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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.

Barrack is a pluralistic Jewish day school for students in grades 6–12 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

Barrack 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

Barrack's student/faculty ratio is 6/1. The faculty and administration are composed of 62 dedicated and highly educated professionals. Five faculty members hold doctoral degrees, and six hold Rabbinical degrees.

Student Body: 2023–24 Enrollment 360 (Grades 6–12)

Senior class: 52 students

Barrack students come from the greater Philadelphia area, southern New Jersey, Delaware, and the lower Lehigh Valley.

Class Rank

Barrack does not rank students because of its small size, rigorous program, and selective admissions policy. 100% of our students are admitted to 4-year institutions.

Graduation Requirements

English – 4 years	Bible (Tanakh) – 4 years
World Language – 3 years*	Jewish Studies – 4 years
Math – 3 years**	Health – 2 years
Science – 3 years**	Phys Ed – 3 years
History – 4 years	Community Service – 6 weeks
Hebrew – 4 years	

*When appropriate, some students are exempt from World Language. **Scheduling constraints preclude STEAM Institute students from taking World Language classes.**

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

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 Courses

Students are eligible to take a maximum of three AP courses, which are only offered to seniors:

Chemistry	Comp Sci A	Statistics	Psychology
Enviro Sci	Calculus AB	Literature	
Physics	Calculus BC	U.S. Gov	

Accelerated: the highest non-AP level for English & history (**no Honors offered** in these areas)

Honors and Intensive: these levels offer additional challenge in math and science

STEAM Institute

The STEAM Institute is a four-year, intensive Engineering and STEM research curriculum, introducing students to project-based learning and research methodology. Students complete two years of 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 into capstone projects each year. In the final two years, students engage in STEM research culminating in submission to local and regional science fairs.

College Matriculations 2020-2023

American University	Swarthmore College
Barnard College	Syracuse University- 10
Binghamton University- 2	Temple University- 6
Boston University- 6	The College of New Jersey
Brandeis University- 2	The New School
Brown University- 3	The Ohio State University
Case Western Reserve University	The University of Texas at Austin
Clemson University	The University of the Arts
College of Charleston- 2	Towson University
Community College of Philadelphia	Tufts University- 2
Cornell University- 2	Tulane University- 5
Dartmouth College	U.S. Air Force Academy
Drexel University- 14	University of Arizona
Duke University- 2	University of California (Santa Cruz)
Elon University	University of Chicago
Franklin & Marshall College	University of Colorado Boulder- 2
George Washington University	University of Delaware- 2
Hamilton College	University of Hartford
Hampshire College	University of Maryland (College Park)- 13
Haverford College- 2	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
Hood College	University of Miami- 5
Howard University	University of Michigan- 7
Indiana University (Bloomington)	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	University of Pennsylvania- 14
JTS/Barnard- 4	University of Pittsburgh- 17
JTS/Columbia- 2	University of Rochester- 2
Lehigh University- 6	University of Southern California
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Vermont
McGill University	University of Virginia- 3
Muhlenberg College- 3	University of Wisconsin (Madison)- 3
New York University	Vanderbilt University- 2
Northeastern University- 3	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Northwestern University- 3	Wake Forest University- 3
Penn State University (Main Campus)- 8	Washington and Lee University
Princeton University- 4	Washington University in St. Louis- 2
Reichman University (IDC Herzliya)	Wesleyan University- 2
Rice University	West Chester University- 2
Rochester Institute of Technology	Williams College
Rollins College	Yale University
Rutgers University (New Brunswick)- 2	Yeshiva University- 2
Skidmore College	
Smith College	

Standardized Test Scores

Class of 2020

Average ACT: 30
Middle 50% SAT Range:
Critical Reading: 610-700
Math: 570-710

Class of 2021

Average ACT: 30
Middle 50% SAT Range:
Critical Reading: 610-750
Math: 600-750

Class of 2022

Average ACT: 28
Middle 50% SAT Range:
EBRW: 600-720
Math: 540-750

Class of 2023

Average ACT: 32
Middle 50% SAT Range:
Critical Reading: 580-750
Math: 590-760

National Merit Scholarship Program

Class of 2020

(Class size: 60)
Semi-Finalist: 1
Commended: 4

Class of 2021

(Class size: 64)
Commended: 4

Class of 2022

(Class size: 54)
Finalists: 3
Commended: 6

Class of 2023

(Class size: 41)
Finalists: 2
Commended: 4

Trimester in Israel

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. The vast majority of Barrack students choose to participate in the program. The Alexander Muss High School is accredited by Middle States Association of Schools & Colleges.

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.

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