the computer but it is really many brilliant minds. Charles Babbage is the name that will be coming into the minds of many. A computer has many different uses and different parts.

If you asked who invented the computer in a different country you would get a different answer. You know at TVT we are really lucky to have Macs when most schools only have PC/Windows. Most people we spoke to at TVT like Macs better, but I'm sure that a lot of people also like PC/Windows.

#### Current Mac Prices:

Mac Book- \$999

Mac Book Pro-\$1199

Mac Book Air-\$1449

Mac Mini \$599

IMac -\$1199

Mac Pro-\$2499

If you like any of these Macs you rock if you don't, not so much.

#### Current PC Programs:

Windows 7

Windows Live

Windows Phone

Windows Vista

Windows xp

We think PC/Windows are better if you are playing games and Macs are better if you are doing big projects.

Well that is all of our heroic speech, hoped you liked it, my fellow Americans.

## OPINIONS AND LETTERS

### Why are iPhones So Popular? By Isabella Shulman

I looked up on answers.com why iPhones are so popular and answers.com said because "there is a lower case 'i' in the word phone." But, I think that is what a 2 year old would say. In my opinion (and my family's) AT&T is a bad company and Verizon is better. According to a lot of people Verizon is better. Well, really just newspaper readers... but still Verizon is better. See!!!

Verizon: 7 votes

AT&T: 5 votes including Ms. Cabouat

### Summer!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

#### By Jordie Priesman

Summer is coming soon! I am so excited and I bet you are too. Be sure to tell your parents that there are many camps to try. If you feel like going to some summer sleep away camps here are some that you may enjoy:

Camp Alonim  
Camp Yofi  
Pal Overnight Adventures  
Sea World

Those are all the really good sleep away camps I found. Here are some day camps:

Camp Alonim  
Camp James  
Camp Haverim  
Soka Camp ( Soka University  
Recreation And Fitness)

As you can see, I wrote Soka Camp. Soka Camp is AWESOME! You do sports and have so much fun. Your parents will not have to worry because there is a cafeteria. I love this camp. Last year, we planned on going for a short period of time, but my brother and I loved it so we begged our parents to go for all 5 weeks. I sure hope you guys will come here and I am sure you will love it too.

### Sun Tips

#### By Olivia Szabo

Even if it's summer and the orange county motto for going to the beach is "fun in the sun" the sun can be our enemy. My mom is a dermatologist and I've learned the best from her.

1. The sun is not our friend when it comes to skin. Sunscreen is our friend, but people usually don't care, which is a big mistake.
2. Use sun screen every day even though it might be cloudy out.
3. Never, ever, make the mistake and not put sunscreen on your ears, neck, and face.

Even this guy agrees:



## Teeth

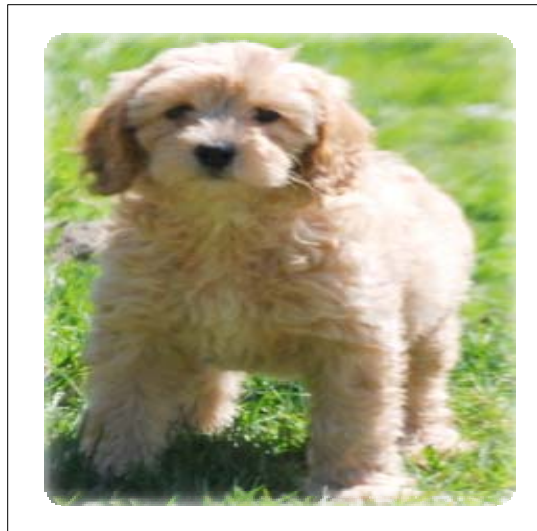
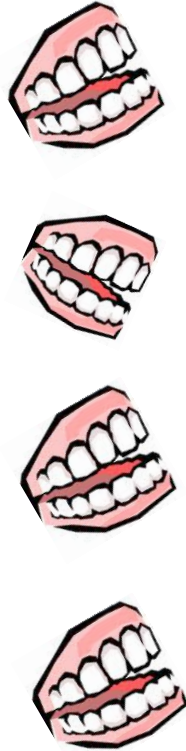
By Meskie Taylor, Elianna Stivi, and Shani Gabi

Have you ever wondered what is the difference between "baby" teeth and permanent teeth? At between six and ten months of age, most infants begin to get their "baby" teeth.

The central incisors (front middle teeth) usually come in first, and then teeth begin appearing on either side and work their way back to the second molars. By the time a child has reached three years old, most of the "baby" teeth should be present.

The process begins to repeat itself when the child is about seven years old. The central incisors fall out first and are replaced by permanent teeth. By the age of 21, most people have all of their permanent teeth. "Baby" teeth are important because they hold the place for permanent teeth and help guide them into correct position.

"Baby" teeth play an important role in the development of speech and chewing. Wasn't that nice to know about teeth?



Alyssa's puppy, Jack (right)

## Jack

Alyssa Sodell

Jack is a 6-month-old puppy; he has a cream colored body and red ears. He is very hyper in the morning and afternoon; at night he is calm. Water also makes him crazy. He drinks coffee (when my mom isn't looking) and he is a dog breed called a labradoodle,

**WHAT!** You never heard of that dog breed? Well, it is a Labrador and a Poodle mix.

You may think he is so cute, but my cats don't. I have a 3-year-old cat and a 6-year-old cat named Greye and Midget. Greye likes him. She sometimes thinks he is a little bit too hyper, but she likes him. Midget thinks he is ok because Jack is always biting and chasing him, but they get along (sometimes). Jack can be a real sweetheart, like if you're sad he licks you and cheers you up. He is very loving. He will lay on the couch with you and he is very calm (most of the time). Jack is smart and excellent with training; he knows sit, stay, come, and sometimes paw.

We got Jack online. While we were in Hawaii, my mom and dad were looking for a puppy so they went on a website called "Springville Labradoodles" and we fell in love with him. We went to Oregon because that's where our flight was and I thought he was big for a puppy but cute. He had big paws and cute red ears. We went downstairs to see younger puppies. We saw some that were going to get shipped to loving homes in different places like: Chicago, Arizona, California, and even London, England! We flew on the airplane and went home. That is how we got Jack!

**Interview with Alison Blake – Figure Skater**  
**By Jordie Priesman**

I have a friend named Alison. She is a famous ice skater. I decided to interview her about her life in skating.

J: How many years have you been skating?

A: I began skating when I was 8 years old just for fun and pretty soon I was taking class lessons and then private lessons as I got better. In those days we did “figures” which required extra ice time so my mom and I had to get up at 4:00am so that she could drive me to the rink to practice before school. Later, I switched to pair skating, and my coach was the great Mr. John Nicks (Sasha Cohen’s coach). My partner and I were undefeated in Novice Pairs competition when his father

was transferred for work to Bakersfield. My partner moved with his family and our Olympic dream came to an abrupt end.

I was 16 years old when I took a break from skating because of an injury. During my time off skating I got to enjoy high school activities before returning to the ice. When I did, my coach Mr. Nickens, encouraged me to turn pro and audition for the Ice Capades when they played the La Sports Arena in the Spring. So in my junior year in high school (age 17), I auditioned as a soloist and they hired me on the spot. Ice Capades had the perfect adagio/pair partner for me and I signed a 4 year contract to tour with the company as soon I graduated from high school the following year. When I was 18, my pro skating career took off and I skated lead adagio with 11

different partners in 23 different shows. So basically it was about 23 years!

J: How many trainers did you have?

A: There have been many people who have helped me along the way, here and there, with little tips on style, tricks etc. But I have had about 7 different skating/pair/adagio coaches, 2 ballet teachers, and 1 gymnastics instructor.

J: Did you put any shows on? If so, how many?

A: I have skated in about 23 shows (that I can remember) over the years... Whew.

J: What was your favorite part of skating?

A: Well that is a great question. I think my favorite part of skating would be using the art form as a vehicle.

J: What made you decide to stop skating?

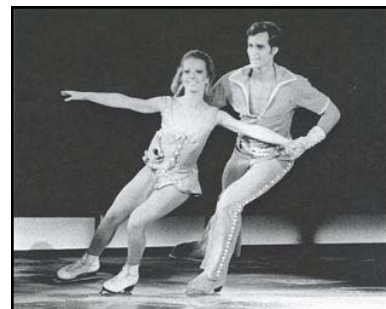
A: Well besides the toll it took on my body and health, I wanted to settle down and have a “normal” life, or at least see if that was what I wanted.

J: How many places did you skate in and where were they?

A: I have skated in every major sports arena in the U.S.



Alison performing in the Ice Capades (above), and with her partner (below).



Marlene Schaffer is getting prepared to start kindergarten at TVT!

**Interview with Marlene Schaffer**  
**By Sylvana Schaffer**

I’m sure everyone reading this knows there’s been a lot of interviews with people at this school, and even some people who are grownups, but have you ever seen an interview with someone going into TVT next Fall? Well that’s exactly what I’m going to do. I’m going to interview my 4 year old (5 on May 19<sup>th</sup>) sister Marlene (Mar-lae-na) who all of you who been to my house should know is going into kindergarten. Here you go, hope you like it!

Sylvana: Marlene, are you exited about starting kindergarten next Fall and why?

Marlene: Well, yes because I don’t like preschool and I think elementary school sounds fun.

Sylvana: Do you think kindergarten will be different from preschool a lot, a little, or not at all and why?

Marlene: I think it will be a lot different because you have to do homework and in preschool you don’t get to do homework.

Sylvana: Tell me how you feel about having different subjects?

Marlene: I feel good about it because it sounds fun.

Sylvana: What are your biggest thoughts about starting kindergarten?

Marlene: I feel happy just because it sounds fun and I feel like I’m growing up.

Ummmmm... That was kinda weird but I guess that’s just the mind of a preschooler, a preschooler with a sister in 4<sup>th</sup> grade (me) so I think I’m supposed to say bye now so... Bye!



## Jerusalem

By Shani Gabi

Considered the most holy city in the world, I'm going to talk about Jerusalem. Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and many people (not only Jews) want to have Jerusalem all to themselves, like the Muslims and the Christians too. In Israel, it is the holiest city of Judaism. It is also Israel's largest and most populated city.

Jerusalem is important to the Jewish people because it is Ir-Ha-Kodesh, the biblical Zion, the City of David, The Site of Solomon's Temple, and the Internal Capital

of the Israelite Nation. Jerusalem is also important to Christians because it is where young Jesus impressed the sages at the Jewish temple, where he spent the last day of his ministry, and where the last supper, the crucifixion and the resurrection took place. Jerusalem is important also to the Muslims. It is because that's where the prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven. After there are the holy sites of Mecca and Medina. Jerusalem is the most sacred place of Islam.

I hope you enjoyed the interesting things about Jerusalem!

## Yom Yerushalayim

By Jordie Priesman

Yom Yerushalayim is Jerusalem Day in Hebrew. Fourth graders at TVT have a tradition of leading a celebration assembly every year. The entire 4<sup>th</sup> grade met at 10:05am everyday for one-to-two weeks prior to rehearse. The performance was Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 2:30 in the M.P.R. Everyone in the lower school participated by singing one song with their grade. Of course 4<sup>th</sup> graders had to learn and sing every song. Kindergarten sang "Oleem Yerushalyem," 1<sup>st</sup> grade sang "Yesh Lee Shar," 2<sup>nd</sup> grade sang "Yerushalyim Haear Sheli," 3<sup>rd</sup> grade sang "Yevarechecha Hashem Mitzion," and 5<sup>th</sup> grade sang "Sisoo et Yerushlyem." 4<sup>th</sup> graders performed all the songs as well as "Lach Yerushlyem," "Jerusalem Is Mine" and "Yerushlayim Shel Zahav." It was a spirited performance with a huge audience. Hope you didn't miss it!

## NEWSPAPER

### ADVERTISEMENT!!!!!!!!!!

By Olivia Szabo (Thank You Olivia)

When you're going into fourth or fifth grade you'll be able to have a chance to sign up for newspaper and see your name on the front page among your friends. And you will just have the NICEST social studies\after school program teacher. Drum roll please... Ms. Cabouat!!!!

I took the time to sit down with my BFF Sylvana. I interviewed her about fourth grade and newspaper.

Olivia: When did you have the idea to join newspaper?

Sylvana: When I was in third grade I really wanted to be in Newspaper Club because I'm a really creative writer and I want to write something people and students will read.

Olivia: Are you having lots of fun?

Sylvana: Yes, because I get to write whatever I want whenever I want.

Olivia: What are you learning in fourth grade social studies?

Sylvana: We are learning about European explorers and explorers and settlers coming to live in the New World (a.k.a America).

### Farewell to our 5th Grade Journalists

I would like to thank Ivara, Edden, and Alyssa—our 5th grade journalists. These three girls have been in Newspaper Club for two years. Many ideas, such as, "Send it In," and "Guess Who" originated with these young journalists. Ivara and Edden finish up their TVT Times careers with their fantastic article introducing our new Head of School this month. Alyssa has given us many sweet stories about animals and pets over the years—she gives us a personal story of her dog, Jack, in this farewell issue. Good luck in 5th grade and keep up the wonderful writing! **Love, Ms. C**