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Parsha: Kedoshim

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Candle lighting 7:29 p.m.

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Havdalah 8:29 p.m.

*Mazal-Tov to our amazing State of Israel on its 60th birthday coming up this Thursday.
We are proud of our state, which has accomplished so much for such a young state.
We all pray for the welfare of the state, its security and success.*

Schedule of Events

Wednesday May 7th: IDF - Israeli Defense Force Memorial Day.

Thursday May 8th: **Yom Ha'atzmaut - Israel celebrates 60 years of independence.**

We will celebrate and mark this day with a special Hallel service, a visit to Putt-Putt followed by a BBQ lunch and lots of fun.

Monday May 26th: Celebrating 60 years of Israel Independence on Memorial Day in Shelby Farms. This is a very important community event to support Israel. All students and parents are invited to volunteer and help out. A volunteer meeting will take place this Sunday at 3:00pm at the JCC.

Past Week Events

On Thursday we marked **Yom-Hashoah**, Holocaust Memorial Day with a ceremony in our Library followed by a speech from Mrs. Hudson. It was touching and inspiring.

Butterfly project – Thursday's art classes were also dedicated to the Holocaust commemoration. MJHS join a national wide project called "**Zikaron V'tikvah**" (**Remembrance and Hope**) where students create clay butterflies, design them and later create a display on one of the school's bare walls.

More than 40 schools and communities in the world have joined this program. The goal is to reach 1.5 million butterflies as a powerful visual representation to remember the 1.5 million children who died in the Holocaust.

On Friday a group of students joined Ms. Deforest and Mr. Gellman at BSSS lower grade Kabbalat-Shabbat and designed clay butterflies with all students and parents.

You will see the display up on the wall before the end of the school year.

Parshat Kedoshim D'var-Torah, Binyamin Besser

A very famous quote from the Torah is "Do not curse a deaf man, and do not place a tumbling block before the blind". Why just say a deaf man or a blind man? Why not say everyone? Rashi goes on to answer both these questions. He says, that it stops at a deaf person cause the deaf are considered to be alive and that the prohibition therefore only applies to the living. As for the second part of the quote he says that this prohibition doesn't specifically have to do with the blind but with someone that wouldn't know better. For instance, if someone were to give someone else bad advice that he knew would turn out bad when he was giving the advice, this situation would fall under stumbling block before the blind. Which is clearly against Torah law.

Educational Corner

COLLEGE COUNSELING CORNER

From building preliminary college lists to completing applications, the Internet can help you in nearly every part of the college search. In the very beginning of the college search, a good place to start is with Web sites that provide databases of colleges. Depending on the site, you can type in the geographical area, size, setting, major(s) and other characteristics that interest you. You'll then see a list of colleges that match your preferences. These "comparative" sites are a great way to generate a college list to research further; in fact you might find colleges you haven't even considered. Some sites that offer college search options as well as other college information include:

Collegeboard.com
Collegedata.com
Collegeview.com
COOL Web site
eCampusTours.com
MyCollegeOptions.com
Princetonreview.com
Usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/coguide.htm
Petersons.com

Once you have a preliminary list of colleges that interest you, the Internet will be helpful in researching each college further. The best way to research colleges online are through the individual college Web sites and through email contact. Most comparative sites also provide links to college home pages, categorized alphabetically or geographically. These web sites are invaluable sources on selectivity, size, majors, courses offered, and campus settings. You can even access the college catalog and browse the student newspaper.

To make the most of a college's Web site, try these strategies:

- Use the online college catalog to ascertain requirements in a major, and study the courses offered and their descriptions to see if they are of interest to you.
- Look at the home pages of individual faculty members in majors that interest you-some post detailed syllabuses of their classes, descriptions of their research interests, and email addresses. If you have a specific question or two about a major, try sending a faculty member a short, polite email introducing yourself and asking your questions.
- Read the pages for prospective students thoroughly. They will give you basic information about the college, as well as some sense of the mission and priorities of the college.
- Visit the home pages of student organizations.
- Finally, if you have any questions about college admission information you find on the Internet, please contact me, Mrs. Pharr, your college counselor.

Mazal Tov

➤ **To Monte Eiseman- MJHS' HOBY Winner**



Each fall, every public and private high school in the United States is invited to select an outstanding sophomore for recognition and participation in the HOBY leadership seminars. HOBY, founded in 1958 by the veteran actor Hugh O'Brian, sponsors leadership seminars in each state. Nearly 9,000 sophomores, representing as many high schools nationwide, will attend their state's seminar that recognizes and develops leadership talents. These students return to their homes, schools, and communities as effective, ethical leaders and positive catalysts for change. The seminars provide high levels of energy, encouragement, and motivation, as well as interaction with peers, panelists, and volunteers that nurture each student's future leadership role. The students participate in hands-on leadership activities and meet state leaders in such areas as business, government, education, media, and the non-profit sector. Monte will attend Tennessee's seminar in Nashville, May 15-18. Congratulations to **Monte Eiseman**, MJHS' leadership recipient.

- To the Besser family on their final move back in to town.
- To the Rubin family on their recent move to their new residence.

May your homes be a source of happiness and blessing for you and the community!

Toda Raba

- To Logan Belz and Parker Mantell for volunteering at the Community Yom Hashoah event at the JCC.
- To Elana Malkin for her help with putting together the Yom-Ha'atzmaut event.
- To Mrs. Malkin for driving us to BSSS for Friday's Kabbalat Shabbat.
- To Mrs. Wender and Mrs. Nahon for driving us to the JCC on Wednesday.