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Parsha: Yitro

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Candle Lighting 5:02 p.m.

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Havdalah 6:04 p.m.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, January 27- Keshet-Konnections 4. We will celebrate 60 years of Aliya with an **Israeli Music and Food Festival**. Through Israeli music and food the Memphis teens will get a real taste of the human puzzle 60 years of Aliya put together. They will learn how Israeli music developed over the past 60 year, and they will prepare an awesome Israeli lunch of Falafel, Humus, Malawach and more.

Monday, January 28 – MJHS night at Fed-Ex Forum. Our students will be the guests of honor at the Grizzlies-Mavericks game Monday night. It will be unforgettable. Meet no later than 6:30 at the main entrance of the Forum.

Past Week Events

We started our new PE program on Wednesday afternoons at the JCC. The students enjoyed a half an hour of spinning and free basketball time right after. It went well and we're happy to provide this opportunity.

A few parents attended the Tu-Bishvat experience on Wednesday night at the JCC. This event was organized by Torah-Mitzion Kolel of Memphis and the other Israeli Shlichim in town. We hope to see more community-wide events by Torah Mitzion, which brings a sense of Israel to our community.

Todah Raba

To Julie Nahon, Kara Bierman and Tami Eiseman for driving the students to the JCC on Wednesday.

To Ms. Agnes, our PE teacher for setting up our Wednesday program at the JCC.

To Betzy Wienblatt at the JCC for helping out with all the logistics.

D'var torah to Parshat Yitro by Jake Tobey

In the beginning of this Parsha we read about an interesting man. Moses' father-in-law, Yitro, hears of the great miracles which G-d performed for the people of Israel, and comes from Midian to the Israelite camp, bringing with him Moses' wife and two sons. Yitro advises Moses to appoint a hierarchy of magistrates and judges to assist him in the task of governing and administering justice to the people:

Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee; for the thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.

His advice seems so obvious in our eyes. How didn't Moses and the people think of it before?

One of the answers is, that they didn't think of it before because they were interested in a close relationship with Moses. Anyone who wishes could come right up to the nations leader, consult with him and ask for his opinion on any issue that comes up. This relationship is something no one wanted to change. We understand that it was not only to the people's interest but also to their leader. Moses was very happy to be available for anyone, any time. A close relationship of this loving leader with his people was the most precious thing for him. He enjoys each and every moment and he is not looking for solutions to 'solve' the problem! In his eyes it is not a problem at all. This close relationship is a privilege of a young nation and of any new growing organization. But everyone knows that it will have to change in order for it to grow and function properly in the future.

In cases like this, it takes someone from the outside, someone like Yitro who didn't go through all that the nation went through in Egypt. He doesn't really understand the uniqueness of the relationship and there for he is the right man to make changes, which are really a necessary transformation to the next step.

Good luck

We wish good luck to Mrs. Sherry Weinblatt, our former secretary, with her new job as the director of Hillel House at Memphis University.