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Explore "Why Faith Matters" with
Rabbi David J. Wolpe '76 on Tuesday.

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Candle Lighting: 4:26pm

Shabbat Ends: 5:36pm

A Community Invitation: Tickets will be available at the door for The Akiba-Barrack Alumni Association's program, **An Evening with David J. Wolpe '76**, this **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. The community is invited to join us for this timely and thought-provoking program. For further information, contact **Sue Gordon** at 610-922-2326 or sgordon@jbha.org.

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.

Upper School Drama: Barrack Hebrew Academy's Repertory Company will present **The Dining Room**, the Pulitzer Prize nominated drama by A.R. Gurney, on **Sunday, November 30 through Wednesday, December 3 at 7pm in our school auditorium**. The play, set in a formal dining room in the home of an upper class family, unfolds in a series of vignettes that explore the and time when families sat down together for formal breakfasts, lunches and dinners and what happens when the dining room no longer plays a central role in family life. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. Ticket order forms are on the home page of website: www.jbha.org. Scroll down and click on **Drama**. Tickets will also be available at the door. Join us!

Open House: Tuesday, December 2, 9am to noon. Spread the word!

Support our Annual Fund Drive: By now, you have received an all-important annual fund letter. We urge you to support this vital fund in the most generous way possible. Thank you!

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CONDOLENCES:

With sadness we inform you of the recent passing of **Eugene Khrichenko**, father of **Vladimir Khrichenko (Tamara Feygin)** and grandfather of **Phillip '12**.

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MAZEL TOV:

Mazel tov to Ishiyah Naftali-Greer '14 who will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on November 22. Congratulations to his parents **Dr. Elanah Naftali** and **Calvin Greer** and to sister **Ashira '14**.

Congratulations to Sarah Glickman '13 who will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on November 29. Mazel tov to her parents **Marcia** and **Scott Glickman** and sister **Hannah '11**.

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ALUMNI NEWS:

Mazel tov to our AP Scholars who graduated in June of 2008: Congratulations to **Brandon Breslow**, **Jeremy Kolman** and **Martin Langer**.

Baby News: Mazel tov to Jared Levin '95 and his wife **Alison** on the birth of a daughter, sister to big brother **A.J.** The baby's proud grandparents are **Sharon** and **Jonathan Levin**. Sharon is Head of Barrack's Humanities Department.

Making News: Jake Tapper '87 has been named Chief White House correspondent by ABC News. Jake covered the presidential candidates and national election news throughout the two-year campaign as ABC's senior national correspondent. Congratulations, Jake!

Congratulations to Adam Shapiro '97 and his wife **Rena** on the birth of a daughter. Adam is Dean of Students at the Solomon Schechter Day School of Essex and Union. The proud grandparents are **Steve Shapiro**, Barrack Board member, and **Judi Shapiro**. Mazel tov to all.

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SPORTS UPDATE:

Making Headlines: Look for an article and photo of our Boys' Championship Soccer Team in this week's *Main Line Times*, page 26.

Girls' Soccer News: Our Lady Cougars ended their season earning 4th place in the Penn Jersey League. **Coach Kim Gillio** congratulates the team on their amazing dedication and is very proud of every team member. The **Team All-Stars** are seniors **Rebecca Abramson** and **Emily Alloy**, junior **Sarah Saltz**, and freshmen **Sivan Ben-Maimon** and **Tamara Moskowitz**. Although the team will miss their senior members, they have young talent that will lead the way next season. The team roster includes: seniors **Becca Abramson**, **Emily Alloy**, **Shira Grife**, **Paige Glassman**; juniors **Miriam Rock**, **Sarah Saltz**, **Judy Zwillenberg**, and **Valeriy Valtsis**; sophomores **Samantha Goldfrad**, **Yael Leberman**, **Yana List**, **Elle Nadav**, **Allie Raevksy**, **Zoe Steier**, and **Davida Vogel**; and freshmen **Sivan Ben-Maimon**, **Leonie Cohen**, **Tamara Moskowitz**, **Jenna Glassman**, **Rachel Gordon**, **Ariel Gordon** and **Danielle Wachs**.

Off and Running for a Personal Best: Congratulations to **Jon Pressman '10** who finished second in the Tri-County Cross Country Finals. Jon ran a personal best time of 18:36 for 3.1 miles.

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:

In The News: Look for a photo of seniors **Daniel Gavrilov** and **Jeremy Tractenberg** in the *Main Line Times*, page 14. They won the Third Place trophy in Widener University's Mousetrap Competition.

Middle School Chesed Day News: Congratulations to all our enthusiastic Middle School students who so joyfully participated in Wednesday's Middle School Chesed Day. The **8th graders** read their favorite children's books to Adath Israel's nursery school children. The **7th graders** worked with the Wissahickon Replenishment Initiative at Valley Green in Fairmount Park. They tore out invasive plants on a hillside and replaced them with trees. And the **6th graders** worked at the Philadelphia Food Bank. **Leslie Pugach**, Middle School Principal, extends a special thank you to trip chaperons, **Judy Pransky** and **Kim Gillio** who accompanied students to the Philadelphia Food Bank; to **Allen Gottlieb** and **Suzanne Nahamo** who accompanied students to Adath Israel; and **Brett Rudolph**, his Dad, **Gramps Rudolph**, **Chris Farrell** and student teacher, **Beverly Lerner**, who worked with **7th grade** students at Valley Green.

Barrack Canned Food Drive: Barrack faculty members have initiated a canned food drive. Look for the donation box near **Sue Rubin's** desk. The canned food will be donated to a local shelter.

A Warm-Hearted Chesed Event: A school winter coat drive will begin in January, so please save any coats that you wish to donate for this important community service drive.

Civics in Action: 17 Barrack seniors exercised their right to vote for the first time by participating in the national election. Each student received a book about politics to mark the occasion.

New Club Formed: By student request, our school has introduced an Arabic Club that will be advised by **Dr. David Rabeeya**. All interested students should see **Brandon Toll '13** or Dr. Rabeeya.

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. If you have names of family members, neighbors and friends who you know would enjoy touring Barrack and have children who would enjoy the many benefits of a Barrack education, please email names and contact information to Vivian. Thank you!

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.

7th Grade Parent Party: 7th grade parents are invited to a dairy Pot Luck Pizza Party at the home of **Francine and Robert Lipstein** on **Sunday, December 7**, from 5pm to 8pm. Please RSVP to **Nancy Black** by Monday, December 1: martinblack@aol.com.

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**.

6th Grade Trip: Six graders will visit the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archeology and Anthropology for tours of the Egypt and Israel exhibits on **Tuesday, December 16.**

Drug Education Workshop: 6th and 7th grade students will travel to the Education Center of Lakenau Hospital for a drug education workshop on January 8.

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 JBHA website 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.

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LOOKING AHEAD:

Nov 18: An Evening with David J. Wolpe

Nov 26: Young Alumni Thanksgiving Reunion

Nov 27 & 28: School Closed for Thanksgiving

Nov 30-Dec 3: Barrack Repertory Company's production of *The Dining Room*

Dec 2: Barrack Open House- Spread the word!

Dec 7: 7th Grade Parent Pot Luck Pizza Party at Francine & Robert Lipstein's home 5-8pm

Dec 14: 11th Grade Parents Brunch at Linda & Jake Kriger's home

Dec 16: 6th Grade Trip

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