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Benainu "Between Us"



From our Barrack family to yours,
Happy Thanksgiving!

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Chayei Sarah
Candle Lighting: 4:21pm
Shabbat Ends: 5:31pm

HSA Invites You to Brunch – Come watch the Eagles on the big screen and enjoy brunch in the Dining Commons, this Sunday, November 23rd, at 12:30pm. The menu: Wings and Hoagies. Price: \$10. To RSVP, contact amy@jewishrelief.org.

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 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!

Thanksgiving: School will be **dismissed at noon on November 26 and closed on November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving.** Classes resume on December 1.

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!

ניחום אבלים

CONDOLENCES:

Condolences to John Borgmann-Winter on the loss of his beloved mother. Heartfelt condolences to John and his family.

שמחות

MAZEL TOV:

Mazel tov to Michael Cahana '14, who will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah in Israel on November 29 and to his parents, **Dr. Ayala Laufer-Cahana** and **Albert Cahana**, and his brother **Dan '15**.

Congratulations to Robin and Steve Katz, parents of four alumni and directors of Barrack's food services, who will be honored by the Jewish Relief Agency at their **Jewish Food and Community Expo**. The Katzes will be recognized for all that they do to feed those in need and for the many ways that they support our community.

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ALUMNI NEWS:

An Evening to Remember: Rabbi David Wolpe '76 drew a large, enthusiastic audience who were inspired by his discussion of his newest book, *Why Faith Matters*. Kudos to **Donna Goldblum Haas '76** who chaired the evening and to her committee; to **Joy Pincus Cooper '90** Alumni Association President; and to **Susan Gordon**, Director of Alumni Relations. Prior to the community lecture, program sponsors enjoyed a delicious reception, catered by **Max and David's**, held in our school's dining commons, had an opportunity to talk with David and have books signed. Highlights of the community lecture included a lively question and answer session, followed by a festive dessert reception.

Order Your Copy of Why Faith Matters: David Wolpe's book sold out quickly. **We are ordering more books from the publisher.** If you are interested in ordering a copy at \$18 per copy, **please contact Sue Gordon: sgordon@jbha.org or 610-922-2326.**

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.

A Best Big Brother: Ron Feingold '03 is a Big Brother for the nationally recognized Big Brother Big Sister organization and in September took his second trip to Africa, volunteering in South Africa with the Thanda after school program.

Book News: The Philadelphia Bulletin interviewed **Alex Grobman '64** last week about his book, *Nations United: How the United Nations Undermines Israel and the West*. Alex has a PhD in Contemporary History from Hebrew University and is President of a think tank that deals with contemporary and historical issues that affect the Jewish community.

A Sukkah in Beijing: Alison Klayman '02 and friends built a rooftop Sukkah in Beijing, as reported in an article carried in *The Jewish Forward*. Alison's apartment in Beijing has been designated a Moishe House by the California-based Moishe Foundation that helps fund "25 hotspots for the young Jewish community around the globe." Alison and friends' Moishe House is the first in Asia.

Mazel tov to Samuel Malissa '99 on his engagement to **Chen Reichert**. Sam is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. After graduation, he spent two years teaching English on the JET program in Japan. He is currently the assistant director of the Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia.

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SPORTS UPDATE:

Tri- County Soccer All Stars: Congratulations to **David Barnett '09, Derek Benedict '09** and **Michael Leyman '09**, who were selected to play on the Tri-County All Star Team.

A Parade of Soccer Champions: Holding the Tri-County Championship trophy high, Barrack's varsity boys' soccer team paraded through the school last week. Hurrah for senior members **David Barnett, Derek Benedict, Daniel Gavrilov, Michael Lautman, Brian Levy, Michael Leyman, Carl Rebhun and Jon Wexler;** to sophomores **Maor Assouline, Omri Dorani, Daniel Hatooka, Jake Levin, Alex Moshal, Daniel Raikin, David Stein, and Josh Stein;** 9th grader **Ivan Levingston;** and 8th graders **Jeremy Goldfrad and Daniel Saltz. Congratulations Coach Jerry Kleger!**

Fall Sports Banquet: Congratulations to all our Barrack athletes for a great fall season and to the following award winners at the recent Fall Sports Banquet:

Girls Soccer:

Sivan Ben-Maimon- MVP
Yana List- Team Spirit
Shira Grife- Captain's Award
Jenna Glassman- Coach's Award
Samantha Goldfrad- Most Improved

Middle School Soccer:

Jared Raikin- MVP
Michael Foster- MVP
Gideon Haber- Most Improved
Caroline Batoff- Leadership
Jake Tishler- Coach's Award

Cross Country

Jon Pressman- MVP
Shana Reich- Most Spirited
Betsy Silverstein- Most Improved
Jon Pressman- Coach's Award
David Carel- Leadership Award

Girls Tennis

Alex Lieb- MVP and Coach's Award
Remy Raevsky- MVP and Coach's Award
Arielle Steier- Most Improved

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:

Special Muss Visitor: Leonard Barrack '60, an alum and school benefactor, visited our students studying for a semester in Israel on the Muss campus and presented them all with a Phillies Championship cap. He reports that everyone is enjoying classes and many enriching Israeli experiences.

Barrack Bagels Coffee and Learning: Rabbi Saul Grife will lead a discussion of **Chanukah** on **Friday, December 5, 8:30am to 9:30am** in the Barrack Conference Center in the athletic building as part of our first Friday of each month's adult study and learning. Plan to join us every first Friday for a morning of sharing ideas and camaraderie.

Egalitarian Minyan: If you are interested in learning more about Barrack's egalitarian minyan, please contact **Sarah Waxman:** swaxman@jbha.org.

Class of 2010 Fundraiser: The 11th grade class is selling Chocolate boxes for Chanukah. They make the perfect holiday gift! Please support the class of 2010 in this sweet way.

In the News: Look for **Jacqueline Cantor '10, Evan Finkelstein '11, Hannah Kosman '10 and Emily Simkin '11**, cast members of *The Dining Room*, this year's Upper School Drama, in this week's *Main Line Times*. And buy your tickets now for the play that runs from November 30 through December 3.

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.

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 for students new to Barrack, 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 **Thursday, January 8**.

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 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 23: Eagles Brunch and Game in Dining Commons - \$10

Nov 26: Young Alumni Thanksgiving Reunion/noon dismissal

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 5: Barrack Bagels Coffee and Learning with Rabbi Saul Grife

Dec 7: 7th Grade Parent Pot Luck Pizza Party at the Lipstein's home

Dec 14: 11th Grade Parents Brunch at the Kriger's home

Dec 16: 6th Grade Trip to U. of P. Museum of Archeology

Jan 8: 6th & 7th grade Drug Education Trip

Jan 20: HSA Drug Education Program for Parents

Jan 25: 10th Grade Parent Get Together

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