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### **Barrack Juniors Return from Semester of Study in Israel Share Impressions with Families, Friends and Fellow Students**

Bryn Mawr, PA (January 20, 2009 :) Forty-two members of Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy's junior class returned from a semester of study in Israel this week and were enthusiastically greeted by their families, friends, and fellow students.

The 11<sup>th</sup> graders studied on the Alexander Muss High School Campus, located north of Tel Aviv, and explored Israel as a living classroom of Jewish history, culture and language. They lived with host families and spent time with family members of their own. Their experiences enriched them in myriad ways.

"My time in Israel was the most meaningful experience of my life," shares Ariel Belfer. "Throughout our four-month stay, our grade bonded together, and I made a stronger and deeper connection to the land, culture and people of Israel."

Samara Gordon agrees: "From a 5am hike up Masada to spending two weeks with a Yemenite family, my trip to Israel was filled with life-changing experiences and memories I will hold forever.....And everything conspired to make our last visit to the Western Wall, the Kotel, emotionally charged. I was impressed by the holiness, the antiquity of the wall, and the sunset... These all came together, symbolizing the importance of maintaining a connection with Israel, even in war time."

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“At the end of our semester, the Gaza War erupted,” explains Daniel Solway. “We discussed the situation and the frustration of trying to find a solution. We felt for the people in Gaza, and we also knew that rockets from Gaza were shelling Israeli towns. Our hope is that one day there will be peace.”

“Every day we discussed the situation in and news about the Gaza in class,” explains Eli Philip. “We truly understood the conflict by living through it.”

Thinking about all of his experiences, Daniel Solway concludes: “The four months I spent in Israel were the best four months of my life. I fell in love with the country, the people and the culture. And my Israel experiences were a good preparation for college and for life.”

Barrack Hebrew Academy provides a dynamic dual curriculum of college preparatory and Jewish Studies to students in grades 6-12. A pluralistic day school, Barrack Hebrew Academy welcomes students from every spectrum of Jewish observance and life. For information, contact Vivian Young, Director of Recruitment and Admissions: [vyoung@jbha.org](mailto:vyoung@jbha.org) or 610-922-2350.

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