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**Benainu** "Between Us"



**Chag Sameach!**

From our Barrack family to yours,  
a Happy, Healthy, Sweet Passover.

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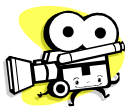
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## **NEWSFLASH:**

**7th Tribute Event a Success:** There was no place like home...our home on Sunday, March 29. **We thank everyone who contributed to the success of our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Tribute Event** and to our **Tribute Book**, honoring **Beryl D. Simonson**. A special note of thanks is extended to Tribute Event Chair, **Debbi Bass**; to Tribute Book Chairs **Sam Greenblatt** and **Hershel Richman '59**, and to Annual Fund Chair, **Harry Goldberg**. Kudos, as well, to student presenters **Emily Alloy '09** and **Ben Miller '10**, who are outstanding ambassadors for our school.

**JV JETS Team Ranked #1 in the State.** Our JV JETS (Junior Engineering Technical Society) team has been ranked # 1 in the State and will **advance to the national competition**. Only one JV team goes on to participate in the nationals! Team members include: **Sarah Saltz '10**, captain, and **Leon Davis '11**, **Gabe Gorelick '10**, **Samm Stein-Azen '12**, **Zoe Steier '11**, **Zach Taylor '11** and **Judy Zwillenberg '10**.

**Last Day of Classes for Seniors: Thursday, April 2**, marked the last day of classes for seniors, who will now begin their community service. **Congratulations, seniors!**



**Film News: Jeremy Zagar '99** and **Jeremy Yaches '99**, director and producer, respectively, of **In A Dream**, a documentary about Jeremiah's father, artist **Isaiah Zagar**, has been bought by HBO and will be aired in July after **screenings at the Ritz at the Bourse, beginning Friday, April 17**. **The documentary has been shortlisted for an Oscar**. Please see the **Jewish Exponent** article on the Benainu home page and plan to see this memorable film.

## ניחום אבלים

### CONDOLENCES

**With sadness**, we inform you of the passing of **Nettie Goodman**, mother of **Marlyn Vogel (Robert)** and grandmother of **Jonathan '93** and **Daniel '99**. The funeral was held on March 23 and Shiva observed at the home of Mrs. Goodman's sister, **Helene Finestone (Roy)**.

**With heartfelt condolences**, we inform you of the passing of the Holocaust survivor **Gertrude E. Gordon**, mother of **Jeffrey Gordon (Heidi)** and grandmother of **Ariel '12** and **Avi Gordon**. The funeral took place on April 1 and a full week of Shiva will be observed at the Gordon home, including this Sunday and Monday at 7pm.

**With sadness**, we inform you of the passing of **Dr. Lionel Manson**, husband of **Rosalie**, father of **Aaron Manson '68 (Amy Kurzer)**, **Florence Manson '71** and **David Manson '73 (Golda Milo)** and grandfather of **Joseph '05** and **Sarah '07 Nye** and **Adam Daniel, Hannah, Joshua** and **Rachel Manson**. The funeral was held at 10am today and internment will be in Israel.

**We are very sad to inform you** of the passing of **Shulamit Paperman**, mother of faculty member **Miri Philip (Oded)** and grandmother of **Eli '10** and **Michal '11**. Miri observed Shiva in Israel. We send heartfelt condolences to the family.

**We regret** to inform you of the passing of **Milton Sork**, father of **Robin Katz (Steven)** and grandfather of **Joshua '99, Jaime '02, Aimee '08** and **Jessica '08**. The funeral took place on March 23 and Shiva was observed at the Katz home.

## שמחות

### MAZEL TOV:

**Mazel tov to Jacob Reich '14** who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah and to his parents **Dvora** and **David** and his sister **Shoshana '11**.

**Mazel tov to Jake Tischler '14** who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on **Saturday, March 28**, and to his parents **Terri** and **Mark**.

**Mazel tov to Jared Raikin '14** who will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on **Saturday, April 18**, and to his parents **Belinda** and **Steven Raikin** and his brother **Daniel '11**.

**Congratulations to the new Gateway editors: Miriam Rock '10**, editor-in-chief; **Becky Herzberg '10**, prose editor; and **Jesse Steinbach '11**, poetry editor. And thank you to the outgoing editors: **Leah Apple '09, Emily Alloy '09, and Hannah Turner '09**.

**Mazel tov to the new chief editors of the Cougar Chronicle: Sara Goldstein '10**, editor-in-chief; **Jillian Meltzer '10**, Managing Editor; **Hannah Zuckerman '10**, Executive Editor; **Rebecca Saionz '11**, news editor; **Aaron Elkin '12**, opinions editor; **Zoe Steier '11**, features editor; **Ivan Levingston '12** and **Leonie Cohen '12**, Center spread editors; **Maddie Rosen '11**, arts and entertainment editor; **Jordyn Horowitz '11**, sports editor; **Evan Finkelstein '11**, photography editor and **Brandon Toll '13**, layout editor.

**Congratulations to the 2009-2010 JLI Committee:** Mazel tov to the new members of our Jewish Leadership Initiative Committee: juniors **Daniel Becker, Arielle Belfer, Gabriel Duec, Benjamin Freedman, Samara Gordon, Lena Ladenheim, Jillian Meltzer, Benjamin Miller, Erika Shaid, and Daniel Solway**.

**New Chesed Club Officers:** Congratulations to the following new Chesed Club officers; juniors **Jenna Hart** and **Jackie Drobny**, co-presidents; **Erika Shaid**, secretary and **Jackie Retig**, treasurer.

## בוגרים

### ALUMNI NEWS:

**Condolences to Naomi Paiss '73** on the death of her sister, **Deborah Sarah Paiss**. Naomi is Director of Communications for the New Israel Fund in Washington D.C.

**Condolences to Ziona Dove Sasson '59** and her husband **Miko** on the sad loss of their 18 month old grandson, **Aylon**, son of Ziona's daughter **Racheli** and her husband **Dror**. The family lives in Israel.

**Mazel tov to Adam Cutler '99** on his marriage to **Jordana Luks**. Aaron earned a Masters in International Relations from Bar Ilan University in 2008. As a Legacy Heritage Fellow, he is working in the Israeli Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem. Jordana is earning a Masters degree at Hebrew University

**Mazel tov to Anna Werrin Simon '92** and her husband on the birth of a son in Israel.

**Top Doc: Ari Brooks '86**, affiliated with Hahnemann University/Drexel University College of Medicine was recognized as a Top Doctor in the field of surgery in the latest issue of **Philadelphia Magazine**.

**Op Ed: Shai Franklin '83**, a Senior Fellow for U.N. affairs at the Institute on Religion and Public Policy, was featured on the Editorial page of the **Jewish Exponent**. His topic: "The Infamous Durban II: Engagement in the world brings beneficial results."

**Tikkun Olam: Deena Goldstein '06** is on her way to Guatemala to build homes as part of an alternative spring break project through the University of Binghamton. She volunteers at a women's shelter and interns at a legal aid organization for vulnerable populations. Deena is a Spanish major and plans to pursue a career in human services.

**Fellowship News: Jason Klazmer '04** has accepted a fellowship from UC Berkeley to pursue a PhD in Ancient History, beginning this August. Jason is a 2008 graduate of Vassar College and is presently completing the Post Baccalaureate Program in Classical Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

## מה עוד חדש

### SPORTS

**Winter Sports Banquet and Awards:** *Men's Varsity Basketball:* MVP, **Derek Benedict**; MIP, **Josh Ackerman**; Coaches Choice, **Michael Leyman**. *Men's JV Basketball:* MVP, **Josh Ackerman**; MIP, **Aaron Elkin**; Coaches Choice, **Ezra Solway**. *Middle School Boys:* MVP, **Daniel Saltz**; Team Spirit, **Ethan Magaziner**. *Women's Varsity Basketball:* MVP, **Tamara Moskowitz**; MIP, **Jackie Khutorsky**; Coaches Choice, **Davida Vogel**. *Middle School Girls:* MVP, **Caroline Batoff**; Team Spirit, **Tamar Parmet**. *Swimming Male/Female:* MVP, **Jordyn Horowitz**; MIS, **Jared Raikin** and **Rachel Gordon**, Coaches Choice, **Zach Jutcovich**; Most Courageous, **Paige Glassman** and **Hannah Glickman**; Team Spirit, **Samantha Rothman**. Congratulations to all!

**Baseball Team News:** Our boys' varsity baseball team posted two wins this week and lost a nail biter to Solebury, 12-11. On Monday, they beat Phelps 13-2 behind the solid pitching and hitting of sophomore **Daniel Raikin** who drove in two runs. Junior co-captain **Daniel Becker** drove in three runs, with two hits. On Tuesday, the Cougars came back and beat Pine Forge, 19-4, with contributions by junior co-captain **Daniel Saewitz** and junior **Danny Elkin**.

**Inaugural Game Lacrosse Victory:** In their first-ever game, our brand new start-up Lacrosse team defeated Woodlynde 11-9. **Caroline Batoff** scored the first goal of the game. The defense played well and kept the ball away for the goal, tended by **Molly Segal**. Our strong defense included **Caroline Batoff, Danielle Levin, Arielle Belfer, Rachel Gordon, Sarah Weinblatt** and **Tamar Parmet** who all scored points for the team. **Way to go, girls!**

**Tennis News:** The Barrack Cougars opened the defense of their Tri-County League championship on our home courts for the first time, winning both their singles and doubles tennis matches. In the singles matches, **David Barnett '09, Ben Batoff '12** and **Max Ephraim '09** won their singles matches, and **Adam Wachs '10** and **Stuart Goldberg '09, Joey Levinthal '09** and **Tal Ben-Maimon '10** won their doubles matches. Congratulations to the players and to **Coach Mooney**. Next they played Friends' Select and won 4 to 1.

### **MORE NEWS:**

**University of Pennsylvania Acceptances:** Congratulations to **six Barrack students** who will enter the University of Pennsylvania this fall. **Penn had 23,000 applications for 2,400 placements** in the freshman class. Of the students who were accepted, **47% were minority** and **12% were international**, shares **Carol Jacobs**, College Advisor. It is a coup to have six students, 10% of our senior class, accepted by Penn.

**Oyez, Oyez: Supreme Court Hearing:** AP Government students and teacher/chaperone **Sharon Levin**, recently traveled to Washington D.C. to hear a case presented before the Supreme Court, an experience that they will never forget. "This was definitely an occasion that will stand the test of time in the memories of our students," reports Mrs. Levin. "It was an education in its best and purest sense, an opportunity to observe law being made and to feel the power of our nation's great legal traditions."

**Joyful Passover Programs:** Kudos to **Sarah Waxman** and her team for inviting two wonderful guests, who prepared our students for joyful Passover celebrations. **Murray Spiegel**, author of *400 Ways to Ask the Four Questions* spoke to all our students, during rotating programs, about how communities around the world celebrate Passover. And another special guest led all our students in Shira. The singing of Passover and holiday songs rang through the auditorium and into the halls.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Shabbaton:** Our 11<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed the first ever Shabbaton held in our new facilities and a great time was had by all, shares **Sarah Waxman**, Director of Experiential Education. The students celebrated Shabbat together, enjoyed a repast prepared by **Max and David's**, and discussed a variety of topics, including those centered on healthy relationships. A huge *todah rabbah* is extended to **George Shotz, Miriam Leisen, Phyllis Barsky, Joshua Landsburg '02** and **Aaron Fraint '06** for contributing to the success of the event.

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Advocacy Trip:** Barrack sophomores spent four days participating in *Panim El Panim* in Washington D.C., where they interacted with representatives of the Cato Institute, AIPAC, the Reform Action Center, and the Global Aids Alliance, sharpening their advocacy skills and talking with the homeless. Later, they visited Capitol Hill and had the opportunity to meet with Representative Patrick Murphy and Congressman Joseph Sestak; sat in on committee and sub-committee hearings; and heard testimony by expert witnesses, including Nobel Laureate, **Paul Krugman**. "Back at Barrack, our students are already brainstorming ways to put their newly

learned advocacy skills to work, combining the power of civic action with the timeless Jewish tradition of “repairing the world,” reports **Lilach Taichman**, faculty member and class chaperone.

**Library Grant: Wendie Gabay**, head librarian, announced that our library has received a “We the People Picturing America Bookshelf Grant,” sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant strengthens the teaching, study and understanding of American history in libraries, schools, colleges, and universities.

**Human Rights Club News:** Human Rights Club members will focus on the issue of hate crimes in society today during the next quarter of the year. They will be supporting the Anti-Defamation League, an organization devoted to fighting anti-Semitism, bigotry and extremism. The club meets A and E days at break. All interested students are invited to join and should contact **Daniel Solway '10** for further information.

**Blood Drive:** We thank everyone who participated in Barrack’s American Red Cross blood drive.

**Off to the Mercer Museum:** The entire **6<sup>th</sup> grade** class will travel to Doylestown on **Monday May 4** to experience the Mercer Fonthill/Moravian Tileworks tri-fecta extravaganza.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip:** Our entire 7<sup>th</sup> grade will travel to the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education on **Thursday, May 28**, where they will learn about biology and habitat needs of freshwater fish and the important role that fish populations play in freshwater ecosystems.

**Photos Online:** Members of our AP Biology and AP Environmental Science classes traveled to the Stroud Water Research Center on March 17. Check out the trip photos that picture their hands-on experiences: <http://www.jbha.org/academic/StroudFiledTrip.htm>

**Human Rights Club T-Shirts & Fair Trade Chocolate:** Our **Human Rights Club** is selling really cool t-shirts for just **\$13** to benefit the **Invisible Children, former soldiers in Uganda**. The Fair Trade Chocolate sale will help defeat abusive labor practices, especially those endured by over 284,000 children who toil in West Africa’s cocoa fields. The t-shirt order form is available on the Benainu home page. Additional forms are also available at Mrs. Rubin’s desk.

**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!

**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)

**Tribute Cards available online:** You can support Barrack through tribute cards. If you would like us to send a tribute card to someone and make a donation to our school, we can do that! Send a note of congratulations for a *Bar Mitzvah*, *Bat Mitzvah*, engagement, wedding, new home, new baby, thank you or a card in honor of someone that has done something noteworthy or a card in memory of someone, we can do that! This can be done through *Online Giving*. Just logon to our website [www.jbha.org](http://www.jbha.org) click *Support Barrack* click *Online Giving*. Enter the information and let us know who you would like to send the card to and the reason in the Special Instructions at the bottom. (Minimum donation of \$10).

Or

Tributes cards are also available in **prepackaged packs** that are blank on the inside for you to send a personal note. These can also be purchased through *Online Giving* under the Special Instructions. **5 for \$36 or 12 for \$72.**

**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. **Order forms** are available on the Benainu home page 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:**

**April 6-17: Passover Break. School resumes on April 20**

**April 29: Yom HaAtzMa'UT- Celebration of Israel Independence & 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Tel Aviv**

**April 30: Middle School Open House**

**May 4: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to the Mercer Museum**

**May 5: Open House**

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

**May 25: School Closed/Memorial Day**

**May 28: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Schuylkill Center for Environmental Ed. Trip**

**May 29: School closed/Shavuot**

**June 1-3: Senior Class Trip**

**June 4: Class of 2009 Graduation Ceremonies**

**June 7: Akiba-Barrack Alumni Milestone Class Reunion**

**June 10: JBHA Annual Meeting**

**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).**