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Dr. Steven M. Brown Announces New Jewish Studies/TaNaKH Department Chair

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of **Rabbi Judd Kruger Levingston, PhD** as chair of the Jewish Studies/TaNaKH Department here at Barrack starting in the next school year. Rabbi Levingston is a product of Phillips Exeter Academy and graduated Harvard University with an A.B. Magna Cum Laude in History and Science, and coursework in Chinese studies. While in college Judd participated in Cross-Country and Track, did community service at Philips Brooks House and earned a Certificate in Chinese Studies, having spent time at Peking University, Beijing. As a Wexner Graduate Fellow, he went on to be ordained as a rabbi at JTS and participated in the Teachers College, Columbia University Klingenstein Center Private School Leadership Program. Judd received his doctorate in Jewish Education at JTS in 2002 and his dissertation was entitled Startlingly Moral. Rabbi Levingston served as Principal of the Ivry Prozdor, the JTS high school department and then as Principal of the Solomon Schechter High School of New York. He came to Philadelphia to serve as Head of the Upper School of Chestnut Hill Academy and for the last several years he has been an instructor in Rabbinics at the Saligman Middle School of the Perelman Jewish Day School. He is an adjunct instructor at Temple University in the Department of Religion. Rabbi Levingston's new book: *Sowing the Seeds of Character: Adolescent Moral Education in Public and Private Schools* which explores different moral outlooks and the moral lives of students in a Moslem school, a Quaker school, a Roman Catholic School ,a Jewish school, a Chinese Sunday-only program will be published shortly by Praeger Publishers (Westport, CT). Rabbi Levingston is known to many in our community as a wonderful scholar and teacher, and we look forward to his leadership and the contributions he will make to our faculty and students. As department chair he will oversee curriculum development and implementation, supervise faculty, and work closely with our director of informal education to see that Jewish life and practice are embedded in our school culture. Judd's children Serena is in Grade 1 at the Forman Center of the Perelman Jewish Day School, Miranda is in Grade 6 at the Springside School, Philadelphia, and Ivan is in Grade 9 ('12) at JBHA. His wife Hillary is a physician at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). They live in Mt. Airy and are active members of the Germantown Jewish Centre, serving in several volunteer capacities. I know you join me in welcoming him in this new professional capacity to our school.