

KOL KADIMA

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Parsha: Vayeshev

24 Kislev, 5770
Candle Lighting 4:30 p.m.

December 11, 2009
Havdalah 5:29 p.m.

Happy Chanukkah!

Schedule of Events

December 14-18 Semester Exams

D'var Torah given by Seth Harrison

Parashat Vayeshev and Hanukah are always very close to each other. What is the connection between the story of Joseph and his brother in parashat Vayeshev to the story of Hanukah? Usually *Chag'e Zikaron* are celebrated because of a victory. When we look at Hanukah we can see that it is celebrated because of the victory - because Am Yisroel won. But Chazal didn't decide to make this a festival - a Chag because of the victory. Chazal decided to make this day a festival as a memory for the miracle with the "Pach Hashemen". In parashat Vayeshev, we see that Reuven didn't want his brother Joseph to be killed. He suggested they throw Joseph in one of the pits. Now we all know that Reuven saved Joseph. Reuven did a *Mitzva* secretly and Hashem announced it! Reuven didn't make a big deal about that mitzva so the Torah announced it.

A Huge MJHS Thank You

Thank you to all our parents and friends who bid and won items on our on-line auction! It was a wonderful success and all proceeds went to our school.

Another huge thank you to Sarah Lewis and Mary Gattas who put the auction together. Thanks so much to Tami Eiseman for getting so many of our items as well as so many other parents, Board members, faculty members, students and friends.

Condolences Sent to the Hudson Family

We share condolences to our Hebrew instructor Hanni Hudson and her family on the passing of her beloved husband, Dennis. She is sitting Shiva at her home until Monday morning.

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 **Becky Pharr** for hosting the MJHS faculty holiday party. A good time was had by all!

To **Pam Thomas** for helping set up for the MJHS faculty holiday party!

