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**Benainu** "Between Us"



**Have a Great Summer!**  
**See you in September!**

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**Behaalotecha**  
Candle Lighting: 8:11pm  
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## **NEWSFLASH:**

**Yasher Koach, Jay A. Dorsch: Congratulations to Jay A. Dorsch**, outgoing Board President, who was honored at our Annual Meeting and to all our outgoing Board Members, including: **Debbi Bass, Rita Berkowitz, Blima Ludmir and State Representative Josh Shapiro '91.**

**Board of Directors Elects New President:** Congratulations to **Ariele Zandman Klausner '76**, newly-elected **Barrack Board President** and to her **slate of officers: Dr. Jeffrey Retig**, secretary; **Cecily Carel**, Vice President & Assistant Treasurer; **Mindy Chriqui**, Vice President and Treasurer; Vice Presidents **Steve Abramson, Sivy Blume '61** and **Jay Horrow** who were all inducted at our Annual Meeting held on Wednesday of this week. Congratulations, as well, to **new Board members: Raymond Levin, Belinda Raikin, Sandra Steinfield and Lynn Quitman Troyka, '55.**

**Finals: Upper School finals are set for Monday and Tuesday, June 15 and 16. Good luck, students.**

**Last Days of School:** The last day of Middle School is today, Friday, June 11. Upper School finishes on Tuesday.

**See you in September:** The 2009-2010 academic year begins on Thursday, September 10. Have a wonderful summer. We'll see you in September.

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## **MAZEL TOV:**

**Project SuLaM: Congratulations to Leslie Pugach**, Upper School Principal, who has been selected as just one of 17 participants from across North America for **Project SuLaM: Study Leadership and Mentoring**, a unique professional development program, a RAVSAK program funded by The Avi Chai Foundation. Participants will spend two summers in NYC exploring Jewish text and tradition, bringing learning back to their schools and enriching Jewish life in their local communities. The letter of acceptance sent to Barrack Board of Directors states, "The committee's decision to accept Leslie from a national pool of applicants was based on both her track record of success and potential to grow from this experience." **Mazel tov, Leslie.**

**Milestone Years Recognition: Congratulations to our faculty and staff members who were recognized for their outstanding service to our school at our Annual Meeting:**

**7 years: Lawrence (Larry) Boston-** a member of our maintenance team  
**Lisa Erlbaum-** a member of our math department  
**Allen Gottlieb-** a member of our Jewish Studies Department  
**Stephanie McHugh-** Head of our technology department

**13 years: Libby Klein-** Email and database manager  
**Wendy Shenberg -** Middle School Core teacher  
**Laura Lyn Stern –** our talented art teacher  
**Olga Voskoboynik -** our controller and human resource manager

**18 years: Rivka (Ricki) Markovitz -**a member of our Hebrew and world languages department  
**Naim Pollard-** a key member of our maintenance team

**Mazel tov to Helena Lehrer** who was honored at graduation last week and who helped orchestrate the ceremonies. Mrs. Lehrer, on sabbatical next year, was also toasted by students and faculty colleagues last week.

**Congratulations to the winners of the 2009 National Latin Exam Award Recipients**

**9th Graders**

**Noah Bloch, Sara Abramson, Josh Brikman, Benjamin Berson and Samm Stein-Azen**

**10th Graders**

**Zoe Steier, Rebecca Saionz, Evan Finkelstein, and Jordyn Horowitz**

**11th Graders**

**Sarah Saltz, Danny Elkin, Miriam Rock, Hannah Dardashti, Samara Gordon, Hannah Zuckerman, Aaron Crimmins, Tal Ben-Maimon, Jonathan Foster, Adam Wachs, Eli Taichman, and Madison Herling**

**12th Graders**

**Rachel Schwartz, Daniel Weinblatt, David Carel, Marc Kornbleuth, Avi Mersky, Leah Apple, Henry Steinberg, Ross Elkin, and Aaron Cogbill**

**Congratulations to the editors and staff of Gateway** for another great literary magazine issue: **Miriam Rock**, Editor-in-Chief; **Becky Herzberg**, Prose Editor; **Jesse Steinback**, Poetry Editor; and staff members: **Devra Goldstein, Sara B. Goldstein, Maddie Rosen, and Jessica Wolfson**. Kudos, as well, to **Andrea Rock**, faculty advisor.

**Mazel tov to the editors of L'eshem Shamayin**, Barrack's world affairs magazine, for another informative, thought-provoking issue: Editors **Hannah Dardashti, Eli A. Taichman, and Daniel G. Elkin** and Fun Fact Editor, **Zachary Taylor**. Kudos to the contributors, as well: **Josh Ackerman, Rebecca Herzberg, Judy Zwillenberg, Davida Vogel, Jessica Wolfson, Tal Ben-Maimon, Yana List**, and faculty contributors **Paula Chalko** and **Dr. David Rabeeya**. Faculty advisors are **Barnett Kamen** and **Lilach Taichman**. A special thank you is extended to **Miriam Rock** for her extensive layout help and expertise.

**Mazel tov to the editors and staff of Me'et L'et**, Barrack's political commentary Hebrew language magazine: **David Carel, Daniel Weinblatt, Sam Sittenfield, Aaron Elkin, Jonah Stern, Zachary Jutovich, Jon Wexler, Miriam Rock, Ariana Berlin, Valeriy Valtsis, Dory Kalimi, Rebecca Saionz, Yana List, Jordyn Horowitz, Davida Vogel, Maytal Rothschild, Sarah Weinblatt, Ofir Levinthal, Toviah Botwinick**, and to **Rony Cohen**, faculty advisor.

**Congratulations and thank you to Ari Sussman** who was our graduation accompanist last week. He added just the right notes to a very special celebration.

**Congratulations to Andrew Albero III**, a Cum Laude graduate of Drexel University's Earle Mack School of Law, the inaugural class, and to his parents **Karen** and **Andrew Albero**. Karen is a member of Barrack's staff.

**Congratulations to our Chesed Club members** who received a thank you letter from The Lubavitch World Headquarters in recognition of the club's generous donation to the Chabad Mumbai Relief Fund.

**Toddah Rabbah to the Terrific Telefund Team: Shoshana Reich '11, Yana List '11, David Stein '11, Sasha Borowsky '09, Jessica Segal '11, Zac Jutovich '09** who spent several evenings talking with parents, past parents, alumni, and friends about the 2008-2009 Annual Fund. Thanks to those of you who took their calls. They not only raised nearly **\$5,000** but also made friends with the hundreds of people they spoke to about their experiences at Barrack, life on the new campus, and their college plans. They prove that our students are committed, articulate ambassadors for our school.

**If you have made your 2008-2009 Annual Fund gift...thank you. If not, you can make a gift online ([www.jbha.org](http://www.jbha.org)) or mail the envelope that you recently received in the mail. Every gift counts!!!**

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#### ALUMNI NEWS:

**Congratulations to Alex Shoulson '10** who presented a paper at the Hudson River Underground Mathematics Conference at Union College. The topic: ***Reason Machines: The Potential of Automated Theorem Proving.***

**Mazel tov to Lauren Katz '99**, daughter of Barrack supporters **Connie and Sam Katz** and to **Shira Katz '02**, daughter of **Frances and Louis Katz**, Magna Cum Laude graduates of Drexel University's Earle Mack School of Law.

**Mazel Tov to Dina Wizmur '98** and husband **Ted Gleser** on the birth of a daughter, **Maya Anna Gleser**. Dina is an attorney with the Medical Rights Center in New York.

**Mazel Tov to Daniel Messinger '94** and his wife **Deena** on the birth of **Isaac**, baby brother of **Max**, age 3, in Los Angeles, California.

**Mazel tov to Hershel Richman '59** who received the Peace Building and Environmental Stewardship of the Friends of Arava Institute which fosters education about the environment and coexistence among Israelis and Arabs in Southern Israel.

**Mazel Tov to Brian Gold '95** and his wife **Adrienne** on the birth of **Ethan Benjamin**.

**Avram Katz '67**, an accomplished freelance illustrator in Israel, has completed full-color, full-page illustrations for the *JPS Illustrated Children's Bible*, which will be launched by the Jewish Publication Society next month. The author said she chose Avram because "he has a tremendous range of styles...not just one look".

**Yasher Koach to Akiba-Barrack Alumni Milestone Reunion chairs Deena Roemer '98, Kimberly Schwartzman Kimmel '88, William Augenbraun '88, and Marjory Perilstein Wargon '89** and to Alumni Chair **Joy Pincus Cooper '90** on a fun and festive get together where alumni and their families (including 30 children) came to meet...greet and eat...and tour the new campus. **Next year's classes save the date...June 13, 2010.**

**You can go home again: Congratulations to members of the class of 1959 on celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of their graduation from Akiba. Class members **Avi Watman Katz** and **Hershel Richman** organized a weekend packed with activities. **Avi, Hershel, Nancy Neff Berkowitz** and **Susan Goldstein Frost** participated in the procession at the graduation of the class of 2009, showing our newest alumni the way.

## **SPORTS**

**Spring Sports Banquet Update:** Congratulations to all the athletes who won trophies and awards at yesterday's spring sports banquet and to all the athletes and coaches who participated in spring sports:

### **Girls Softball: Coach Kim Gillio**

Coach's Award--**Mollie Goldstein**  
Defensive Player--**Rachel Schwartz**  
Offensive Player--**Sarah Saltz**  
Most Improved--**Judy Zwillenberg**

### **Men's Golf: Coach Brett Rudolph**

MVP--**David Carel**  
Coach's Choice--**Carl Rebhun**  
Rookie of the Year—**Joshua Rieders**

### **Track: Coach Rob Devasto**

MVP--**Jon Wexler**  
Coach's Choice--**Andrew Winston**  
Most Improved--**Betsy Silverstein**  
Most Dedicated Men--**Jon Pressman**  
Most Dedicated Woman--**Shana Reich**

### **Boys Middle School Baseball: Coach Steven Razin**

MVP--**Daniel Saltz**  
Coach's Choice--**Joshua Radack**

### **Boys Tennis: Coach Mike Mooney**

MVPs --**Adam Wachs, Jon Foster, Tal Ben-Maimon, Ben Batoff, Max Ephraim**  
Coach's Choice--**David Barnett**  
Most Improved--**Stuart Goldberg**  
6th Man Award--**Joey Levinthal**

### **Boys Baseball: Coach Jerry Kleger**

**Daniel Saewitz, Etan Weinstein, Daniel Raikin, Auri Manstein, Josh Ackerman, Daniel Elkin, Noah Cohen, Zac Jutcovich, Matt Borowsky, David Kolansky, Jake Levin, Max Gottlieb, Erik Miller, Elijah Gola, Ivan Levingston, and Daniel Becker**

### **Penn Jersey All-Stars-2009**

**Sarah Saltz**  
**Jenna Glassman**  
**Paige Glassman**

### **Girls Lacrosse: Coach Lori Levin**

MVP--**Danielle Levin**  
Most Dedicated--**Sarah Weinblatt**  
Best Defense--**Miriam Rock**  
Most Improved--**Rachel Gordon and Sarah Krulik**  
Coach's Choice--**Molly Segal**

**"Lacrosse Chicks with Sticks":** Aria Amrom, Caroline Batoff, Arielle Belfer, Shoval Dorani, Nikki Henzel, Jenna Hart, Hannah Kelsen, Tamar Parmet, Jackie Retig, Samantha Rothman.

**Tennis Update:** Coach Mooney bids a fond farewell to the senior members of our award-winning varsity boys' tennis team: **David Barnett, Max Ephraim, Marc Goldstein, Stuart Goldberg, Joey Levinthal, and Jeremy Tractenberg.** He also looks forward to another great season next year!

**MORE NEWS:**

**Middle School Trip to Dorney Park:** What a way to celebrate the end of another great school year- a trip today!

**Middle School Dance: Save the date!!!! Sunday, June 14, 6 to 9pm** is the date of Barrack Hebrew Academy's end of year Middle School Dance in our dining commons. **Great food, Great music, Great fun!**

**Environmental Action Club:** If anyone is still interested in purchasing a nalgene water bottle through the Environmental Action Club, please contact Sara Goldstein at [sarab.goldstein@jbha.org](mailto:sarab.goldstein@jbha.org). Water bottles hold 32 oz. and cost \$8.

**Tribute Cards available online:** You can support Barrack through tribute cards. If you would like us to send a tribute card to someone and make a donation to our school, we can do that! Send a note of congratulations for a *Bar Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah*, engagement, wedding, new home, new baby, thank you or a card in honor of someone that has done something noteworthy or a card in memory of someone. This can be done through *Online Giving*. Just logon to our website [www.jbha.org](http://www.jbha.org) click *Support Barrack* click *Online Giving*. Enter the information and let us know who you would like to send the card to and the reason in the Special Instructions at the bottom. (Minimum donation of \$10).

Or

Tributes cards are also available in **prepackaged packs** that are blank on the inside for you to send a personal note. These can also be purchased through *Online Giving* under the Special Instructions. **5 for \$36 or 12 for \$72**

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

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**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**June 12: Middle School Dorney Park Trip**

**June 14: End of Year Middle School Dance**

**June 15/16: Upper School Finals**

**June 16: Last day of school for students**

**June 17: Phillies Game**

**June 22: HSA Faculty Appreciation Luncheon 1pm**

**If you have news directly related to the Barrack Hebrew Academy family, please email it to Beverly Rosen at [brosen@jbha.org](mailto:brosen@jbha.org).**