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Benainu "Between Us"

7th Annual Tribute – Sunday, March 29th



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

honoring

Beryl D. Simonson

We look forward to seeing you at the tribute event benefiting our school. **RSVP today!**

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Tetzaveh

Candle Lighting: 5:38pm

Shabbat Ends: 6:48pm

NEWSFLASH:

Did you RSVP to our 7th Annual Tribute Event? Please join us on March 29 to salute **Beryl D. Simonson** for his many contributions to education, Jewish life and the community. Please return your RSVP card that is enclosed in your invitation today, or click on the **ruby slippers** that appear on our school's homepage: www.jbha.org. Your participation supports our Annual Fund that enriches the lives of all our students and faculty and helps assure a vibrant future for our community. We look forward to seeing you!

Appointment of Upper School Principal Announced: With great pleasure, **Dr. Steven M. Brown** announced the appointment of **Mrs. Leslie Pugach** as **Principal of Barrack Hebrew Academy's Upper School**, beginning September 2009. A member of the Akiba-Barrack Hebrew Academy for 28 years, Leslie most recently served as the Principal of the Middle School. An esteemed colleague, faculty member and administrator, Leslie shares that she is "extremely excited and enthusiastic about her new position." **Helena Lehrner**, Barrack's Upper School principal, is stepping down from this position and will be on sabbatical next year. Congratulations to both Leslie and Helena.

Israeli Film Festival Screening at Barrack: **FREE admission** is being extended to Barrack Hebrew Academy students, faculty, administration and staff. Barrack Hebrew Academy will host an Israeli 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.** The entire community is invited. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. Tickets can be purchased online: www.iffphila.com.

Strut Your Support Benefit Fashion Show: Enjoy a fashion event, featuring Barrack student models, and benefit homeless Jewish children by joining us for an evening of fashion, food and fun on **Tuesday, March 17, 7pm** at our school. **Proceeds will help support the Tikva Children's Home in the Ukraine.** Full details are outlined under "More News."

ניחום אבלים

CONDOLENCES:

With great sadness, we inform you of the passing of **Harold Levick**, husband of **Barbara** (Bobby), father of Barrack's Director of Finance and Operations, **Amanda Steier '80, Janet, Sandy** and **Cindy**, and grandfather of **Zoe '11** and **Arielle '13 Steier**. Shiva was observed at the Levick home. Heartfelt condolences are extended to the entire family.

Heartfelt Condolences are extended to the **Harrow** and **Meislich-Zuckerman** families on the passing of **Herbert Meislich**, father of **Mindy Horrow (Jay)** and **Debrah Meislich (Michael Zuckerman)** and grandfather of **Ellen Horrow '00, Aviva Horrow '03, Ben Horrow '08, Hannah Zuckerman '10** and **David Zuckerman '14**. A private funeral was held in Queens. Shiva will be observed at the home of Mindy and Jay Horrow, Friday through Tuesday. Services will be 8pm, Sunday through Tuesday.

We are sad to inform you of the passing of **Louise Winge**, mother of **Jennifer Stein (Michael '69)** and grandmother of **Juliette '07** and **Kira Stein**. A memorial service will be held in the near future. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the entire family.

Condolences to the family of Mae Rosner, wife of the late **Jerome Rosner**, mother of **Betsy Richman (Hershel)** and **Robert Rosner (Lenore)**, and grandmother of **Barak '88, Hannah '91** and **Joshua '93 Richman**. Mrs. Rosner was a great friend of the school, serving as both a dedicated volunteer for many years and past president of the Grandparents Association.

שמחות

MAZEL TOV:

Mazel tov to **Gideon Haber '14** who will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on March 17th. Congratulations to his parents **Marian** and **Alan Haber** and his brother **Rafael '15**.

Congratulations to Lynne and Len Barrack '60 and **Lisa and Michael Erlbaum** on becoming grandparents again and welcoming a beautiful little grandson.

Congratulations to the Middle School cast and crew of *Willy Wonka, Junior* for a delicious production of this toe-tapping musical and to **Dewey Oriente-Cassidy**, director.

בוגרים

ALUMNI NEWS:

Scholar in Residence: Rabbi David Golinkin '72 served as a Scholar in Residence at Tikvat Israel Congregation in Rockville, MD. He is president and professor of Jewish Life at Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and Chair of the Va'ad Halachah (Law Committee) of the Rabbinical Assembly. David made aliyah after graduating from Akiba.

In the News: Jake Tapper '87, recently appointed ABC White House correspondent, was highlighted in *The Washington Post* for his aggressive reporting in an article by columnist Howard Kurtz, who wrote: "Tapper is part of a new network contingent...that is helping to set the tone for coverage of the Obama White House....He was the second most visible network correspondent last year, logging 313 minutes on air..."

מה עוד חדש

ETC.- SPORTS:

Slam Dunk: The Tri-County All Star Games and Three Point Shooting Contest were held on Thursday, February 26. Barrack All Stars were seniors **Derek Benedict** and **Jon Wexler**, sophomore **Davida Vogel** and freshman **Tamara Moskowitz**. Three point shooters were sophomore **Josh Ackerman** and freshman **Tamara Moskowitz**, who captured second place. Way to go!

Markwood Basketball Awards: The William H. Markwood Memorial Basketball Club recognized seniors **Derek Benedict** and **Jon Wexler** for their outstanding contributions to Barrack's boys' varsity basketball team. Team coach **Barnett Kamen** and athletic department head **Mitchell Kurtz** accompanied the seniors to the awards luncheon.

MORE NEWS:



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, 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 or Shoshana.Reich@jbha.org

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.

Science Olympiad at Cabrini College: Eighteen Barrack students will participate in the all-day Science Olympiad at Cabrini College this Monday, **March 9**. They include: **Ben Bernstein**, **Adam Black**, **Eliana Glanzberg-Krainin**, **Gabe Gorelick**, **Marc Kornbleuth**, **Yana List**, **Avi Mersky**, **Avi Romanoff**, **Maddie Rosen**, **Jake Rosen**, **Sarah Saltz**, **Mike Sklaroff**, **Zoe Steier**, **Samm Stein-Azen**, **Zach Taylor**, **David Yasgur**, **Lihi Zaks**, and **David Zuckerman**. They will be accompanied by **John Borgmann-Winter**, advisor and chemistry/physics teacher.

Purim celebrations at Barrack on Tuesday, March 10 will include two *megillah* readings (an egalitarian one and a *mehcitzta minyan*, followed by special Purim festivities. **School will be dismissed at noon.**

"GREEN" Water Bottles: The Environmental Action Club is selling environmentally-friendly water bottles for \$1.00 each. Wet your whistle and benefit the environment at the same time. **Order forms** are available on the Benainu homepage.

Human Rights Club T-Shirts: Our **Human Rights Club** is selling really cool t-shirts for just \$13 to benefit the **Invisible Children, former soldiers in Uganda**. The order form is available on the Benainu homepage. Additional forms are also available at Mrs. Rubin's desk.

Help Create a Library in Africa: Our **Chesed Club** is teaming up with **Anne Prusky '14** who is collecting books to create a library in Africa as part of her Bat Mitzvah project. Please place donated books, including picture books, early readers, text books, K-9 novels, children's dictionaries etc, in the basket located under the TV in the main foyer across from Mrs. Rubin's desk. This is an easy way to help repair the world and encourage children's literacy in Africa.

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 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!

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.

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.**

6th Grade Trip: Our sixth graders will visit the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology to tour the Greek and Roman exhibits on Thursday, **April 2**.

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!

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. **Order forms** are available on the Benainu homepage and can be submitted 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.

השבוע הבא

LOOKING AHEAD:

March 9: *Economics for Leaders Application Deadline*

March 9: *Science Olympiad at Cabrini College*

March 10: *Purim Celebrations: Noon Dismissal*

March 12: *4th Annual Annenberg High School Science Symposium*

March 13: *12th Grade American Government and Economics Trip*

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

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*

March 29: *Barrack Annual Tribute Event*

April 2: *6th Grade Trip to Museum of Archeology and Anthropology*

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.**