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Parsha: Ki-Tisa/Parah

Candle Lighting 5:40 p.m.

Havdalah 6:36 p.m.

Schedule of Events

March 7, 2010 ISEE given at MJHS

March 10, 2010 Music Club visits Sun Studios

March 14, 2010 11:30-1:00 Keshet Connections Program
– Israeli Video

March 17, 2010 11:20 Town Hall Junior Ring Ceremony;
John Gimell

March 18, 2010 School Field Trip to Pink Palace for
“Bagels and BarBQ” Exhibit

March 24, 2010 11:20 Town Hall Judaic Studies Group;
7:15 Model Seder

April 12, 2010 Yom HaShoah Ceremony

April 14, 2010 11:20 Town Hall A.J. Graffiti

April 18, 2010 11:30-1:00 Keshet Connections Program
–Yom HaAtzmut

April 19, 2010 Yom HaAtzmut Field Trip

April 25, 2010 Honor Assembly and Video Presentation

May 17, 2010 1st MJHS Graduation Ceremony

D’Var Torah presented by Josh Rubin

This week's Parsha, Ki Tisa, includes the unfortunate sin of the Golden calf, and includes Moshe's negotiations on the Jews' behalf. While there are many things one can learn about the art of negotiations, what seems out of place is that after things are smoothed over and G-d is appeased, Moshe asks to see G-d's presence (and was denied) (33:18). While there are varying explanations as to what Moshe really wanted to see (from G-d's attributes to His essence), why would Moshe ask such a question right after G-d had gotten so angry that he threatened to destroy the world?

One possible answer lies in the very nature of struggle

and challenge. When we are faced with a challenge, whether we overcome it or succumb to it, the most valuable aspect of the challenge is the "WE". Not if, but WHEN a couple, a family, a community, a people is faced with a challenge, they naturally become more attached to each other, and grow more cohesive. This is often the point of life's challenges, although this is frequently overlooked. Moshe worked out a reprieve for the Jews with G-d, and as a result they became close enough that Moshe thought he had a chance to see G-d's essence, and although he was denied his request, Moshe was granted other insight. We too can gain insight into each other, as long as we focus on each other when faced with life's challenges!

Eiseman Named Finalist in National Merit

Dr. Brock is pleased to announce that Student Body President, Monte Eiseman, advanced from semi-finalist to finalist in the National Merit Competition. The National Merit Competition begins with results on the PSAT exam and continues from there to include grades, teacher recommendations, activities and accomplishments, community involvement and transcript analysis. Mazal Tov, Monte!

...and the University Acceptances Keep Coming

Kevin Wender received more good news from the University of Texas! Mazal Tov, Kevin!

Mantell Earns an Internship

Parker Mantell was asked by Republican Governor Candidate Zach Wamp to intern for his campaign this summer. As it turns out, the candidate called again and asked if he could begin as early as March 15 after school. Mazal Tov, Parker!

MJHS Art Students Participate in JCC Art Show

Ms. Carol DeForest was very proud of our art students at the Jewish Community Center Art Show last night. Student work was shown along with work from Hutchison, Lausanne, MHA, MUS and St. Mary's. Dr. Brock remarked that, “The show was wonderful. Our students’ work was fantastic. I am so glad they have had the

opportunity to work with Ms. DeForest who is by far the most talented art teacher in the city.”

MJHS Students and Parents Volunteer During Purim

MJHS students and parents including the entire Rubin family, the entire Vela family, and the Cohen family volunteered at Town Village during the Purim holiday. On the same day, Logan Bierman, Courtney Thomas, Natanel Brakha, Binyamin Besser, Parker Mantell, and Logan Belz along with Mrs. Bonnie Belz, Mr. Menasha Brakha and the entire Gellman family volunteered at the Jewish Home. Both groups read the Megillah and celebrated with the residents.

Model UN Students Return

The MJHS Model UN team returned from New York this week with Dr. Cowett. Our team studied El Salvador and put on a great effort. Team members included Parker Mantell, Courtney Thomas, Kevin Wender, Monte Eiseman and Jessica Rubin.

Great American Math Contest

Mrs. Indingaro led many of our math students in the Great American Math Contest this week. We will reveal the results of the contest when the scores are returned to the school.

MJHS Continues Community Service

An easy way to help our community is to save your tab tops! The MJHS students continue to save the tab tops from aluminum soda cans for Target House. Each year Target House earns about \$15,000 simply from the donations of the unpainted aluminum tabs from soda cans. The tabs have a far greater return than the cans themselves. This is an easy way we can continue to support the efforts of St. Jude by providing for families with children in treatment who stay at Target House. Please help with this effort and send your tabs into school.

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.

Toda Raba

To **Ms. DeForest** for leading our art students in the art show at the JCC!

To **Dr. Mark Cowett** for chaperoning our Model UN team in New York!

To **Ms. Ann Indingaro** for hosting the Great American Math Contest!

To **Mr. Stuart Frisch** for speaking to our students in Kabbalat Shabbat today!

Mazal Tov

To **Libbee Clifford and Ramona Ramdath** for celebrating birthdays!

To **Monte Eiseman** for being named a Finalist in the National Merit Competition!

To **Kevin Wender** for his acceptance into the University of Texas!

To **Parker Mantell** for earning an internship with Governor Candidate Zach Wamp!

