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FOR STUDENTS GRADES 6-12

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New Era Begins for Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy

Founded in 1946 as the oldest, pluralistic, secondary Jewish community day school in North America, Akiba Hebrew Academy was officially named the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy on September 10, 2007. The school was named in memory of the older brother of Leonard Barrack, Akiba alum, class of 1960. Mr. Barrack and his wife Lynne, directors of the Barrack Foundation, presented a \$5 million gift to the school that will be used in large part for scholarships, assuring that more students will benefit from a stellar Jewish day school education. **Barrack Hebrew Academy will move to state-of-the-art facilities on the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Radnor campus in the fall of 2008.**

Carrying on an illustrious 61-year tradition, Barrack Hebrew Academy provides a dynamic dual curriculum of academic excellence and Jewish studies to coeducational students in grades 6-12. Barrack is the one place in the region where students from all Jewish backgrounds come

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together to learn, to grow, to lead, and to give back to the community. Students live Jewish values every day and carry on the tradition of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world), participating in a wide variety of community service programs.

Barrack students also earn among the highest SAT scores in the region and are accepted to prestigious colleges and universities throughout the United States and Israel. Learning is a dialogue, not a monologue at Barrack Hebrew Academy where students forge strong bonds with talented, caring faculty members who inspire all students to achieve their personal best.

In addition to senior AP math, science, English, history and language courses, the school recently introduced an Honors pilot program in English and history for 11th graders. A comprehensive resource program has been expanded to meet the needs of students with learning differences. Barrack Hebrew Academy's innovative curriculum is matched by stimulating extracurricular programs that include a world-class drama program and championship sports teams.

Barrack graduates are prepared to become active participants and leaders in an ever-changing world. Noted author Mitch Albom, State Representative Josh Shapiro, jazz musician Uri Caine, Judaic artist Mordecai Rosenstein, ABC-TV Senior Correspondent Jake Tapper, and Jewish communal leader Rabbi David Wolpe are among the school's celebrated alumni. For further information, contact Vivian Young, Director of Recruitment and Admissions: 610-667-4070 ext. 144 or vyoung@jbha.org. And ask her about the additional tuition assistance programs available to qualified families.

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