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### A Pluralistic Co-Educational Jewish High School

Founded in 1946, Akiba Hebrew Academy was renamed the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy in 2007. In 2008, Barrack Hebrew Academy moved to a 35 acre campus in Bryn Mawr, PA, a residential community in the western suburbs of Philadelphia.

Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy is a pluralistic Jewish day school for students in grades six through twelve from a broad variety of backgrounds. The school integrates a comprehensive and rigorous college preparatory curriculum with the teaching of essential Jewish and American values and texts. Barrack graduates value diversity, celebrate the richness of Judaism's language, culture, and history, and have a strong connection to Israel. Barrack prepares future leaders of the American, Jewish and global communities who work for a better world through acts of justice and compassion.

### A Dual Curriculum

Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy students participate in an extensive, comprehensive curriculum of Judaic and secular studies. There are six general studies disciplines and two Judaic studies requirements each year. In addition, students participate in one to two elective classes per year.

### Faculty: Student/Faculty Ratio 6/1

The faculty and administration are comprised of over 73 dedicated and highly educated professionals. Four faculty members/administrators hold PhDs and five teachers hold Rabbinical degrees.

### Student Body: 2019-2020 Enrollment 346 (Grades 6-12)

Senior Class: 61 students

Geographic distribution of students includes the greater Philadelphia area, southern New Jersey, Delaware, and the lower Lehigh Valley.

### Graduation Requirements:

English	4 years
World Language	3 years*
Math	3 years**
Science	3 years**
History	4 years
Hebrew	4 years
Bible	4 years
Jewish Studies	4 years
Health	2 years
Physical Education	3 years
Community Service	6 weeks

\*When appropriate, some students are exempt from World Language.

\*\*A fourth year of science OR math is required.

### Class Rank

Barrack Hebrew Academy does not rank its students because of its small size, rigorous program, and selective admissions policy. 100% of the 49 students in the Class of 2019 continued their education at a four-year institution.

### Grading Scale

100-97= A+	96-93= A	92-90= A-
89-87= B+	86-83= B	82-80= B-
79-77= C+	76-73= C	72-70= C-
69-67= D+	66-63= D	62-60= D-
Non-Graded Electives: Outstanding, Pass, Fail		
60% (D-) is a passing grade.		
MWP/MWF-Medical Withdrawal Pass/Fail		

### Advanced Placement Courses Offered

Science:	Biology, Environmental Science, Physics
Mathematics:	Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics
Computer Science A	
U.S Government	
Psychology	
Literature	
Students are eligible to take a maximum of three AP courses which are only offered to seniors.	

### Honors and Intensive Courses

*Please note: English/History Honors classes are not offered in grades 9-12. World Language classes only offer Honor classes in grade 12.*

### Honors/Intensive Courses offered:

Mathematics:	Algebra, Elementary Functions, Calculus, Geometry
Bible:	Jewish Studies
Science:	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
World Languages:	French, Hebrew, Spanish, Latin

### STEAM Institute

The STEAM Institute is a highly selective, four year, intensive Engineering and STEM research curriculum, introducing students to project based learning and research methodology. Each student is required to complete two years of engineering classes focused on the engineering and design process, CAD 3D model rendition and printing, microcontroller applications and coding, as well as project management and entrepreneurial skills incorporated in capstone projects each year. The final two years require students to engage in STEM research culminating in a submission to local and regional science fairs. Scheduling constraints preclude STEAM Institute students from taking World Language classes.

**College Matriculation**  
**Class of 2017, 2018, 2019**

American University- 4	Pennsylvania State University- 4
Barnard College- 2	Pomona College
Binghamton University	Princeton University-2
Boston Conservatory at Berklee	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Boston University	Rhode Island School of Design
Brandeis University- 8	Rollins College
Brown University-4	Savannah College of Art and Design- 2
Bryn Mawr College	Stockton University
Case Western Reserve University	Swarthmore College- 2
College of Charleston- 2	Temple University
Colgate University	Tufts University
Colorado College	Tulane University- 4
Columbia University	University of California- Santa Cruz
Davidson University	University of Chicago -2
Drexel University- 9	University of Delaware
Emory University- 2	University of Maryland- 6
Fashion Institute of Technology	University of Miami
Florida International University	University of Kansas
Franklin & Marshall College- 3	University of Michigan- 6
George Washington University	University of Pennsylvania- 6
Harvard University	University of Pittsburgh- 3
Indiana University at Bloomington	University of Rhode Island
IDC Herzliya- Raphael Recanati International School	University of Rochester- 2
Johns Hopkins University- 2	University of South Carolina
JTS/Barnard College	University of Vermont- 2
JTS/Columbia University- 3	University of Virginia
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Lehigh University- 3	Vanderbilt University
McGill University	Vassar College
Muhlenberg College- 2	Washington University in St. Louis- 7
New York University- 4	Wesleyan University
Northeastern University- 2	West Chester University
Northwestern University	Yale University- 2

### Community Service Requirement

A service program for seniors was initiated in 1967-68. Seniors complete their course work at the end of the second trimester, and then are required to find placement as volunteer interns in social service or educational agencies for six weeks.

### STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

#### Class of 2019

ACT Average: 28

SAT Middle 50% Range  
Critical Reading: 580-680  
Math: 580-710  
Writing: *Not Applicable*

#### Class of 2018

ACT Average: 30

SAT Middle 50% Range  
Critical Reading: 630-720  
Math: 600-750  
Writing: *Not Applicable*

#### Class of 2017

ACT Average: 30

SAT Middle 50% Range  
Critical Reading: 590-700  
Math: 620-680  
Writing: 640-700

### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

#### Class of 2019 (Class size: 49)

National Merit Semi-Finalists- 4  
National Merit Commended- 2

#### Class of 2018 (Class size: 43)

National Merit Recipient- 1  
National Merit Finalists- 3  
National Merit Commended- 4

#### Class of 2017 (Class size: 50)

National Merit Semi-Finalists- 2  
National Merit Commended- 4

### Co-Curricular Programming

At Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy, education is enhanced by participation in co-curricular activities. Students are encouraged to experience a variety of activities, pursuing new interests and perhaps discovering their passion. Our sports teams include JV and Varsity baseball, basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, and track and field. Activities include: an award winning drama program, state-wide Champion DECA club, school wide Chesed (community service), Student Government, World Affairs Club, TSA/TEAM+S, Engineering, Mock Trial, Animal Rights, Topics In Science, Annenberg Competition.

### Israel Program

Established in 1983, this optional first-trimester program for 11th graders at the Alexander Muss High School in Israel offers a full program of general and Judaic studies courses that are enhanced by experiential learning. Over 85% of the class of 2019 participated in the Israel program. The Alexander Muss High School is accredited by Middle States Association of Schools & Colleges.