

# Barnert Temple Preschool & Family Center

*Feel the #barnerteffect*



## Overview

- *Now open to families of all faiths and cultural backgrounds*
- Celebrating our 30th year of successful Jewish early childhood education
- Half day 9-12:30; Full day until 3 pm; extended day 8—4pm
- Beautiful park-like grounds including forest areas for exploration, large multi-sensory playground, working garden, and mud kitchen
- Exciting afternoon enrichment programs offered throughout the year
- "Specials" include Hebrew, Yoga, Gym, and Music
- Creative programming for children 15 months through Kindergarten
- Low child to teacher ratio and personalized attention
- Warm, accepting, and loving atmosphere.

Barnert's mission is to empower our students to become critical thinkers and creative problem solvers and to create a foundation for ethical and spiritual growth. We are committed to partnering with you to raise children to become positive forces in our world.

We look at each child holistically, providing the tools they need to grow academically, socially, and creatively. There is a strong focus on Executive Functioning skills including self-regulation which helps children with social, emotional, and cognitive growth. Research shows that focusing on Executive Function at an early age has a stronger association with academic achievement than reading or math skills.

Our teachers work diligently to provide stimulating activities and our children thrive. Children are encouraged to take cognitive risks, to think out of the box, and to use their problem solving skills to answer "what if?"

What is #barnerteffect? One day, a mom of a former preschooler shared that her daughter had initiated a charity collection on her own. The mom referred to the action as having been a result of the #barnerteffect; the positive impact that our school had made on her daughter. We know that what we teach continues to motivate and sustain our students, their parents, and us!



## At Barnert, our children:

- Spend a great deal of time together at play with developmentally-appropriate materials.
- Have free access to construction materials, books, paint, and stimulating props for pretend play.
- Have extended time to experiment and explore.
- Gain a sense of pride in their Jewish culture and heritage by learning about the holidays, making challah, celebrating Shabbat together and learning a little Hebrew.
- Receive individualized attention. The staff ratio of teachers to children is high so teachers can work with individual children, small groups and whole groups at different times during the day.
- Are comfortable in classrooms that are bright and cheerful. Children's artwork, dictation, and invented spelling are displayed in ways that help document their process.

**“Our children take with them the ability to be curious about the world, be kind and thoughtful towards others, and have pride in their Jewish identity.”**

- Develop math and language skills experientially, observing plants and animals, cooking, or serving snacks.
- Learn through an adaptable curriculum modified for the unique culture of their class's interests and abilities.
- Engage in programs focused on social-emotional development that instill Jewish values of kindness, respect for others, and taking care of the earth.
- Can't wait to get to school every day! Our children know they are loved and cherished here, which helps them develop confidence and a lifelong love of learning.



## Our Youngest Students, the Little Sprouts 15 months—2 years

The Little Sprouts class has blossomed into one of our most successful programs. If you feel that your child would benefit from socialization and exposure to early learning, the Little Sprouts toddler class is just right, as it encourages language and cognitive development through play and exploration.

- Our teachers communicate frequently with parents to put them at ease (it's hard leaving your baby!)
- The room provides a small and cozy environment to foster a close class community.

- Children participate in many of the specials that the older students enjoy such as music, yoga and tumbling.
- Teachers use finger plays, songs, and reading to enhance vocabulary and language skills.
- We provide varied art materials to promote fine motor development and creativity.
- Our Little Sprouts are given sensory experiences and gross motor opportunities daily.
- Classes available every day 9—12:30pm.

## The Rising Stars: Ages 2—3

With early separation experiences, children learn to trust other adults and to trust parents always come back. Nurturing this trust is what we do best. Your child's safety, both emotional and physical, is the staff's first priority. Pre-academic skills are introduced through play and experimentation. Our job is to make learning about their world fit seamlessly with their natural curiosity and desire to play. This is your child's introduction to a lifetime of excitement and a positive feeling about learning.

- We offer our students a “tool box” for managing social and emotional needs including self-regulation skills.
- Children work on self-help skills like dressing, toilet training (we'll support and guide you all the way), cleaning up, and taking responsibility in a group.



- Children explore new cognitive areas that will become the basis for strong math and language development through various projects and explorations.
- Parents and children are embraced by all of the love and support they need.



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## The Big Shots: Ages 3—4

The Big Shots are aptly named because they make such a big developmental jump from the 2's to 3's. Their vocabulary is expanding rapidly and hand-eye coordination is more developed. It is time to step up the game and the Big Shot curriculum is ready to challenge and support them.

- We provide many opportunities for children to verbalize and share their feelings through stories, graphing, and scientific observations.
- Children enjoy early literacy experiences through author studies and book making. They begin to recognize, write and experiment with letters, and reading every day.

- Big Shots explore science in a very hands-on way, through the examination of items in our natural world and trips into the forest and garden.
- Children learn to behave with kindness, as we model appropriate social skills and community building. These Jewish values are included in everyday activities.

Communication between home and school is a vital and cherished aspect of our work together as we become your child's most important cheerleaders in this wonderful stage of development.



## FOREST FRIDAYS

Fantastics and Kindergarteners look forward to Forest Fridays. No matter what the weather, we get out and journey into the forest that surrounds our building to create a deeper connection to the environment. The teachers are lucky enough to be able to make full use of our beautiful grounds and take advantage of a different modality of learning. For the children, it is pure joy as they observe, explore, discover, and test their limits in unfamiliar terrain. We are thrilled to be able to offer this unique experience to your children.

## Pre-K Fantastics—Ages 4—5

Our Pre-K classroom is a kaleidoscope of learning! We utilize various methods of teaching to reach all learners so each child feels pride and delight in their accomplishments.

- Math, science, and literacy is woven into all of our activities to make learning in these areas more meaningful and authentic. Counting apples on a worksheet is not nearly as engaging as sorting and counting the acorns you found in the forest.
- We use a unique and ever-changing curriculum which is based on the world around us and what “emerges” as interesting to the children.
- Our children use a highly interactive, multi-sensory approach to science, social studies, literacy and math—all with carefully chosen educational and natural materials that they can manipulate and transform to represent important concepts.
- We provide the freedom for each student to learn at their own pace. In groups and individually, attention is provided to help children become independent and empowered, active learners.
- Our staff sets up challenging and engaging provocations that encourages cognitive risk taking, critical thinking, and problem solving.
- Handwriting is introduced using the critically acclaimed Handwriting Without Tears Program.
- Our graduates are fully prepared for Kindergarten and beyond.



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**Fees** Security Fee: \$375 per year—provides full-time security guard and full security services

Family Membership/Facilities Usage Fee : \$675 per year, per family

### Days and Times

**Half Day:** 9:00-12:30 pm

**Full Day:** M,W,F 9:00-3:00 pm

**Extended Day:** 8:00—4:00 pm

**Enrichment—** Tues/Thurs afternoon

**Number of Days:** Choice of 2 days, 3, 4 or 5 days a week.

See application for full description.

**Before and Aftercare Available!**  
**Call for details!**

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