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FOR STUDENTS GRADES 6-12

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Barrack Hebrew Academy Seniors Greet 2009 With Smiles Receive College Early Decision Acceptances

Bryn Mawr, PA (December 23, 2008) A number of Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy seniors received early decision acceptances from the colleges of their choice and will be heading off to such outstanding colleges and universities this fall as Brown, Colgate, Emory, Franklin & Marshall, Johns Hopkins, Sarah Lawrence, Yale, the University of Pennsylvania's Huntsman Program, Drexel University's Westphal College of Media Arts and Design, and Vanderbilt," shares Carol Jacobs, the school's Director of College Guidance.

"The college search process and application preparation begin early at Barrack and are designed to help each student explore college and university options that best match his or her individual academic and social goals, as well as financial needs," adds Mrs. Jacobs who begins to meet with students in 11th grade when she presents a series of workshops. Topics include: College Research, College Essays, Financial Opportunities, College Visits, Successful Interviewing Strategies, and the Application Process. Individual meetings are then scheduled with students and their families to explore options and move along the process in a productive way. Every year a college financial aid expert also meets with students and families.

"Although our students often have their hearts set on one particular college or university and apply for early decision," adds Mrs. Jacobs, "we stress that students will thrive and succeed in a number of schools. The important thing is to help students through a process of self-discovery so that they can identify what they want out of college and then create a list of options that match their goals, passions and needs. The result: 100% of our students go on to college and 2,400 of our alumni play leading roles in all aspects of society at home and abroad."

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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 information, contact Vivian Young, Director of Recruitment and Admissions: vyoung@jbha.org or 610-922-2350.

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