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Benainu "Between Us"



**Tale as Old as Time....
"Beauty and the Beast"
Upper School Musical
May 17-20**

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Achrei Mot-Kedoshim
Candle Lighting: 7:36pm
Shabbat Ends: 8:46pm

NEWSFLASH:

Barrack Annual Meeting: Save the Date! Barrack Hebrew Academy will hold its **62nd Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 6pm in our dining commons.** Plan to join us as we salute **Jay A. Dorsch**, outgoing President, for his many contributions to our school during a challenging and exciting transition, and we install a new Board President and slate of officers.

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 an **Open House on Tuesday, May 5, 9am-noon.** Tell your family and friends!

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MAZEL TOV:

Mazel tov to Barbara Albert and to her husband, **Lewis**, on the engagement of their son **Ryan** to **Felicia Jacobs**. A spring 2010 wedding is planned. Mrs. Albert is the head of our Resource Department.

Congratulations to David Barnett '09 who received the **Peter N. Marber Book Award from John Hopkins University** where David will be a freshman in the fall. David received a letter announcing the award, stating: "This gift is granted to a few selected students whose interest in the humanities and prior accomplishments make them an excellent fit for Johns Hopkins." David's father, Alan, in turn wrote a note to **Sharon Levin**, head of our Humanities Department, thanking her and all the teachers in the department for all that they have done, both personally and academically, for David.

Mazel tov to Ariana Berlin '10 and **Rebecca Richman '08** who were recently elected as **regional officers of United Synagogue Youth (USY).** Ariana is the **Regional Religion**

Educational Vice President and Rebecca is the Regional Social Action/Tikun Olam Vice President.

Congratulations to Henry Steinberg '09 whose work was selected as **one of the five Honorable Mention Winners for the "Cezanne and Beyond: Art of Inspiration Contest."** His work was selected from over 460 entries from high school students in the Greater Philadelphia region. **On Monday, May 6, from 5-7pm,** the Advanta Corp. will host an Awards Assembly at the **Philadelphia Museum of Art**, honoring the finalists and their families. Henry's artwork will then be showcased in a special exhibition of contest winners (12 finalists) at the **PMA from May 2-May 9.** Henry's parents, **Jane and Harris Steinberg, wrote to thank Laura Lyn Stern, art teacher, for her enthusiasm, guidance and inspiration that helped Henry realize this artistic accomplishment.**

It's a Boy! Mazel tov to Vivian and Ted Young on the birth of their grandson, Miles William Freed, who arrived at 3am this morning, May 1. Miles is the newborn son of **Alison Young Freed '95** and her husband **Seth.** Baby and parents are all doing well! Mrs. Young is the Director of Recruitment and Admissions for Barrack Hebrew Academy.

Way to Go! Scholar Athlete Awards: David Barnett '09 and David Carel '09 are winners of scholar-athlete awards. **Full details under Sports.**

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ALUMNI NEWS:

Alumna in Politics: Donna Goldblum Haas '76 is running for **Magisterial District Judge of Lower Merion** in the township election on **May 19.** Donna has bi-partisan support, allowing her to run both on **the Republican and Democratic tickets.** Donna graduated from Villanova University School of Law in 1985 and is a member of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bars. She has been active with Barrack (formerly Akiba) through the Board and committees and most recently with the Akiba- Barrack Alumni Association. Log onto her website at <http://hassforlmjudge.com/>

Congratulations to David Bass '05! David is graduating with a bachelors degree in Computer Science and minor degrees in theater and business from Brandeis University in May 09. He has accepted the position of Online Community Manager at Cryptic Studios in Los Gatos, CA, an online game development company, and will oversee and facilitate communication between the players and the company. David will be relocating to the San Jose, CA area at the end of May.

It's a Boy! Mazel tov to Alison Young Freed '95 and her husband **Seth** on the birth of their son, **Miles William Freed,** who arrived at 3am this morning, May 1.

Mazel tov to Ashira Arielle August '04 on her marriage to **Aden Quabili** on Sunday, April 19 in St Thomas, USVI. **Ashira** is the daughter of **Rhonda** and **Richard August.** Mrs. August is Barrack's Science Department Chair.

Mazel tov to Arielle Feitelson Avishai '01 and **Avi Avishai** on the **birth of their daughter, Sara Caroline,** on April 1, 2009. Arielle and Avi live in the Squirrel Hill section of Pittsburgh.

Congratulations to Doreen Straus '04 on her first publication in the *International Journal of Strategic Alliances* (Vol. 1, No.1, 2009). Her article: "Community of firms: a new collaborative paradigm for open innovation and an analysis of Blade.org." Another paper will be published this summer. She is working as a consultant with Accenture and on Projects with Astra Zeneca.

Filmmaker update: In a Dream, a documentary about the life of artist Isaiah Zagar was produced and directed by Jeremy Yaches '99 and Jeremiah Zagar '99 opened last month in 10 cities and is now showing in fifteen cities across the country. The film is now in its third week at the Ritz at the Bourse and was received with acclaim in Philadelphia.

Heartfelt Condolences to the family of **Mark Sonenblick '86**. Mark passed away on April 11th of Colon Cancer. He is survived by his wife **Cindy**, children **Maya and Gideon**, mother **Talia** and sisters **Debbie and Lori**. The family requests donations to the charity of the person's choice, or to an account set up for his children. Contact Ari Brooks by email for details at Ari.Brooks@DrexelMed.edu

SPORTS

Tennis Updates: The Barrack boys' tennis team hosted the Woodlyne School this week and **defeated the visitors, 5-0. Captain David Barnett '09** led the team to victory. David on first singles; **Adam Wachs '10** 2nd singles, and **Ben Batoff '12**, 3rd singles. **Jon Foster '10** and **Tal Ben-Maimon '10**, and **Dan Horowitz '13** and **Maton Ayash '11** won their doubles matches, respectively.

On the Court Success: Our boys' varsity tennis team continued to court success with **Max Ephraim '09** winning his single match (1st singles) against an opponent from the Kimberton Waldorf School; **Jon Foster '10** winning the 2nd singles match; and **Dan Parmet '11** winning the 3rd singles match. Winning doubles players included: **Dan Horowitz '13** and **Maton Ayash '11**, 1st doubles; **Shane Feifer '11** and **Joey Levinthal '09**, 2nd doubles; and **Elie Guthmann '11** and **Dan Parmet '11**, 3rd doubles. **Coach Mike Mooney** is proud of all the team.

Barrack Girls at Bat: Our girls' varsity softball team had two big wins this week, defeating Mercy Vocational, 20-11 and getting 14 hits against Community Academy Philadelphia for a winning score of 29-6. In the Mercy Tech game, **Sarah Saltz '10** was outstanding at bat, going five for five, with 3 singles, a triple and a home run, **Paige Glassman '09** was also solid, going 4 for 5, with two doubles. Against CAP, **Emily Steiker-Epstein '10** pitched a great game, allowing only 5 hits. The Lady Cougars are currently in second place in the Tri-County League, reports **Coach Kim Gillio**.

Congratulations to David Carel '09 and **David Barnett '09** who are winners of the **2009 Nichols Scholar-Athlete Award**. They will be honored as part of a Shabbat service at **Temple Shalom** in Broomall on **Friday, May 8**.

Congratulations to David Barnett '09 who will receive a **scholar-athlete award from the Delco Chapter PA Sports Hall of Fame** at the organization's luncheon on **May 28**.

MORE NEWS:

Oh, What a Celebration: Yasher Koach to all the members of **Barrack's Israel Club**, and to **Oded Philip**, club advisor, along with students and leadership from the **Saligman Middle School**, for orchestrating and implementing an exciting, energetic, joyful celebration of **Tel Aviv's 100th Anniversary** and "**Israel at 61.**" Over 400 students, faculty and parents from 3 Jewish day schools; **Barrack, Saligman and Kellman-Brown Academy**, participated in a myriad of Israeli cultural events and enjoyed the enthusiastic performances by the **Towers of Tel Aviv** youth choir. Kudos, as well, to all the Barrack faculty and parents who contributed their time and efforts to make the day such a success. A special thank you is extended to the **Honorable Daniel Kutner, Israeli Consul General of Philadelphia**, and to **Leonard Barrack, President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and school benefactor**, for helping to launch festivities with heartfelt presentations. An article about the Towers of Tel Aviv choir was published in **The Philadelphia Inquirer**, with many mentions of Barrack Hebrew Academy and our students.

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.

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LOOKING AHEAD:

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 3: HSA Closing Dinner

June 2: 11th grade trip to Hershey Park

June 4: Class of 2009 Graduation Ceremonies

June 10: JBHA Annual Meeting

June 18: HAS Faculty Appreciation Luncheon

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