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Benainu "Between Us"

Chag Sameach: Enjoy the holidays of Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah.

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**Third Intermediate Day
of Sukkot**

Candle Lighting: 5:59pm
Shabbat Ends: 6:09pm

National Merit Scholar News: The **fourteen** Barrack Hebrew Academy seniors recognized by the National Merit Scholarship program **represent 25% of the Class of 2009**. **Mazel tov to: Aaron Cogbill and Michael Lautman**, National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists, and to commended scholars **David Carel, Ross Elkin, Reid Ginsburg, Stuart Goldberg, Joseph Levinthal, Brian Levy, Rachel Schwartz, Michael Sklaroff, Sam Sittenfield, Henry Steinberg, Jonah Stern, and Daniel Weinblatt**.

Athlete of the Week: Congratulations to David Barnett '09 who was featured as *Athlete of the Week* in this week's issue of *The Main Line Times*. Details in our sports section.

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.

Chag Sameach: School will be closed on **Tuesday and Wednesday, October 21 and 22**, for Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, respectively. Classes resume on Thursday, October 23.

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.

ניחום אבלים

CONDOLENCES:

Condolences to the family of Dorit Opher Shapiro '87. Dorit passed away this week. The family will be receiving guests through Sunday, October 19.

שמחות

MAZEL TOV:

Mazel tov to Judy and Hank Shrager '67, Barrack faculty and Board member, respectively, on the arrival of a new grandson. Parents, **Aaron '97** and **Kathie Shrager**, and baby are all doing well!

בוגרים

ALUMNI NEWS:

Congratulations to Dr. David Agus '83, an oncologist, who was quoted in a *New Scientist* magazine article about the impact of vitamin C on cancer.

Congratulations to Simma Asher '99 on her engagement to **Charles Kupchan** of Washington D.C.

Mazel tov to Arielle Jordana Cohen Friedman '00 on her marriage to **Gregory Friedman**. Arielle is a physician at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City.

A Rising Star: Michael Bihovsky '05 shares news about the opening performance of "Forbidden NYU," a collection of Broadway song parodies about daily NYU life. Michael has written a number of the songs and will perform them in the show. Kudos, Michael!

A Well-Deserved Promotion: Jared Levin '95 has been promoted to Vice President of Account Services at Crane Marketing. We wish Jared continued success, and thank him for contributing his time and talents to help create invitations to a number of alumni events.

Mazel tov to Aaron '97 and Kathie Shrager on the birth of their son, and to big brother, **Isaac**. Congratulations also to **Judy and Hank Shrager '67**, proud grandparents!

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.

Sports:

David Barnett '09 Makes News: Named as *Athlete of the Week* in the October 16 issue of *The Main Line Times*, David was recognized as an outstanding athlete and school leader. He is the senior striker and co-captain of the boys' soccer team and has played first singles for our boys' tennis team since 8th grade. A leader on and off the field and courts, David is the president of the Barrack Student Association, a member of our school's Human Rights Club, as well as the school's Philly Sports Debate Club and Math Club. Way to go, David!

Boys' Soccer News: The Barrack Boys' soccer team improved their league record to 7-10 with back-to-back wins over Delaware Valley Friends and Wyncote Academy. With a 3-2 halftime advantage, the Cougars put their leading scorer and captain, **David Barnett '09**, into goal for the second half and shut out a talented DVF to seal the win. First half keeper **Daniel Raikin '11** played flawless "stopper" to bolster the defense, while sophomore **Maor Assouline '11** led the scoring with two goals. **Derek Benedict '09** played outstanding center and had two assists. Against Wyncote, the Barrack boys tallied seven goals, each by a different player, to secure their share of first place with Westmont Academy.

Girls' Soccer News: Last week, The Lady Cougars defeated Mercy Vocational 8-0. Freshman **Tamara Moskowitz** had three goals and freshman **Jenna Glassman** added two more. Last Tuesday, the girls fell short to host team Solebury, 1-7. League record: 6-3.

Girls' Soccer News: This week, the girls had one game on 10/16/08. The lady cougars handed opponent Solebury their first league defeat of the season with a 1-0 victory. Freshman, **Tamara Moskowitz** scored from a defensive assist 25 minutes into the game. The defense was outstanding all game. **Sarah Saltz '10** recorded another shutout with 21 saves.

League record: 7-3. Next game: 10/23

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

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MORE NEWS:

A Sukkah Celebration: Israeli dancing, presented by our Israeli Club, highlighted festivities today near our new school Sukkah, decorated beautifully by our students, **Sarah Waxman**, Director of Experiential Education, and **Laura Lyn Stern**, Barrack art teacher. Kudos to **Oded Philip**, faculty member, and the members of the Israel Club who planned the festive Israeli dancing.

Club Fair: Students enjoyed the Club Fair representing a variety of clubs that are offered at our school. Thank you to **Rabbi Michael Yondorf**, faculty member, for organizing the event.

Students in the News: Look for articles on **David Carel '09** and **Zoe Steier '11** in the Education Guides of *The Main Line Times* and *Main Line Life*, respectively. **The article about David** chronicled his experiences this summer as part of The Legacy Heritage Internship for Young Scientists program at Hebrew University in Jerusalem where he participated in cancer research. **The article about Zoe** focused on her participation in the University of Pennsylvania's Teen Research and Education in Environmental Science Program where she conducted research on Celiac Disease. Students must be chosen to participate in these two highly-competitive and prestigious programs. **David Carel's** experiences in Barrack's semester of study program in Israel were also featured in the Montgomery Media's magazine on Israel: *In Our Hearts and Minds: An Israel 60 Year-End Retrospective*, in an article entitled "Through Younger Eyes."

Artfully Done: Kudos to **Laura Lyn Stern**, art teacher, for designing and creating the tiles that were featured on Barrack Hebrew Academy's Rosh Hashana card this year. And congratulations to **Sarah Waxman** and the Barrack students in the Jewish Leadership Initiative who presented such meaningful Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur programs.

Picture Day: Barrack picture day is set for **Wednesday, October 28**. Prepare to smile!

Colegio Tarbut Students and Teachers Return: Just as they did last year, students and teachers from Colegio Tarbut- - a pluralistic Jewish day school in Buenos Aires, will return to Barrack Hebrew Academy on **Monday, October 27**, when they will meet the 9th and 10th grade students who will be hosting them. More details to follow.

11th Grade Shabbaton: The 11th grade Shabbaton at Capital Camps was a success, with students bonding as a class, enjoying the great outdoors in beautiful weather and preparing for Shabbat. **Sarah Waxman** extends a *Todah Rabah* to **Beverly Lerner**, a student teacher in our Middle School Jewish Studies department for helping to plan and run the Shabbaton and to **Jacob Cohen**, Philadelphia resident and Jewish professional, who was on hand to help throughout the weekend.

Next Open House: Our next Open House is **Tuesday, December 2**. Invite your friends, neighbors and family members to explore our new facilities and opportunities at Barrack. Perspective families are also invited to tour at their convenience by contacting **Vivian Young**: vyoung@jbha.org or 610-922-2350.

HSA NEWS: Barrack's Home and School Association is a community-building organization, here to welcome newcomers and enrich the experience for all Barrack families. **Save the following dates and plan to participate in exciting and enlightening programs:**

- **Friday, November 7, Barrack Bagels Coffee and Learning:** Join us to hear **Rabbi Jay Stein** discuss: *Shabbat: Heschel's Cathedral of Time*. The program will be held from 8:30am-9:30am in the Athletic Building Conference Room, first floor.
- **Sunday, November 9, 5-7pm, First Barrack Family Bowling Bash:** Bring the entire family to **North Bowl, 909 2nd Street, Philadelphia**, for bowling and dinner.

HSA Book Club: Plan to participate in a dynamic discussion of **Philip Roth's timely novel, *The Plot Against America***, presented by the HAS and hosted by **Susie and Martin Lautman** on Monday evening, **October 27 at 7pm**. To RSVP, email Lautman5@aol.com.

Jerusalem Academy Chamber Choir: Barrack Hebrew Academy is a proud sponsor of the Jerusalem Academy Chamber Choir Concert hosted by **Beth Shalom** congregation, Elkins Park, on **October 30, 7pm**.

Senior Class Sales: Our seniors are raising funds for their class by selling **cartons of citrus fruit**, straight from Florida, including: **red grapefruit, juice oranges, and navel oranges**. To order, print the sale form from the JBHA website and submit it to Mrs. Rubin at the front desk. Please contact **Rachel Schwartz' 09** rachel.schwartz@jbha.org, if you have any questions.

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.

השבוע הבא

LOOKING AHEAD:

Oct 19: Mitzvah Pantry Food Drive

Oct 21-22: School closed for Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah, respectively

Oct 27: HSA Barrack Book Club

Oct 28: Picture Day

Nov 2: Mitzvah Mania Day

Nov 7: HSA presents Barrack Bagels and Learning with Rabbi Jay Stein

Nov 9: HSA presents First Barrack Family Bowling Bash

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*

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