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JACK M. BARRACK HEBREW ACADEMY “GETS THE BALL ROLLING” ON VIBRANT NEW CAMPUS

Construction Celebration Marks Renovation Progress of New Facilities Highlighted by Ground breaking of Raymond and Ellen Goldberg Tennis Center

Merion Station, PA (May 8, 2008): [Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy](http://www.jbha.org), the oldest secondary Jewish community day school in North America, will kick off an exciting new chapter in the 62-year history of the school on Monday, May 12 with a construction celebration and ceremonial ground breaking of the Raymond and Ellen Goldberg Tennis Center at its new state-of-the-art campus in Bryn Mawr, PA. A steel beam will also be signed, climaxing ceremonies.

“We are very excited to see a dream become a reality and to officially recognize the progress we are making in the renovation of our new facility,” said Jay A. Dorsch, Barrack Hebrew Academy Board President. “It is also appropriate to break ground on the site of our new tennis courts and competitive playing fields that will provide, for the first time in our school’s history, a true “home court” advantage! Our ground breaking today is symbolic of the many advantages our students, parents and community will enjoy in our new surroundings.”

In September 2008, the school will move to a new 35-acre campus in Bryn Mawr. Renovations are underway on the two buildings the school will occupy: the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy education building and a multi-use building that will house administrative offices and a new gym. The facilities will include new “smart” classrooms; science labs; cutting-edge technology, including a wireless environment; an expanded library and media center; a multi-use Beit Midrash; and a new 2 ½ story gymnasium, playing fields and tennis courts.

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The school will anchor the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Radnor Campus, the future hub of Jewish learning, leadership and excellence in education in the Philadelphia region.

"Today we symbolically pass our ground breaking shovels from one generation to the next, underscoring the importance of carrying on the beauty of Jewish learning and life to future generations of family and community," said Rabbi Philip D. Field, Head of School.

About [Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy](#)

Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy, originally founded in 1946 as Akiba Hebrew Academy, provides a dynamic dual curriculum of college preparatory and Jewish studies to coeducational students in grades 6-12. Barrack Hebrew Academy welcomes students from every spectrum of Jewish observance and life. The school will move to a new 35-acre campus in the fall of 2008.

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