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Shabbat Shalom!

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Candle Lighting: 4:16pm

Shabbat Ends: 5:26pm

Basketball in Israel: For the first time ever, a team from Barrack Hebrew Academy played a basketball game in Israel. Members of the junior class studying for a semester on the Muss Campus defeated a team from Jerusalem. We thank **Michael Saewitz**, father of **Daniel Saewitz '10**, for sending us this exciting news. Look for details in our sports section.

JRA Jewish Food and Community EXPO: Barrack students will be on hand to assist at the Jewish Relief Agency's Jewish Food and Community Expo, honoring **Robin and Steve Katz and family**, part of Barrack Hebrew Academy's *mispocha*. The Expo takes place **this Sunday, December 7, 11am to 6pm at the Valley Forge Convention Center**, Valley Forge, PA. Tickets are available at the door.

Next Open House: Tuesday, February 3, 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. Now, more than ever, we need your enthusiastic support. Thank you!

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CONDOLENCES:

We are sorry to inform you of the recent passing of **Cora Bicknell Winter**, mother of **John Borgmann-Winter**, Barrack science teacher. A memorial service will be held on December 14 in Martinsville, Indiana. Our heartfelt condolences to John and his family.

שמחות

MAZEL TOV:

Mazel tov to Benjamin Bernstein '14 who will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah this Saturday, December 6, and to his parents, **Deirdre** and **Larry Bernstein**.

Mazel tov to Celeste Marcus '14 who will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah this Saturday, December 6, and to her parents, **Lori Lowenthal Marcus** and **Jerome Marcus**.

Congratulations to Rabbi Michael Yondorf, a member of our Jewish Studies Department, who has been selected to attend the Gap Year/College Counselors visit to Israel, sponsored by MASA. In Israel, he will visit a number of Israeli programs. A number of gap-year programs participated in our "Israel Fair" this year.

בוגרים

ALUMNI NEWS:

Leonard Barrack '60 has been named Chair of Temple Law School's Board of Visitors. Congratulations, Len!

Federation's Mitzvah Mania Participants: Joe Carver '64 and his wife **Peggy** were event chairs for the very successful community-wide Mitzvah Mania event that rallied over 5,000 volunteers. Project Chairs included **Tamar Silberberg** and husband **Yoav Shiffman** and Barrack Faculty member **Gail Simon**. **Joe Carver** is in *Philadelphia Magazine* in a photo taken at Saks Fifth Avenue's "Key to the Cure" event, benefiting cancer research.

WHYY Promotion: Congratulations to **Art Ellis '68**, a veteran at WHYY, who has been promoted to the position of Executive Director of the station's communications and brand management.

Congratulations to Karen Pendrak '07 on her engagement to **Yitzchok Kraftmann**.

Mazel tov to Andrea Simonson Weingarten '98 and her husband **Neil Weingarten** on the birth of a baby boy and to **Lainey and Beryl Simonson**, proud grandparents.

Order your copy of *Why Faith Matters*: David Wolpe's book sold out quickly during his recent presentation at Barrack Hebrew Academy. **We have ordered 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: Over 65 young alum attended our Akiba-Barrack Alumni Association Thanksgiving Reunion. They enjoyed meeting old friends and former teachers, touring the building, and enjoying lunch in our dining commons. **Joy Pincus Cooper '90**, Alumni Chair, and **Dr. Steven M. Brown**, head of school, addressed the returning alumni. Many thanks to our faculty tour guides who led alum through our new school and campus: **Kim Gillio, Barnett Kamen, Ivy Kaplan, Ray Leven, Sharon Levin, Dewey Oriente, and Laura Lyn Stern**. Thanks, as well, to **Judith Rudnitsky** and **George Shotz** for arranging lunch.

מה עוד חדש

SPORTS UPDATE:

Girls Basketball News: Our girls' varsity basketball team started the season off with two big wins in the Tri-County Inter-Scholastic League. The Lady Cougars defeated Delaware Valley Friends, 38-22, at a home game in our new gymnasium. Freshman point guard **Tamara Moskowitz** led the scoring with 13 points, and had 12 steals, with 3 assists. Sophomore **Captain Davida Vogel** chipped in with 7 points, while freshman forward **Sivan Ben-Maimon** also added 7 points. Then the team beat West-Mont Christian, with an exciting 23-21 win. **Tamara Moscowitz** had 15 to lead the Cougars and added 10 rebounds. **Davida Vogel** had 4 points, pulling down 13 rebounds, 6 on offense. Two-guard **Jenna Glassman** also chipped in 4 points for the win.

Boys Basketball News: The Boys' Varsity Basketball team split their two games at the Stern Scramble on Sunday, November 30. After losing to Yeshivat Rambam 75-60 in the first game, Barrack defeated West Chester, NY, in the second game, 63-50. **Michael Leyman '09** led the

scoring against Rambam with 14 points. **Derek Benedict '09** scored 12. Against West Chester, **Derek Benedict '09** scored 23 and **Michael Leyman '09** and **Dan Gabbay '11** each scored 10.

On Tuesday, Barrack lost to West-Mont Christian, 67-61. The Cougars are now 1 and 1 in the Tri-County League.

MORE NEWS:

Human Rights Assembly: The Human Rights Club will host its first assembly of the year this Thursday, December 11 (C Day.) ***Invisible Children***, a film about the plight of child soldiers in Uganda, will be shown, followed by Middle School discussion led by **Aaron Bloch '09** and Upper School discussions, led by **Leah Apple '09**.

Artifact Alley: Congratulations to our sixth graders and to Mrs. Judith Pransky, Core teacher and Artifact Alley coordinator, for another intriguing artifact "guessing game".

Toy Collection for Inner-City Shelters: Your help is needed to brighten the lives of children this season. We are collecting toys for "The Mission of Hope," a grass roots program that helps families living in Philadelphia homeless shelters. **Toys will be collected during the week of December 8 through 12th. Please bring in unwrapped toys and gifts for children ages 3-18 in the \$5-\$10 range** and place them in the designated box located in the main lobby. **If you would like to make a monetary donation**, please make a check payable to Barrack Hebrew Academy Chesed and leave it with **Mrs. Rubin** by December 11. Thank you!

Bravo to *The Dining Room* Cast and Crew: The Barrack Repertory production, directed by **Dewey Oriente-Cassidy** was a success. Congratulations to the ensemble cast, including; **Shoshana Blum, Jackie Cantor, Leonie Cohen, Leon Davis, Evan Finkelstein, Hannah Kosman, Emily Simkin, Nina Stein, Mira Taichman and Hannah Turner**. The staff and crew included: **Sarah Turner, Tony Cassidy-Oriente, Chris Alberts, Jackie Goldwurm, Zach Taylor, Jeff Reim, Tina Heinze, with a special thank you to Avista Custom Theatricals** who provided the furniture and properties for the set.

Setting the Stage: 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**.

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.

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 at 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. If you haven't already responded, please RSVP today to **Nancy Black** 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:

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

Dec 8-12: Toy Collection

Dec 11: Human Rights Assembly

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

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

Dec 19: 9th Grade Trip to Philadelphia Museum of Art

Dec 24-Jan 2: Winter Break. Classes resume on January 5

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

Jan 20: HSA Drug Education Program for Parents

Jan 25: 10th Grade Student Get Together

Feb 8-11: Upper School Drama: *Third*

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