



A PHILADELPHIA AREA DAY SCHOOL
FOR STUDENTS GRADES 6-12

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Rapper Y-Love to Climax Israel 60 Events at Barrack Hebrew Academy *Day-Long Program to Feature Cultural and Culinary Festivities on May 8*

Merion Station, PA (April 23, 2008): Y-Love, the African American Hip Hop artist who converted to Orthodox Judaism, will rap in Hebrew, Yiddish, Aramaic, Arabic, and English climaxing a day-long celebration of Israel's 60th Anniversary of Independence presented by Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy on Monday, May 8.

“The event-filled day will kick off with an Israeli breakfast, followed by festivities that focus on the historic relationship between Israel and the United States,” shares Josh Belfer, Barrack student and president of the school's Israel Club. “We are also inviting Israel and Interfaith Clubs from other schools in the region to join our celebration.”

Morning events include a simulated stroll down Ben Yehuda Street and around Times Square in NYC; Israeli folk dancing, Krav Maga (Israeli martial arts) instruction, visits to a Bedouin tent, student models of Israeli buildings, and a film followed by a speaker from AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee.)

After a falafel lunch, Y-Love will present a concert that uniquely combines sets in Hebrew, Yiddish, Aramaic, Arabic and English. Born in Brooklyn, Y-Love, aka Yitchak Jordan, studied in Israel and officially converted to Orthodox Judaism in 2000.

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The school will be fully decorated in celebration of Israel 60, and students and faculty will don specially-designed t-shirts, adding a festive touch to an eventful day.

A schedule of events to-date follows:

8:20am - Israeli breakfast for entire school and introduction to day's programs

8:45am- Film and AIPAC speaker

10- 10:25am - Ben Yehuda Street and Times Square experiences

10:30- 12:30 - Multiple Events: Bedouin Tent, Israeli Folk Dancing, Krav Maga (Martial Arts)

12:30- Falafel Lunch for the entire school at the Ben Yehuda and Times Square sites

1:15pm- Y-Love Concert

“Jack M. Barrack joyfully celebrates Israel 60 at school and will also participate in the community-wide celebration on Sunday, May 18,” shares Oded Philip, Israel Club advisor.

Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy provides a dynamic dual curriculum to coeducational students in grades 6-12. The school welcomes students from every spectrum of Jewish observance and life. This fall, Barrack Hebrew Academy will move to a new 35-acre campus and state-of-the art facilities in Bryn Mawr. For information, contact Vivian Young, Director of Recruitment and Admission: vyoung@jbha.org or 610-667-4070 ext. 144.

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