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Benainu "Between Us"

Barrack Hebrew Academy Celebrates
"Israel at 61"
&
Tel Aviv's 100th Anniversary

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Tazria-Metzora
Candle Lighting: 7:29pm
Shabbat Ends: 8:39pm

NEWSFLASH:

Beauty and the Beast Lawn Signs: We have lawn signs, promoting the Upper School Musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, that are **looking for homes with high visibility lawns. If you are willing to place a sign on your property**, please email **Bev Rosen** (brosen@jbha.org) and she will arrange to get a sign to you. Thank you!

Upper School Musical Tickets/Playbill Ads: The time is now to order your tickets for this year's Upper School musical production, *Beauty and the Beast*. Just log onto the JBHA website, click on drama and go from there. Also consider placing an ad in the playbill. Thank you!

Open House: Barrack Hebrew Academy will host a **Middle School Open House on Thursday, April 30** and a school-wide **Open House on Tuesday, May 5, 9am-noon**. Tell your family and friends!

ניחום אבלים

CONDOLENCES:

With sadness, we inform you of the passing of **Malcolm Blumberg**, father of **William Blumberg '08**. Condolences are also extended to William's mother **Roselyn**, sisters **Amy, Karen** and **Rachel**, and brother **Jeffrey**.

Heartfelt condolences to Anna Kornbrot, wife of Board member **Barry Klayman**, on the passing of her mother, **Helen Kornbrot** grandmother of **Alison Klayman '02** and **Matthew Klayman '06**. Funeral services will be held in New York, followed by two days of Shiva there. Shiva will then be observed at the Kornbrot/Klayman home in Wynnewood, Sunday through Wednesday evening, 7:30pm.

Condolences to Linda Perez and her family on the passing of Linda's father, **Eugene Lerner**. Mrs. Perez is a member of Barrack's math department.

שמחות

MAZEL TOV:

Congratulations to Aria Amrom '10 who was elected to the 2009 Wissahickon Figure Skating Academic Honors Team. The WFSF is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to furthering the sport of figure skating and presents members of the Skating Club in middle and high school who demonstrate an exceptional devotion to the sport of figure skating, as well as academic achievement.

Mazel tov to Hershel Richman '59, Barrack alum, Board member and past president, who will be presented with the "Peace Building and Environmental Stewardship Award" by Friends of Arava Institute on **Sunday, June 7, 6pm** at the National Liberty Museum. The award is being presented in recognition of Hershel's involvement in regional and statewide environmental efforts. The Institute, located in the south of Israel, brings together future leaders from Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority to study common environmental concerns.

בוגרים

ALUMNI NEWS:

Aliyah: Talia Adini '86, husband **Yoni Toren** and daughters **Ilana**, 8, and **Amalia**, 6, made Aliyah in January 2009 and are living on Kibbutz Ketura in the Arava, 40 minutes from Eliat.

Engagement News: Ann Klibraner '04 is engaged to **Harold Chaim Sultan**. A June wedding is planned in Waltham, MA.

Ostrofsky's in the news: Greg Ostrofsky '78 vice-president for Farmart was written up in the April 23rd *Philadelphia Inquirer*. "Ostrofsky is so passionate about changing the world 'one chef at a time' that he played a major role in organizing NFCA's 5th Annual Appetite for Awareness". He advocates for food options at restaurants for people with Celiac disease, triggered by consumption of gluten found in wheat, barley and rye products. His mother, **Dodo Ostrofsky**, (also mother of **Nina '76**) recalled in the *Jewish Exponent* in April 2009 how Akiba parents helped students celebrate Bircat Hachamah in 1981. Most recently this celebration took place on April 8, 2009 and occurs every 28 years.

Mazel tov to Rachel Rosen '01 on the engagement to **David Carrol**. They reside in the North Bay section of California. A July wedding is planned.

Making Headlines: David Wolpe '76 and **Jeffrey Wohlberg '58** were listed in the April 13 issue of *Newsweek* magazine's list of **The 50 Top Rabbis**. Criteria included political and social influence, leadership in their communities, impact on Jewish movements, on Judaism and beyond.

Mazel tov to Sharon Madres Tzur '72 and her husband **Meni**, on the **birth of a granddaughter, Batya**, to Sharon's son **Elad Tzur** and his wife **Efrat**. Congratulations, too, to big sister, **Binah**.

מה עוד חדש

SPORTS

All Main Line Girls Basketball Standouts: Congratulations to **Tamara Moskowitz '12**, who was named to the **first team of the All Mail Line Girls Basketball roster** by the *Main Line Times*. Look for Tamara's photo in the April 9 edition of the paper.

Boys Varsity Baseball Team Update: Our Cougars baseball team defeated Stern Hebrew Academy, 18-3, on Sunday, with junior **Daniel Becker** and sophomores **Jake Levin, Daniel Raikin, Josh Ackerman**, and junior **Daniel Elkin** leading the way to victory. The team valiantly played against the Church Farm team but lost, 8-5. Next week, games will take place against Doane, West-Mont and Girard.

MORE NEWS:

Bienvenue, Welcome, Shalom: Barrack Hebrew Academy welcomes **Elie and Fanny Guthmann**, brother and sister twins who live in Paris, France to our 10th grade and to our Barrack school community. Their older sister, Laurie, also studied with us a few years ago. **Dr. Sigal Strauss**, a member of Barrack's foreign language department, has developed a close friendship with the Guthmann family who has been extremely welcoming to our French students, faculty, and family members who accompany Mme Strauss on summer trips to France. Fanny is enjoying home hospitality with the **Becker Family (Caryn and Dr. Jack Becker and Daniel '10 and Nicole '12)** and Elie will be hosted by two Barrack families: currently with **Drs. Debbie and Steven Stein and David '11 and Josh '11** and later with **Suzanne and Bradley Taylor and Zachary '11**. We thank our host families and heartily welcome Elie and Fanny to Barrack and our Jewish community.

Tel Aviv Centennial Celebration: Barrack Hebrew Academy's Israel Club will present a very exciting **Yom HaAztma'ut celebration**, marking Israel's independence and Tel Aviv's 100th anniversary. Students from Saligman Middle School and Kellman Brown Academy have been invited to participate in the celebrations. Festivities set for next **Wednesday, April 29** include: an opening **assembly with special guests Daniel Kutner, Israeli Consul General of Philadelphia**, and **Leonard Barrack, Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia President and school benefactor**; special performances by the Towers of Tel Aviv youth band, whose 24 members are being hosted by Barrack families; the recreation of the Shuk Nachalat Binyamin, Tel Aviv's major marketplace; Israeli dancing, marital arts, and films; and lunch on the "beaches of Tel Aviv, recreated on the campus outside our dining commons. The day-long, school-wide celebration is being funded by grants from Avi Chai, Israel's Jewish Agency, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. The celebrations, orchestrated by club members, will be implemented by them as well. **Eli Philip** is president of the club; **Oded Philip** is the club advisor.

Yom HaZikaron Assembly: Israel Club members will present a special Yom HaZikaron Assembly on **Tuesday April 28**, in memory of Israeli soldiers who have died in battle. **Students and Barrack family members are requested to wear blue and white in recognition of Yom HaZikaron.**

HEAR and Never Forget: Members of Barrack's **Holocaust Education, Action and Reflection Club (HEAR)** presented a very moving and memorable *Yom Hashoah* Assembly and welcomed two Holocaust survivors to share their poignant life stories with Barrack students. **Mr. Arnold Vanderhorst** spent the war hidden by a Dutch family in Amsterdam who sheltered him prior to his parents being sent to Auschwitz. **Mr. Larry Buchsbaum** talked about the responsibility of those who survived and the generations that follow to "never forget" so that the horrors of the Holocaust will not be repeated. Candles were lit and **Dr. Steven M. Brown**, head of school, recited a Yizkor prayer in memory of those who perished. **Arielle Belfer '10** club president; **Rebecca Herzberg '11**, club vice-president; **Signora Susan Schwartz**, club advisor; and **Sarah Waxman**, planned the impactful program.

Human Rights Club Program: **Daniel Solway '10** and **Aaron Bloch '09**, officers of the Human Rights Club, invited **Todd Moreland**, founder of the Circle of 12 Foundation, to speak to club members and interested students about the abuses in the Dominican Republic's sugarcane camps. The foundation helps special needs children and their families who work in the camps.

In the News: Look for photos of Barrack's leadership team and 7th annual Tribute dinner invitees in the April 2 issue of the *Main Line Times*.

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

7th Graders off to Washington D.C.: The entire 7th grade will travel to Washington D.C. on **Monday, May 4**.

8th Grade Trip: All our 8th graders will travel to Jamestown, Colonial Williamsburg, Washington D.C. and Baltimore, where history lessons will come to life. The multi-day trip will begin on **Monday, May 4**.

TEVA Trip: Our 7th graders will experience a **TEVA trip from Monday, May 11, to Wednesday, May 13**, becoming "keepers of the earth" in the Gifford Pinchot State Park near Harrisburg.

7th Grade Trip: Our entire 7th 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.

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

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. This can be done through *Online Giving*. Just logon to our website 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.

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 28: Yom HaZikaorn Assembly

April 29: Yom HaAtzma'ut - Celebration of Israel Independence & 100th Anniversary of The founding of Tel Aviv

April 30: Middle School Open House

May 4: 6th Grade Trip to the Mercer Museum

May 4: 7th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.

May 4: 8th graders off on multi-day trip to Jamestown, Colonial Williamsburg and more

May 5: Open House

May 8: 9th grade after school Shabbaton

May 11-13: 7th grade TEVA Trip

May 12: Lag B'omer

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

May 25: School Closed/Memorial Day

May 28: 7th Grade Schuylkill Center for Environmental Ed. Trip

May 29: School closed/Shavuot

June 1-3: Senior Class Trip

June 2: 11th grade trip to Hershey Park

June 4: Class of 2009 Graduation Ceremonies

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.