



# בינינו

Benainu "Between Us"

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribute – Sunday, March 29th



*There's No Place Like Home... Our Home*

*honoring*

**Beryl D. Simonson**

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**Mishpatim**

Candle Lighting: 5:23pm

Shabbat Ends: 6:33pm

**Annual Tribute Fundraising Event: On March 29<sup>th</sup>, there's no place like home...our home.** Look in the mail for your invitation to **Barrack Hebrew Academy's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribute**, honoring **Beryl D. Simonson** for his outstanding contributions to education, Jewish life and the community. This, our school's major annual fundraising event, is set for **Sunday, March 29, 2009, 6-9pm, in Barrack Hebrew Academy's new home: 272 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA.** Annual Fund dollars enrich and touch the lives of all our students and faculty, providing funds for programs and experiences not covered by tuition and for the day-to-day operation of our school. **Tribute book ad forms and information about March 29<sup>th</sup> festivities are on our website.** Just log onto [www.jbha.org](http://www.jbha.org) and **click on the ruby slippers. Join us in toasting Beryl, and support Barrack Hebrew Academy. For detailed information, contact Randi Butow: [rbutow@jbha.org](mailto:rbutow@jbha.org) or 610-922-2328.** Don't miss out.

**Host Families Needed: In honor of Yom Ha'atzma'ut and Tel Aviv's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, Barrack Hebrew Academy will host the Towers of Tel Aviv Choir, April 21- April 30. Host families are needed to host the teens (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) and 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](mailto: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 send heartfelt condolences to Lena Cox '11 and her family on the recent death of her father.**

## שמחות

### MAZEL TOV:

**Mazel Tov to Jacob Smolover '14** who will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on February 28, and to his parents, **Marcia Metlin** and **Charles Smolover**.

## בוגרים

### ALUMNI NEWS:

**Robyn Freedman Cohen '92** has been instrumental in bringing the San Diego repertory Theater Production of *Blessings of a Broken Heart*, a play based on the award winning book of Sherri Mandell, to Greater Philadelphia. The group will perform for students at Barrack Hebrew Academy during the day and at Temple Sinai Dresher on the evening of March 19. The program is sponsored by the Koby Mandell Foundation in Partnership with the Jewish Federation Kehillah of Bux-Mont.

**Hadas Kuznits '93** was featured in the February 2009 issue of Main Line Today Magazine. She has traveled the world for 6 years covering events for KYW-Am 1060. The article interviewed her in particular about her trip to Israel during the nation's 60th anniversary celebration. She makes reference to the impact of her semester in Israel during her junior year at Akiba.

**Mazel Tov to Josh Segal '93** and his wife **Jennifer Geetter** on the birth of a son (yet to be named) in Washington, D.C. Congratulations also to proud grandparents, past President, **Dan Segal** and his wife, **Sheila**.

## מה עוד חדש

### SPORTS:



**Boys' Varsity Basketball News:** Our boys' varsity basketball team **won the quarter final game** of the **Tri-County Basketball Playoff**, defeating Woodlyne 69-59. They play Phelps this Monday, February 23, at 3:35 in the semi-final game. Way to go team!

**Boys' Basketball All-Star players and Games:** **Derek Benedict '09** and **Jon Wexler '09** will represent Barrack in the All-Star basketball game. **Josh Ackerman '11** will represent Barrack in the 3 point shooting contest. The All-Star boys' and girl's basketball games are set for **Thursday, February 26, at the Perkiomen School**.

**Boys' Jr. Varsity Basketball News:** Our boys junior varsity basketball team **came in second** in the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Jim Spiro J.V. Basketball Tournament**, Tri-County League's Championship Tournament sponsored by the Phelps School. The boys played well and had a good season.

**Girls' Varsity Basketball Updates:** Our girls' team also participated in the Tri-County League playoffs, facing Mercy Vocational Tech. They lost the game but enjoyed a good season. **Tamara Moskowitz '12** and **Davida Vogel '11** will represent Barrack in the All-Star girls' basketball game. **Davida** will also participate in the 3 point shooting contest.



**Girls Lacrosse:** The first lacrosse clinic was great. **Our next clinic is set for Sunday, March 1**, 3-5pm in the school gym. Interested girls should see **Coach Kurtz**.

### **MORE NEWS:**

**HSA Speaker: Dr. Flaura Koplin Winston, MD and PhD**, director and founder of The Center for Injury Research and the Prevention at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Penn, will share the latest evidence and information on how to help families steer their teens to safe independent driving this **Wednesday, February 25, 7:30pm** in our **school's dining commons**. Dr. Winston, a Barrack parent, will present ways to ***Crash-Proof Your Teens: What you Don't Know Could Kill Your Teen***. Don't miss this vital presentation.

**HSA Barrack Bagels and Learning:** Barrack parents are invited to hear **Rabbi Leonard Gordon** of the Germantown Jewish Center talk about ***Preparing Your Passover Seder: Making the Social Justice Connections***, on **Friday, March 6, 8-9:30am** in the Athletic Building Alumni Conference room. Join us for this timely discussion!

**Congratulations to Zachary Taylor '11** who captured two awards at the **Harvard University Debate**, where all the members of our debate team made us proud.

**Dites Fromage:** The French Club treated members and guests to a special cheese tasting presented by **Monsieur Scott Selkowitz**, a cheese connoisseur, who explained how cheese is made and what constitutes kosher cheeses. A delicious salad, French bread, and éclairs completed this special treat. News of this event was promoted by **Nicole Becker '12**. The club is advised by **Mme. Sigal Strauss**.

**Coffee House a Success:** Congratulations to the organizers and talented participants in Barrack's recent Coffee House. Fun was had by all. And kudos to **Rachel Schwartz '09** who tirelessly promoted the event.

**Senior Auction:** A spirited senior auction took place this week. Congratulations to the winning bidders!

**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](mailto:wgabay@jbha.org) Thank you!

**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.

**Israel Film 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](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> 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, exciting raffle, 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.

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

**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](mailto:Nicole.Henzel@jbha.org) or [Shoshana.Reich@jbha.org](mailto:Shoshana.Reich@jbha.org)

**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](mailto:vyoung@jbha.org) or 610-922-2350.

**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](mailto:david.barnett@jbha.org)

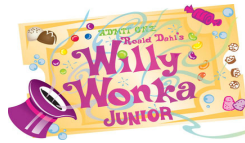
**Exciting Opportunity for "Rising Seniors:"** If you are a member of the Class of 2010 and are interested in business and economics, then this is a **summer opportunity** to explore. The program is called *Economics for Leaders* and is presented by the Foundation for the Teaching of Economics, an organization 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](mailto: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?**



"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

**March 2 @ 7:00pm**

Ticket/Dinner forms available at [www.jbha.org](http://www.jbha.org) click on DRAMA button at bottom of page  
Dinner forms are due 2.24.09

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## השבוע הבא

### LOOKING AHEAD:

**Feb 20-22: Senior Shabbaton**

**Feb 23: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Holocaust Museum**

**Feb 25: HSA Speaker Dr. Flaura Koplin Winston**

**March 1: Middle School Musical: *Willy Wonka, Junior* and Dinner**

**March 2: Middle School Musical: *Willy Wonka, Junior***

**March 3: Open House**

**March 6: Barrack Bagels and Learning with Rabbi Gordon**

**March 9: *Economics for Leaders* Application Deadline**

**March 12: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Annenberg High School Science Symposium**

**March 13: 12<sup>th</sup> Grade American Government and Economics Trip**

**March 14: Israel Film Festival Screening: *The Beetle***

**March 15: Cabaret: Drama Department Fundraiser**

**March 17: 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:brosen@jbha.org).**