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Shabbat Shalom!

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Vayishlach

Candle Lighting: 4:16pm

Shabbat Ends: 5:26pm

Soccer Player of the Year: Congratulations to **David Barnett '09** who has been named **Soccer Player of the Year** by *Main Line Life* and is a member of the paper's **All-Star Team**. Look for an article about David's accomplishments in the week's Sports section of the paper. **Dereck Benedict '09** was named to the All-Star second team and **Carl Rebhun '09** received Honorable Mention. Congratulations to all for exceeding your goals! Congratulations, as well to **Coach Jerry Kleger!**

More Soccer Standouts: Look for **Sivan Ben-Maimon '12** on the front page of *Main Line Life's Soccer Standout* section, published on **December 3**. Sivan made the paper's **All-Star Girls' Soccer Team**. Freshman **Tamara Moskowitz** and **Jenna Glassman** made the Second Team and junior **Sarah Saltz** received honorable mention. Congratulations to **Coach Kim Gillio** as well!

New Cell Phone Rules: A letter outlining new cell phone rules has been emailed to all **Barrack families**. Please read the letter carefully and discuss the new rules with your students. Thank you.

ניחום אבלים

CONDOLENCES:

We are sorry to inform you of the passing of **Albert Wexler**, father of **David Wexler (Tzvia)** and grandfather of **Kim Wexler '06** and **Jonathan Wexler '09**. Funeral services will be held this Sunday, 11am, at Goldstein's on Broad Street. Shiva will be observed at the Wexler home in Dresher.

שמחות

MAZEL TOV:

Mazel tov to **Joshua Radack '14** who will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on December 29. Congratulations, as well, to his parents, **Miki** and **Gerald Radack**.

Congratulations to Oded Philip, a member of our Hebrew Language Department, who has been invited to participate in the **Second Annual Jewish Agency Teachers' Conference** to be held outside of Baltimore, Maryland from December 14-16. The conference deals with topics related to North American day school education. This year's conference will focus on Israel activities that have been run in schools—a topic that certainly fits Oded's expertise and experience. Oded will also help lead the panel discussion.

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ALUMNI NEWS:

Why Faith Matters: Copies of **Rabbi David Wolpe's** new book, **Why Faith Matters**, are available from our Akiba-Barrack Alumni Association for \$18 per copy. David, a member of the Class of '76, recently reviewed his book at Barrack, wowing the audience. His book makes a great Chanukah gift. **To purchase copies**, send a check for \$18 to JBHA, use PayPal or order with a credit card. Please contact **Randi Butow** for details: rbutow@jbha.org or call 610-922-2328 today.

Alumni Basketball Game in New Gym: Young Alumni (2003- 2008) are invited to play against **Alumni of all Ages** at the Akiba-Barrack Annual Alumni Basketball Event set for **Thursday, January 8, 6:30pm** in our athletic building's new gym. The games will be followed by refreshments. Look for your email invitation. This event is **free and fun for all alumni!**

Condolences to Lisa Archinow Katz '77 and Steven Archinow '81 on the loss of their father, **Dr. Irving Archinow, D.D.S.**

Congratulations to Jonathan Barnett '90 and his wife **Yael** on the birth of their third daughter, **Lia**, sister to **Daniella** and **Shira**. Mazel tov, as well to proud grandfather **Alan Barnett**, **Aunt Abigail '98** and **Uncle David '09**.

More Barnett Baby News: Mazel tov to **Mathew Barnett '92** and his wife **Jenny** on the birth of their twins, **Layla and Noah**, sister and brother to **Jordana**, **Maka** and **Alexander**. Mazel tov, again to proud grandfather **Alan Barnett**, **Aunt Abigail '98** and **Uncle David '09**.

Mazel tov to Aaron Friedman '01 on his engagement to **Dahlia Bernstein**. They are both graduates of the Joint Program at the Jewish Theological Seminary/Columbia University. Aaron is the brother of **Zack '01** and **Jake '99**. A June '09 wedding is planned.

Mazel tov to Jerome Marcus '77, and his wife **Lori Lowenthal** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Celeste Marcus '14**.

Married Alum Isaac Ohayon '83 and Nancy Alter-Ohayon '83 made the front page of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* on December 3. In the process of converting a 160-year old South Philadelphia church into a house, they came across the grave of one of the leaders' of the nation's 19th century Abolitionist Movement, the Rev. Stephen Gloucester. The couple owns Masada Builders and lives in Society Hill.

Beth Margules Rupp '76, Director of the Service Learning and Leadership Institute of the Jewish Community High School of Gratz College, will address the Tri-State Jewish Communal Professional Association on **Service Learning vs. Community Service: The Kavannah Approach**.

Aaron Hahn Tapper '91, Co-Executive Director of Abraham's Vision, receives **The San Francisco 49ers Perry/Yonamine Unity Award**. The 49ers selected **Abraham's Vision** as 2008's exceptional non-profit organization, demonstrating a commitment to promoting unity and giving back to the local community. Abraham's Vision is a conflict transformation organization that examines relations within and between the Jewish, Muslim, Israeli and Palestinian communities.

Rabbi David Wolpe '76, author of *Why Faith Matters*, will be a guest on *The Today Show* on **Tuesday, December 16, during the 9am hour.** Tune in!

Oscar! Oscar! Jeremiah Zaga '99, received the exciting news that his intimate family film and memoir, *In A Dream*, has been shortlisted for an Oscar in this year's **Best Documentary** award category. The film, that tells the story of his father, a prominent Philadelphia mosaic artist, has won a number of awards and will be released in theaters this spring. Working with Jeremiah is **Jeremy Yaches '99**. They are partners in their film company, **Herzeliya Films**.

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SPORTS UPDATE:

Barrack Basketball in Israel: For the first time ever, a boys' team from Barrack Hebrew Academy played a basketball game in Israel. The team consists of members of our Junior Class studying for a semester on the Muss Campus. They defeated a local Jerusalem team, 65-53. They played before close to 40 Barrack fans—family, friends, classmates and alumni—including: **Judah Rand-Lakritz '70, Hillel Goelman '69 and David Chintz '69.** Also cheering on the team was **Wendie Gabay**, Barrack librarian. The Cougars were paced by **Tal Ben-Maimon** and **Harrison Grass**. In all, 12 players contributed to the team's success. The team, coached by **Ken Sachs**, hopes to play many more games on Israel courts.

Basketball Practices: Middle School girls' basketball practice has been scheduled for **this Sunday** from 9-10am in the gym, followed by the boys' team practice set for 10-11am.

MORE NEWS:

Next Open House: Tuesday, February 3, 9am to noon. Spread the word! Vivian Young, Director of Recruitment and Admissions, also reports that our prior Open Houses have been very successful. Families and students from public, other independent and Jewish day schools have been visiting and are very impressed with our students, teachers, facilities and new campus. A special thank you is extended to our student ambassadors, always a great hit, and to **Kate Kelsen**, Barrack parent and Board member who greets our guests.

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 and generous support. Thank you!

Human Rights Assembly: Members of the Human Rights Club showed clips from the film *Invisible Children*, depicting the lives of children soldiers in Uganda and the threat of child abduction in that war-torn country, at a very moving assembly yesterday. Kudos to **Leah Apple '09**, club president who discovered and researched the film and the following seniors and club members who contributed to the success of the assembly: **Aaron Bloch, Sasha Borowsky, David Barnett, and Jake Beadenkopf.** **Tom McLaughlin** is the club's advisor. Club members wish to thank everyone who attended and participated in the assembly and invite interested students to join the club that meets A and E days at break in room 104. Club members will be discussing ways to raise funds for the invisible children of Uganda.

Tzedakah: During the first quarter, students in Barnett Kamen's classes collected \$129.00 for tzedakah. The money was donated to Chabad-Mumbai. **Mr. Kamen** appreciates the generosity of his students and their families.

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.

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 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 8: Alumni Basketball Game

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.