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Barrack Campus Serves as Extension of School's Science Programs

February 3, 2009 (Bryn Mawr, PA:) "Our 35-acre campus serves as an extension of our new science labs and provides a hands-on environmental and ecological field laboratory for our students," shares Rhonda August, Head of Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy's science department.

On any given day, Middle School students take water samples from two fish ponds and the stream on campus for water and soil conservation studies; seniors in AP Environmental Science measure the ecological and economical value of trees; Environmental Action Club members replenish bird feeders; and engineering students launch rockets on the lawn.

On- campus science studies also inspire Middle School students to write poetry about the beauty of nature and take photographs of the campus. Their work will be collected into a calendar celebrating the seasons.

Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy provides a dynamic dual curriculum of college preparatory and Jewish studies to students in grades 6-12. Barrack welcomes students from every spectrum of Jewish observance and life. For Open House dates and information about the school's new merit-based and expanded need-based tuition opportunities, contact Vivian Young, Director of Recruitment and Admissions: vyoung@jbha.org or 610-922-2350.

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Photo Caption:

The True Value of Trees: Using a doyle stick and height gauge, Emily Alloy and Stuart Goldberg, members of Barrack Hebrew Academy's AP Environmental Science course, measure the value of an "average" tree on campus. From there they estimate the total number of trees on campus and evaluate the ecological vs. the economical value of the trees. Their verdict: the trees are worth more environmentally to the campus ecosystem than they are as a source of lumber.

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