

Barnert Celebrates with Gratitude

Barnert Temple Gratitude Report

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The Barnert Temple, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Founded 1847



Barnert Temple Financial Report

Our Mission

Barnert Temple is a sacred community committed to offering Reform Judaism accessible and meaningful, where all backgrounds are appreciated and valued.

"When I needed a Jewish community turned." We often hear this at Barnert we'll find someone on, caring and comfort.

We are grateful for your engaged support of Barnert Temple, who create this environment. In this responsible way we allocate funds and provide many different opportunities for Jewish living and growth.



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Tradition Continues: Barnert is Fiscally Responsible

The leadership of Barnert Temple has a long history of fiscal responsibility. We have survived the 2008 fiscal downturn. This year, we are happy to report a trend of fiscal stability.

- Annually, we create and maintain a budget using conservative financial projections.
- We reserve funds each year for surprise building repairs.
- We continue to have thoughtful inquiry before allocating money.
- We continue to look for ways to save money while delivering the level of service Barnert Temple is known for.
- Our membership is stable, and we continue to welcome new families and individuals each year.



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Our Mission: The mission of Barnert Temple is to be a sacred community, a *k'hillah k'doshah*, committed to offering Reform Jewish experiences that are relevant, accessible and meaningful, wherein people of all ages and backgrounds are appreciated and valued, engaged and inspired.

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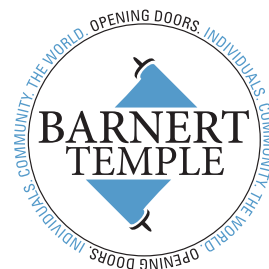
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A Message from Rabbi Frishman



Dear Friends,
In this season of thanksgiving, I'm deeply grateful for how our Barnert community has evolved. We've grown through global social crises like Darfur; deeply contentious presidential elections; fears and concerns for the State of Israel; personal

traumas, including 9/11 and Hurricane Sandy. We've upheld our core values. The only true authority we've ever had as a congregation is *Torah*. It informs everything we do.

Barnert Temple was incorporated as a synagogue in November, 1847. Our nation was in the midst of the Mexican-American War. The first postage stamps had just been issued. Thomas Edison was born. A massacre by Cayuse Native Americans of Euro-American settlers led to six years of violent conflict in Oregon.

Much lay ahead for the Barnert community. We survived and prevailed because truly, we never assimilated fully into secular society.

Judaism continues to permeate the fabric of our lives.

Of course, generations dress differently. An older generation is most comfortable with civil rights and social justice. A middle generation loves spirituality and is inspired to do social justice. A younger generation wrestles with balancing priorities, seeking a Judaism that is inclusive yet distinctive.

Each generation needs to self-question. Each needs to ask: how do my daily choices and actions reflect Jewish values? Does my life perpetuate the American Jewish story of success?

In Hebrew, there are different words for "success." "*Hatzlacha*" is most common; it suggests "achievement." But another is "*b'racha*," meaning "blessing." Success as blessing offers humility and perspective. As our Barnert Vision affirms: "the realization that we are part of something larger than ourselves..."

For the Jewish people, true success is a blessing that supports everyone. When we realize that we are blessed, we bless others.

We need people in our lives that agree with this approach to life. That's the reason for the Barnert Temple

community. It's a Jewish obligation to ask one another uncomfortable questions, and to push for principled and socially conscious action. As our secular society intensifies the drive for personal achievement, we emphasize blessing. The comfort we receive in our sanctuary and classrooms, and from our gatherings, is the realization that each of us matters in this work: to open the eyes of the blind and free the captives from darkness.¹ Moral principles call for prophetic action. Sometimes the call is for investigation. Sometimes the call must be for specific response. It may not be clear what must be done, but it becomes clear that inaction is immoral.

Pilgrims came to this land seeking religious freedom. Civil rights grew from this demand for free expression. Thanksgiving marks our gratitude for peoples living side by side with respect and appreciation, for the opportunities of a free America.

Chanukah is our Jewish celebration of religious freedom. Jewish freedom goes beyond free expression. *Chanukah* declares the need for *Torah* in our world, for this specific teaching that counters evil. Judaism and the Jewish people matter; if we disappear, the world will be worse off.

May this season of gratitude move us from feeling passionate to acting passionately. We may disagree about how to improve the world, but not that it needs us to make it happen. It's what gives us integrity and worth as a people.

And that's absolutely worthy of celebration.

From my family to yours, may this season inspire us all with gratitude, compassion and empathy.

Yours,

—Rabbi Elyse Frishman

¹ Isaiah 42:7



Used Coat Drive!
Donations to CUMAC.
Starting December 1.
Bring your clean, gently used coats to be donated to CUMAC, our Paterson charity.

A Message From Rabbi Steiner

Barnert and the National Gun Violence Prevention Sabbath



We have all been impacted by gun violence. No matter your stance on gun ownership, we can all agree that our country has endured far too many gun-related tragedies (even one would be too many), which have taken the lives of people of every age, race and religion. We mourn the senseless loss of

life as we work together to end this alarming trend. We have all been impacted by gun violence.

What is the impact on those of us fortunate not to have lost a friend or loved one to gun violence? We watch names and faces fill our screen with a regularity that threatens to make us numb. We worry about the safety of our children — from kindergarten to college — as they attend school. We make two-year-olds practice lockdown drills. If you own a gun or if you don't, if you know someone personally who has lost a loved one to gun violence or if you don't, this is a problem we cannot ignore.

This year Barnert Temple will join congregations of all religious traditions from around the nation in the third annual National Gun Violence Prevention Sabbath Weekend, which runs from December 10 to 14, 2015. A joint project of Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence, a coalition of 50 national faith denominations and groups, and the Newtown Foundation, the National Gun Violence Prevention Sabbath brings together places of worship from across the country “to remember those who have lost their lives to gunfire, pray for those whose lives have been forever changed because of the loss of a loved one, and to educate one another on proven strategies to reduce gun violence.”

We will not use the *Shabbat* service that falls in this weekend to talk about gun violence because it is *Chanukah*, a Barnert gathering that is always a fun and filled with families and children. We want this *Shabbat* in *Chanukah* celebration to remain safe and appropriate for all who will attend. But in the week leading into this national initiative you will likely see information about this in the media and we encourage you to find your place in the conversation.

The national initiative falls during *Chanukah*, a holiday when we celebrate, among other things, a military victory. Are we, then, arguing that people should no longer own guns? No. Our involvement in this initiative is to draw attention to the urgency in our nation to actively respond to the alarming rise of gun violence. This is not about advocating only for one action or another, which can result in polarizing our community. Instead, we hope you will find a way to add your voice into the conversation about reducing gun violence in a significant way, such as lobbying our representatives to support a specific piece of legislation, advocating for safety standards, learning more about the psychology of how school shootings around the country are related.

As Jews, our tradition could not be clearer about our responsibility to act, to address the alarming rise of gun violence. When one person is killed it is as though the entire universe has been destroyed, the *Mishnah* teaches. But the opposite is also true. When we work to save even one life, it is as though we have saved the entire world. We must join the conversation that seeks to find a strategy to reduce gun violence.

Why will we join with Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Sikhs and Universalists in the week leading into the National Gun Violence Prevention

Sabbath as communities of faith? Answering just this question, the Very Reverend Gary Hall, Dean of the Washington National Cathedral, writes, “The Bible may not speak with one voice about why suffering happens, but it is unanimous in its claim that human suffering demands the active response of faithful people.”

We are commanded in the book of Leviticus not to stand idly by when our neighbors are bleeding. Even though we may not all agree on what policies will be most effective, it's our responsibility to start the conversations about how we can tackle this issue. This is a time of year when we will come together with our families to celebrate holidays meant to bring light to the world. During the week when we begin to light our *Chanukah menorahs*, we will join with a chorus of those guided by sacred traditions to honor the memories of those whose lives were stolen, to offer comfort to their families, and to learn from experts and from one another about how we can affect the change needed to reduce gun violence in our nation.



A Message from Sara Losch



Years ago, on a Religious School trip, our students were asked to reflect on the concept of freedom. With chart paper on the walls around the room, students made lists of the various freedoms afforded them by living in the United States. Their lists included much of what they had learned about the Bill of Rights, and

particularly about the First Amendment: freedom of speech, religion, and the press; freedom to assemble, etc.

Looking at freedom through the lens of *mitzvot*, students began to see that it is difficult—if not impossible—to be free if one has no food, shelter, health, or the ability to live where there is personal safety. We studied Jewish texts that helped us see that since we are born “*b’tzelem Elohim*”—in the image of God—we have specific responsibilities to help others in their struggle for freedom. It is so difficult to describe freedom when you have never been without it.

We imagined scenarios of children going to sleep hungry or children with no home. The students heard from my husband, Jorge, about growing up in a dictatorship and

being afraid to speak, knowing it could cause him and his family great danger. You could feel a change taking over us all.

Our students learn that we can provide hope—*tikvah*—to others through our actions. Rabbi Frishman teaches that the root letters of the word *tikvah* are connected to the word “*kav*,” the Hebrew word for line.

Moses Haim Luzzatto, an Italian Jewish mystic and scholar, wrote, “Hope is understood as providing a LINE or link capable of penetrating directly to the upper reaches—to God.” But hope can also come from taking hold of the line, believing that someone is holding the other end, pulling you toward a better future, one free from hunger, homelessness, or a silenced voice.

We gain strength from one another when we believe there is hope, *tikvah*; that by acting as the hands of God, by performing *mitzvot*, we make change happen. Yes, we are blessed by the freedoms afforded us living in the United States. And we are humbled to perform the commandments, the *mitzvot*, which guide us to be a lifeline to those in need of hope.

Wishing you and yours a very joyous and meaningful *Chanukah*.

—Sara Losch, Director of Lifelong Learning

Mitzvot for Thanksgiving and for Chanukah

Mitzvot for Thanksgiving

- At your Thanksgiving table, talk about the Jewish value of *tzedakah*, the true translation of which is “righteousness.” What might you do together to give *tzedakah*? Collect funds for Mazon and other organizations that fight hunger year-round.
- Ask each guest to bring a bag of food and drive to the local food pantry to share your donation of food and money.
- Volunteer at a food bank or soup kitchen.
- Call *Table to Table* if you have a lot of leftovers to share. Or invite a friend or neighbor who doesn’t have family nearby for Friday night (*Shabbat* leftovers!).

Mitzvot for Chanukah

- Contact DOROT (<http://www.dorotusa.org/>). Set aside one night of *Chanukah* to light the *menorah* with an older friend. Families with children aged 4–12

share holiday joy in the home of a DOROT senior. Together, you and your family will create a memorable and meaningful *Chanukah* tradition, while fulfilling the *mitzvot* of lighting *Chanukah* candles. DOROT will provide a *menorah*, candles, chocolate *gelt*, a *dreidel*, and helpful guidelines for *Chanukah* blessings, songs, and *dreidel*-playing. All you need to bring is your family.

- Choose a night to give your children an amount of money, rather than a gift. Teach the children about charitable giving. Help them find one or more charities that are meaningful to them. Their job is to give away the money and to explain how they chose to whom to give it.
- Before purchasing gifts, do a “valuable stuff assessment.” What good things do we have that we don’t need or use anymore? Bring these things to CUMAC in Paterson, or other great charity.

BARNERT TEMPLE TAG PROGRAM AND THE KATHIE F. WILLIAMS TAG SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE

WHAT IS THE TAG PROGRAM?

TAG is a new program at Barnert to incentivize and excite students in grades 3–6, and their families, to engage in Jewish learning and life. The program's name comes from the three anchors of Jewish learning: **TORAH** (study), **AVODAH** (ritual & prayer) and **GEMILUT CHASSADIM** (acts of kindness through *mitzvot*). The program also offers students the opportunity to qualify for a range of monetary scholarships between \$360 and \$3,600.

The **TAG** program recognizes that Jewish learning, community-building and pride develop through a wide range of activities and experiences, within and beyond the Temple walls. The goal is to recognize the many ways our children and families engage in Jewish life and learning, and to encourage our families to expand their Jewish experiences and participation in Jewish life.

HOW DOES THE TAG PROGRAM WORK?

The basic concept is simple. Between grades 3 and 6, students will earn points through the **TAG** program by participating in different activities, on-site and outside of Barnert, related to the three anchors of learning (*Torah, Avodah, Gemilut Chassadim*). The goal is to offer opportunities that will create transformative experiences for our children and deepen their Jewish engagement. Students will track the points they earn with special **TAG** bands (details below). The bands and TAGlettes, similar to CROC bands with "Jibbitz" charms, offer students a fun and concrete visual to track their progress and celebrate their accomplishments. Why do these points and bands matter? Earning points will allow children to qualify for a range of scholarships from \$360 to \$3,600. Details regarding the scholarship challenge will be shared via parent (parlor) meetings, social media, teacher conferences, pulpit announcements, and Temple publications.

WHY LAUNCH THE TAG PROGRAM?

This program and scholarship commemorate the legacy of our remarkable past president and Temple leader, Kathie Williams. Kathie's style was to "tag others in" as she brought people onto her team. As we sing on Friday nights, "*Al shloshe devarim ha'olam omed: al haTorah, al ha'Avodah, v'al Gemilut Chassadim* (1.2)." The world stands on three things: on *Torah*/study, on *Avodah*/prayer or service, and on *Gemilut Chassadim*/acts of loving kindness. Our **TAG** program is structured around these three core principles and not only recognizes but also encourages new types of engagement and exploration for our students and families.



The Kathie F. Williams
TAG Scholarship Challenge

HOW DO STUDENTS EARN POINTS FOR THE

TAG PROGRAM?

Students earn points in a variety of ways. A descriptive chart will hang in classrooms and in the hallways. Students will also have a copy of the chart in their own personal folder. Points are earned for:

- Attending weekday and Sunday instruction.
- Participating in *Shabbat* and holiday observances at Barnert or other synagogues.
- Engaging in *tzedakah* activities in the community.
- Participating in approved independent-studies projects and trips to Israel, and visiting Israeli or Jewish cultural sites.

HOW DO THE POINTS WORK WITH THE TAG BANDS and TAGlettes?

The **TAG** bands and TAGlettes provide a visual to both track and celebrate progress.

- There are three different bands: one for *Torah*, one for *Avodah*, and one for *Gemilut Chassadim*.
- A student must earn 10 points in the respective area (e.g., 10 *Torah* points) to earn a *Torah* band with a "T" tag). Students can earn points,

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BARNERT TEMPLE TAG PROGRAM AND THE KATHIE F. WILLIAMS TAG SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE *(From previous page)*

bands and TAGlettes for one or all three of the areas through the end of sixth grade.

- Students do not have to fill one band before earning TAGlettes for another.
- Each band has six holes (a total of 18 on three bands). The first hole is filled with the letter TAGlette for that band (i.e. T for *Torah*). Each additional TAGlette for the remaining five holes of that band needs 18 points.
- To fill a band with all six TAGlettes, a student will need to earn 100 points in the respective area (i.e., band and 1st tag = 10 points; 5 tags at 18 points each = 90 points; total band = 100 points).

While we would love every student to fill all three bands and become eligible for the \$3,600 grand prize scholarship, our goal is to have every student fill at least one band by the end of sixth grade.

AT THE END OF GRADE SIX, HOW DOES A STUDENT QUALIFY FOR THE KATHIE F. WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE GRAND PRIZE OF \$3,600?

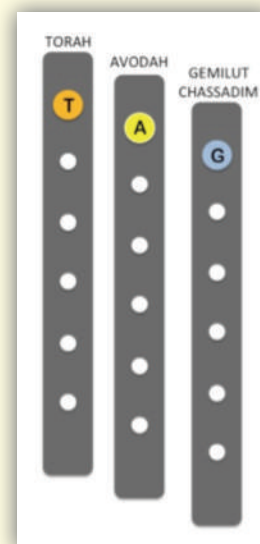
To earn the final 18 points for any of the three bands, a student will need to complete a written activity or supervised project that will be judged by our TAG Team. Members of the TAG Team will include a representative of the Williams family as well as Rabbi Frishman and several representatives from the Religious School Steering Committee.

ABOUT KATHIE

Kathie was a Barnert Temple president and was an inspiration to our Barnert community and the larger Jewish world. Her love of Judaism and support of Jewish education led her family to work with our professional staff to establish the Kathie F. Williams TAG Scholarship Challenge. The scholarships awarded will afford resources for students to have transformative Jewish experiences that deepen their Jewish engagement for a lifetime. Funds awarded will be used towards life-changing Jewish experiences such as URJ Summer Camp, URJ Teen activities (*Mitzvah Corps*, *L'Taken*), as well as a trip to Israel (EIE High School Semester in Israel, URJ summer trip to Israel), or family trip.

FINAL WORDS

We know you will have some additional questions after reading this document. Please watch for more information about the Kathie Williams TAG Scholarship Challenge, and how you can help your student acquire points by engaging in Jewish learning and life.



SHABBAT INSIDE OUT – 5776 VERSION

Friday, November 20:

There's a Place for Everyone at the Shabbat Table!

Join your Barnert Community for *Shabbat* dinner, either at home — yours or another's. Instead of a Temple service that evening, we'll gather in different venues outside the Temple walls — celebrating with good food, *Shabbat* candles and *kiddush*, friends and friends-to-be!

You can choose to host a *Shabbat* dinner at your home, be part of *Shabbat* dinner at a Barnert Temple congregant's home, or join a Barnert group at a local restaurant.

Look for the *Shabbat* Inside Out email to sign up!



SHABBAT EVENING WORSHIP WITH RABBI FRISHMAN AND RABBI STEINER

Shabbat services are reflective yet joyous—a true renewal of the spirit. You may come in tired, but you'll walk away renewed and revived. It's a promise! All ages are welcome, and dress is nice/casual. And we have the best *Oneg Shabbat* desserts—check out the chocolate caramel pretzels!

On the first Friday, the 7 pm service is followed by a potluck supper.

Friday, November 6
7 pm Service
8 pm Potluck Supper

Saturday, November 7
9:30 am *Torah* Study,
Parshat Chaye Sarah

Friday, November 13
8 pm Service

Saturday, November 14
9:30 am *Rosh Chodesh*
10 am Service, *Bar Mitzvah* of
Benjamin Schack

Friday, November 20
5 pm Tot *Shabbat* and Pizza
Dinner
Shabbat Inside Out;
no *Shabbat* Service

Saturday, November 21
9:30 am *Shabbat* Yoga

Friday, November 27
8 pm Service

Friday, December 4
7 pm Service
8 pm Potluck Supper

Saturday, December 5
9:30 am *Torah* Study,
Parshat Vayeshev
10 am Service, *Bat Mitzvah* of
Jenna Stickley

Friday, December 11
7 pm *Chanukah* Potluck Supper

Saturday, December 12
9:30 am *Rosh Chodesh*

Friday, December 18
5 pm Tot *Shabbat* and
Pizza Dinner
8 pm Service

Saturday, December 19
9:30 am *Torah* Study,
Parshat Vayigash

Friday, December 25
8 pm *Shabbat*
Service



MAZEL TOV ADULT CONFIRMANDS!

Saturday, October 3 we celebrated the Confirmation of 16 Barnert congregants. *Mazel tov* to them and their families:

Susan Adleman
Paul S. Avenius
Debbie Becker
Joan Cowlan
Lisa Dugal
Susan Esserman
Marion Filan
Jill Gordon-Layton

roberta Hong
Bari Hopkins
resa Kaufman
Sue Klein
Marty Kron
rita Kron
rebecca McKinnon
Barbara Sacks



Shabbat Yoga at Barnert Temple



Kabbalah teaches that within each of us lives the *shechinah*, the peaceful and quiet indwelling presence of the Divine. Both prayer and yoga are a way to connect us with this deeper aspect of our beings, one often hidden within the busy-ness and minutiae of our modern lives.

Join Rachel Dewan each month to delve into the *Birchot Ha'Shachar* (morning blessings) through gently flowing yoga postures, connection to the breath, discussion and contemplation. Combining yoga and prayer offers us a deeply embodied experience of the Oneness of the Universe, and we feel a renewed sense of inner joy and freedom.

All levels, including beginners, and non-members welcome!

When: 9:30 - 10:45am

Saturdays: September 26, October 31, November 21, 2015

January 30, February 27, March 26, and April 30, 2016

Where: Barnert Temple, 747 New Jersey 208, Franklin Lakes

What: Please bring a yoga mat and wear exercise-appropriate clothing

Classes are FREE for Barnert members, non-members are welcome for an \$18 donation.

Please contact Rachel with any questions RDYogaMama@gmail.com or call 914.980.5879

Rachel Dewan is a Certified Anusara Yoga Teacher and has been teaching classes, workshops, private and therapeutic sessions, Teacher Trainings and Immersions for 12 years in both the New York Metro and Chicago Metro areas. She completed an 18-month long Yoga and Jewish Spirituality Teacher Training program in 2012. Rachel's ultimate goal as a teacher is to help students strengthen their bodies, connect to their hearts, and come to know their own unique and divine soul through both Yoga and study of Torah.

Shabbat Shalom שבת שלום

Blessing before Giving Tzedakah

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם,
אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו לרדוף צדק.



Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu lirdof tzedek.

We praise You, *Adonai* our God, Sovereign of the universe, who calls us to holiness through mitzvot, commanding us to pursue justice.

Candlelighting Blessing



ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם,
אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של שבת.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

We praise You, *Adonai* our God, Sovereign of the universe, who hallows us with mitzvot and commands us to kindle the light of Shabbat.

Blessing for Wine or Grape Juice

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, בורא פרי הגפן.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, borei p'ri hagafen.

We praise You, *Adonai* our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.



Blessing Over Bread



ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם,
המוציא לחם מן הארץ.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, hamotzi lechem min haaretz.

We praise You, *Adonai* our God, Sovereign of the universe, who causes bread to come forth from the earth.

Blessing for All Children

יברכך יי וישמרך.
יאר יי פניו אליך ויחנך.
ישא יי פניו אליך וישם לך שלום.

*Y'varech'cha Adonai v'yishm'recha. Ya-eir Adonai panav eilecha vichune'ka.
Yisa Adonai panav eilecha v'yascim l'cha shalom.*

May God bless you and keep you. May God look kindly upon you, and be gracious to you.
May God reach out to you in tenderness, and give you peace.



BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROFILES

BENJAMIN SCHACK

November 14, 2015

Hi, my name is Ben Schack and I'm in 7th grade. I live with my mom, dad, little sister Sophia, and my dog. I also have two older brothers that live in Boston. I enjoy playing sports like soccer and football. In the summer I go to a sleepaway camp called Camp Eisner. I've been going there for the past four summers. I like it there because I make a lot of friends, am always doing fun activities, and they have AMAZING food even though they are cooking for about 700 people.

For my *Mitzvah* project, I have chosen Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge in Oakland. I am going to help them by fostering dogs. They help many dogs that are from kill shelters in other places. I want to help rescue these dogs so they become more appealing to people that might want to adopt them. It also helps the animal shelter help more dogs because they have limited space.

On the day of my *Bar Mitzvah* I will be collecting donations for Oasis, which is a center in Paterson that helps women and their children. I will be collecting baby- and young-child items that I will then deliver to the center.

I would like to thank Rabbi

Frishman, Rabbi Steiner, *Morah* Edith, Helen Fleischmann, Sara Losch and Marc Chelemer for helping me with all my *Bar Mitzvah* preparations. I would also like to thank my parents, siblings, and grandparents for supporting me along the way. I am really looking forward to my *Bar Mitzvah* and celebrating with all my family and friends.

JENNA STICKLEY

December 5, 2015

Hi. My name is Jenna Stickley. I am a 7th grader. I like playing softball, and play on several teams during the year. In the winter, I play basketball. I also enjoy music, whether I'm listening to it or playing it on my tenor saxophone. Speaking of tenor saxophone, I am also in a special band that had the chance to compete at Hersheypark last year, which was a lot of fun. I live with my mother, father and brother who is in 3rd grade. I have a dog name Rosey with whom I love to spend time and play. I love hanging out with friends whenever my busy schedule allows.

For my *Mitzvah* project, I have done several different things. I volunteered three times with Pass It Along and worked at the House of Mission in Newark, New

Jersey. We made lunches for over 100 people in need and then had the opportunity to hand out and meet many of the people. That was a great experience. Then I started working with special-needs children. In my town there is a program that provides babysitting for special-needs children one Saturday a month, so parents can have a respite. I work with this program, and since some of the adults in that program work at my middle school, I began volunteering with the special-needs students at my school. Every Friday before school, our self-contained class runs a coffee cart for the teachers. I work closely with an autistic student who does not talk, and I help him take orders, make the coffee and collect money. I love doing this and will continue for the rest of my time in middle school!

I would like to thank everyone for their contribution towards my Jewish education. Whenever I walk in the doors at Barnert Temple, I feel like it is a second family. Thank you to Rabbi Steiner, Rabbi Frishman, Sara Losch, Helen Fleischmann and all my Religious School teachers, along with so many more. It has been a great experience preparing for my *Bat Mitzvah*, and I am looking forward to the day it is here!

A SPECIAL MITZVAH PROJECT FOR ADLER APHASIA!

Adler Aphasia Center was recently gifted a specially designed tablet-charging cart made by Andrew Pleeter of Ridgewood, NJ, for the center's Technology program. The cart was created for the center as part of Pleeter's *Bar Mitzvah* project. The cart can charge the center's multiple iPads at one time. iPads are used by people with aphasia to build their communication skills and for communication access to the Internet. Pictured L to R: Janice Dittelman, CCC-SLP, and Technology Coach of the Adler Aphasia Center; Andrew Pleeter of Ridgewood, NJ, charging-cart designer; his younger brother Josh Pleeter of Ridgewood, NJ; and Todd Pleeter, center staff member and volunteer, of Hawthorne, NJ.



How to Light the Chanukah Candles

On the first night, place one candle for the *Shamash* (helper candle) and place one candle in the *menorah's* far right candle holder. On subsequent nights, place one candle for the *Shamash*, and each night increase the number of candles to be lit by one, from right to left. The newer candle is lit first (that is, candles increase from right to left, but light the candles from left to right).

סֵדֵר הַדְּלָקַת נֵרוֹת חֲנֻכָּה

CHANUKAH CANDLE BLESSINGS

BARUCH atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav
v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

BARUCH atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu
bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

For first night only

BARUCH atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיַּמָּנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
who giving us life, for sustaining us, for enabling us to reach this season.



CELEBRATE CHANUKAH IN SHABBAT!

Friday, December 11, 7 pm

The Barnert Brass will play;
the Adult, Teen and Junior Choirs will sing!

Bring your *menorah* and enjoy this festive
celebration!

A delicious potluck dinner follows.



LIGHT THE MENORAH AT BARNERT TEMPLE!

Join your Barnert community as we light the
Chanukah menorah.

Sunday, December 6, at 5 pm: Men's Club,
renaissance and Women of Barnert

Monday, December 7, at 6 pm:
Post-Confirmation Class

Tuesday, December 8, at 5:50 pm:
religious School

Wednesday, December 9, at 5:50 pm:
religious School

Thursday, December 10, at 5:50 pm:
religious School

Friday, December 11, at 7 pm:
Barnert Community

Saturday, December 12, at 6 pm: BarTY

Sunday, December 13, at 5 pm: Preschool

BARNERT TEMPLE PRESCHOOL

Preschool Learning For Our Youngest

Olam Baby

This new class is for babies (ages 3–12 months) and their parents or caregivers. It is a chance for parents to get out and socialize with other parents in a relaxing atmosphere while their babies participate in all sorts of explorations. So far we have explored spheres, textiles and our large blue blocks. Topics to come: light, sensory bottles, sensory bins, reflections, and so much more.

Friday 9:00–10:00 am

Cost: free



ShabbaTOT

This is a class offered for toddlers (ages 12–24 months) and their parents or caregivers. The children learn through play and have all of their senses stimulated while parents can meet new friends and share ideas and concerns about the development of their children. The hour is filled with group *Shabbat* music and appropriate art and creative experiences. Each child bakes his/her own yummy *challah* to bring home.

Friday 9:00–10:15 am

Cost: \$400 for the year

Little Sprouts (ages 15–24 months)

This is a learning program specifically designed to boost your child's verbal, social and cognitive skills. Our goal is to grow the independence of your child while they feel safe, nurtured, and loved. Class is from 9 am to 12:30 pm and is available from Monday through Friday with a two-day minimum per week. Great for you as a working or busy parent who may need time while your child is in a safe, caring and stimulating environment.

Monday–Friday 9–12:30 pm

Little Sprouts Classroom, First Floor

Cost: \$3790 for two days for the year

FRIDAY MORNING IN OUR PRESCHOOL by Alice Berdy

It is a Friday morning in our preschool. There is always excitement on Friday morning because it is *Shabbat* and we make *challah* bread and have a *Shabbat* party. But today there is something else crackling in the air: an electricity between the children. It is Forest Friday. Forest Friday is the day that the Pre-K and the Kindergarten go off exploring into the woods around our building in Franklin Lakes.

Forest Fridays began this year as a way for the children to experience a different kind of play in the outdoors and develop a deeper connection to the natural world. There is more and more evidence that exploring outside has many benefits for children. The “forest school” initiative originated in Scandinavia and has been rapidly developing in England and Wales over the last 15 years. And now, there is a movement of forest school philosophy popping up across Canada and the United States because the benefits of promoting outdoor activities and play-based learning is just too good to pass on. (See the box on the next page for benefits of exploring in the forest.)



students consult it before leading the way.

There is no clear trail and the first thing I notice is a child who normally struggles on the stairs. I watch as she successfully navigates over fallen logs and down a fairly steep embankment. Outdoor movement on varied terrain provides such a great opportunity for coordination skills and balance. I am impressed by how capable the children are acting and how they are helping each other. When they receive their clipboards that contain pictures of items they might find in the forest, there is lots of chatting and collaboration — “can you help me find an acorn?” “I wonder why we don’t see so many bugs?” Nature provides children with so many reasons to ask questions and start conversations. Their inquiry into a topic can be then brought back into the classroom for further and expanded investigation.

While one group is looking for items on their clipboards, another is looking for large branches to continue building a shelter. The shelter started two weeks ago when one of the children wanted to build something to “live in” while they were in the forest. It is an ongoing project that is starting to take shape as a tepee-type structure. Again, books on architecture can be consulted back in the classroom and ideas can be sketched for the shelter, taking all this to a deeper level of learning.

Two of the teachers are setting up the large natural loom on a tree. It will be explained to the children that weaving on the loom is a community project and will tell a story of their trips into the forest. It will change as the seasons change. Leaves and branches will be added as well as fabric that reflects

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I decided to trail along today to see what all the buzz was about. First there is the practical side of things. There are boots to put on: 15 pairs of boots, jackets, and some hats. There is a wagon to be loaded with clipboards, scraps of material, and a giant loom made of sticks and twine. After a healthy snack at the outdoor picnic table, and a review of the rules (“leaves of three, let it be,” “if it doesn’t belong in the forest, take it out of the forest,” “always stay with a buddy”), the children and teachers head off into the woods. One of the kindergartners has taken it upon herself to draw a map of the woods, and the teacher along with the

FRIDAY MORNING IN OUR PRESCHOOL *(From previous page)*

the seasons. The rabbi plans to go outside with them on one of their trips and the children will write blessings on the ribbons to also be incorporated into the tapestry. The children know that if an animal picks at it, or pieces fall away during the winter, that it is okay because it is all part of the story.

So far these trips have been mostly for the “upper classmen” — the fours and fives. But the 3-year-olds have also ventured into the woods for various projects. We are planning on getting certified by Forest School and when you achieve level 3 of Forest School training, teaching can include skills such as fire-building and other outdoor skills. risky play is something we believe in here at our preschool, and the benefits can be enormous. We'll enjoy our next walk in the forest.



A Summary of Potential Benefits of Forest School

- The Forest School program evolves from the needs of the child and includes the child's interests
- Children develop good self-esteem in a climate of small achievable steps
- The program provides a real context for language
- The program provides the practitioner with an alternative view of the child and further insights into a child's particular development
- The program is beneficial to a child's all-around development, particularly in the areas of personal, social and emotional development, and language and communication
- The program underpins the principles laid down in the foundation-stage guidelines
- The experience has been very well received by all those involved in it
- The program provides opportunities for the children to take risks, solve problems and employ thinking skills
- The Forest School experience complements learning in the classroom and can be transferred

NETWORKING

Upcoming Meetings

The Temple Community Network is a professional networking group targeted at helping the job search and career development needs of the community. It is a joint project of Barnert Temple, Temple Beth Rishon, Temple Beth Or, and Beth Haverim Shir Shalom. Everyone is welcome at the groups' meetings, including those searching for a job who are transitioning and those already in a position. The meetings are designed to be warm, inclusive and informative. Doors open for networking at 6:30 pm and programming begins at 7 pm.

Mark your calendar for these Networking Group dates:
Monday, November 23
Monday, December 28

For more information, please contact me at blevin@galaxy.net or (201) 247-0864.

—Bob Levin

Holiday POP UP BOOKSHOP

at Barnert Temple

with **The Curious Reader**



Monday, November 23

8:45 AM - 3:30 PM

*Part of the proceeds from the Pop Up Bookshop will
benefit Barnert Temple Preschool*

ADULT EDUCATION: FIND YOUR PLACE!

Kabbalah

Sunday, November 1, at 9 am

Through text and discussion, meditation and reflection, explore the relevancy of Jewish mysticism in the life of the rational and spiritual Jew. (This course is an Intermediate *Kabbalah* program that follows the Beginners' class that was held during the summer.)

Intro to Judaism (cohosted by Beth Haverim Shir Shalom and Barnert Temple)

Wednesday, November 11 and 18;

December 2, 9, and 16, at 7:30 pm

Registration required

A 16-week course (October 14, 2015 – February 24, 2016) for anyone interested in exploring Judaism — Jews looking for adult-level basics, interfaith couples, those considering conversion — and the fundamentals of Jewish thought and practice. Topics include Jewish holidays and life-cycle events, theology and prayer, Israel, history and Hebrew. Tired of being “culturally Jewish, but not practicing”? Wondering if Judaism might be more fun than the religion you grew up with? Wondering how to create a Jewish home or raise Jewish children? You wonder if there's more to it than what you forgot from Hebrew School? Wonder no more!

Rosh Chodesh

Saturday, November 14; December 12, at 9:30 am

Join Sara Losch at a monthly gathering of women to share in Jewish conversation welcoming the new month. Open to all women of all generations. First-timers welcome!

Shabbat Yoga

Saturday, November 21, at 9:30 am

Join Rachel Dewan each month to delve into the *Birchot Ha'Shachar* (morning blessings) through gently flowing yoga postures, connection to the breath, discussion and contemplation. Combining yoga and prayer offers us a deeply embodied experience of the Oneness of the Universe, and we feel a renewed sense of inner joy and freedom. All levels, including beginners and non-members welcome!

Talmud Study

Thursday, November 12 and 19; December 3 and 17, at 7:30 pm

Join our Rabbi Joel Soffin for our modern-day discussion of the *Talmud*. Learn how to shop, talk, and think Jewishly. Look behind the scenes at the lives of ancient rabbis and learn from their triumphs and missteps. Most of all, enter into the historic Jewish conversation and discover your own Jewish soul. Be prepared to think differently as you engage in the world. As with our *Torah* classes, no experience necessary and new friends are always welcome!

Torah Study

Saturday, November 7; December 5 and 19, at 9:30 am

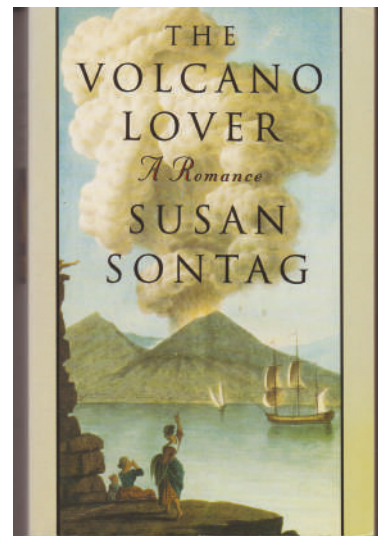
Enjoy an in-depth and highly engaging exploration of the *Torah* portion of the week with Rabbis Joel Soffin and Rachel Steiner. We begin with breakfast at 9:30 am (participants take turns providing the food) and discussion at 10 am. Discover the relevance of *Torah* as we interpret it and bring it to life. No experience necessary and new friends are always welcome!

BOOK CLUB

November...

Monday, November 16, is the next date for our Book Club soiree. The setting will be Janet Finkel's home in Wyckoff. The book is *The Volcano Lover* by Susan Sontag.

The intriguing Avant Garde critic of literature, Ms. Sontag is at once a critic and an effective writer. She tackles the dazzling society in Naples, 1764–1800, under Ferdinand IV as she reveals the three characters of her historical fiction, who are: Sir William Hamilton, British diplomat; his wife Emma Hamilton, who is also mistress of Admiral Nelson; and the Admiral himself. As *The New York Times* critic wrote: “I wish I could like it less and admire it more.” Imagine that: a fictional story about real historical figures. I just can't wait to start. The discussion should be lively and so interesting. All Temple members are welcome. And we will surely unearth the Jewish elements in this exciting story.



Please RSVP to Janet at (201) 652-7750 or janetbmw@aol.com. We start at 8 pm and are on the road home by 10 pm. Of course there will be plenty of coffee and surprises. Call Benita for carpool possibilities at (201) 891-2509 (home) or (201) 847-2183 (business).

Read on, and keep reading.

—Benita Herman



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Barnert Temple Gratitude Report

Fall, 2015 5776

The Barnert Temple, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Founded 1847



Barnert Temple Financial Report

Our Mission

Barnert Temple is a sacred community, a *k'hillah k'doshah*, committed to offering Reform Jewish experiences that are relevant, accessible and meaningful, wherein people of all ages and backgrounds are appreciated and valued, engaged and inspired.

"When I needed a Jewish community, Barnert was the place I turned." We often hear this at Barnert Temple. We know that at Barnert we'll find someone to laugh with, a shoulder to cry on, caring and comfort.

We are grateful for your engagement in, and your financial support of Barnert Temple, which provide the resources to create this environment. In this report we will illustrate the responsible way we allocate funds and provide many different opportunities for Jewish living and growth.



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Tradition Continues: Barnert is Fiscally Responsible

The leadership of Barnert Temple safeguards our long-standing history of fiscal responsibility. Last year, we told you that we had survived the 2008 fiscal downturn with financial stability. This year, we are happy to report that we continue a positive trend of fiscal stability.

- Annually, we create and follow a balance budget, using conservative financial guidelines
- We reserve funds each year towards anticipated and surprise building repairs
- We continue to have thoughtful inquiry before allocating money
- We continue to look for ways to save money while delivering the level of service Barnert Temple is known for
- Our membership is stable, and we continue to welcome new families and individuals each year.

Barnert Temple Gratitude Report

5775 Was a Terrific Year at Barnert Temple!

We Explored, We Connected, We Gave and We Received:

Civil Rights Trip • *Mitzvah* Mall and Pancake Breakfast raises \$36,000 • High Holiday *Torah* Reading • *Chanukah* in *Shabbat* • Civil Rights Trip Family Promise • Networking Group • *Kabbalah* Class • *Talmud* Study • *Torah* Study • *Shabbat* in *Sukkot* • Men's Club Events and Speakers • Women of Barnert Events and Speakers • Men's Club Wine-Tasting • Senator Robert Menendez • Lesley Sachs, Women of the Wall • Peri Smilow for *Shabbat Shirah* • Adult *Purim Shpiel* • *Purim* Celebrations for all Ages • Israeli Film Series • Streaming Services • Vlad Lapin's Classes and Concert • Paterson Habitat for Humanity • Men's Shelter Meals • New Parking Lot • *Shabbat* Yoga • *Torah* Tots • *Kavanah* Kids • Junior Congregation • Worship Band • Strategic Plan • Task Forces • Upgraded Energy Efficiency • *Zahal Shalom* Breakfast for Israeli Soldiers • *Shavuot* • Cheesecake Bake-Off • Boutique • *Rosh Chodesh* • *Shabbat* Inside Out • ARZA WZO Vote

We Gave Our Youth:

BarTY • Midnight Run • New Youth Lounge • Eisner and Crane Lake Camps • NFTY • Kutz Camp • *Mitzvah* Corps • Israel • Junior Choir • *Madrichim* • Post-Bar/It *Mitzvah* Learning and Engagement • Confirmation • Post-Confirmation • Birthright • BarTY *Shul-In*

Our Young-Adult Leaders Continue to Impact the Jewish World:

Thalia Halpert Rodis, Jade Sank, *Rabbinic Students* • Jonah Freeland, *Director of the URJ Mitzvah Corps* • Jessie Losch, *Preschool Teacher* • Rebecca Diamond, *Jewish Student Life Program Director, College of Charleston* • Daniel Reichenbach, *Israel Defense Forces* • Chris Mason, *Songleader*

2014/2015 Income

In 2014/2015, Annual Commitment, Free Will and Donations made up 52% of Total Income, a percentage that continues to remain consistent. However, as a result of an effort to emphasize voluntary giving, Free Will increased to 14% of income compared to 9% the previous year.

2014/2015 Income		
Category		% of Total
ANNUAL FINANCIAL		
COMMITMENT & DONATIONS	\$887,051	38%
FREE WILL	\$334,060	14%
LIFELONG LEARNING	\$952,640	41%
ENDOWMENT & OTHER INCOME	\$26,411	1%
MT. NEBO CEMETERY	\$40,626	2%
SECURITY	\$83,888	4%
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,334,677	100%

In the coming year, we will continue to work on our Development plan that will include an emphasis on voluntary contributions. The funds we raise beyond our initial commitment are what allows Barnert to offer the breadth of opportunities to engage in our community.

"I found Barnert at exactly the time in my life when I was supposed to. I believe that the work we do here together can really change the world for the better. I have total and complete faith that when I am in need... Barnert is here for me – emotionally, spiritually and physically. It is my safe haven..."

— Rebecca McKinnon

Barnert Temple Gratitude Report

2014/2015 Expenses

Total expenses increased approximately \$139,000 over last year as a result of payroll increases and technology costs. Payroll continues to represent the majority of our expenses and increases and is reflected in several budget categories. We strive to retain exceptional personnel while closely managing overall expenses. During the year, personnel costs increased to 72% of total expenses compared to 67% last year. This was due to contractual increases and the need for additional teachers as a result of increased enrollment in the preschool. During the year we also had several technology repairs and needed to update equipment. These increases were partially offset by savings in better management of overtime and custodial staff.

Lifelong Learning, which includes Religious School, Preschool and Adult Education, showed an increase to 38% of expenses over 36% last year, primarily due to payroll increases. However, Lifelong Learning continues to operate at close to break-even after custodial and energy costs. Worship and Spirituality includes our wonderful clergy and showed a modest decrease to 19% of expenses compared to 21% last year. Other operating expenses have remained constant as a percentage of total expenses.

2014/2015 Expenses		
Category		% of Total
BUILDING & GROUNDS	\$359,718	15%
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	\$120,590	5%
LIFELONG LEARNING	\$888,879	38%
MT. NEBO CEMETERY	\$45,182	2%
OFFICE OPERATIONS	\$381,689	16%
WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY	\$453,588	19%
SECURITY	\$83,888	3%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,333,536	100%

Building Fund

We continue to maintain a building reserve fund for capital improvements and repairs. As of June 30, 2015, our building fund had a balance of \$155,203.36. At the beginning of the next fiscal year in July, \$50,000 was added to the building fund, and up to \$120,000 was allocated to pave the new parking lot.

"What makes our home Jewish are our two children who are always regaling us with their stories from Barnert Preschool... The house is often filled with the friends that we've made at the temple. That's what makes our home truly a Jewish home."

—Josh Gottheimer

"Within the walls of today's Barnert, I find a general feeling of good karma. A feeling that's non-judgmental, one's concern for the well-being of the individual, while understanding the power of our community as a whole to make a difference."

—Seth Haubenstock

Barnert Temple Gratitude Report

Free-Will Matching Gift Offered by the Williams Family Continues

Last year, in loving memory of Kathie F. Williams, the Williams family matched the increase of free-will contributions, with a generous gift of \$72,181. This year, they are continuing their generosity by matching the individual increase in free-will donations made by each family. That means that each additional dollar you give towards free will this year is actually doubled!

Kathie F. Williams was a beloved past president of Barnert Temple, known for her devotion to, and vision for Barnert Temple. Her family made this matching gift to encourage the Barnert community to continue her work of financial support of our Jewish community. This year, there will not be another large donation appeal, including a gala. Support your Barnert community and help us reach our goal of 100% participation!

Help Your Barnert Community Benefit from the Vision and Generosity of the Williams Free-Will Matching Gift Thank You!

This report is designed to share with you the financial status of the Barnert community. It illustrates our dedication to responsible fiscal management, and dedication to prudent balance of spending and investment in our future.

Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated and vital to Barnert's future.

Gifts beyond basic membership financial commitments are key to helping us meet the needs of all of our congregants, now and in the future.

We realize that generosity comes in many forms. We thank you for all you do to make Barnert Temple an inspiring place to be.

"The Barnert impact has reached the core of my being. I have always felt very Jewish, yet wrestled seriously with the existence of God. I have come to realize that what truly matters in defining our self as Jews...is how we live our lives, treat one another, and do what we can to make the world a better place."

—Pam Himeles

Poetry Corner

Robert A. Kwartler – 12/16/11
(re-edited 7/14/15) For Barnert Temple Magazine
Dedicated to Jerry Siegel, Joe Schuster & Kal-El

AFTER THE HIVE or Jews on Mars (a fable)

And so it came to pass in the Age of Information that the invisible world wide web of human consciousness became complete when the last mainstream person finally became linked in, and the last noticeable vestige of rugged individualism was absorbed by the state for the greater good of Humanity's collective governance.

And thus was born The Human Hive, where every thought was shared. And the specie moved as one...for a time.

But alas, the nascent Hive had no selfless Queen to quell and harness this connectivity and protect it from natural corruption. And so, amid the chaos of unfettered collective consciousness, the dark idea of ungoverned freedom extinguished the light of Liberty. Justice became a lost concept. Only raw power ruled with freedom.

Before very long, Human Nature erupted once again in swarms of factions, as in days of old. The dark night and joyless order of rote of technology hid the sunlight and poetry of higher awareness. The twisted lies of power influenced the minds of the People, until finally destructive war once again swept the Earth like a pruning plague. Global civil war on a Darwinian level fought on a Malthusian scale depleted the human population and destroyed the Earth beyond even the repair of eons, as every atom of oxygen and every atom of hydrogen were destroyed at once, swept instantly away like magic into a dimensional tesseract...as if the Creator had sucked the very air out of existence...leaving only deadly gas.

But as the last lights were dimmed forever on the dying planet and the final breath of Earth's precious atmosphere was whipped away in a vanishing wisp of poison, a small band of Terran refugees from the ancient House of El escaped in the last viable craft...a silver seed blown to deep space on winds of cosmic gravity. They were a tightly knit group of Reform Jews who came together as scientists, with their racially and culturally mixed nuclear families. They had failed to save the world. But could they save themselves...this ark...all of remaining Humanity surviving only as Jews?

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They carried the last hope of Humanity...one last shot. They had with them the pinnacle of human technological development: an experimental device capable of emitting a single

bio-atomic pulse...only once...which could reconstitute the atmosphere of an otherwise uninhabitable planet so long as sufficient hydrogen and oxygen existed there (unlike Earth now, poisoned for eternity). Under the right circumstances, it could provide just one single creative blast for the plentiful creation of water to sustain life, to reform an atmosphere and renew an otherwise lifeless arid planet's landscapes and ecologies. They possessed technology capable of one shot only at re-terraforming a frozen planet.

Destination: Mars.

For forty days and forty nights they traversed the wilderness of deep space. They rocketed past the moon and the dead Earth shrank in the black starlit distance.

During this reflective period, they began to marvel at the miracle of how Reform Judaism had seemingly evolved and produced an astonishingly well balanced band of Jewish refugees...a Final Diaspora of holy proportions...a "Cultural Noah's Ark" of assorted Reform Jews. As a group, they were perfectly suited to meet the challenges that came with the flood of roiling turmoil they had escaped on Earth; and which they yet faced on Mars as well. As broadly diverse as they were individually, their common threads were woven in their tallith and in the last Torah which they had saved...and which fueled their spirit.

They landed on Mars, the Planet of Destiny Born of War.

For forty arduous years the first generation strove and bled to secure the frozen, barren, red desert world. Finally they were able to use that violent terra-forming technology to create a natural paradise with a fresh, reborn atmosphere to normalize existence...but there was no more technology to be had after that. That was the last of their Earth technology. They arrived at the mercy of their ability to survive on the flora of this new world and its strange reawakened Martian wild life. These lost immigrants to this purgatory-turned-Eden sacrificed everything in the hope that the second generation of Jewish Martians might survive and thrive and carry on God's will.

And in the fortieth year, they reflected upon their past and contemplated their future.

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But upon closer inspection by the Elders of the House of El, it was observed that these children were indeed Jews...they were not Martians.

The ancient traditions were all but lost.

In a sudden panic, sensing their age and impending demise, the Elders of El decreed that there should be built a new school, a pre-school – dedicated to the youngest among them, to renew Judaism as these Jews had renewed Mars...to redeem everything and begin again to grow the Jewish spirit...beyond the Jewish intellect.

The youth were instructed to caucus and select three candidates from among them for presentation before the Elders who would, in their wisdom, choose one from those three, and anoint that person as leader for the next generation. The first task of the new leader would be the development and creation of the unanimously desired pre-school.

When the day came that the candidates were presented to the Elders before the entire assemblage of the House of El, the Elders asked each one of the three young people these questions, and received these answers.

The Elders asked:

“In ten words or less, who are you?”

The first young person answered:

“I’m the youth and future of the House of El.”

The second answered:

“I’m the voice of leadership within the House of El.”

The third answered:

“I’m nothing, merely a student in the House of El.”

Then, the Elders asked:

“In ten words or less, why do you do what you do?”

The first replied:

“To grow the House of El for its own well-being.”

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Poetry Corner

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The second replied:

"For the glory and spirit of the House of El."

The third replied:

"To serve God and myself through service to others."

Then the Elders asked:

"In ten words or less, why do you exist?"

The first speculated:

"By the grace of God we have survived and live."

The second speculated:

"We survive and exist to extol the grace of God."

The third observed:

"We exist to experience the nature of God's created existence."

And finally, the Elders asked:

"In ten words or less, for what shall the new pre-school stand?"

The first said:

"For all the possibilities that future youth shall always hold."

The second said:

"As a monument to learning in the House of El."

And the third suggested:

"It shall stand to teach us all who we are."

And so the third youth, a boy named Clark from the House of El, whose spiritual vision was able to see as with holy x-rays through the ages, became the leader of the next generation of Martian Jews.

After a time, these Martian Jews became Jewish Martians. And they went forth, further out into the cosmos...traveling in the light of peace, under the guidance of Torah.

MITZVAH MALL 2016 PLANNING UNDERWAY!

Featuring More Community Involvement than Ever, a New Mitzvah Category and More... by Sue Klein, Co-chair

There are 613 *mitzvot* in the *Torah*.

These commandments to do moral deeds and pursue *Tzedek*, or social justice, through acts of kindness, guide the way we live Jewishly. Every year, we choose charities representing 10 *mitzvot* to support at the Barnert Temple *Mitzvah* Mall. By focusing our time, attention and charitable donations on 10 grassroots organizations, we can help them all achieve their goals and make a difference.

Every year, we add new components to involve more members of our community. There is a role for everyone—large or small—and everyone's input counts.

Here are some of the new, or expanded, activities in the works for *Mitzvah* Mall 2016:

- More opportunities to submit charities: charity submission forms were available online all summer with links published in weekly Social Action e-blasts
- Three levels of charity sorting, vetting and choosing workshops to ensure thorough consideration of all options
- Two new, subdivided, *Mitzvah* categories to accommodate needs determined at the first sorting session—Redeeming the Captive: Adults and Families,

and Redeeming the Captive: Children in Crisis

- More local participation in raffle baskets: in 2015 we raised more than \$6,000 for *Mitzvah* Mall charities with enticing raffle baskets, gift certificates and other high-end items. Help us reach our goal of \$8,000 in 2016 by asking local restaurants, businesses and services to donate. It's a great way to support each other!

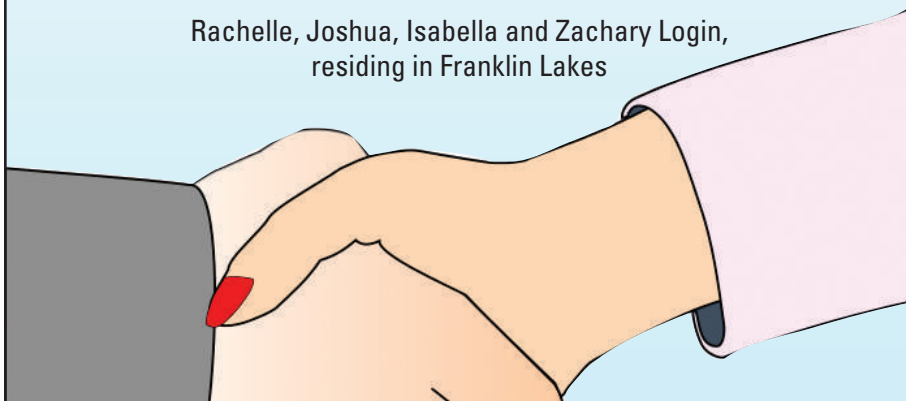
Team *Tzedek* is also discussing ways to reach out to even more temple groups for charity submissions, ideas and participation. The more we work together the more we learn from each other—it only keeps getting better!

To join Team *Tzedek* contact co-chairs Sue Klein at sueklein0319@gmail.com, Ron Lynn at ronlynnhome@optonline.net, or Eileen Roman at jdroman@verizon.net.

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Deborah, Matthew, Liam and Adam Sheffield, residing in Wayne
Donna and Mark Rosen, residing in Franklin Lakes
Debra and Peter Till, residing in Wayne
Rachelle, Joshua, Isabella and Zachary Login,
residing in Franklin Lakes



HELP US HELP!

Do you know a Barnert Temple member who is ill? In need of sustenance? Help us help them! Contact Helen M. in the Temple Office at (201) 848-1800 or helenm1847@barnerttemple1847.org.



SAVE THE DATE: MITZVAH MALL 2016 IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 9 AM – NOON!

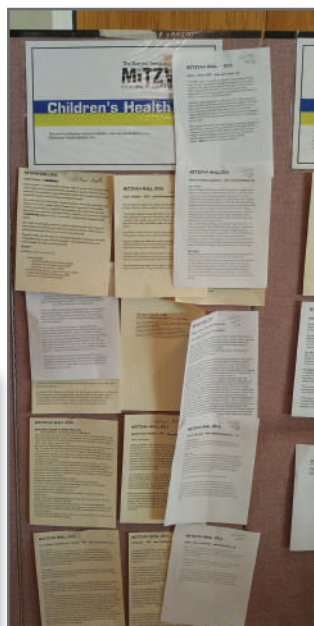
Participate in activities. Learn from charity founders, leaders, and benefactors. Find a cause you can continue to support with time, skills and charitable donations. Vie for valuable raffle prizes. Make sure to come hungry and eat lots of pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausage!

Our 10 Mitzvot:

Children's Health	Feeding the Hungry
Honoring the Elderly	Love of Israel
Preserving the Earth	Women's Issues
Redeeming the Captive: Adults and Families	Redeeming the Captive: Children in Crisis
Welcoming the Stranger	Holocaust



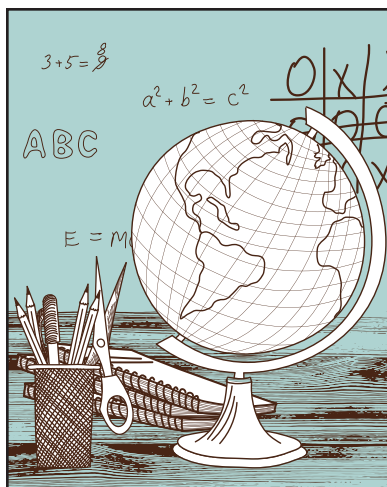
Pirkei Avot 1:2: "Three things sustain the world: the study of wisdom (*Torah*), sacred service (*Avodah*) and compassionate deeds (*Gemilut Chassadim*)." Here, Jill Gordon-Layton and Jan Mason consider potential *Mitzvah* Mall charities at the sorting session on September 27.



Sorting session participants perceived such a great need to support children's organizations that we designated another "Redeeming the Captive" *mitzvah* for "Children in Crisis" to replace the under-represented "Compassion to Animals" *mitzvah*.



Pirkei Avot 2:16: "You're not required to complete the task. Neither are you free to do nothing." Team *Tzedek* Co-chair Eileen Roman and Charity Chair Rich Edelman debate the proper *mitzvah* for two potential *Mitzvah* Mall charities. This first step is an important part of the choosing process.



College and College-Age Get-Together Friday, November 27, at 8 pm

We welcome our Barnert College Students and 18- to 24-year-olds for a get-together and blessing at *Shabbat* Services. Following services there will be a special *oneg* in the Youth Lounge. Catch up with your Barnert Community!

Barnert Temple Men's Club

Our Mission

Many of you are familiar with the Barnert Temple Men's Club and already participate in our various activities, but I wanted to take an opportunity to introduce the Men's Club to those of you who may not know so much about us.

Our mission is to enhance the well-being of the Barnert Temple congregation by providing a venue for men to socialize, network and have fun while playing an active and visible role in all aspects of our community. You don't have to be a "member" of the Men's Club to participate — our events are open to all including new members, long-time members, and preschool dads.

Already this year, we've had a couple of breakfasts, put up the *sukkah* (well, really Richie and Justin Giberson put up the *sukkah*), helped with the *Sukkot* Barbecue, and had our Thursday Night Football BBQ.

Here are Men's Club events coming up over the next few months:

November 15 – Holiday Boutique Café
November 22 – Monthly Breakfast and *Menorah* Setup
December 5 – Men's Club/Women of Barnert
Chanukah Party
December 20 – Monthly Breakfast
January 10, 2016 – Monthly Breakfast
January 31 – *Mitzvah* Mall/Pancake Breakfast

Looking forward to seeing you.

—Charlie Troyanovski
ctroyanovski@gmail.com



2015 INTERFAITH BUILD

THURSDAY & FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 5TH & 6TH

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COME JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR INTERFAITH BUILD DAYS. WE WILL BE BUILDING WALLS OF HOPE FOR FUTURE HOMEOWNERS WHILE BREAKING DOWN RELIGIOUS BARRIERS AT THE SAME TIME. THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL FAITH-BASED GROUPS WHO DESIRE TO SERVE THOSE IN NEED. BE A PART AND HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

*Must be 16 years or older to be on a Habitat construction site.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
TO REGISTER, CONTACT
YOUR CONGREGATION'S COORDINATOR
RICHARD EDELMAN
EDELMANR@OPTONLINE.NET 973-427-7647

Save the Date!

Men's Club and Women of Barnert Chanukah Party!

Saturday, Dec. 5
7 pm

Watch the E-Newsletter
for More Information!

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2015 CASUALTY LIST — AFGHANISTAN

Master Sgt. Peter A. McKenna Jr.
Staff Sergeant Forrest B. Sibley
Captain Matthew D. Roland
Specialist Kyle E. Gilbert

Total U.S. casualties in Afghanistan to date: 2,367

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2015-2016
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**Women of Barnert Membership Form
2015-2016**

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Amy Lynn
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Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

Check should be made payable to "Barnert Temple Sisterhood."

Choose the appropriate level of membership for you:

- ☐ New Temple Member (first year free)
- ☐ Gold Membership \$180+
- ☐ Silver Membership \$118
- ☐ Bronze Membership \$72
- ☐ Regular Membership \$45
- ☐ Senior Membership \$25

**Let Women of Barnert provide you with meaningful
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James and Karen Dougherty
John and Cathy Feldman
Andy and Helene Garland

Mark and Dana Goldstein
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Seymour and Norma Hurwitz
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Sam and Michelle Katzman
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in honor of

Rabbi Frishman and Rabbi Steiner

WOMEN OF BARNERT NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS 2015

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The Barnert Temple Office and Custodial Staff

Israeli Film Series at Barnert

November 22 at 7 PM in the Library



Hunting Elephants

An Israeli Bank Caper starring Patrick Stewart.

Three elderly men and grandson Yonatan find themselves stuck together in a Jerusalem nursing home. All of them have differing challenges. There's one thing keeping them together: they all want to rob the bank that employed Yonatan's deceased father to avenge it for not paying Yonatan's mother compensation for his dad's death. And they want the money to make their last wish come true. Nominated by the Israeli Film Academy for seven awards in 2013 including best film.

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER DONATIONS

Associate Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

	In Memory of
Helena Friedman	Sol Friedman
Susan Goodstadt-Levin and Bob Levin	Betty Levin
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	In Honor of
Marta and Tino Mehlmann	Lou's baby-naming
Janet and Gary Montroy	Thank you Barnert Community for your love and support after Janet's mother's passing

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Gail White and family	Helene Westreich

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	In Memory of
Laurence and Ronnie Levine	Nathan Levine

	In Honor of
Kathie's beloved Book Group	Arthur Nalven

Director of Lifelong Learning Discretionary Fund

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Stacey Rappaport and Craig Solomon	Stephen Rappaport

Helen Lee Mitzvah Fund

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Jeff Applebaum	Helen and Bill Lee
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Jeff Applebaum	Judy, Jeff and Janet Lee

Jacob Cohn Library Fund

	In Memory of
Joyce Unger	Sara Lappin

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Kathie F. Williams' TAG Scholarship Challenge

	In Memory of
John, Molly and Sam Williams	Kathie F. Williams
	John F. Williams

Miscellaneous Donations

	In Memory of
Sylvia and Alan Kenduck	Elisse Share

Mount Nebo Cemetery Beautification Fund

	In Memory of
Ann and Paul Shansky	James Hunt
Neil Share	Joseph Share

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	In Memory of
Eileen, Jon, Hilary, Samantha and Isabella Roman	Elizabeth Donovan

Oneg Shabbat Fund

	In Memory of
Christine and Joel Cooperman	Helene and Morris Cooperman

	In Honor of
Farber family	Robert's Bar Mitzvah
Stickley family	Jenna's Bat Mitzvah
Diane and Dave Strauss	Zachary's Bar Mitzvah

Pavers

	In Memory of
Haubenstock Family	Martin Haubenstock

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Doris Lowen
In Memory of
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Sherri and Robert Berman
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Tom Garson
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Selma Kramer
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Cathy Spen
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In Honor of
Robert's *Bar Mitzvah*
Jenna's *Bat Mitzvah*
Zachary's *Bar Mitzvah*
Farber family
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Lucia and Joshua Farber

In Memory of
Samuel Schwartz
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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Bernice and Bert Wagner

In Memory of
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Rabbi Bernard Zlotowitz
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Amy and Joseph Rattner
Ann and Paul Shansky
Debbie Zlotowitz and
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Cindy and Steven Zage

In Memory of Muriel Diamond

Diane Bernbaum
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2015 Adult Confirmands
NAACP Journey For Justice

In Honor of
Sara Losch

In Memory of
Muriel Diamond

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AUGUST – SEPTEMBER DONATIONS

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Jill Edelson	Samuel Edelson
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Women of Barnert

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November 2015

19 Cheshvan 5776 – 18 Kislev 5776

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends Religious School/Junior Choir 9 am Kabbalah	2 Post Confirmation 6:30 pm Meeting for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs in November/December 2016 8 pm Executive Committee	3 ELECTION DAY Religious School No 8 th Grade Ma'ayan No 9 th Grade Ma'ayan No Confirmation	4 Biennial through November 8 Religious School	5 No Preschool No Religious School Paterson Habitat Interfaith Build	6 *4:28 pm No Preschool Paterson Habitat Interfaith Build 7 pm Shabbat Service and Podluck Supper	7 Chaye Sarah Gen. 23:1-25:18 9:30 am Torah Study§
8 No Religious School/ No Junior Choir Family Promise	9 8 pm Board of Trustees	10 Religious School No 8 th Grade Ma'ayan 9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation 7:30 pm Ritual	11 VETERANS DAY Religious School 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism (off-site)	12 Religious School 7:30 pm Talmud Study§	13 *4:21 pm Heller-Wexler Family Adventure Camp through November 15 8 pm Shabbat Service	14 Toledot Gen. 25:19-28:9 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh 10 am Benjamin Schack B/M
15 Religious School/Junior Choir 9 am Holiday Boutique and Food Concession	16 8 pm Board of Trustees	17 Religious School 8 th Grade Ma'ayan 9 th Grade Ma'ayan No Confirmation	18 Religious School 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism (off-site)	19 Religious School 7:30 pm Talmud Study§	20 *4:16 pm 5 pm Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner Shabbat Inside Out	21 Vayetze Gen. 28:10-32:3 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Shabbat Yoga 7 pm Men's Club Bourbon, BBQ and Cigars (off-site)
22 Religious School/Junior Choir 9 am Men's Club Breakfast and Set up Menorah 9 am Women of Barnert 7 pm Israeli Film Series: Hunting Elephants	23 8:45 am Pop Up Bookshop 6:30 pm Networking	24 No Religious School 8 th Grade Ma'ayan 9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation Men's Shelter	25 12:30 pm Preschool Dismissal No Religious School 1 pm Office Closes	26 THANKSGIVING No Preschool No Religious School Office Closed	27 *4:12 pm No Preschool Office Closed College Outreach Evening 8 pm Shabbat Service	28 Vayishlach Gen. 32:4-36:43
29 No Religious School/ No Junior Choir	30				Torah: Purple Avodah: Blue Gemilut Chasadim: Green	* Rabbi Frishman's Class ♦ Rabbi Steiner's Class § Rabbi Soffin's Class ^ Sara Losch's Class

December 2015

19 Kislev 5776 – 19 Tevet 5776

5:50	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 Religious School/Junior Choir 4 th Grade Siddur Program 5 pm Light Our Outdoor Menorah 1 st Light of Chanukah	7 CHANUKAH 3:45 pm 8 th and 9 th Ma'ayan to HUC Soup Kitchen Post Confirmation 6 pm Light Our Outdoor Menorah Executive Committee 2 nd Light of Chanukah	8 CHANUKAH Religious School No 8 th Grade Ma'ayan No 9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation 5:50 pm Light Our Outdoor Menorah 3 rd Light of Chanukah	9 CHANUKAH Preschool Chanukah Party Religious School 5:50 pm Light Our Outdoor Menorah 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism (off-site) 4 th Light of Chanukah	10 CHANUKAH Religious School 6 pm Light Our Outdoor Menorah 5 th Light of Chanukah	11 *4:10 pm CHANUKAH 7 pm Light Our Outdoor Menorah 7 pm Chanukah Potluck Supper 6 th Light of Chanukah	12 CHANUKAH Miketz Gen. 41:1-44:17 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh 6 pm Light Our Outdoor Menorah BarTY Shul-In 7 th Light of Chanukah
13 CHANUKAH Religious School/Junior Choir Family Promise 5 pm Light Our Outdoor Menorah 8 th Light of Chanukah	14 CHANUKAH Religious School 8 th Grade Ma'ayan 9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation	15 Religious School 8 th Grade Ma'ayan 9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation	16 Religious School 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism	17 Religious School 7:30 pm Talmud Study§	18 *4:12 pm 5 pm Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner 8 pm Shabbat Service	19 Vayigash Gen. 44:18-47:27 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study§
20 Religious School/Junior Choir 9 am Men's Club Breakfast and Take Down Menorah	21 Religious School/Junior Choir 9 am Men's Club Breakfast and Take Down Menorah	22 No Religious School No 8 th Grade Ma'ayan No 9 th Grade Ma'ayan No Confirmation Men's Shelter	23 12:30 pm Preschool Dismissal No Religious School	24 No Preschool No Religious School 1 pm Office Closes	25 *4:15 pm No Preschool Office Closed 8 pm Shabbat Service	26 Vayechi Gen. 47:28-50:26
27 No Religious School/ No Junior Choir	28 No Preschool 6:30 pm Networking	29 No Preschool No Religious School No 8 th Grade Ma'ayan No 9 th Grade Ma'ayan No Confirmation	30 No Preschool No Religious School	31 No Preschool No Religious School 1 pm Office Closes		

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Sunday, November 1

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

2 am

Tuesday, November 3

ELECTION DAY

Thursday, November 5

Preschool Closed

Friday, November 6

Preschool Closed

Wednesday, November 11

VETERANS DAY

Friday, November 13

**Heller-Wexler Family Adventure
Camp through November 15**

Sunday, November 15

Holiday Boutique and Food

Concession 9 am – 3 pm

Friday, November 20

Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner

5 pm

Shabbat Inside Out

Monday, November 23

Curious Reader Book Fair

Wednesday, November 25

Preschool Closes at 12:30 pm

Temple Office Closes at 1 pm

Thursday, November 26

THANKSGIVING

Preschool Closed

Temple Office Closed

Friday, November 27

Preschool Closed

Temple Office Closed

College Outreach Evening

Saturday, December 5

Women of Barnert/Men's Club

Chanukah Party 7 pm

Sunday, December 6

1st Light of Chanukah

Friday, December 18

Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner

5 pm

Wednesday, December 23

Preschool Closes at 12:30 pm

Thursday, December 24

Preschool Closed through

January 1, 2016

Temple Office Closes at 1 pm

Friday, December 25

Temple Office Closed

Thursday, December 31

Temple Office Closes at 1 pm