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Benainu "Between Us"



We now have 2 busses for ski trip!!!
If you want to go, Email SA at sa@jbha.org
this weekend.

Money and form due Tuesday! See below.

Newsletter Date: January 16, 2009
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Shemot

Candle Lighting: 4:41pm

Shabbat Ends: 5:51pm

Newsflash!

Super Sunday at Barrack: Barrack Hebrew Academy will host **The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Super Sunday on January 25**. We urge all members of our Barrack Hebrew Academy community to participate and strongly support this vital community fundraising event. There are **two phoning sessions: 9am-1pm and 4-9pm**. **Our school's official slot is 11am -1pm**, but please volunteer when it is best for you. **And please wear your Barrack t-shirts and hats**. To register, log onto www.jewishphilly.org **State you are representing Barrack in the comment box at the end of the registration form. Note that there is on-line training.** Child care is also available.

Caring Community Carnival: In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Chesed Club members are calling for volunteers for the 8th Annual Caring Community Carnival being held **this Sunday, January 18, from 1-5pm at The Haverford School, 450 Haverford Avenue**. Please support this very worthwhile community event that benefits children with special needs and their families.

School Closed this Monday: School will be closed this Monday in observance of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**.

Open House: Our next Open House is set for **Tuesday, February 3, 9am-noon**. Spread the word!

שמחות

MAZEL TOV:

Mazel tov to Shawn Martin '14, who will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on January 24, and congratulations to his family.

Congratulations to Adena Potok, Barrack Board member, who was recently spotlighted in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* in relationship to the Arden Theatre's production of *My Name is Asher Lev*, based on the novel by her late husband, **Chaim Potok**,

בוגרים

ALUMNI NEWS:

With much sadness, we inform you of the recent passing of **Judy Pincus**, beloved mother of **Joy Cooper '90 (Joshua)** and **Marsha Katz '86 (Darin)**. Joy is a Barrack Board member and President of the Akiba-Barrack Alumni Association. Funeral services were held on Wednesday of this week. Shiva will be observed at the Cooper home on Saturday, after 6pm; at the Katz home on Sunday, after 1pm and on Monday, after 5pm. Minyan will take place at 7pm at the respective locations.

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SPORTS UPDATE:

Basketball News: Congratulations to **8th grader Jackie Khutorsky** who is averaging 6 points, 8 rebounds and 4 blocks per girls' basketball game!

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, 6-9pm** 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:

Chesed Club MLK Jr. Day of Service Event this Sunday: Congratulations to Chesed Club members and advisor **Sarah Waxman** for an informative and moving Martin Luther King Jr. assembly. And join Club members at the Caring Community Carnival this Sunday at The Haverford School.

College Selection Night: A panel of college admissions professionals will address parents of Barrack juniors and all 11th grade students on **Tuesday, February 2, 7pm** in our school auditorium. Members of this College Selection panel include Melissa Flak from Muhlenberg

College, Deborah Erie from Penn State University, and Beth Downing from the University of Pennsylvania. They will speak about the process of choosing colleges that are a good fit for students.

Save the Date: Barrack will host an **Israel Film Festival of Greater Philadelphia** screening of the award-winning film "The Beetle" in our auditorium on **Saturday, March 14, 8:30 pm, followed by a dessert reception.** Barrack students and faculty will be invited free of charge. More details to follow.

Israel Club Programs: Todd Young, an educator for the David Project Center for Jewish Leadership, based in Boston, addressed Barrack students in two assemblies about current events in Israel and Gaza and discussed the skewed press coverage that Israel is receiving in the United States and abroad. This is one of many programs organized and implemented by Israel Club members and **Oded Philip**, club advisor, that spotlights Israeli current events, culture, and history.

10th Grade Shabbaton Update: The 10th grade had a great Shabbaton at Capital Camps. The theme: *Israel: Defining Your Relationship.*" Thank yous are extended to faculty and staff members **Phyllis Barsky** and **George Shotz**; to alumni **Sara Goldstein '97** and **Ellen Frait '04** and to Barrack Young Jewish Leadership members: **Emily Alloy, Rebecca Abramson, Sam Mellits, Sam Sittenfield, Joey Chriqui, Brian Levy, Paige Glassman, Leah Kelsen and Shira Grife.**

SA Ski Trip: SA has ordered a second bus!!! We now have room for additional students who would like to go on the ski trip. We are going to 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.** Forms are also available on the Benainu homepage. Checks should be made payable to the *JBHA Student Association.* Forms and check are **due by Tuesday, January 20.**

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!

Senior Class Sale: The senior class is offering **t-shirts and hooded sweatshirts** that depict Barrack Varsity sports that don't exist, but should. In a collaborative effort, the school voted to use the following sports: **Quidditch, Water Polo, Rugby, Squash, and Dance Team.** Please see the order form on the Benainu Homepage for pictures of the designs. Submit forms to the front desk no later than **February 9th, 2009.** For questions, contact Rachel Schwartz at Rachel.Schwartz@jbha.org

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.

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 19: Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

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 2: College Selection Night

Feb 3: Open House

Feb 6: Barrack Bagels Coffee and Learning

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.