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Benainu "Between Us"

Congratulations to our boys' soccer team, the new Tri-County League Champions!

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Soccer Champs! Congratulations to our boys' soccer team who captured the **Tri-County Championship League title** yesterday, defeating Phelps 1-0. Hurrah for **Daniel Gavrillov '09** who scored the only goal in the game. Way to go team and **Coach Jerry Kleger**.

Save the Date: The Akiba-Barrack Alumni Association will present **An Evening With David J. Wolpe '76** on **Tuesday, November 18**, in our school auditorium. Rabbi Wolpe will discuss his latest book: **Why Faith Matters**. A sponsors' reception, will begin at 6:30pm, followed by the program and dessert reception at 7:30pm. For further information, contact **Sue Gordon** at 610-922-2326 or sgordon@jbha.org.

Support our Annual Fund Drive: By now, you have received an all-important annual fund letter. We urge you to support this vital fund in the most generous way possible. Thank you!

HSA Bowling Bash Cancelled: The originally scheduled Sunday, November 9, 5-7pm, Barrack Family Bowling Bash has been cancelled.

ניחום אבלים

CONDOLENCES:

It is with sadness that we inform you of the recent passing of the mother of past parent **Raphael Cohen (Andrea)** and grandmother of **Arielle Cohen Friedman '00** and **Michael Cohen '01**.

Condolences to **Marc Melnicoff '82** and his wife **Ruth** on the passing of Marc's beloved mother, **Sylvia Melnicoff**.

שמחות

MAZEL TOV:

Mazel tov to **David Yasgur '14** who celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah* on October 25th. Congratulations, too, to his parents, **Bruce and Janice!**

Mazel tov to Robin Batoff, wife of **Jerry**, Barrack Board member, and mother of **Ben '12** and **Caroline '13** for being the recipient of the **Mrs. Isidore Kohn Young Leadership Award** presented by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

בוגרים

ALUMNI NEWS:

Baby News from Israel: Mazel tov to Ariel Maik '97 and his wife **Tzirel** on the birth of a son. The family lives in Jerusalem.

Baby News from Canada: Renee Feldman Baltuch '93 of Montreal, Canada and her husband **Ted** announce the birth of **Maximillian Leopold** on October 10. **Big brother Philip** is 18 months old.

IT is it for Barrack alum: Congratulations to Marnee Klein '04 who finished her stint as an IT guru at Barrack and began her IT job with Drexel University, serving Cabrini College's IT needs. Marnee is the daughter of **Libby Klein**, a member of the Barrack staff.

Google in Israel: Joseph Schorr '03 works as a software engineer for Google in New York and Israel. He graduated from the U of P's School of Engineering and Applied Science and the Wharton School of Business with a BS in Engineering and a BS in Economics. He also earned a Masters of Science in Engineering (Computer and Information Science).

Engaging News: Mazel tov to Rebecca Weiss Schalb '98 on her engagement to **Brian Hartstein**. Rebecca is an attorney in Chicago. She met Brian, also an attorney in Chicago, while attending Georgetown Law School.

Young Alumni Thanksgiving Reunion: Members of the classes 2003-2008 are invited to a Thanksgiving Homecoming and Reunion on **Wednesday, November 26, 11am-1:30pm** in our new facilities. The program will include lunch, games on the soccer field, a tour of the new facilities, and an opportunity to meet with classmates and teachers. Invitations are in the mail.

מה עוד חדש

SPORTS UPDATE:

Girls' Soccer News: Our Lady Cougars ended their season last week, earning 4th place in the Penn Jersey League. **Coach Kim Gillio** congratulates the team on their amazing dedication and is very proud of every team member. The **Team All-Stars** are seniors **Rebecca Abramson** and **Emily Alloy**, junior **Sarah Salz**, and freshmen **Sivan Ben-Maimon** and **Tamara Moskowitz**. Although the team will miss their senior members, they have young talent that will lead the way next season. The team roster includes: seniors **Becca Abramson**, **Emily Alloy**, **Shira Grife**, **Paige Glassman**; juniors **Miriam Rock**, **Sarah Saltz**, **Judy Zwillenberg**, and **Valeriy Valtsis**; sophomores **Samantha Goldfrad**, **Yael Leberman**, **Yana List**, **Elle Nadav**, **Zoe Steier**, and **Davida Vogel**; and freshmen **Sivan Ben-Maimon**, **Leonie Cohen**, **Tamara Moskowitz**, **Jenna Glassman**, **Rachel Gordon**, **Ariel Gordon** and **Danielle Wachs**.

Off and Running-Barrack Cross Country Updates: Last Thursday, was Barrack's invitational held at Belmont Plateau. **The men scored 129 points** to get 5th place overall out of 8. **The women**, with 9 points, scored second out of 4 teams. On the men's side junior **Jon Pressman** ran a season's second best of 19-21. Freshman **Ezra Solway**, broke 20 minutes by running 19.46. Senior **David Carel**, team captain, ran 20.59, running a **season's second best for his record**. Senior **Gavriel Gefen** ran a 26.42 for his second race of the season. Sophomore **Captain Betsy Silverstein won**

the women's race and set another season best time of 23.29, beating her time of 23.47 less than a week earlier. Sophomore **Captain Jessica Wolfson** ran a 29.50 race.

Looking for Tennis Racquets: If you have any gently used tennis racquets that you would like to donate to our school, please contact **Coach Kim Gillio:** kgillio@jbha.org Thank you!

MORE NEWS:

It Was a Grand Day! Over 100 grandparents and grandfriends joined us for a special day in school with their grandstudents. They were warmly welcomed by **Dr. Steven M. Brown**, Head of School; **Dr. Robert L. Brent**, Barrack Grandparent and Board member; **Helena Lehrer**, Upper School Principal; and **Leslie Pugach**, Middle School Principal. They then attended classes with their students, followed by lunch in our new dining commons. The day concluded with photos on the patio. We thank everyone who contributed to the success of this GRAND DAY!

Look for Dr. Brown's OP Ed Piece: Be sure to read Dr. Steven M. Brown's Op Ed piece in this week's *Jewish Exponent*. The piece is entitled **Resurgent Day School Movement Dispels Hosts of Misconceptions** and details the coming-of-age of today's Jewish day schools and the many benefits of a Jewish day school education.

More Lawns Needed: We thank those families who have volunteered to-date to place a sign on their lawns, promoting the school play at the end of November and our December 2 Open House. **We would like to add more families to the list.** If you are willing to place a sign on your lawn, please contact **Bev Rosen** (brosen@jbha.org) by Wednesday. Include your name and email address. In this way, we will know how many signs to order. This type of marketing will help raise awareness of our school and spread the word. Thank you!

School Mock Election News: Barrack students, faculty and staff cast their votes on Election Day, with the Barrack-Biden ticket winning the election. Many thanks to **Sharon Levin** and **Leslie Pugach** for organizing the mock election.

Middle School Community Service in Action: Middle school students will embark on a Chesed trip **Wednesday, November 12**, and will provide community service in a number of ways. The **8th grade** will read to Adath Israel nursery school students; the **7th grade** will participate in trail work at the Wissahickon Restoration Project; and the **6th grade** will package food and create Thanksgiving Day cards at the Philabundance warehouse.

HSA NEWS: **Rabbi Jay Stein** discussed: *Shabbat: Heschel's Cathedral in Time* with enthusiastic participants during an HSA Barrack Bagels and Learning session. Thank you, Rabbi Stein.

Tell a Friend: Word-of-Mouth advertising is impactful! Our next Open House is **Tuesday, December 2**. Invite your friends, neighbors and family members to explore our new facilities, and let them know about the many benefits of a Barrack education. Also invite prospective families to visit and tour at their convenience by contacting **Vivian Young:** vyoung@jbha.org or 610-922-2350. **If you have names of family members, neighbors and friends who you know would enjoy touring Barrack and have children who would enjoy the many benefits of a Barrack education, please email names and contact information to Vivian.** Thank you!

More Tuition Assistance and Merit Scholarship Funds: Pass the Word! Due to the generosity of Barrack benefactors, we now have expanded tuition assistance and merit scholarship funds 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 \$200,000, depending on individual circumstances. And our **Rabbis' Scholarship merit stipend** 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: vyoung@jbha.org or 610-922-2350.

Special Program with Dr. Steven M. Brown: Our Head of School, **Dr. Steven M. Brown**, will speak about *Pluralism in the Jewish Community* at **Congregation Beth Am Israel**, 1301 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley on **Monday, November 10, 7pm**. Dr. Brown will explore the meaning of pluralism; discuss what pluralism looks like in an educational and congregational setting, as well as how pluralism impacts our community. Don't miss this opportunity to engage in a lively and enlightening discussion.

Art Museum Trip: Barrack 12th graders will visit the Art Museum on **Tuesday, November 11**.

11th Grade Parent Brunch: 11th grade parents, Muss and Non-Muss, are invited to a brunch hosted at the home of **Linda and Jake Kriger** on **Sunday, December 14**.

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 JBHA website and submit it to Mrs. Rubin at the front desk. Thank you!

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

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LOOKING AHEAD:

Nov 10: Dr. Brown Speaks at Congregation Beth Am Israel

Nov 12; Middle School Chesed Trip

Nov 18: An Evening with David J. Wolpe

Nov 26: Young Alumni Thanksgiving Reunion

Nov 30-Dec 3: Barrack Repertory Company's production of *The Dining Room*

Dec. 2: Barrack Open House- Spread the word!

Dec 14: 11th Grade Parents Brunch

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