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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-to-faculty ratio is 5:1. The faculty and administration are composed of 75 dedicated and highly educated professionals. 77% hold a master's degree or higher and 21% hold terminal degrees.

## STUDENT BODY

**2024-2025 Enrollment (Grades 6-12): 358**

**Senior Class: 42 students**

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

## 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-
Below 60 = Failing Grade		

**Non-Graded Electives:** Outstanding, Pass, Fail  
**MWP/MWF:** Medical Withdrawal Pass/Fail

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

## GPA & CLASS RANK

Barrack does not compute a GPA, nor does it rank students because of its small size, rigorous program, and selective admissions policy. 100% of our students are admitted to 4-year institutions.

## CURRICULUM & ADVANCED COURSES

All Barrack courses are offered at the college prep level or higher. Please note that each level of Hebrew is a two-year sequence (e.g. Hebrew 1A and 1B). All students take a placement test upon enrolling and most begin in Intro to Hebrew or Hebrew 1A.

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

Chemistry	Comp. Sci. A	Statistics	Psychology
Env. Science	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 & Intensive:** These levels offer additional challenge in Math & Science. Honors Hebrew Literature is available to advanced 12th-grade students.

## STEAM INSTITUTE

The STEAM Institute is a four-year, intensive engineering and technology-focused program that introduces students to project-based learning and creative problem-solving. Students complete two years of classes focused on engineering, CAD, 3D printing, microcontroller applications, coding, and sustainability. Each year ends with a partnered capstone project that solidifies knowledge and builds project management, entrepreneurial, and teamwork skills. In the final two years, students complete a multi-year, in-depth, individual STEAM engineering or research project customized to their interests in the field.

## COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2021-2024

American University - 2	Temple University - 3
Auburn University	The New School
Barnard College - 2	The Ohio State University
Binghamton University - 3	The University of Texas at Austin
Boston University - 5	The University of the Arts
Brandeis University - 2	Tufts University - 4
Brown University - 5	Tulane University - 4
Clemson University	University of Arizona
Colgate University	University of California (Santa Cruz)
College of Charleston	University of Central Florida
Community College of Philadelphia	University of Chicago
Cornell University - 2	University of Cincinnati
Drexel University - 8	University of Colorado Boulder - 3
Duke University - 3	University of Delaware - 4
Elon University	University of Hartford
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	University of Maryland (College Park) - 16
Franklin & Marshall College	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
George Washington University	University of Miami - 5
Hamilton College	University of Michigan - 8
Hampshire College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Hood College	University of Pennsylvania - 13
Howard University	University of Pittsburgh - 19
JTS/Columbia - 3	University of Rochester
Lehigh University - 6	University of Southern California
Massachusetts Institute of Technology - 2	University of Virginia - 3
McGill University	University of Wisconsin (Madison) - 2
Muhlenberg College - 3	US Air Force Academy
New York University	Vanderbilt University - 2
Northeastern University - 3	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Northwestern University	Wake Forest University - 4
Penn State University (Main Campus) - 8	Washington University in St. Louis
Princeton University - 3	Wesleyan University
Reichman University	West Chester University - 2
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Williams College
Rochester Institute of Technology	Yale University
Rutgers University (New Brunswick) - 3	Yeshiva University - 2
Skidmore College	
Smith College	
Syracuse University - 9	

## STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

### Class of 2024

Middle 50% ACT Range  
Composite: 28-33  
Middle 50% SAT Range  
EBRW: 620-740  
Math: 560-780

### Class of 2023

Middle 50% ACT Range  
Composite: 30-34  
Middle 50% SAT Range  
EBRW: 580-750  
Math: 590-760

### Class of 2022

Middle 50% ACT Range  
Composite: 24-32  
Middle 50% SAT Range  
EBRW: 600-720  
Math: 540-750

### Class of 2021

Middle 50% ACT Range  
Composite: 26-33  
Middle 50% SAT Range  
EBRW: 610-750  
Math: 600-750

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### Class of 2024

(Class Size: 52)  
Finalists: 2

### Class of 2023

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

### Class of 2022

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

### Class of 2021

(Class Size: 64)  
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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