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Parsha: Vayishlach

Candle Lighting 4:29 p.m.

Havdalah 5:28 p.m.

Happy Bidding on the Auction!

Schedule of Events

December 6 ISEE exam at MJHS

December 10 11:20 Fine Arts Program-Jody Stephens

December 14-18 Semester Exams

Fine Arts Schedule

The following has been scheduled during our Wednesday Activity Period at 11:20 for MJHS students. Parents and the community are also welcome!

December 10 Jody Stephens, musician and drummer, will share his experiences as a band member of "Big Star" over the last 40 years. He has worked with Ardent Recording as well.

D'var Torah given by Jake Tobey

On his return to the land of Canaan, Jacob feared meeting his brother Esau, whom he had deprived of a blessing. Jacob sent Esau presents. While sleeping, a being (regarded as God, an angel, or a man), appeared to Jacob and wrestled with him. The mysterious one pleaded to be released before daybreak, but Jacob refused to release the being until he agreed to bless Jacob. The being announced to Jacob that he would bear the name "Israel," which means "one who wrestled with God." The being freed Jacob, but not before he wrenched Jacob's hip, leaving him with a limp.

The meeting with Esau proved benign. Jacob settled at Shechem. The city's prince, also named Shechem, raped Jacob's daughter Dinah. His sons Simeon and Levi took vengeance on the city, forcing Jacob and his family to flee. On the road from Bethel, Rachel gave birth to a son, Benjamin, and died.

Jacob returned to Isaac's home in Mamre, near Hebron. Isaac died, and Esau and Jacob buried him.

MJHS Auction Ends December 7 at 7:00 a.m.

Our biggest fundraiser of the new school year is about to come to an end. If you have not done so, please log on at our website and click on the link at the bottom of the page - and start bidding! Our web address is www.mjhschool.org. The auction ends at 7:00 in the morning on the 7th, so if you are not an early riser, make your final bids on the 6th!

To register on the auction, you will create your own unique username and password.

We have great vacation getaways, sports memorabilia, art, jewelry and all kinds of gift certificates from restaurants and other places around Memphis.

This is the perfect place to find great deals and presents for the holidays.

Remember – all profits directly benefit our school! We need you!

And the University Acceptances Keep Coming!

Mazal Tov to Logan Belz for being accepted to Lynn University and to Kevin Wender and Monte Eiseman for being accepted to Tulane University.

Congratulations to Logan, Kevin and Monte and their families! A huge thank you to College Counselor, Becky Pharr and our whole faculty and staff for all their work with these students!



MJHS Parent and Student Invitation

"CHOOSING TO PARTICIPATE: THE POWER OF GOOD": AN EVENING FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

12.6.2009/7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Join us as we look at the film, "Nicholas Winton: The Power of Good," which highlights the choices that one person made on the eve of the Holocaust. In this program, we will use selected Jewish texts to explore the notion of altruism and the contemporary implications of acting on the basis of one's moral conscience. Our special guest facilitator will be Shira Deener, Facing History's Jewish Education program associate. This event may be of particular interest to families interested in Jewish education, but families of all faiths are welcome.

Location: Temple Israel, 1376 E. Massey Road, Memphis, TN

Kesher Konnections Postponed

MJHS Judaic Studies Dean, Avi Gellman, has postponed the Kesher Konnections program that was scheduled for December 6. The next program will take place on January 10.

Community Service Award

Applications for the 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards are available in Dr. Brock's office. This is an opportunity for volunteers in our community to be recognized. This organization specifically recognizes young people. If you feel that you have shown initiative and effort and you have made an impact and had personal growth, you qualify under the criteria. All activities should have occurred after September 1, 2008.

Check out some MJHS Photos

MJHS now has a professional photographer at all events and activities and their pictures are available on line at www.Mangiante.com for you to view and purchase. On the website, click "View and Order Photos" then click "Dances and School Events" then click "Memphis Jewish High School" to view all previous photos.

Community Service

As part of our curriculum again this year, all students will be required to perform at least 20 hours of community service. Community Service forms are available in the front office.

Open Invitation Anytime!

The Memphis Jewish High School invites you to come for a tour of our school! Dr. Elizabeth Brock, Head of School, remarked, "The students that have visited our school are very impressed with our program and our facility. I think they especially enjoy having a lap top computer for the day when they visit our classes!"

Call 901.767.4818 for a tour or a day of shadowing.

Toda Raba

To **Max Notowitz** for speaking to our junior class and their parents about his experiences as a Holocaust survivor.