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Benainu "Between Us"

Chag Sameach!
Shavuot is Friday, May 29.

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Machar Chodesh
Candle Lighting: 7:57pm
Shabbat Ends: 9:07pm

NEWSFLASH:

Senior L'hitraot Breakfast with Dr. Brown: All seniors are invited to a L'hitraot breakfast with **Dr. Steven M. Brown**, Head of School, on **Tuesday, May 26, 9:30am at Temple Adath Israel, Frankel Hall**, prior to the graduation rehearsal. The breakfast is being sponsored by the Akiba-Barrack Alumni Association. **Please RSVP to Susan Gordon**, Alumni Association Director: sgordon@jbha.org or 610-922-2326.

Barrack Penn-Jersey League Tennis Champions! Congratulations to our **boys' varsity tennis team** that **competed in the first Penn-Jersey Championship match and won the championship title**. Congratulations to the entire team and to **Coach Mike Mooney**. Full details in *Sports News*.

College Shirt Photo Reminder: All seniors are requested to bring their college t-shirts or sweatshirts with them to the **Tuesday, May 26th graduation rehearsal at Adath Israel**. The photo will be taken **immediately BEFORE the rehearsal and after the breakfast with Dr. Brown**. Thank you.

Memorial Day and Shavuot: School will be closed on **Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day** and on **Friday, May 29 for Shavuot**. Have a good holiday weekend and Chag Sameach. **Classes resume on Monday, June 1.**

ניחום אבלים

CONDOLENCES:

It is with sadness that we inform you of the passing of **Connie Berger**, mother of **Roberta Shaked (Abraham)** and grandmother of **Dana '01, Adam '05 and Oren '05**. The funeral took place in Florida on May 21. Shiva will resume at the Shaked home on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, 7:30pm.

שמחות

MAZEL TOV:

Mazel tov to the following Barrack students who celebrated their Bar or Bat Mitzvah in May: **Rebecca Lipstein '14**, **Jake Rosen '14**, and **Ethan Magaziner '14**. Congratulations to their families as well.

Mazel tov to **Daniel Nelson '15**, **Michael Foster '14** and **Lev Ziskind '14** who will celebrate their May Bar Mitzvah, and to **Natali Rychik '15** who will celebrate her May Bat Mitzvah. Congratulations, as well, to their families.

Class of 2009 Yearbook Dedication: The Class of 2009 dedicated its yearbook to **Helena Lehrer**, Upper School principal, and to **Oded Philip**, member of our Jewish Studies/Hebrew Language Department. Congratulations, Oded and Helena!

Kudos and Bravo to **Dina Rendsburg**, editor, to the **Class of 2009 yearbook staff**, and to **Rita Schuman**, advisor, for a beautiful 2009 *Citadel*. Yasher Koach to all!

Cougar Chronicle: Congratulations to **Ross Elkin**, Editor & Chief of *The Cougar Chronicle*, his staff, and advisor **Judith Pransky** for another informative and thoughtful issue of the paper, expressing many points of view.

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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.

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

Mazel Tov to **Simma Asher '99** on her upcoming marriage to **Charlie Kupchan** on Memorial Day. Simma received a law degree from Georgetown University and is an attorney in the Water Law Office of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Congratulations to **Tom Finkle '73** and **Randi Sulman Finkle '75** on the forthcoming marriage of their daughter **Ariele** to **Avi Goldberg** in Israel. Also on the engagement of their son, **Jacob**, to **Shani Chesir**.

Arnold Franklin '89 and his wife **Galit Mizrahi** announce the birth of a daughter, **Leah Mizrahi**.

Condolences to **Dr. Ronald Brauner '57** on the loss of his mother **Anne Levin**. Our thoughts also go out to Ron's wife, **Marcia Silver Brauner '59**, and their children **Miriam Brauner Cohen-Melamed '83** and **Yaacov Brauner '82**.

SPORTS

Penn-Jersey Tennis Champions: Barrack Hebrew Academy successfully competed in the first Penn Jersey Championship match this week, **defeating Girard College by a score of 5-0**. In the final matches, **David Barnett** won the first singles match; **Ben Batoff**, the second; and **Adam Wachs**, the third. **In the doubles**, **Max Ephraim** and **Stuart Goldberg** won the first doubles match, and **Jon Foster** and **Tal Ben-Maimon**, the second. Way to go, team!

Baseball All-Stars: Congratulations to Daniel Becker, Jacob Levin, Daniel Raikin, Daniel Saewtiz and Eton Weinstein who were named **2009 Penn Jersey baseball All Stars**.

Spring Sports Banquet: Barrack Hebrew Academy's spring sports banquet is set for **Thursday, June 11, 3:30 pm in the dining commons**. Team members and their families are invited for a fun-filled Pizza Party and awards program. **Cost: \$5.00 per person. The reservation form has been emailed home and is available on the Benainu home page.**

Softball Recap:

In a heart pounding, extra inning, semi-final game on Monday, the Lady Cougars defeated Westmont by a score of 9-8. **Emily Steiker-Epstein** pitched an amazing game, with 4 strike outs and 6 walks. **Jenna Glassman** started the game with a solo home run. **Sarah Saltz** had the game winning hit down the third base line, scoring **Kara Kimmel**. The team was solid in the field, having three 1,2,3 innings. In the championship game against undefeated Perkiomen School, the girls lost in seven innings, 18-11. Pitcher, **Becca Abramson** allowed only four walks and the defense behind her was solid for six innings. In the second inning, Perkiomen scored 9 runs on 5 errors. At bat, and on base, the girls were aggressive the entire game. **Congratulations on a wonderful season and to Coach Kim Gillio! Team members are Seniors: Paige Glassman, Becca Abramson, Mollie Goldstein, Kara Kimmel, Rachel Schwartz; Juniors: Sarah Saltz, Judy Zwillenberg, Valeriy Valtsis, Emily Steiker-Epstein, Lizzie Klein, Erika Shaid; Sophomores: Zoe Steier, Abbe Dembowitz, Freshman: Jenna Glassman, Ariel Gordon, Rachel Sacks; 8th Graders: Arielle Steier, Lindsay Petersohn, Leah Samuel-Haltrecht; and senior, Justin Mark, manager.**

MORE NEWS:

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.

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.

Phillies Game: On June 17, the Sports Debate Club and ALL OF YOU will be going to the **Phillies Game** and sitting in Section 431 rows 3-6. The tickets will only be \$16/person. You can invite family, friends and whoever!!! It should be a great game!!! All questions should be directed to Noah Cohen noah.cohen@jbha.org.

Animal Rights Assembly: Congratulations to the members of our Animal Rights Club, and to their advisor, **Steve Stroiman**, for an informative and moving assembly focusing on the topic of *Puppy Mills*.

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!**

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 25: School Closed/Memorial Day

May 26: Senior L'hitraot Breakfast with Dr. Brown

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 5: Barrack Bagels, Coffee and Learning with Dr. Naomi Koltun-Fromm Professor of Religion, Haverford College (8-9:30am Athletic Building, Alumni Conference Rm)**
- June 7: Akiba-Barrack Reunion – Milestone Classes**
- June 10: JBHA Annual Meeting**
- June 11: Spring Sports Banquet**
- 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.**