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**Congratulations,
Barrack Penn-Jersey League
Baseball Champions!**

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Behar-Bechukotai
Candle Lighting: 7:50pm
Shabbat Ends: 9:00pm

NEWSFLASH:

Elective Information for Barrack Parents: An email letter from Dr. Steven M. Brown, Head of School, has been forwarded to all Barrack parents. **Please read this important letter and discuss elective opportunities per grade with your student(s).** There is a link on our homepage (www.jbha.org) to the elective options. Thank you.

Barrack Baseball Champions! Congratulations to our boys' varsity baseball team that captured the Penn-Jersey Championship title for the third year in a row and to Coach Jerry Kleger and Assistant Coach Joe Davis. Full details in *Sports News*.

Senior College Shirt Photo Reminder: All seniors are requested to bring their college t-shirts or sweatshirts with them to the May 26th graduation rehearsal at Adath Israel, set for Tuesday, May 26, 10am. The photo will be taken immediately after the rehearsal. Thank you.

Upper School Musical: Don't miss this spectacular production of *Beauty and the Beast*, a magical and memorable experience for the entire family. Our Upper School musical opened to a packed house last night at St. Joe's Bluett Theater, with the very talented cast, crew and production staff receiving standing ovations. **Tickets for the May 18-20th shows, all at 7:30pm,** are available at the door. Treat your family and friends to this joyful production!

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.

HSA Survey: Please complete your HSA survey. Full details under *More News*.

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CONDOLENCES:

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of **Seymour Freedman**, Barrack benefactor, and husband of **Barbara Freedman**, father of **Carl Freedman (Susan)** and **Hallie Horowitz (Steven)** and grandfather of **Alexandra (AJ) Yeni '04**, **Jacob Freedman '08**, **Zachary Yeni '08**, **Benjamin Freedman '10** and **Isabel Freedman**. The funeral was private. Shiva was observed last Thursday and Friday. We extend heartfelt condolences to the entire family.

Heartfelt condolences to the **Magaziner family** on the passing of **Mary Magaziner** yesterday, grandmother of **Ethan Magaziner '14** and mother of **Allan Magaziner (Suzanne)**. Funeral services were graveside this afternoon. Shiva will be observed at the family home in Cherry Hill, NJ, Monday through Thursday and Saturday at 8pm.

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of **Rabbi Gerald Wolpe**, the esteemed and long-time rabbi, and rabbi emeritus of Har Zion Temple, **husband of Elaine**, and father of **Rabbi Daniel Mark Wolpe '83**, **Rabbi David Wolpe '76**, **Dr. Paul Wolpe '74**, and **Stephen Wolpe '72**. The funeral service for Rabbi Wolpe will be held at Har Zion tomorrow, Tuesday, May 19 at 1pm.

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MAZEL TOV:

Kudos and Bravo to the cast, crew and production staff of **Beauty and the Beast**, and thank you for a magical Upper School musical! Congratulations to the senior members of the cast: **Shoshana Blum**, Belle; **Sam Sittenfield**, Gaston; **Dina Rendsburg**, Mrs. Potts; **Rebecca Carpey**, Mme. de la Grande Bouche; and **Hannah Turner**, Mme. D'Arque.

Mazel tov to Jay and Cheryl Dorsch on the marriage of their son **Daniel '01** to **Amy Greenfield**. The wedding was held in Canada this past weekend. Jay is the President of Barrack Hebrew Academy's Board of Directors.

Congratulations to Betsy Silverstein '11, who was chosen to be Barrack Hebrew Academy's representative to this year's **Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership** program (**HOBY**) which identifies and trains talented and dedicated students for future leadership roles in all aspects of society.

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ALUMNI NEWS:

Akiba-Barrack Alumni Milestone Reunion Sunday, June 7, from 1:00-3:00pm on the Bryn Mawr campus. Bring your family and celebrate. RSVP alumni@jbha.org or call (610)922-2326.

Author! Author! Congratulations to Daniel Bricklin '69 on the publication of his new book, **Bricklin on Technology**. Dan is the inventor of the spreadsheet, Visicalc. An inventor, entrepreneur and business person, Dan has a degree in Computer Science from MIT and an MBA from Harvard.

Mazel tov to Daniel Dorsch '01 on his marriage to **Amy Greenfield**. Daniel is the son of Barrack Board President **Jay Dorsch** and **Cheryl Dorsch** and brother of **Joshua '04**, **Matthew '06**, and sister of future Barrack student, **Emma**.

Mazel tov to Daniel '04 and Deena Messinger on the birth of Isaac Roe Messinger.

Welcome home again: Harold Messinger '87 is both an alum and former faculty member. He is currently the full time shailach tzibur at Beth Am Synagogue in Penn Valley, but has extended his career to include being Barrack's Shira teacher. Through Israeli and Jewish music, he believes that students learn language and culture.

Alumna in Politics: Donna Goldblum Haas '76 is running for **Magisterial District Judge in Lower Merion Township in the upcoming primary election on May 19**. Donna has sufficient bi-partisan support, allowing her to run both on the **Republican and Democratic tickets**. Donna graduated from the *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://haasforlmjudge.com/>

SPORTS

Penn-Jersey Champions: Barrack Hebrew Academy successfully defended its Penn Jersey Championship on **Thursday, defeating Solebury 10-4**, behind a masterful pitching performance by junior co-captain **Daniel Becker**. Becker tossed a complete game, only surrendering 2 hits while striking out 8 and walking 3. In the first inning, Solebury's starting pitcher and all star Ken Kayama connected on a two-run homer but then Becker settled down and held Solebury in check to earn his second victory in 3 days. Earlier in the week, Becker came on in relief to earn the victory in the Cougars come-from-behind victory over Girard College in the Penn Jersey semifinals. **In Thursday's championship contest every member of the Cougars lineup contributed to the win**, including junior co-captain **Daniel Saewitz**, who went 3/4, with a double, two RBIs, two runs scored and five stolen bases. Sophomore **Jake Levin** had two hits, an RBI and scored a run and junior **Auri Manstein** contributed a double and RBI. In last Tuesday's semifinal at Girard College, the Cougars trailed 5-0 before mounting a comeback and winning 8-6 to earn a chance to defend its title against Solebury last Thursday. Barrack has now won the Penn Jersey League Championship three years in a row. **Congratulations to team members; Eilor Gola, Noah Cohen, David Kolonsky, Matt Borowsky, Daniel Raikin, Max Gottlieb, Erik Miller, Ivan Levingston, Daniel Becker, Jake Cohen, Etan Weinstein, Daniel Elkin, Daniel Saewitz, Josh Ackerman, Zach Jutovich, Auri Manstein and to Coach Jerry Kleger and Assistant Coach Joe Davis.**

SOFTBALL NEWS: This week, the Lady Cougars had three, nail biting, one-run victories and **clinched 2nd place in the Tri-County League**. On Tuesday, the girls defeated Renaissance Academy, 14-13. **Rachel Schwartz** had the game winning hit to center field, driving in **Sarah Saltz**. **Paige Glassman** also had two huge defensive plays behind the plate. On Wednesday, the team bounced back from a Woodlynde 5th inning, 9 run rally, and won 18-17. **Zoe Steier** had an amazing game at bat going 4 for 4, with 6 RBI's, and 2 runs scored. **Emily Steiker-Epstein** drove in Rachel Schwartz for the win. The week ended with a 19-18 victory over Mercy Vocational. **Sarah Saltz** had a double, and **Jenna Glassman** hit a two run homer. **Ariel Gordon** had a double play in the second inning. The team as a whole had 12 hits. **The Lady Cougars will host Westmont Academy on Monday in the semi-finals.**

Tennis News: Our boys' varsity tennis team defeated Christian Academy, 5-0. **Jon Foster '10** won the first singles match; **Ezra Solway '12**, the second singles match; and **Daniel Parmet '11**, the third singles match. **Matan Ayash '11** and **Daniel Horowitz '13** won the first doubles match.

MORE NEWS:

HSA Parent Survey: **Robin Batoff** and **Linda Kriger**, Home and School Association Co-Presidents, **emailed a survey to all Barrack parents** and are asking for **feedback and recommendations** that will build a more cohesive Barrack Hebrew Academy community. **Please**

take a moment to complete the brief but important survey. Your participation and feedback are very important. The survey can also be found on the Benainu homepage. Thank you.

Race for the Cure: Barrack Hebrew Academy was represented in this vital race in the High School Division by faculty member **Rabbi Michael Yondorf** and **Elisheva Yondorf '10**. They have raised the seventh highest dollar amount for all high schools in the Greater Philadelphia area: **\$1,079.00**. Those wishing to contribute can click onto Barrack Hebrew Academy Race for the Cure.

Shakespeare Day a Success: Congratulations to our 9th grade students and to English faculty members **Hallie Anderson, Tom Mclaughlin,** and **Lee Scarborough-Kirk** for another successful Shakespeare Day. Students presented skits, original videos, poems and songs, and dressed in costumes to portray Shakespearean characters - - all to the delight of their peers and teachers. We also know that the Bard of Avon and Elizabethan society would have approved as well.

Senior/Junior Prom: Barrack's senior/junior prom will be held at the **Rittenhouse Hotel**, Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia on **May 27, 8pm until midnight**. We wish our students and their guests a magical evening.

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.

Middle School Dance: Save the date!!!! Sunday, June 14, 6 to 9pm is the date of Barrack Hebrew Academy's end of year Middle School Dance in our dining commons. **Great food. Great music. Great fun!** Stay tuned for more details.

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

May 25: School Closed/Memorial Day

May 26: Graduation rehearsal at Adath Israel; Senior College Shirt photo

May 27: Barrack Senior/Junior Prom

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 7: Akiba-Barrack Reunion – Milestone Classes

June 10: JBHA Annual Meeting

June 14: End of Year Middle School Dance

June 18: HSA 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.