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Benainu "Between Us"

7th Annual Tribute – Sunday, March 29th



There's No Place Like Home... Our Home

honoring

Beryl D. Simonson

Please have ads in by March 4th.

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Terumah

Candle Lighting: 5:31pm

Shabbat Ends: 6:41pm

7th Annual Tribute Event: Join us on March 29 to salute Beryl D. Simonson for his many contributions to education, Jewish life and the community: We hope you have received your invitation and plan to join us in toasting Beryl by supporting Barrack Hebrew Academy with an ad in our Tribute Book and celebrating with us on Sunday, March 29, 6-9pm at our new home. Tribute book ad forms and information about March 29th festivities are on our website. Just log onto www.jbha.org and **click** on the ruby slippers. For detailed information, contact Randi Butow: rbutow@jbha.org or 610-922-2328. We would appreciate receiving your ad forms by Wednesday, March 4.

Barrack's JV JETS Team Captures First Place: Congratulations to all the members of our junior varsity Junior Engineering and Technology Society Team **who captured first place in the Widener University JETS competition.** Working together, the team answered 80 questions and solved 4 complex, college-level engineering problems with their combined knowledge of science and mathematics. They also competed against schools much larger than Barrack Hebrew Academy. Team members include 11th graders **Sarah Saltz** (team captain), **Gabriel Gorelick**, and **Judy Zwillenberg**; 10th graders **Leon Davis**, **Zoe Steier**, **Zachary Taylor**; and 9th grader **Samm Stein-Azin**. **Kathy Saltz** is the JETS Team advisor.

Middle School Musical: Don't miss this delicious treat! A musical adaptation of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* will be presented by our talented Middle School students. Shows are:

this Sunday, March 1 at 2pm

Monday evening, March 2 at 7pm

in our school auditorium. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for Barrack students and faculty.

Israeli Film Festival Screening at Barrack: FREE admission is being extended to Barrack Hebrew Academy students, faculty, administration and staff. Barrack Hebrew Academy will host an Israeli Film Festival of Greater Philadelphia screening of the award-winning film *The Beetle* in our auditorium on **Saturday, March 14, 8:30pm, followed by a dessert reception for the entire audience.** The entire community is invited. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. Tickets can be purchased online: www.iffphila.com.



Open House Dates: Barrack Hebrew Academy will host **Open Houses** on **Tuesdays, March 3** and **May 5, 9am-noon**. Spread the word.

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MAZEL TOV:

Mazel Tov to Sarah Wolfson '14 who will celebrate her **Bat Mitzvah on March 7** and to her parents **Ellen Hotzman** and **Joseph Wolfson** and sister **Jessica '11**.

Congratulations to Judy Zwillenberg '10 for winning the World Language Week slogan contest. Here is her winning entry: *Languages are the keys that unlock the world!*

בוגרים

ALUMNI NEWS:

All in the Family: Congratulations to Miriam Berkowitz Blue '96 and her husband **Phillip** on the **birth of their daughter, Talia Ruth**. Mazel tov also to **Grandmother Shelley Targan Schorr '63** and **Grandaunt Judith Targan Abrahamson '63**.

Congratulations to Joshua Shaneson '02 and his wife **Daphna** on the birth of a son. The family is living in Israel.

מה עוד חדש

SPORTS:



_ Girls Lacrosse: The first lacrosse clinic was great. **Our next clinic is set for Sunday, March 1, 3-5pm in the school gym**. Interested girls should see **Coach Kurtz**.

MORE NEWS:

HSA Barrack Bagels and Learning: Barrack parents are invited to hear **Rabbi Leonard Gordon** of the Germantown Jewish Center talk about *Preparing Your Passover Seder: Making the Social Justice Connections*, on **Friday, March 6, 8-9:30am** in the Athletic Building Alumni Conference room. Join us for this timely discussion!

Annual Drama Department Fundraiser: A festive **Cabaret** themed *All That Glitters: A Salute to the Golden Age of Broadway* is set for **Sunday, March 15, 7pm**, in our school's dining commons. This major fundraiser will feature the cast of *Beauty and the Beast*, **Akiba-Barrack alumni**, **Dewey Oriente-Cassidy** and **Jim Wade** on the piano. **Admission is \$12**. Light refreshments will be served. Come out and support Barrack's award-winning drama department.



Strut Your Support Fashion Event: Barrack Hebrew Academy will host our school's first-ever fashion fundraiser, **Strut Your Support**, on Tuesday evening, **March 17, 7pm in our dining commons**. The event will benefit the **Tikva Children's Home for abandoned or homeless Jewish children in the Ukraine**. The ultimate goal is to help the children emigrate to Israel. Organized by 10th graders **Nicole Henzel** and **Shoshana Reich**, the evening will feature a light dinner catered by *Max and David's*, followed by a stylish fashion show, exciting raffle, live DJ, and an after party presented by RakDan. Event packages follow:

VIP Package: Admission for four; VIP seating, and 12 raffle tickets all for \$118.

Haute Couture Package: Admission for two; 8 raffle tickets all for \$54.

Fashionista Package: Admission for one and 2 raffle tickets, all for \$15.

ALL packages must be prepaid by March 10, 2009.

Fashionably late admission is \$20 at the door.

For details, email Nicole.Henzel@jbha.org or Shoshana.Reich@jbha.org

Send a Purim Gift to Israeli Soldiers: **The Israel Club** is collecting funds to send Mishloach Manot to Israeli soldiers serving on the front lines. Each gift basket costs \$10 and gladdens the hearts of the soldiers as depicted in a moving film, *Purim Project 2008*, that the Club screened for our students. **Hanan Leberman '04, a paratrooper in the Israeli army**, was a guest speaker. Faculty member **Allen Gottlieb** also talked about his son, **Amishai Gottlieb '04**, who is also an Israeli paratrooper. Both speakers related how important and appreciated the soldiers feel when they are remembered by others at Purim. **To support the Purim Project 2009**, please make a check out to Israel Club JBHA or put cash in an envelope and send your contributions with your students. Contributions can be left with Mrs. Rubin at the front desk.

Purim Festivities: **The Class of 2009** will be selling **Mishloach Manot** during the course of next week in the dining commons. **The price for the treat is 2 for \$1.00**, but you can also purchase treats for your class, club, advisory, teachers, peers etc for \$5.00. Better yet, you may purchase Mislochei Manot for 3 classes, clubs or advisories, for just \$10.00. **Contributions forms** are available on the Benainu homepage or stop by the table in the dining commons and purchase a treat on the spot.

Purim celebrations at Barrack on Tuesday, March 10 will include two *megillah* readings (an egalitarian one and a *mehcitzza minyan*), followed by special Purim festivities. School will be dismissed at noon.

Environmental Actions: **Barrack's Environmental Action Club** members are taking a number of actions to step up our school's "green" projects. They are working to bring recycling back to Barrack by collecting cardboard boxes used in deliveries to our school and recycling them. Please bring boxes to Mrs. Freeman's office. **And Barrack is beginning to compost.** All vegetable and fruit (raw) scraps can be placed in the container in the dining commons. These scraps will eventually help to fertilize the gardens around school. **Please don't place cooked vegetable or fruit scraps in the container!**

"GREEN" Water Bottles: The Environmental Action Club is selling environmentally-friendly water bottles for \$1.00 each. Wet your whistle and benefit the environment at the same time. **Order forms** are available on the Benainu homepage.

Help Create a Library in Africa: **Our Chesed Club is teaming up with Anne Prusky '14** who is collecting books to create a library in Africa as part of her Bat Mitzvah project. Please place donated books, including picture books, early readers, text books, K-9 novels, children's

dictionaries etc, in the basket located under the TV in the main foyer across from Mrs. Rubin's desk. This is an easy way to help repair the world and encourage children's literacy in Africa.

Shira is Back: Festive singing will be heard throughout our halls and classrooms, for *Shira* is back!

Host Families Needed: In honor of Yom Ha'atzma'ut and Tel Aviv's 100th birthday, Barrack Hebrew Academy will host the **Towers of Tel Aviv Choir, April 21- April 30. Host families are needed to host the teens (9th-12th graders) and 3 to 4 chaperone.** Host families will be asked to provide home hospitality for 1 to 3 teens, room and board; transportation to and from school; and occasional lunches for day trips. Shabbat and/or Kosher observance are not a requirement, for most choir members are not observant. Interested host families should contact Dr. Sigal Strauss as soon as possible: sstrauss@jbha.org Thank you!

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. Every new student who enters our school in September 2009 will receive a \$3,600 merit grant toward tuition. Our **Rabbis' Scholarship merit tuition grant** for new students has been **increased to \$5,000 for the first year and \$3,600 thereafter** for scholars in good standing. We also have increased tuition aid for existing families. 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.

SA Magnet Sale: SA is selling Cougar Paw magnets. **Cost: \$3 for one; \$5 for two.** Please make checks payable to JBHA Student Association. Any questions, email David Barnett: david.barnett@jbha.org

Exciting Opportunity for "Rising Seniors:" If you are a member of the Class of 2010 and are interested in business and economics, then this is a **summer opportunity** to explore. The program is called *Economics for Leaders* and is presented by the Foundation for the Teaching of Economics, an organization that works with teachers and students in developing teaching materials and instructional programs related to economics education. This is a one-week summer program held on college campuses around the country. **Leslie Pugach**, Middle School Principal, has participated in FTE programs and highly recommends this opportunity. For an application and program details, consult the **FTE.org website. The deadline for applications is March 9, 2009.**

6th Grade Trip: Our sixth graders will visit the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology to tour the Greek and Roman exhibits on Thursday, **April 2.**

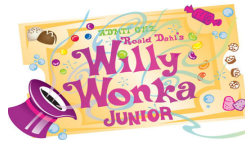
Library Volunteers Needed: Parents, grandparents or grandfriends are needed to help perform light clerical duties in our beautiful new library. Please contact head librarian **Wendie Gabay** if you are interested in volunteering: wgabay@jbha.org Thank you!

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

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. **Order forms** are available on the Benainu homepage and can be submitted 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.

Did anyone say drama?



"Come with me and you'll be in a world of Pure Imagination...."

Join Barrack's Middle School

as we journey through the gates of the most famous chocolate factory in the world
with this year's Middle School Musical

Willy Wonka, Jr

March 1 2:00pm followed by an HSA dinner for all families

March 2 @ 7:00pm

Ticket/Dinner forms available at www.jbha.org click on DRAMA button at bottom of page
Dinner forms are due 2.24.09

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LOOKING AHEAD:

March 1: Middle School Musical: *Willy Wonka, Junior* and Dinner

March 2: Middle School Musical: *Willy Wonka, Junior*

March 3: Open House

March 6: Barrack Bagels and Learning with Rabbi Gordon

March 9: *Economics for Leaders* Application Deadline

March 10: Purim Celebrations: Noon Dismissal

March 12: 4th Annual Annenberg High School Science Symposium

March 13: 12th Grade American Government and Economics Trip

March 14: Israel Film Festival Screening: *The Beetle*

March 15: Cabaret: Drama Department Fundraiser

March 17: 12th Grade AP Environmental Science & AP Biology Students Trip

March 17: Strut Your Support Fashion Benefit Event

March 29: Barrack Annual Tribute Event

April 2: 6th Grade Trip to Museum of Archeology and Anthropology

May 17-20: Upper School Musical: *Beauty and The Beast*

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