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Benainu "Between Us"



Welcome back to the students who studied in Israel.

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Candle Lighting: 4:34pm
Shabbat Ends: 5:44pm

Newsflash!

College Early Decision Acceptances: A number of Barrack seniors received college early decision acceptances last month to such outstanding colleges and universities as **Brown, Colgate, Drexel** (Westphal College of Media Arts & Design), **Emory, Franklin & Marshall, George Washington, Hobart & William Smith, Johns Hopkins, Penn** (including acceptance to the prestigious Huntsman Program), **Sarah Lawrence, Syracuse, Tufts, Vanderbilt** and **Yale**. Congratulations to all.

Juniors in Israel Return on Tuesday, January 13. Forty-two members of our junior class who spent a semester studying in Israel will return to our campus **this Tuesday around 9 am** and will be picked up by their parents who will receive a detailed arrival email today. A special thanks is extended to **Oded Philip** who will travel at 4am to meet and greet the returning students at Newark Airport. **Welcome back!**

Super Sunday at Barrack: Barrack Hebrew Academy will host **The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Super Sunday on January 25**. There are **two phoning sessions: 9am-1pm** and **4-9pm**. We urge all members of our Barrack family to sign up for this very vital community fundraising event.

ניחום אבלים

CONDOLENCES:

With much sadness, we inform you of the recent passing of **Malvina Charlestein**, beloved wife of **Morton Charlestein**, mother of **Rabbi Gary Charlestein (Laya)** and grandmother of **Julie Benjamin (Darryl)**, **Jordan Charlestein '93 aka Dream Smith z'l**, **Elysa Charlestein '96 (Marlon Franklin)** and **Ari Charlestein**. Rabbi Charlestein is a member of Barrack's Board of Directors, and along with his family, is a benefactor of our school. Funeral Services were held at Har Zion Temple on January 5. Shiva is being observed at the home of Morton Charlestein. Minyan times are 7:30am and 4:45pm today and this Sunday, January 11 at 9am. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the entire family.

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MAZEL TOV:

Mazel tov to Dr. Megan K. Pugach '95, daughter of Upper School **Principal Leslie Pugach** and husband Richard, on her cover article that appeared in the January issue of *The Journal of Dental Research*.

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ALUMNI NEWS:

Final Opportunity to purchase copies of **Rabbi David Wolpe's** new book, **Why Faith Matters**, and support our Akiba-Barrack Alumni Association. David Wolpe is an alum of the class of '76. Books are \$18 per copy and can be ordered via check (made payable to the Akiba-Barrack Alumni Association) or via PayPal. Contact Randi Butow for details: rbutow@jbha.org or 610-922-2328.

On the Court: The All-Alumni Basketball Game was a success, with participants from the 1970s through 2007 enjoying a spirited game. Some former Lady Cougars participated as players, and others brought the potential next generation of Cougars, ages 2 months to 12 years. Thanks to alum parents **Blima Ludmir**, **Barbara Medoff-Cooper** and **Jo Steinhart** for planning the event.

Alumni/Former Faculty Reunion in Israel: With a prayer in our hearts for peace and safety in Israel, members of the Akiba-Barrack family will meet in Israel and hear a taped greeting from **Dr. Steven M. Brown** and view a DVD of a Barrack school assembly in support of Israel. We thank Barrack Film Club and Class of 2010 members **Daniel Hatooka**, **Omri Dorani**, **Alex Moshal**, **David Stein**, and **Josh Stein** for filming the very moving assembly presented by members of our Israel Club.

Congratulations to Vivian Falk '68 and her husband **Bernard** on the wedding of their daughter **Talia** to **Elie Hassenfeld**.

Congratulations to Carol and Joe Friedman on the engagement of their son, **Aaron Friedman '01** to **Dahlia Bernstein**. They are both graduates of the Joint Program at Jewish Theological Seminary/Columbia University. Aaron is the brother of **Zack '01** and **Jake '99**. A June '09 wedding is planned.

Mazel tov to Jay Levin '73 and his wife **Mindy** on the engagement of their son, **Jack**, to **Dina Pur**.

Congratulations to Dan Vogel '99 on his engagement to **Katie Dunphy**.

Condolences to Marshall (Roseanne) Lesack '97 on the loss of his father, **Burton Lesack**.

Condolences to Daniel '97 (Alicia), **David '01** and **Shayna '03** on the loss of their father, **Mark Stern**.

SPORTS UPDATE:

Two Aces: Congratulations to seniors **Alex Lieb** and **Remy Raevsky** who were named to the **2008 All-Main Line high school girls' tennis team**. Their photos and stats appeared in the January 1 issue of *The Main Line Times*.

EXCITING NEWS:

More Tuition Assistance and Merit Scholarship Funds: Pass the Word! Due to the generosity of Barrack benefactors, we have expanded our already existing tuition assistance and merit scholarship programs to help families of all economic backgrounds provide their children with a stellar Barrack education. We are currently providing funds to families with incomes ranging from \$20,000 to over \$200,000, depending on individual circumstances. And for students new to Barrack, our **Rabbis' Scholarship merit tuition grant** has been **increased to \$5,000 for the first year** and **\$3,600 thereafter** for scholars in good standing. Tell your family and friends about this exciting news. To schedule a visit and explore new opportunities, contact **Vivian Young**, today at vyoung@jbha.org or 610-922-2350.

Save the Date: Barrack Hebrew Academy will proudly honor **Beryl D. Simonson**, past parent, past Board member, Past President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, and staunch supporter of Jewish Day School education, on **Sunday, March 29, 6-8pm** in our new dining commons. Beryl was instrumental in securing a new home for our school. Please plan to join us for a festive cocktail party.

MORE NEWS:

Rallying for Israel: Six busses carried Barrack students, faculty and administration to the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's **Solidarity with Israel Rally** held in Love Park on Thursday, where everyone enthusiastically participated in events whose overriding theme sited Israel's right for self-defense and expressed hope for peace in Israel and throughout the Middle East. Our students carried creative homemade signs as well as Barrack signs, making our school's presence and support known. Barrack Board members, parents and alumni rallied for Israel, as well. **Dr. Steven M. Brown** extended a special thanks to the **Israel Club** and **Oded Philip**, advisor, for all their preparation for the event; to **Ray Leven** who helped organize the busses; and to faculty and administrative members who participated. Dr. Brown added that he was very proud of all our students and Barrack participants.

A Special Invitation: The students of Tanakh 12-1 invite you to a panel discussion marking the culmination of their unit on the Prophets that will also include a discussion of classical and modern commentators on their prophetic texts. The panel discussion will be held in our school auditorium on **Wednesday, January 14, 8:30-10:30am**. The invitation is issued by the following members of the Class of 2009: **Emily Alloy, Leah Apple, David Barnett, David Carel, Rebecca Carpey, Ross Elkin, Stuart Goldberg, Sam Mellits, Rachel Schwartz, Sam Sittenfield, Jonah Stern, Daniel Weinblatt, Jon Wexler**, and by their teacher, **Andrea Rock**.

Art Workshop: Barrack 9th, 10th and 12th grade art majors will participate in an Art Workshop with visiting artist **Emily Steinberg** on **Thursday, January 15**. The workshop will begin after lunch and run until 5pm.

SA Ski Trip: Get ready to ski to your heart's content at Camel Back Ski Resort on **Thursday, January 29**. Everyone is invited to participate. This is a great way to relax after finals. Registration forms are available from **Mrs. Rubin, Rabbi Yondorff** or **Mr. Kamen**. Check should be made

payable to the *JBHA Student Association*. Forms and check are **due by Friday, January 16**. Forms are available on the Benainu homepage.

JBHA Cougars Warm Stuff Sale! The **Class of 2010** is selling **11 styles** of hats, scarves, blankets, and ear-warmers that will be embroidered with a cool JBHA Cougars logo. Details and order forms are on the *Benainu* homepage. Keep warm, show your school spirit and support our junior class by ordering your warm stuff today!

Save the date. The Upper School drama production of *Third* is set for **February 8-11, 2009, 7pm** in our school auditorium. The play will be directed by **Georgia Robbins-Gerike '09**.

Coffee House: A Barrack Coffee House is scheduled for **Thursday, February 12**. All those interested in performing at the Coffee House please reply via email to Rachel Schwartz '09: rachel.schwartz@jbha.org All grades are invited to participate in this informal get together filled with fun, music, food and camaraderie. So plan to spotlight your talent or just come to enjoy the evening.

Artifact Alley Answers: The artifacts that were displayed by our 6th grade budding archeologists are identified on our website. Test your answers by clicking on our website (www.jbha.org) and then click on *Gallery* at the bottom of the page. Click on Middle School activities, class of 2015- - Artifact Alley. We thank our 6th graders and **Judith Pransky** for another fascinating and fun-filled Artifact Alley event.

Egalitarian Minyan: If you are interested in learning more about Barrack's egalitarian minyan, please contact **Sarah Waxman:** swaxman@jbha.org.

HSA Drug Awareness Program: HSA will host a Drug Awareness program featuring speakers from the Montgomery County Narcotics Division on **Tuesday, January 20, 7pm** in our school auditorium.

Save the Date: A 10th Grade early evening get together is set for **Sunday, January 25, 2009** at the home of **Aviva Leberman**. Time to be announced.

Best Cake Challah Sale: Senior fundraising continues with the sale of freshly baked challot from Best Cake Kosher Bakery. Great for Shabbat dinner, holidays, and everyday snacking. To order, print the form from the Benainu homepage and submit it to **Mrs. Rubin** at the front desk. Thank you!

HSA Reminder: HSA sells kippot and benchers for special events. Please contact **Susan Rosen** at 610-405-5360.

Next Open House: Tuesday, February 3, 9am to noon. Spread the word!

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LOOKING AHEAD:

Jan 15: Art Majors Workshop

Jan 20: HSA Drug Education Program for Parents

Jan 25: Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Super Sunday

Jan 25: 10th Grade Student Get Together

Jan 29: SA Ski Trip

Feb 3: Open House

Feb 8-11: Upper School Drama: *Third*

Feb 12: JBHA Coffee House

If you have news directly related to the Barrack Hebrew Academy family, please email it to Beverly Rosen at brosen@jbha.org.