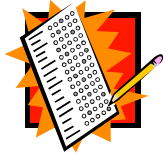




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**Benainu** "Between Us"



Good Luck on Finals!

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**Vaera**  
Candle Lighting: 4:49pm  
Shabbat Ends: 5:59pm

## Newsflash!

**Boxed lunches: Orders due today. On January 26, 27, and 28, BHA Food Services will be offering premade boxed lunches only.** These lunches will include a sandwich of your choice, along with a drink, chips, an apple and a cookie. Everybody should have received an email with an order form. Announcements have been made for everyone to fill out an order form prior to leaving school today.

**Needed: Super Sunday Volunteers!** Barrack Hebrew Academy will host **The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Super Sunday, this Sunday, 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. **Please wear your Barrack T-shirts and hats.** To register, log onto [www.jewishphilly.org](http://www.jewishphilly.org). **State that 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.

**NEH Award: Leslie Pugach, Middle School Principal,** announced that **Barrack Hebrew Academy was awarded the 2009-2010 Picturing America series from NEH.** The award includes a collection of historically significant paintings by American painters and an extensive teachers' guide. The paintings and related material enhance the study of history and art in CORE classes.

**Review Day and Finals:** Monday, January 26 is review day for the Upper School. **Upper School finals are scheduled for Tuesday, January 27. Upper and Middle School finals are scheduled for Wednesday, January 28.** There are no classes on Wednesday.

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

## שמחות

### MAZEL TOV:

**Mazel tov to Jacob Smolover '14** who will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on February 28 and to his parents **Charles Smolover** and **Marcia Metlin**.

**Congratulations to 6<sup>th</sup> grader Daniel Horowitz** who won our school's National Geographic Bee Championship this week. Classmates **Danny Nelson** placed second and **Samuel Hamermesh** placed third.

**Congratulations to Joe Dougherty**, science faculty member, on the birth of his fourth grandchild, a grandson, **Joshua David McGonigle**, brother to **Samuel** and **Maire**. Parents **Rachel** and **Ted** and extended family are all doing well.

**Mazel tov to Ray Leven**, World Language Department Head, and his wife, **Beverly**, on the birth of their first grandchild, a little boy, who will be named at his Brit Milah this Sunday. Parents **Cindy** and **Travis Adams**, and baby, are all doing fine.

**Mazel tov to Gail Cantor**, Department of Institutional Advancement, and her husband, **Gary**, on the birth of their first granddaughter, **Michal Chana**. Big Brother, **Eitan**, and parents **Danny** and **Adina** are all doing fine.

## בוגרים

### ALUMNI NEWS:

**Mitch Albom '76**, *Detroit Press* columnist and noted author, wrote his first article for *Sports Illustrated* (Jan 7, 2009) about life in Detroit and how the city tries to rally despite the economy and the Tiger losses.

**Mazel tov to Ariella Getz '03** on her marriage to **Yisrael Tsirlin**.

**Congratulations to Elon Shore '01** on his engagement to **Jamie Beran**.

## מה עוד חדש

### SPORTS UPDATE:

**Monday's varsity Girls' and Boys' Basketball games have been postponed due to finals.**

**Girls' and Boys' Varsity Basketball Games:** Our girls' and boys' varsity basketball teams will play those from Stern Hebrew High School **this Saturday night, January 24**, at the **Pelbano Recreation Center** in Northeast Philadelphia: 2138 Solly Ave, Philadelphia, 19152. **The girls'** game will begin at **7pm**, followed by the boys' game. Come out and cheer our teams to victory!

**Girls Varsity Basketball team** defeated Delaware Valley Friends, 55-23. **Tamara Moskowitz** scored 17 points.

**Middle School girls' basketball team** defeated Doane Academy, 3-2. **Tamar Parnet** scored the 3 point basket for our team.

### MORE NEWS:

**Save the Date: Barrack Hebrew Academy will proudly honor Beryl D. Simonson** at our annual Tribute Event on **Sunday, March 29, 6-9pm** at **Barrack Hebrew Academy**. Beryl is a past Barrack parent, past Board member, staunch supporter of our school and of Jewish day school

education in general, and an exemplary community leader. Please join us as we salute Beryl at a festive cocktail party, our school's major fundraising event this year. Details to follow.

**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](mailto:vyoung@jbha.org) or 610-922-2350.

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Get-Together:** 10th grade parents are invited to enjoy an early get together this **Sunday, January 25, 2009, 7pm** at the home of **Aviva and Jay Leberman**. Flavored coffees, fresh fruit and a chocolate fountain will guarantee a sweet time. Please RSVP to [leberman@wharton.upenn.edu](mailto:leberman@wharton.upenn.edu).

**Israel Reflections:** 11<sup>th</sup> graders who returned from a semester of study in Israel had compelling and heartfelt reflections and memories to share. They will be posted on our website next week. Special thanks are extended to **Samara Gordon, Eli Philip, Jackie Retig** and **Daniel Solway** who shared their thoughts and to **Lena Ladenheim** who shared her photos. **Bev Rosen** is still collecting memories and impressions from returning 11<sup>th</sup> graders who studied in Israel this year, as well as photos. Email her at [brosen@jbha.org](mailto:brosen@jbha.org)

**Israel Film Festival Screening at Barrack:** Barrack Hebrew Academy will host an **Israel Film Festival of Greater Philadelphia screening** of the award-winning film "**The Beetle**" in our auditorium on **Saturday, March 14, 8:30pm, followed by a dessert reception for the entire audience**. This delightful docudrama takes viewers on a road trip with Director Yishai Orian who is trying to save his 40 year old car- a VW Beetle - from the junk heap when his very pregnant wife declares that she wants a more modern and baby-friendly vehicle. Reviewers hail the film as **entertaining** and **heartwarming**. **Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. Barrack students are invited free of charge.** Stay tuned for ways to order your tickets.

**Last Chance to Order JBHA Cougar Warm Stuff:** *The deadline* to order your embroidered scarves, hats, earwarmers and blankets is **this Monday**. Order forms are available on the Benainu homepage, show your school spirit, and keep warm by helping to support our junior class.

**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.**

**Library Newsletter:** An informative and lively library newsletter has been posted online. To access the newsletter, log onto the Barrack homepage, click on *Library* at the bottom, and then click on *Library Newsletter January 2009*.

**College Selection Night:** **A panel of college admissions professionals** will address parents of Barrack juniors and all 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Barrack Bagels, Coffee and Learning:** Join **Rabbi Steven Wernick** when he discusses **Purim** at the next Barrack Bagels, Coffee and Learning session on **Friday, February 6, 8-9:30am** in the conference room located in the Athletic Building. All sessions are free and open to all Barrack parents. Come enjoy stimulating discussions of Jewish holidays and warm camaraderie.

**Holocaust Museum Trip:** Our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will visit the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. on **Monday, February 23**.

**Tzedakah in Action:** Congratulations to **Andrea Rock's 9-4 Tanakh class** that raised \$130.00 this semester. The class will donate the funds to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Kol haKavod to the **NINE** students in the class. And **Mrs. Rock's 12-1 Tanakh class** is donating \$40.00 to the Israel Defense Forces. Congratulations and thank you to both classes.

**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**. For questions, contact Rachel Schwartz at [Rachel.Schwartz@jbha.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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!**

**השבוע הבא**

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

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

**Jan 25: 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Get Together**

**Jan 27-28: Finals- no classes on the 28th**

**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**

**Feb 23: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Holocaust Museum**

**Mar 1-2: Middle School Musical: *Willy Wonka Junior***

**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](mailto:brosen@jbha.org).**