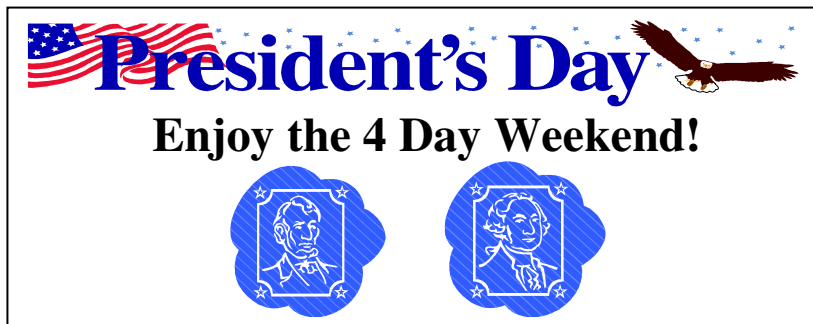




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Benainu "Between Us"



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Candle Lighting: 5:14pm

Shabbat Ends: 6:24pm

Annual Fund Facts and Fundraising News: Tuition alone does not cover the cost of educating Barrack Hebrew Academy students. We count on Annual Fund dollars to make up the difference and provide every student the many benefits of a Barrack Hebrew Academy education. **This year, our major annual fundraising event will honor Beryl D. Simonson** for his outstanding contributions to education, Jewish life and the community on **Sunday, March 29, 6-9pm in our new home: 272 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue**. Festivities will include an elegant dining buffet, with catering by Max and David's, and the presentation of a special award to Beryl. **Tribute Book Chairs** for this special event are **Sam J. Greenblatt** and **Hershel J. Richman '59**; our **Honorary Chairs** are **Sharon** and **Jonathan Levin**; our **Annual Fund Chair** is **Harry Goldberg**; and our **Event Chair** is **Debbi Bass**. **For Tribute Book and event information**, visit our website www.jbha.org and click on the Ruby Slippers. We look forward to your support and to celebrating with you on March 29.

Presidents' Weekend: Barrack Hebrew Academy will be closed on **Friday, February 13** and **Monday, February 16** for Presidents' Weekend. **Classes resume on Tuesday, February 17.**

Host Families Needed: In honor of **Yom Ha'atzma'ut** and **Tel Aviv's 100th birthday**, Barrack Hebrew Academy will host the **Towers of Tel Aviv Choir, April 21- April 30**. **Host families are needed to host the teens (9th-12th graders) and their 3 to 4 chaperones**. Host families will be asked to provide home hospitality for 1 to 3 teens, room and board; transportation to and from school; and occasional lunches for day trips. Shabbat and/or Kosher observance are not a requirement, for most choir members are not observant. Interested host families should contact Dr. Sigal Strauss as soon as possible: sstrauss@jbha.org Thank you!

Open House Dates: Barrack Hebrew Academy will host **Open Houses** on **Tuesdays, March 3** and **May 5, 9am-noon**. Spread the word.

ניחום אבלים

CONDOLENCES:

We are sad to inform you of the passing of **Gail Katz**, mother of **Alex Katz (Linda)** and grandmother of **Ariana '08** and **Elias '11**. The funeral service took place on Wednesday, February 11. Shiva will be observed at the Katz home in Rydal through Tuesday morning.

רפואה שלמה

GET WELL:

We wish a speedy recovery to faculty member **Steve Stroiman** who is recovering from a double hip replacement.

שמחות

MAZEL TOV:

Congratulations to 10th grader Zachary Taylor who won the **Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate Tournament** hosted by Shikellamy High School in Sunbury, PA.

Congratulations to Gavriella Stein '14, who will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on February 21, and to her parents, **Rabbi Jay and Melissa Stein** and sister, **Nina '11**.

בוגרים

ALUMNI NEWS:

Congratulations to Josh Shapiro '91 and Lori Ferrara Shapiro '91 on the birth of their son **Maxwell**, brother of **Sophie** and **Jonah**. Mazel tov, as well, to proud grandparents **Steve** (past Board President) and **Judy Shapiro**.

Condolences to Hillel Goelman '69 on the death of his mother.

Condolences to Barnet Rubin '67 (Susan Blum Rubin '67,) Phyllis Rubin (Alan Garfield '72) and Rachel Rubin Wolf '69 (Michael Wolf) on the loss of their father and father-in-law, **Arthur Rubin**.

מה עוד חדש

SPORTS:



Anyone interested in joining the **Girls' Lacrosse Club** should see **Coach Kurtz**.

Basketball News: Both our boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams are preparing for the Tri-County League playoffs.

Villanova Wildcats: Members of our boys' varsity basketball team will attend a practice of the Villanova men's basketball team this Monday. They will be accompanied by **Coach Kurtz**.

MORE NEWS:

Bravo! Kudos! Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Third*, and to student director **Georgia Robbins-Gerike '09** and assistant director **Daniel Weinblatt '09** for their moving, masterful and memorable production of Wendy Wasserstein's award-winning drama. The accomplished cast included: seniors **Emily Alloy, Leah Apple, Joey Chriqui, Dina Rendsberg** and sophomore **Zachary Taylor**. The crew included **Ben Freedman '10, Yoni Razin '10, and Evan Finkelstein '11**. **Dewey Oriente**, Drama program director, is very proud of all the play's participants.

Debate Team Off to Harvard: Members of our varsity debate team are off to Harvard University for the weekend to participate in a series of debates. **Hallie Freedman**, advisor, is accompanying the team.

Israeli Elections Brought Home to Barrack Students: Barrack's Israel Club, advised by **Oded Philip**, invited a special guest from Israel to present the "ins and outs" of Israel's parliamentary election held this week.

Library Volunteers Needed: Parents, grandparents or grandfriends are needed to help perform light clerical duties in our beautiful new library. Please contact head librarian Wendie Gabay if you are interested in volunteering: wgabay@jbha.org Thank you!

World Affairs Council: A number of Barrack students participated in a World Affairs Council event held at the Union League on January 30. Over 200 students from 19 high schools were engaged in the "Model Senate Foreign Relations Committee Hearings." Barrack participants included: **Joshua Ackerman '11, Hannah Dardashti '10, Daniel Parmet '11, Yana List '11, Matan Ayash '11, Moshe Sutton-Kravitz '11, Josh Stein '11, Zach Taylor '11 and Jessica Wolfson '11**. **Gail Simon**, advisor, accompanied the group.

Mock Trial Competition: A number of Barrack students are participating in The Mock Trial Competition being held at the Montgomery County Courthouse this week. They include: 12th graders **Sasha Borowsky, David Carel, Stuart Goldberg, Elan Goss, and Daniel Weinblatt**; 11th graders **Jon Foster, Eli Taichman and Adam Wachs**; and 10th graders **Hannah Glickman and Yana List**. They are coached and advised by **Ivy Kaplan**.

Annual Drama Department Fundraiser: A festive **Cabaret** themed *All That Glitters: A Salute to the Golden Age of Broadway* is set for **Sunday, March 15, 7pm**, in our school's dining commons. This major fundraiser will feature the **cast of Beauty and the Beast, Akiba-Barrack alumni, Dewey Oriente-Cassidy and Jim Wade** on the piano. **Admission is \$12**. Light refreshments will be served. Come out and support Barrack's award-winning drama department.

More Tuition Assistance and Merit Scholarship Funds: Pass the Word! Due to the generosity of Barrack benefactors, we have expanded our already existing tuition assistance and merit scholarship programs 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 over \$200,000, depending on individual circumstances. Every new student who enters our school in September 2009 will receive a \$3,600 merit grant toward tuition. Our **Rabbis' Scholarship merit tuition grant** for new students has been **increased to \$5,000 for the first year and \$3,600 thereafter** for scholars in good standing. We also have increased tuition aid for existing families. 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.

Annenberg High School Science Symposium: A team of **10 Barrack 9th graders**, along with **two 10th grade team leaders**, will participate in the 4th Annual Annenberg High School Science

Symposium set for **Thursday, March 12** in the **Bryn Mawr Hospital Auditorium at 7pm**. Their topic focuses on prosthetic limbs.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Kehillah of Delaware County as part of "One Book, One Jewish Community" presents an interactive concert of Jewish music featuring: "The SHUK" a group of musicians and educators who celebrate the sacred and spirited connection between Jewish identity and music through interactive performances and workshops. Join "The SHUK" for an evening dedicated to the preservation, perpetuation, and innovation of Jewish identity in the 21st century. An excerpt from Got No Jeep and My Camel Died a documentary film about the musical journey of renowned Israeli ethnic musician Yair Dalal, will precede the performance. Committed to carrying on the legacy of Jewish masters of Iraqi music, Dalal has played an important role in shaping the global world music scene. Ami Yares, director of "The SHUK," studied under Yair Dalal and will be joined by David Freeman (Percussion) and Gavri Tov Yares (upright bass).

Saturday, February 14, 2009 at 7:30pm.
The Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy
272 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, \$15 student rate

For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.jewishphilly.org/shuk or call 610-578-9000.

Festival Screening at Barrack: Barrack Hebrew Academy will host an **Israel Film Festival of Greater Philadelphia screening** of the award-winning film "**The Beetle**" in our auditorium on **Saturday, March 14, 8:30pm, followed by a dessert reception for the entire audience.** This delightful docudrama takes viewers on a road trip with Director Yishai Orian who is trying to save his 40 year old car- a VW Beetle - from the junk heap when his very pregnant wife declares that she wants a more modern and baby-friendly vehicle. Reviewers hail the film as *entertaining* and *heartwarming*. **Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. Barrack students are invited free of charge. Tickets may be purchased online at their website: www.iffphila.com**



Strut Your Support Fashion Event: Barrack Hebrew Academy will host our school's **first ever fashion fundraiser, Strut Your Support,** on **Tuesday evening, March 17, 7pm** in our dining commons **The event will benefit the Tikva Children's Home for abandoned or homeless Jewish children in the Ukraine.** The ultimate goal is to help the children emigrate to Israel. Organized by 10th graders **Nicole Henzel** and **Shoshana Reich**, the evening will feature a light dinner catered by Max and David's, followed by a stylish fashion show, an exciting raffle, a live DJ, and an after party presented by RakDan. Event packages follow:

VIP Package: Admission for four; VIP seating, and 12 raffle tickets all for **\$118.**

The Haute Couture Package: Admission for two; 8 raffle tickets all for **\$54.**

The Fashionista Package: Admission for one and 2 raffle tickets, all for **\$15.**

ALL packages must be prepaid by March 10, 2009. Fashionably late admission is \$20 at the door. For details, email Nicole.Henzel@jbha.org or Shoshana.Reich@jbha.org Reservation forms are available on Benainu's homepage.

12th Grade American Government Trip: Seniors in the American Government and Economics class will attend a **Good Government Conference** at **Cabrini College** on **Friday, March 13.**

AP Science Trip: 12th grade AP Environmental Science students and 12th grade AP Biology students will travel to the Stroud Water Research Center on Tuesday, March 17, 8:20am. The students will return at 3:30pm.

SA Magnet Sale: SA is selling Cougar Paw magnets. **Cost: \$3 for one; \$5 for two.** Please make checks payable to JBHA Student Association. Any questions, email David Barnett: david.barnett@jbha.org

Exciting Opportunity for "Rising Seniors:" If you are a member of the Class of 2010 and are interested in business and economics, then this is a summer opportunity to explore. The program is called *Economics for Leaders* and is presented by the Foundation for the Teaching of Economics, an organization that works with teachers and students in developing teaching materials and instructional programs related to economics education. This is a one-week summer program held on college campuses around the country. **Leslie Pugach**, Middle School Principal, has participated in FTE programs and highly recommends this opportunity. For an application and program details, consult the **FTE.org website**. **The deadline for applications is March 9, 2009.**

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

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 Benainu homepage 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.

Did anyone say drama?

"TALE AS OLD AS TIME,
SONG AS OLD AS RHYME
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST"

Auditions for the Upper School Musical

Disney's

Beauty and the Beast

Will take place on **Sunday, February 15**

sign ups begin at 1:30pm -- audition begins at 2:00pm

More information available online at www.jbha.org click on DRAMA

"Come with me and you'll be in a world of Pure Imagination...."

Join Barrack's Middle School

as we journey through the gates of the most famous chocolate factory in the world
with this year's Middle School Musical

Willy Wonka, Jr

March 1 2:00pm followed by an HSA dinner for all families (details to follow)

March 2 @ 7:00pm

Tickets forms available at www.jbha.org click on DRAMA

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LOOKING AHEAD:

Feb 12: JBHA Coffee House

Feb 13: School is Closed for Presidents' Weekend

Feb 14: The Shuk

Feb 15: Auditions for *Beauty and the Beast*

Feb 16: School is Closed for Presidents' Weekend

Feb 20-22: Senior Shabbaton

Feb 23: 9th Grade Trip to Holocaust Museum

Mar 1-2: Middle School Musical: *Willy Wonka Junior*

March 3: Open House

March 9: *Economics for Leaders* Application Deadline

March 12: 4th Annual Annenberg High School Science Symposium

March 13: 12th Grade American Government and Economics Trip

March 15: Cabaret: Drama Department Fundraiser

March 17: 12th Grade AP Environmental Science & AP Biology Students Trip

March 17: Strut Your Support Fashion Benefit Event

May 17-20: Upper School Musical: *Beauty and The Beast*

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