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Congratulations to our 2008 World Series
Champions!

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Candle Lighting: 5:40pm

Shabbat Ends: 6:50pm

Will You Take a Lawn Sign? We would like Barrack families to post a lawn sign on their lawns promoting the December 2 Open House and the repertory play, *The Dining Room*. The signs would be available for distribution during the second week of November. If you are willing to place a sign on your lawn, please contact Bev Rosen (brosen@jbha.org) by Wednesday of next week. Include your name and email address. In this way, we will know how many signs to order. This type of marketing will help raise awareness of our school and spread the word. Thank you!

Grandparents/Grandfriends' Day: Students, get ready to share a **GRAND Day** with your grandparents or grandfriends on **Friday, November 7, 9:30am-12:30pm** at Barrack Hebrew Academy. This special program includes a coffee and danish reception with Dr. Steven M. Brown at 9:30am, followed by opportunities to join students and visit classes, lunch and a photo op. All "Grands" are invited to be our guests for lunch. Invitations should have been received at student's homes. **Grandparents and Grandfriends are requested to RSVP by Tuesday, October 28, to Ruth Mancuso: rmancuso@jbha.org or 610-922-2330.**

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.

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.

Tell A Friend: Word-of-Mouth advertising is impactful! Our next Open House is **Tuesday, December 2**. Invite your friends, neighbors and family members to explore our new facilities,

and let them know about the many benefits of a Barrack education. Also invite prospective families to visit and tour at their convenience by contacting **Vivian Young**: vyoung@jbha.org or 610-922-2350.

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MAZEL TOV:

Mazel tov to Daniel Horowitz '13, Jeffrey Brietling '14 and Elan Zebrowitz '14 who all celebrated their Bar Mitzvahs in September. Congratulations, also, to their families.

Congratulations to Reyna Fox '14, Anne Prusky '14 and Jessica Rothman '14 who celebrated their Bat Mitzvahs in October, and to **Jacob Feist '14 and David Yasgur '14**, who celebrated their Bar Mitzvahs this month. Mazel tov to their families, as well.

Congratulations to David Carel '09 who will receive *The Philadelphia Inquirer's Student Citizenship Award* at the Constitution Center on March 12. He will join other seniors from high schools throughout the region who were designated awardees based on their scholarship, leadership and contributions to civic life and the community.

Building a Better Mousetrap: Congratulations to Team Barrack who earned a third place trophy out of 21 teams at the Mousetrap Engineering Competition at Widener University this week. The winning team consisted of seniors **Danny Gavrilov** and **Jeremy Tractenberg**. "All the participating seniors who are members of our Introduction to Engineering class did a great job," reports team coach **Kathy Saltz**. They include: **Aaron Bloch, Gabi Gefen, Mollie Goldstein, Michael Lautman, Brian Levy, Jason Lindy, Avi Mersky, Remy Raevsky, Ariel Shore, Hillary Sorman, and Shira Grife**.

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ALUMNI NEWS:

All in the Family-Baby News: Proud grandfather, Board member and alum, **Hershel Richman '59 (Betsy)** proudly announce that their family has expanded. **Barak** and **Laura Richman** and their daughters **Ariella** and **Eden** welcomed their son/brother, **Izak Lev**, on August 25, his grandfather's birthday! And **Josh** and **Heather Richman** are proud to report the birth of their daughter, **Samantha Lauren**, on October 21, 2008. **Hannah Richman** and her husband **Jason Slosberg** and their son **Caleb** (born on July 12, 2007) are also excited about welcoming their new nephew and niece/cousins.

Continuing a Family Tradition: **Chad Rebhun '04** is continuing the family tradition and is a first year student at Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine, according to his proud parents, **Drs. Francine and Donald Rebhun**.

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.

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SPORTS UPDATE:

Congratulations to Coach Kim Gillio, coach of our girls' soccer team, who was honored as **Sportsperson of the Season by the Chester County Soccer Officials Association**. The team was honored as well. Hats off to all.

Off and Running-Barrack Cross Country Updates: Last Thursday, our cross country team participated in Doane Acacemy's Cross Country Meet. On the women's side, **Betsy Silverstein '11** set a personal best of 24 minutes and 43 seconds. **Jon Pressman '10** set a season best of 19 minutes and 19 seconds. **Ezra Solway '12** ran another steady time of 20 minutes and 45 seconds. Stay tuned for more cross country news and results next week.

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

MORE NEWS:

Mitzvah Mania, This Sunday: Sign up for **Mitzvah Mania**, a community-wide day of mitzvot that will be held this **Sunday, November 2**, throughout the region. Volunteers will first meet at the JCC Klein Branch, Myer and Rosaline Feinstein Campus in Northeast Philadelphia, 10100 Jamison Avenue, and then be transported to their individual volunteer projects. Barrack volunteers have already signed up for the Fairmount Park clean-up during the 12:30 shift. Click on the link below and discover how you can make our community a better and kinder place by being a mitzvah volunteer: <http://www.jewishphilly.org/page.htm?ArticleID=147313>.

Casting Their Vote: Election fever is sweeping Barrack Hebrew Academy as students in all grades prepare to vote in the National Student Mock Election and in our school's own Mock election on **Tuesday, November 4**. In preparation for casting an informed vote, students are researching candidates' stands on the issues, writing editorials in support of their candidate of choice, and creating election notebooks - - all part of understanding the electoral process and becoming knowledgeable and pro-active citizens. Once our student votes are tallied, they will be compared to the national results. All Barrack students who are eligible to vote are registered to do so.

HSA NEWS: 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 in 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.

Special Program with Dr. Steven M. Brown: Our Head of School, Dr. Steven M. Brown, will speak about *Pluralism in the Jewish Community* at **Congregation Beth Am Israel**, 1301 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley on **Monday, November 10, 7pm**. Dr. Brown will explore the meaning of pluralism; discuss what pluralism looks like in an educational and congregational setting, as well as how pluralism impacts our community. Don't miss this opportunity to engage in a lively and enlightening discussion.

Art Museum Trip: Barrack 12th graders will visit the Art Museum on **Tuesday, November 11**.

11th Grade Parent Brunch: 11th grade parents, Muss and Non-Muss, are invited to a brunch hosted at the home of **Linda and Jake Kriger** on **Sunday, December 14**.

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. The

deadline for ordering is quickly approaching. Please contact **Rachel Schwartz' 09** rachel.schwartz@jbha.org, if you have any questions and place your orders today.

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.

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LOOKING AHEAD:

Nov 2: Mitzvah Mania Day

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

Nov 7 Grandparents/Grandfriends Day

Nov 9: HSA presents First Barrack Family Bowling Bash

Nov 10: Dr. Brown Speaks at Congregation Beth Am Israel

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*

Dec. 2: Barrack Open House- Spread the word!

Dec 14: 11th Grade Parents Brunch

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