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A Message from Rabbi Frishman

The Jewish value of ethical engagement...



Dear Friends,
I'm flying over western mountains, lightly coated in snow. I'm headed to the back bowls of Vail. The mountains are rippled with slim valleys, like the soft fur of a dog. Despite what appears so accessible from on high, a careless skier would be dangerously lost...

I'm a skier who loves the downhill powder whoosh, but recently, I tried backcountry skiing — really climbing the mountain before racing down. That ascent changed everything. I saw what had eluded me from on high: the intricate landscape, the small creatures and hidden paths.

Over the years, as I've understood more about *tzedakah*, my appreciation for its intricacies has deepened. When I first began learning, simple was best: "give 10% of what you earn." Next was Maimonides' Ladder of Giving, addressing attitude and pride.

As we enter this period of concentrated social advocacy at Barnert, with *Mitzvah Mall* and our support of Syrian refugees, what may appear to be simple from on high is much more complex closer to the ground. *Tzedakah* needs sustained commitment. People and causes require study and discussion.

In 14th-century Spain, Rabbeinu Asher wrote: "Beware of oppressing others, whether by money or by words; neither envy nor hate them. Do not rely upon the broken reed of human support and do not set up gold as your hope, for that is the beginning of idolatry. Rather, distribute your money according

to God's will... Do not set your eyes upon who is richer than you but upon who is poorer..."¹

In this issue of the Barnert Magazine, we hope that you will learn more about the Jewish value of ethical engagement. *Gemilut Chasadim* — acts of compassion — are a full category of Jewish living. Herein, you'll find many resources to guide your own *tzedakah* strategy.

This winter season of *Torah* reading finds our people fleeing Egypt. Both at the Sea and then in the wilderness, Moses lifted his arms: first, to part the waters, then to defend against attack. But the waters parted only when Nachshon, seeing Moses' arms raised, leapt into the Sea. And the enemy fell back only after Joshua, seeing Moses' arms lifted, led the Israelite men into battle. Both

demonstrate equally the need for our action.

Mitzvah Mall, in a sense, is raising our arms high to draw attention to 10 charities of great import. Then we act by supporting these charities, even carrying them forward into our lives.

Exploring what we can do to help Syrian refugees is also arm-raising —

and what we choose to do will make all the difference in the world.

Amidst rain or snow, the mountains or the valleys, if we celebrate Life with gratitude and humility, we will find deeper meaning and worth. May we be moved to strengthen our offerings of *tzedakah* and acts of compassion.

Warmly,
—Rabbi Elyse Frishman

¹ In Israel Abrahams, ed., *Hebrew Ethical Wills* (Philadelphia: JPS, 1954), pp. 119-25



A Message From Rabbi Steiner

Ethical and ritual mitzvot? Which comes first?



What is the relationship between lighting *Shabbat* candles and volunteering at a homeless shelter? Or between eating *matzah* and participating in the *Mitzvah* Mall? Each of these actions is a *mitzvah*, a commandment. The former in each case falls into the category of ritual *mitzvot* while the latter

are considered ethical *mitzvot*.

The founders of Reform Judaism, in 18th-century Germany and the United States, made an innovative distinction when they differentiated between two categories of *mitzvot*, ethical and ritual, and prioritized the former over the latter. Ethical *mitzvot* are ones that put us in relationship with others and our world (animals, the environment, etc.) and ritual *mitzvot* engage us with our sense of personal spirituality or our relationship with God (lighting *Shabbat* candles, keeping kosher, eating *matzah* on Passover, etc.).

Why did the founders of Reform Judaism make this distinction? In order to be able to clearly communicate which *mitzvot* they understand as non-negotiable commandments (the ethical *mitzvot*) and which ones they believed should be studied and then followed if they were found to be spiritually elevating (ritual *mitzvot*). This was a significant break from traditional observance of Jewish law, which viewed all *mitzvot* as commandments, non-negotiable, in the most literal sense.

Many of us already engage regularly in ethical *mitzvot* without even knowing that we are doing something explicitly Jewish. Every time we honor our parents, are kind to those around us, give to *tzedakah* or support the organizations in the *Mitzvah* Mall, we are fulfilling these ethical commandments. It was logical, then, that the 18th-century rabbis, whose larger goal was to open up Judaism to Jewish people who were fully assimilated, identified these as being the core actions for Jews. They believed that engaging in ethical *mitzvot* would deepen Jewish identities and connect people to God and the larger Jewish community.

As Reform Jews living today we have the benefit of hindsight. We know the essential place of ethical *mitzvot* and we also see the impact ritual *mitzvot* can have on the way we experience time and our relationships with those we love, and on how we develop a Jewish identity. We know, for

example, that making time to light *Shabbat* candles and have dinner on Friday night offers families the necessary time to be together after a long week. Or that coming to services regularly at Barnert and getting involved through our ritual or worship experiences not only deepens our spirituality but that it almost always leads to further involvement in the work we do to repair what is broken in our world. That is, we see that doing ritual *mitzvot* often leads to performing more ethical *mitzvot*. Why? Because engaging in ritual experiences strengthens our personal and communal Jewish identities. When we feel strongly identified as Jews and with our Jewish community, we are more likely to want to connect further. And delving deeper at Barnert so often includes actions we'd categorize as ethical *mitzvot*.

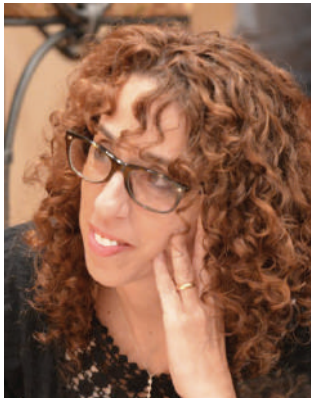
One challenge before us is how to bring the wonderful work already being done by so many in our community into the framework of ethical *mitzvot*. Why? Because understanding that everything we do to make the world more humane is fulfilling a Jewish imperative — from visiting hospital patients to raising money for organizations we support — connects us to our tradition and our people. We engage in this work not just because it's the right thing to do but because it is the way we are called, as Jews, to behave: to be a light that illumines a path for others to achieving wholeness and justice. We engage in this work because it is our obligation. In this context, our ethical *mitzvot* may lead us to experimenting with ritual *mitzvot*, continuing to deepen our own sense of what it means to live as a Jew.

Engaging in either ethical or ritual *mitzvot* can lead us to the other, and both bring us to an elevated sense of spirituality. Taking care of others and our world as Jews can lead us to exploring the rituals that give meaning to our days. And rituals have true meaning if they inspire us to be our best selves and to make the world more whole.

Think about the ethical and ritual actions you already embrace. How are they connected? And how do they connect you to a sense of spirituality, to something much bigger than just yourself? What other opportunities for engagement might further this connection? So join us at the *Mitzvah* Mall, where you will learn about inspiring organizations and find opportunities to engage in ethical *mitzvot*. And join us for the beautiful *Shabbat* rituals which carry us from where we are to where we need to be, from who we are now to who we can become.

A Message from Sara Losch

The Talmud's take on tzedakah



Twice a month, for the past nine years, a growing group of Barnert Temple adults has come together to study the *Talmud* — a record of rabbinic conversations from the first five centuries of the Common Era. Through this lens, we've found out answers to such modern conundrums as, can a Jew window-shop?

Answer: it's complicated!

We are currently in the Jerusalem *Talmud*, where there is a debate: what is more important, *Tzedakah* — monetary support of others — or *gemilut chasadim* — helping with your person?

As these rabbinic conversations are generally in a type of shorthand, and often in code, see if you can figure out what the rabbis are really saying in this particular section. Send me your thoughts and you'll get a *Talmud* prize!

- Charity applies to the living; works of kindness apply to the living and the dead
- Charity applies only to the poor; works of kindness apply to the poor and the rich

From this, we learn that the rabbis conclude that the *mitzvah* of *gemilut chasadim* is even greater than that of giving *tzedakah*.

Give of yourself, they teach; give your time, your strength, your talents and gifts.

Though they decide *gemilut chasadim* is a more important *mitzvah* than *tzedakah*, the rabbis also teach that both are more important than any other *mitzvah*, as important as all the *mitzvot* in the *Torah*. Could they push us any harder? How does this play out at Barnert Temple?

Mitzvah Mall is our day of giving *tzedakah*. And we see that this writing, too, is true: *mitzvah goreret mitzvah*; one *mitzvah* leads to the other. At the *Mitzvah* Mall, *tzedakah* leads to *gemilut chasadim*.

Back to our rabbis. Why is *gemilut chasadim* greater than *tzedakah*? Because you need to be fully present. Only then is it *gemilut chasadim*. Because you must care about the person with whom you are interacting, about the real people who need help. Only then, is it *gemilut chasadim*.

At the *Mitzvah* Mall, the selected charities need the money, the *tzedakah*. But they, and we, also need your person. We implore you to be there in person, and even more, to also “be present”; to hear, to feel, to see, and to connect with the representatives and the charities. Then, with your *tzedakah* and your person, you will be fulfilling both *mitzvot* on the highest level.

—Sara Losch, Director of Lifelong Learning

TAG: The Enthusiasm Continues to Grow



Four months into the Kathie F. Williams TAG Scholarship Challenge, students are sharing thoughtful responses about engaging in Jewish activities. As they “check in” with TAGvisor Jennifer Goldstein, they realize that many of the things they do regularly are, indeed, Jewish. “I feed my fish every day.” The *mitzvah* of *tzaar balei chayim*, preventing the suffering of animals. “I help my sister do her homework because it’s hard for her.” The *mitzvah* of *shalom bayit*, peace (wholeness) in the home.

Each week, as we interact with our students—Jennifer often spends 20 minutes listening to each—they surprise us with connections they themselves are making. Now, as points are being earned, more students are proudly wearing their earned *Torah*, *Avodah* and *Gemilut Chasadim* bands. This past week, the first of our TAGlettes was awarded. These are little rubber charms, each of which we’ve given a Jewish value to. TAGlettes are added to the bands and act as reminders of what Judaism teaches us about living ethically. The first to come out as a favorite choice (students can pick whichever TAGlette they want when they’ve earned 18 points) has been the monkey with his hands on his mouth. This reminds us to not gossip, an important *mitzvah*.

We imagine a child in public school being asked by a friend, “What’s the monkey about and that letter A?” To which our very bright Barnert Jewish child responds: “A is for *Avodah* and the monkey reminds me not to gossip, which is a *mitzvah*!”

Now, that is a great outcome!

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Test Yourself!

(Answers below each question)

1

Giving tzedakah

- a. is an obligation
- b. should come from the heart
- c. should not be given unless it comes from the heart
- d. other:

Answer:

Tzedakah is an obligation. In the most ideal sense, it should come from the heart. But Maimonides teaches that it's better to give grudgingly than not at all.

2

Giving tzedakah means

- a. giving money to help others
- b. giving time and energy to help others
- c. giving both money and time to help others
- d. other:

Answer:

Tzedakah is giving money. Colloquially, we think of it as good deeds, too. But *tzedakah* is part of a larger category of *gemilut chasadim*, acts of compassion. We teach that *tzedakah* refers to gifts from one's own income, and *gemilut chasadim* to the deeds we do to help others.

3

Tzedakah is the giving of money to

- a. people in need
- b. animals in need
- c. the synagogue
- d. the Jewish community
- e. any charity
- f. a combination of the above (specify):
- g. all the above
- h. other:

Answer:

All the above. Traditionally, Judaism prioritizes where we give: first to Jews, then to other people, then to animals. First to Jews, because no one except Jews help us. We have an obligation to our family. Second, to other causes supporting humanity, with attention to the poor and the stranger. In the days of the *Talmud*, when these guidelines were evolving, Jews lived separately from others. It was natural for *tzedakah* to be geared towards those in your community: the synagogue, schools, the poor. Similarly, a global perspective didn't exist. Today, we readily support diverse causes that impact our larger world: literacy, poverty, civil rights, disease research, culture, animal welfare...

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In giving tzedakah, Judaism teaches

- a. give whatever you desire
- b. give 1/10th of your income
- c. be generous
- d. other:

Answer:

We are each obligated to give a percentage of our income: 10% is the norm. For those who can afford, up to 20%; and for the impoverished, 4%, though one can also receive *tzedakah*. Do our mandatory taxes count towards this amount? Yes and no.

A Jew is required to tithe one's money and donate between one-tenth and one-fifth to *tzedakah*. For someone who is just beginning to donate to *tzedakah*, this is best accomplished by giving away at least one-tenth of one's net worth immediately, then donating at least one-tenth of one's income each year. This can be a daunting consideration at first, but don't despair; instead begin giving small now and work up to the minimal one-tenth requirement. Also note that it is forbidden to give more than one-fifth as we are concerned that a person who gives away too much will become impoverished and come to rely on *tzedakah* himself. (This limit does not apply to those who are extremely wealthy.) The requirement to give one-tenth is referred to as *maaser*, a Hebrew word translated as "tithing."

It would be simple to compute *maaser* if you received all of your money once per year, as you could immediately make a payment of one-tenth, but a modern economy is quite complex. Paychecks may come weekly, but tithing each check individually might not be practical when money must also be set aside for monthly rent payments. And what about capital gains and losses, or once-yearly commission or bonus checks? What about taxes withheld or paid — how do these figure into *maaser* computations?

5

In giving tzedakah, Judaism teaches that

- a. it doesn't matter whether one *wants* to give or not, as long as one gives
- b. it's important to know who you're giving to
- c. one should give before being solicited
- d. it doesn't matter how much one gives, as long as one gives
- e. the receiver should be aware of the identity of the giver

Answer:

The great sage Maimonides taught there are eight levels of giving, in increasing value:

1. Giving begrudgingly
2. Giving less than you should, but giving it cheerfully
3. Giving after being asked
4. Giving before being asked
5. Giving when you do not know the recipient's identity, but the recipient knows your identity
6. Giving when you know the recipient's identity, but the recipient does not know your identity
7. Giving when neither party knows the other's identity
8. Enabling the recipient to become self-reliant

What is Tzedakah?

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin

In Hebrew, the word for “charity” is *tzedakah*. But charity is not a fully accurate translation of *tzedakah*. Charity derives from the Latin *caritas* and suggests “donation” made out of affection or love.

In contrast, *tzedakah* derives from the word *tzedek* which means “justice.” Judaism regards someone who gives *tzedakah* as acting justly, and one who does not as acting unjustly.

Thus, in communities ruled according to Jewish law, as was common in the medieval world, communal leaders, believing that they had the right to stop people from acting unjustly, could and did require people to give *tzedakah*, just as governments compel citizens to pay taxes.

Rabbi Irwin Kula

The claim made by *tzedakah* is that justice and love are intimately related. You can only love someone if it shows in your deeds. Therefore, if someone doesn’t give charity, that, in and of itself, is proof that they lack love...

Jews don’t raise large amounts of money for charitable causes because they are motivated by justice, but rather because they love deeply. Splitting love and justice undermines both, particularly love, which, when real, is the ground for intense obligation.

If there is no sense of obligation, then quite simply there is no love, just some amorphous, flitting feelings.

Rabbi Elyse Frishman

What is a *mitzvah*? A *mitzvah* is a commandment.

How is a commandment different from a suggestion?

A *mitzvah* is an obligation, not a choice.

Pursue justice, and thus demonstrate love.

Professor Meir Tamari

Judaism views wealth as something given to us in order, among other things, that we may assist others.”¹

The Sochlochof Rebbe again: “The soul does not need spiritual elevation, since, after all, it was pure when it was created by God. It is the body that needs to be purified by us, and that was God’s purpose in creating it.”²

Maimonides Ladder of Giving

1. Giving begrudgingly
2. Giving less than you should, but giving it cheerfully
3. Giving after being asked
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5. Giving when you do not know the recipient’s identity, but the recipient knows your identity
6. Giving when you know the recipient’s identity, but the recipient does not know your identity
7. Giving when neither party knows the other’s identity
8. Enabling the recipient to become self-reliant

¹ “With All Your Possessions,” *Jewish Ethics and Economic Life*, Meir Tamari, The Free Press, 1987, p. 226

² *Ibid.*, p. 35

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Professor Meir Tamari

In Jewish communities the setting-up of a tax system institutionalized the rights of the community and of less fortunate individuals in the property of other individuals; and made participation in communal financing obligatory in addition to the voluntary charitable acts demanded by Judaism of the individual.³ Tithing in Judaism is part and parcel of the tax system. ... Taxes paid to the communal or public sector budget may be deducted from the tithe in all those cases where such taxes are meant for welfare or Torah education (the purpose of tithes). ... The basis for the tithe is the income earned in that year, defined as all profits earned from business, wages, commissions, lotteries, stocks, gifts and inheritances. (Real estate is not included in the tax base except when it is sold; the profits thereof have to be tithed).⁴

In considering the costs of doing business or earning an income (that may be deducted before tithing), we are only allowed to consider the essential ones. If one, for example, uses luxury hotels or eats in expensive restaurants, one may not deduct these expenses (presumably one could deduct the costs of medium expenses). ...⁵

³ Tamari, p. 211

⁴ Ibid., p. 225

⁵ Rabbi Moshe Sternbuch of B'nei Brak, Israel, 1982, Ibid. p. 226

Resources on Tzedakah

Leviticus 19:9-10 (also Deuteronomy 4:19-22, 24:19-20)

And when you reap the harvest in your land, you shall not reap the corners of your field; neither shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather the single grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and the stranger. *And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this thing.*

Deuteronomy 15:7-8

If, however, there is a needy person among you... do not harden your heart and shut your hand against your needy kinsman. Rather you must open your hand and lend him sufficient for whatever he needs. For there will never cease to be needy people in your land, which is why I command you; open your hand to the poor and needy.

Deuteronomy 15:10-11

And your heart shall not be grieved when you give him. You shall open your hand wide to your kin, to your poor, and to your needy, in your land.

Isaiah 58:7

Share your bread with the hungry and take the poor into

your home; when you see the naked, clothe them.

Proverbs 10:2

Charity saves from death.

Proverbs 14:21

One who is kind to the poor, happy is that person.

Proverbs 22:2

The rich and poor meet together; God is the maker of them all.

Talmud:

Shabbat 151b

Rabbi Hiyya advised his wife, "When a poor man comes to the door, be quick to give him food so that the same may be done to your children." She exclaimed, "You are cursing our children (with the suggestion that they may become beggars)." But Rabbi Hiyya replied, "There is a wheel which revolves in this world."

Sukkah 49b

Our Rabbis taught: Deeds of loving kindness are superior to charity in three respects. Charity can be accomplished

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only with money; deeds of loving kindness can be accomplished through personal involvement as well as with money. Charity can be given only to the poor; deeds of loving kindness can be done for both poor and rich. Charity applies only to the living; deeds of loving kindness apply to both the living and the dead.

Sukkah 49b

Whoever does charity and justice is regarded as if filling the whole world with kindness.

Ketubot 50a

A person shouldn't give more than a fifth of one's income (to *tzedakah*), lest that person, too, come to be in need of charity.

Ketubot 68a

If a person closes one's eyes to avoid giving [any] charity, it is as if that person committed idolatry.

Gittin 7b

Even a poor person who must survive on charity should give charity.

Gittin 61a

We support the non-Jewish poor along with the poor of Israel.

Baba Bathra 9a

One who gives charity in secret in greater than Moses.

Baba Bathra 9a

When a (poor) person says, "Provide me with clothes," do not investigate that claim (lest the person be found to be a cheat); when a person says, "Feed me," do not investigate (but feed immediately, lest the person starve to death during the investigation).

Shulchan Aruch, Yoreh Deah, 248:1

Every person is obligated to give charity, even the poor themselves who are recipients thereof.

Commentary

Leviticus Rabbah 34:10

The blessing of *tzedakah* is greater for the person who gives than for the person who receives.

Yalkut Psalms 8:59

Charity and acts of kindness are equal to the whole *Torah*.

Pele Yoetz (1824)

Wealth is the greater test of character than poverty.

Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav

A person's drive for profit should be prompted by the desire to give *tzedakah*.

TU BISHVAT, THE FESTIVAL OF TREES



Join your Barnert Community for a Congregational-wide *Tu Bishvat Seder* (fruits and treats) on Sunday, January 24, at 5 pm.

Celebrate the promise of spring with delicious fruits, nuts and treats, and joyful music and dancing. Look beyond the cold to the budding of the trees!

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, January 1
7 pm Service
8 pm Potluck Supper

Friday, January 8
8 pm Service

Saturday, January 9
9:30 am *Torah* Study, *Parshat Vayera*

Friday, January 15
5 pm *Tot Shabbat* and Pizza Dinner
8 pm Service

Saturday, January 16
9:30 am *Rosh Chodesh*

Friday, January 22
Service/*Shabbat Shirah*

Saturday, January 23
9:30 am *Torah* Study,
Parshat Beshallah

10 am Service, *Bar Mitzvah* of
David Miller

Friday, January 29
8 pm Service

Saturday, January 30
9:30 am *Shabbat* Yoga

Friday, February 5
7 pm Service
8 pm Potluck Supper

Saturday, February 6
9:30 am *Torah* Study,
Parshat Mishpatim

Friday, February 12
8 pm Service

Saturday, February 13
9:30 am *Rosh Chodesh*

Friday, February 19
5 pm *Tot Shabbat* and Pizza Dinner
Shabbat Inside Out – No *Shabbat*
Service

Saturday, February 20
9:30 am *Torah* Study, *Parshat*
Tetzaveh

Friday, February 26
8 pm *Shabbat* Service

Saturday, February 27
9:30 am *Shabbat* Yoga
10 am Young Family
Shabbat



SHABBAT INSIDE OUT – 5776 VERSION

Friday, February 19

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 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 vichuneke.
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.

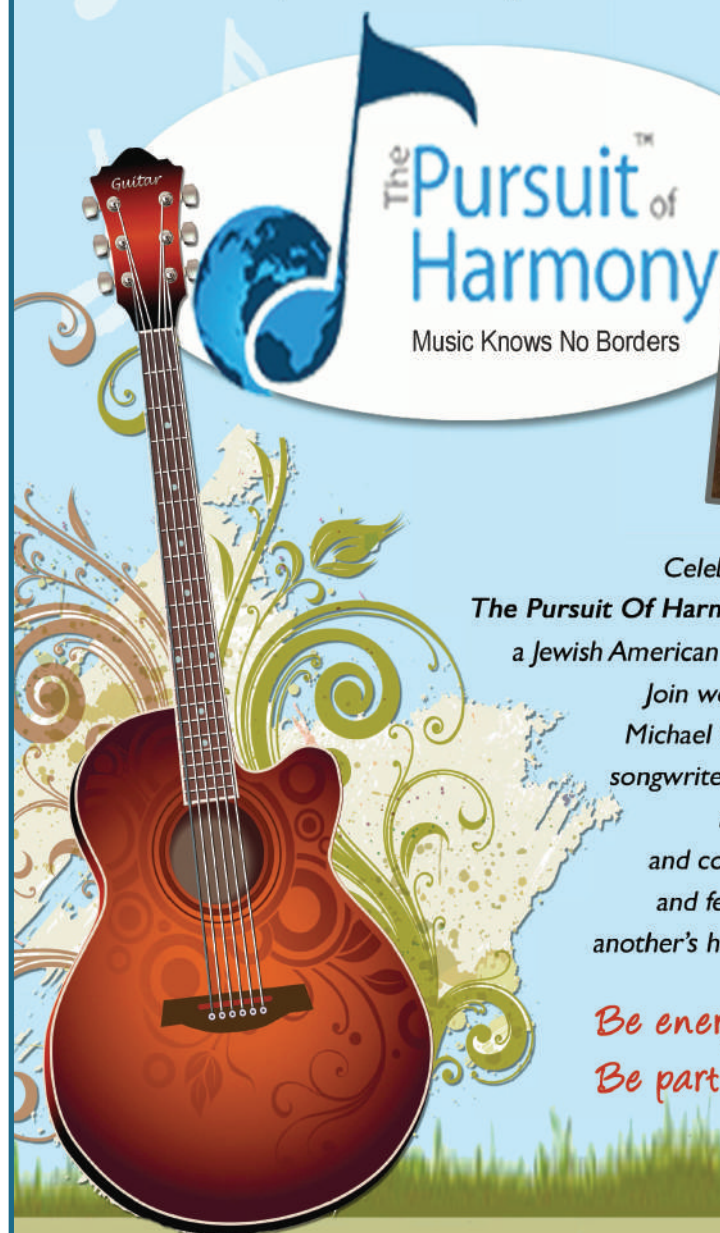


BE PART OF BARNERT TEMPLE'S

SHABBAT SHIRAH

A Unique Musical Shabbat Experience

FRIDAY, JAN. 22 | 7:30 PM



The PursuitTM of
Harmony
Music Knows No Borders



Celebrate Shabbat Shirah at Barnert Temple with **The Pursuit Of Harmony** - the story of a Palestinian Muslim and a Jewish American who found a common bond through music.

Join world-renowned Jewish-American songwriter Michael Hunter Ochs and award-winning Palestinian songwriter/commentator Alaa Alshaham for a moving musical Shabbat service with intimate music and conversation. Hear the story. Hear the songs, and feel the hope, so that we can experience one another's humanity and begin building bridges together.

*Be energized. Be inspired.
Be part of the experience.*



Shabbat Shirah, literally Shabbat of Song, occurs once a year. It highlights and celebrates the role of music in our Shabbat experience in Jewish communities around the world.

Shabbat Yoga at Barnert Temple



Kabbalah teaches that within each of us lives the *shechinah*, the peaceful and quiet in-dwelling 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 – 10:45 am

Saturdays: January 30, February 27, March 26, and April 30

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.

A Message from the President

Barnert Temple's rabbinic transition update



I want to take this opportunity to give you an update on the effort so far for Barnert Temple's rabbinic transition.

Roberta Hong and I spent a great deal of time at the recent URJ Biennial in Orlando attending relevant sessions and meeting with experts from the URJ. We heard from other congregations who have recently

gone through a rabbinic transition. We also met with Amy Asin, VP, Strengthening Congregations, Union for Reform Judaism. One session was organized by Rabbi Alan Henkin, the placement director of the CCAR — Central Conference of American Rabbis. Rabbi Henkin graciously spent an hour with the Executive Committee back in October via a Skype conference call and he will continue to be a helpful resource. The sessions were quite informative and I took comfort in knowing that there are resources available for us and that lay leaders from other congregations are happy to share their experiences with us. The members of Barnert's Board of Trustees have been learning about transitions as well, and we have all been reading a book called "The Elephant in the Boardroom," which provides insight into the process for clergy transitions. We have some available copies of the book to share; if you are interested in reading it (it's a short book), please contact Helen Milstein in the office and she can let you know when a copy is available for borrowing.

We've organized the process into three distinct parts: Self-Study, Transition, and Search. As we begin to roll out each of these efforts, we will be looking to add people to these committees. Please contact me if you would like to participate more actively in the process. Here's a brief description of each and what we've done so far:

Self-Study: An important first step in the rabbinic transition is to reach out across the congregation and learn about what kind of rabbi all of you want to lead us into the future. The self-study will also help us determine other directions that might be appropriate for us. For example, Rabbi Henkin spoke to the Executive Committee about the possibility of utilizing an interim rabbi for a year or two prior to hiring a permanent rabbi. While we're not sure this is the right direction for Barnert, we are keeping an open mind. Roberta and I attended a session on interim clergy

at the Biennial to learn more about the pros and cons of utilizing interim clergy. The results of this self-study will help inform our direction.

Over the next few months you will be invited to participate in our self-study process. The process may include focus groups and a congregational survey. We hope to offer a range of times for the focus groups. Some groups may be geared to a wide range of congregants while some groups may concentrate on discussions with specific segments of the congregation, such as young families or empty nesters. In addition to the focus groups, we may also send out a congregational survey. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for everyone in the congregation to have input. Alice Heffner and Lisa Dugal are chairing this effort and will have more information about the program later this month. Both Alice and Lisa are veteran board members and each have chaired and been active on many different Barnert committees' programs throughout the years. They have contacted other congregations who have done similar studies and have gotten very helpful information to guide our program.

This effort will start shortly and will continue through the early spring. At that time the self-study team will sort through the information and data. We hope to then use what we learned to inform the job description and search effort. Your voice counts and I look forward to participating in the focus groups and hearing from congregants from different towns, from different stages in life, with different perspectives and needs.

Transition Team: At Biennial we learned about the concept of "Saying Goodbye and Saying Hello." There are many aspects to this effort, ranging from simple hospitality when rabbinic candidates come to Barnert for an interview, to welcoming events for the new rabbi, to opportunities to meet with Rabbi Frishman and wish her well. By the time you are reading this, the transition team will have been formed and will begin making plans. There will still be plenty of opportunity to join this effort, as I envision that it will form itself into a series of subcommittees and will need plenty of help over the next year-and-a-half so be on the lookout for more information. Again, please contact me if you would like to participate. While we envision more than just one program to say goodbye to Rabbi Frishman, we do anticipate one large wonderful event for the whole congregation. We are working on getting a date onto the

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calendar for spring 2017 for this and as soon as that date is finalized, we will let you know so we can all set that aside.

Search Committee: In late spring the Search Committee will be formed. This group will most likely consist of 9–15 people, representing a cross section of the congregation. A job description will be created, based in part on the input from the self-study, which will be posted with the CCAR. The search committee will screen the resumes and narrow down the pool. Initial interviews will most likely be held via Skype. A small number of candidates will be invited to Barnert. The Search



Committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees, which will ultimately approve a candidate.

As you can see, there is much to do and many opportunities for input from everyone in the congregation. As always, if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. It's easiest to reach me via email, khbarnert@gmail.com. If you want to talk on phone or in person, we can set up a convenient time.

Best wishes for a very happy new year to you and your families!

—Kathy Hecht

BAR MITZVAH PROFILE

DAVID MILLER

January 23, 2016

Hi, my name is David Miller and I am in 7th grade. I live with my mom, my dad, my brother Jacob, my sister Amanda, and my dog Brady. I enjoy playing most sports. I like to play basketball and ride bikes around the neighborhood, but my passion is baseball. I also like hanging out with my friends. My favorite classes

are gym and science because it is fun and we do a lot of projects.

For my *mitzvah* project I will be collecting men's toiletries and hats, gloves, and scarves for the St. Paul's Men's Shelter in Paterson. I have been making meatloaves and serving dinner there as well. Over the summer I helped children who have disabilities play baseball. It was rewarding to share my love of the game with these kids.

I would like to thank many people at Barnert who have helped me prepare for my *Bar Mitzvah*. Thank you to Sara Losch and Helen Fleischmann who got it all started way back in Preschool and Religious School. Thank you to Mora Edith, Tutor Marc, Rabbi Steiner, and Rabbi Frishman. And a big thank-you to my parents and siblings for all their love and support.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Do you feel the need to lead?

The 2016 Nominating Committee has begun work to prepare a slate of Temple officers, members of the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Board. If you have thought about stepping up to leadership and feel that you have some fresh insights into the running of Barnert Temple, please contact one of the committee members listed below to discuss how you might serve our community next year.

Do you know someone who you think would be a great Temple leader? We're happy to receive those recommendations as

well. We welcome congregants who have fresh insights and are always interested in new leaders who will keep Barnert vital and inspirational. Thank you!

Rebecca McKinnon, Co-Chair
Craig Solomon, Co-Chair
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A Special Learning Opportunity Close to Home!



**Barnert Temple Joins with
The Northern NJ Board of Rabbis to Present:**

Sweet Tastes of Torah

February 6, 2016

6:30 pm

\$15 pre-registration

\$20 at the door

Join us as we explore

Sacred Relationships

Healthy, meaningful, enriching relationships are vital to our lives. Every relationship we have — with our self, our family, our friends, our congregations, our community, our people, our homeland, and God — has the potential to be sacred. What does Judaism teach about these concentric circles of connection? How do we make our relationships sacred?

Sweet Tastes of Torah is a yearly program presented by the North Jersey Board of Rabbis. The evening begins with *Havdalah*, followed by your choice of two learning sessions taught by a variety of Northern New Jersey Rabbis.

The evening concludes with a festive dessert *oneg*.



**We are pleased to announce that
Rabbi Frishman
will be teaching at Sweet Tastes of Torah**

**Location:
Temple Beth Rishon
585 Russell Avenue, Wyckoff**

ADULT EDUCATION: FIND YOUR PLACE!

Kabbalah

Sundays, January 24 and February 7 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.)

Rosh Chodesh

Saturdays, January 16 and February 13 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

Saturdays, January 30 and February 27 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

Thursdays, January 14 and 28, and February 11 and 25 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

Saturdays, January 9 and 23, and February 6 and 20 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!

Israeli Film Series at Barnert

**January 31 at 7 pm
in the Library**



Director Chanoch Ze'evi invited the descendants of Hitler's regime to stand before a camera and just talk, and they do. Using subtitles, the film reveals a terrifying por-

trayal of life in and around Adolf Hitler, whose megalomaniac plan for genocide changed the world forever. A joint project of Israeli and German film companies, *Hitler's Children* accomplishes the near impossible as a riveting documentary.

Rabbi Elyse Frishman will lead the post-film discussion.

Israeli Film Series at Barnert

**February 28 at 7 pm
in the Library**



Tarek, a Palestinian forced on a suicide mission in Tel Aviv, is given a second chance when the fuse on his explosive vest fails to detonate. Forced to spend the weekend in Tel Aviv awaiting its repair, Tarek must live amongst the people he was planning to kill. To his surprise he

connects with several Israelis on the outskirts of society, including the beautiful Keren, who has cut off contact with her Orthodox family and upbringing. With nothing to lose, Tarek and Keren open up to one another, and an unlikely love blooms between two isolated and damaged individuals raised to be enemies.

Spending this time with Keren and his new friends, Tarek discovers the spark of life returning to fill his soul, and when the weekend ends, Tarek must make the decision of his life.



BARNERT TEMPLE'S ROSH CHODESH GROUP

WITH SARA LOSCH

A Monthly Gathering of Women

Join us 9:30 am

Saturday, January 16

Saturday, February 13

Open to All Women!

What is Rosh Chodesh?

Rosh Chodesh means “head of the month” and marks the beginning of the new month. For much of history, it has been associated with women. In recent years, Rosh Chodesh groups have emerged as powerful opportunities for women to be and learn together.

What will we do at the monthly Rosh Chodesh meetings?

With the guidance of Sara Losch, we'll share in Jewish conversation to welcome the new month, and learn together, get to know one another, and have fun while we build community—as Jewish women!

Experience the rituals and spirituality of Rosh Chodesh. We'll celebrate and learn together as we share the joy, wisdom and camaraderie of women.

Come once. Come monthly. Experience Rosh Chodesh at Barnert.

Questions: Contact Sara Losch at welvkds@barnerttemple.org.

BARNERT TEMPLE'S FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN REGISTERING FOR 2016

Currently in its 22nd year, Barnert Temple's Full-Day Kindergarten is the talk of local communities. We are known for our individualized attention, creative curriculum, and sensitivity to each child's special learning style. Research shows that a quality, full-day kindergarten guarantees a higher level of future school success. With a maximum of 14 students and two incredible experienced teachers, Barnert's kindergarten offers students the time, creativity, and stimulating environment which research shows to be so important to emergent learning skills.

Graduates of the program continually surprise their first-grade teachers with their depth of knowledge and abstract thinking abilities. And above all, they are confident in their abilities and love to learn. Skills such as number and word families are learned through different modalities, including song, art, movement, and small group instruction. The head teacher is trained in the Orton-Gillingham approach to reading and the results have been extremely successful. The benefit of this multi-sensory approach is that it enables learners to capitalize on their strengths, while remediating deficits. The full-day program allows plenty of time for in-depth exploration of topics such as outer space and the rain forest.

A new addition to the kindergarten program is Forest Fridays, in which the students and their teachers journey into the forest around the preschool for exploration and a closer experience with nature. Building, collecting, recording, weaving, and observing are just some of the things the children love to do in the forest.

There is also an afternoon program called Kindergarten Explorations available between 3 and 5 days a week from 12 to 3 pm.

Registration has just begun for the 2016–2017 year in our beautiful school building. Please contact Alice Berdy who will be happy to coordinate a private tour to anyone who is interested. Call (201) 848-1027 or email schooloffice@barnerttemple.org.



The kindergarten class at Barnert Temple hand made over 100 chocolate lollipops to sell at their annual "Gelt Sale." The money raised is used for the children to buy food and then take a trip to the Center for Food Action to help sort it and see the center in action.

PRESCHOOL NATIVE-AMERICAN DAY

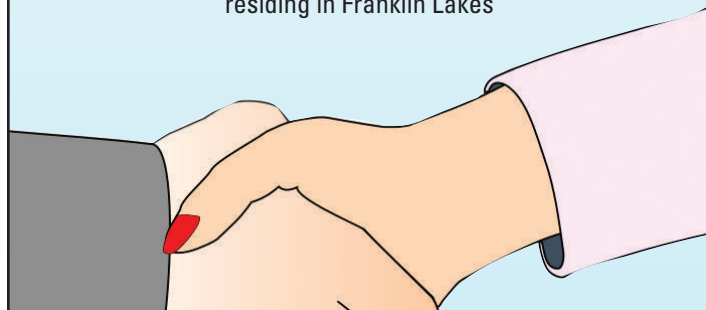


Barnert Preschool & Family Center: a kindergartner leads the Pre-K class in pinch-pot-making during Native-American Day.

WE WELCOME THESE NEW FRIENDS!

Michelle Goldberg, Marc Berezin,
David and Daniel Goldberg, Sophia,
Henry and Charlotte Berezin,
residing in Saddle River

Helaine Ledany and Art Dreyfus,
residing in Franklin Lakes



EVERY DAY IS AN ADVENTURE AT CAMP BARNERT

Camp Registration Opening

Exploration and social play are important experiences for young children. Your Barnert Temple Preschool & Family Center is now inviting parents who have children between 15 months and five years old to visit us and learn about its summer camp program for 2016. Camp Barnert offers activities to meet the needs and interests of every camper: nature exploration, sports, gardening, crafts, cooking and special programs. The starting date is June 20, with an ending date of August 19.

For older campers there are swimming lessons twice a

week at a local lake. Camp Barnert offers a full-day option till 3 pm or a half-day option till 1:00 pm for campers Monday through Friday. Weekly special programs such as a petting zoo, magician, and nature presentations all add to the joy of camp!



PRESCHOOL FANTASTICS' ART SHOW

Preschool Budding Artists Launch Art Show!
Friday, January 29
Noon–2 pm



A Barnert Fantastic student puts the final touch on a Pollock-inspired creation. Celebrate our budding artists with a visit to the Art Show on Friday, January 29. Open to visitors from noon to 2 pm.

According to Sara Losch, Barnert Temple's Director of Lifelong Learning, Camp Barnert offers parents of young children a fun, safe environment geared to the needs of young children. "We listen to our parents so that we can accommodate their needs," she explained. "Our parents prefer to send their child to a camp that is local and not as expensive as traditional day camps. We offer highly supervised outdoor activities, large water and sand play area, a working garden, luscious grounds for trips into the forest, and sports activities.

"Our staff is especially sensitive and experienced with separation issues and can patiently ease a young child into the camp setting," Losch explained. Camp Barnert's schedule is designed to be flexible and convenient for families who can choose from four- to nine-week sessions. This provides enough time for children to make friends, lend continuity and still have lots of time for families to enjoy a vacation together.

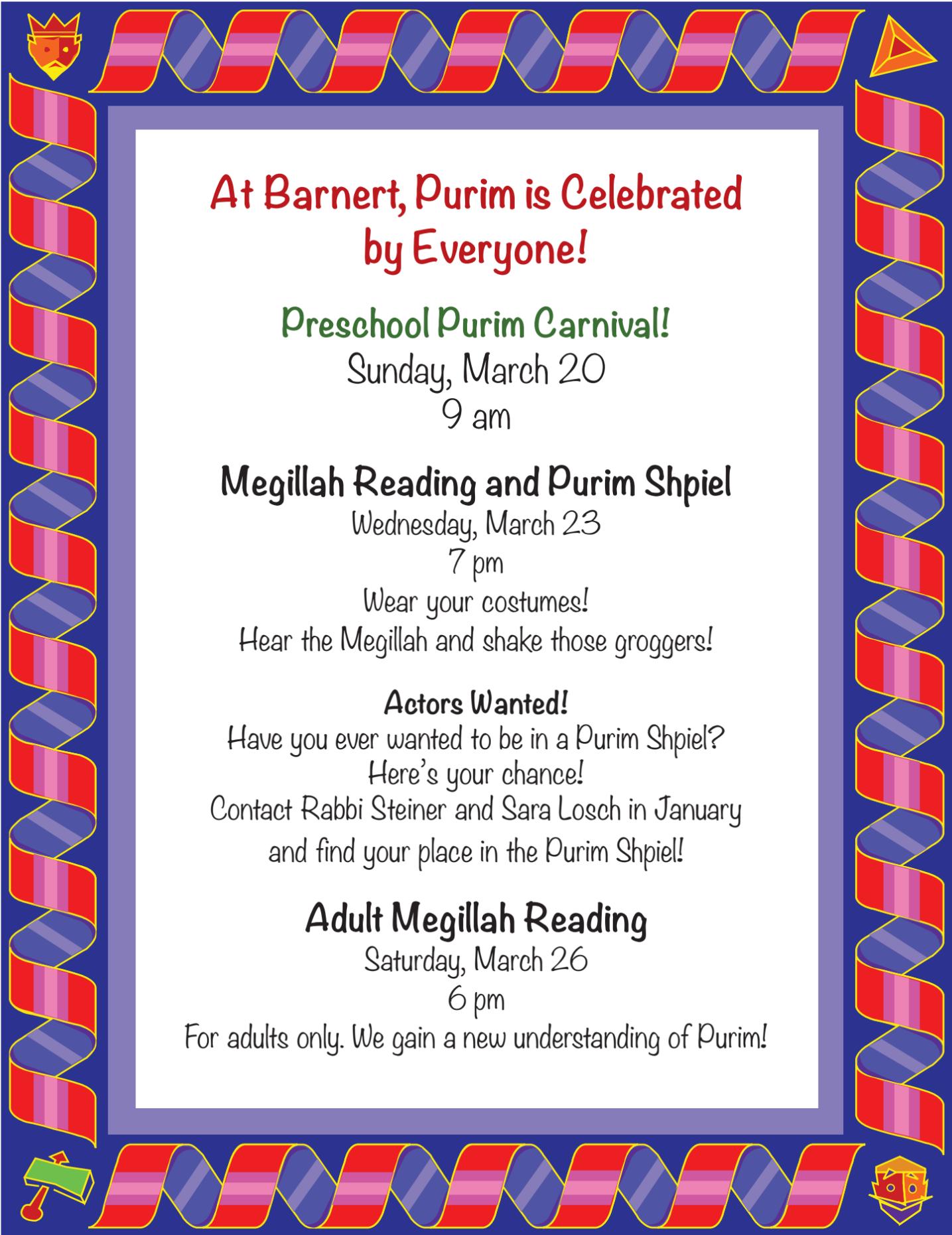
10% Savings for Early-Payment Option Available!

There is an opportunity to save 10% off the tuition if you pay before February 17, 2016. For an application, send an email to schooloffice@barnerttemple.org, or call (201) 848-1027.

CAMP BARNERT

Where every day
is an adventure





**At Barnert, Purim is Celebrated
by Everyone!**

Preschool Purim Carnival!

Sunday, March 20
9 am

Megillah Reading and Purim Shpiel

Wednesday, March 23
7 pm

Wear your costumes!
Hear the Megillah and shake those groggers!

Actors Wanted!

Have you ever wanted to be in a Purim Shpiel?
Here's your chance!
Contact Rabbi Steiner and Sara Losch in January
and find your place in the Purim Shpiel!

Adult Megillah Reading

Saturday, March 26
6 pm

For adults only. We gain a new understanding of Purim!

TEAM TZEDEK

Making the Most of Mitzvah Mall 2016 by Sue Klein, Team Tzedek Co-Chair

On Sunday, January 31, 9 am – noon, the social hall will be brimming with activity.

Representatives from 10 grassroots organizations—researched, vetted, and chosen by Barnert Temple members—will share information and engage us in activities that will help us better understand the issues they are addressing, the people they are serving, and how we can help make a difference.

The Men's Club will serve pancakes, eggs and sausage. The rabbis and religious school teachers will guide us in perpetuating a culture of social justice education, participation, and charitable giving.

There will be opportunities to donate directly to charities and to vie for valuable raffle prizes. We know the organizations we've chosen will stay in touch and let us know how all of our donations are benefiting people in need.

Here's how you can make the most of Mitzvah Mall:

- Start a discussion – talk to your family and friends about everything, large and small, you can do to be informed about and support the *Mitzvot* our *Mitzvah* Mall charities represent.
- Start researching *Mitzvah* Mall charities (below), and think about what questions you'd like to ask the experts. Bring your list with you!
- Collect *tzedakah* and bring it to *Mitzvah* Mall with a donation budget in mind. Be open to changing your mind when you learn more about the charities and what they do.
- Think about how you can volunteer for a local *Mitzvah* Mall charity or do something locally for an international organization.

Meet our Mitzvah Mall 2016 Charities:

Children's Health – Haitian Support maintains three programs that provide free health and education services to the poor of rural Haiti, including a free health care clinic that provides pediatric prevention, maintenance and diagnostic services. Chosen by 3rd and 4th grade students. Chairs Luella Purse Rosenbaum and Karen Hart. <http://www.haitiansupport.org/>.

Feeding the Hungry – Necha Malka provides families struggling to make ends meet with food parcels every other week and occasional household items. Chosen by K to 2nd grade students. Chairs Donna Meyer and Leila Nosrati. www.goodpeoplefund.org/program/necha-malka/.

Holocaust – The Survivor Mitzvah Project provides direct and continuous financial aid to elderly and forgotten Jewish Holocaust survivors in Eastern Europe. Chosen by 7th grade students. Chairs Jackie Packman and Jan Mason. www.survivormitzvah.org.

Honoring the Elderly – SAAFE (Save Abused and Frail Elderly) works with agencies and professionals that serve the elderly to increase awareness and identification of abuse and neglect.

Chosen by 5th grade students. Chairs Felicia Halpert and Costa Rodis. <http://saafenj.org>.

Love of Israel – *Tzimaon* initiates projects that promote and empower parents and children by focusing on education, enrichment and personal support in refugee neighborhoods in Tel Aviv. Chosen at *Tzedek* Brunch. Chairs Patti Cantor and Susan Wild. <http://www.goodpeoplefund.org/program/tzimaon/>.

Preserving the Earth – Kaima aims to re-engage and empower dropout, at-risk and otherwise marginalized youth through a multi-faceted program of hands-on organic farming in Israel. Chosen by 6th grade students. Chair Julia Louizides (BarTY). <http://www.goodpeoplefund.org/program/kaima/>.

Redeeming the Captive: Adults and Families – One Can Help works with court-appointed attorneys and social workers to provide clients at risk with small grants when no other aid is available, to help break the cycle of deprivation and hopelessness. Chosen at *Tzedek* Brunch. Chairs Rich Edelman and Mitch Hausman (Men's Club). www.onecanhelp.org.

Redeeming the Captive: Children in Crisis – Arun's Orphans supports orphans and abandoned children in Cambodia by providing schooling so that they don't have to be sent out to beg for money. Chosen at *Tzedek* Brunch. Chairs Lisa Summers and Debby Birrer. www.jewishhelpinghands.org/2015/09/arun.

Welcoming the Stranger – Roots and Wings serves youth in NJ who are coming out of the foster care system by providing safe housing, personal support and the guidance required to gain the skills that lead to successful assimilation into society. Chosen at *Tzedek* Brunch. Chairs Marian Filan and Bari Hopkins (Women of Barnert). www.rootsandwingsnj.org.

Women's Issues – Women of the Wall educates the public about the social, political and personal ramifications of limiting and eliminating women's right to pray as a group at a holy site. Chosen at *Tzedek* Brunch. Chairs: Jill Gordon-Layton and Lisa Dugal. www.womenofthewall.org.il.

For more information about Team *Tzedek* and how you can help, contact co-chairs Sue Klein at sueklein0319@gmail.com, Ron Lynn at ronlynnhome@optonline.net, or Eileen Roman at jdroman@verizon.net.

"Be quick in performing a minor mitzvah as much as a major one; and flee from transgression, for mitzvah goreret mitzvah, aveirah goreret aveirah, one mitzvah leads to another, and one transgression leads to another."

—Pirkei Avot 4:2



2016 Mitzvah Mall Donation Selection

Donate Now to Claim 2015 Tax Deduction!

Name: _____

Total Donation: \$ _____ Check #: _____

I would like to (circle one):

A) Divide my donation equally between the 10 charities

B) Allocate my donation as follows:

Charity	% Allocation	Donation Amount
Arun's Orphans: www.jewishhelpinghands.org/2015/09/arun	%	\$
Haitian Support: http://www.haitiansupport.org/	%	\$
Kaima: http://www.goodpeoplefund.org/program/kaima	%	\$
Necha Malka: www.goodpeoplefund.org/program/necha-malka	%	\$
One Can Help: www.onecanhelp.org	%	\$
SAAFE-Save Abused and Frail Elderly: http://saafenj.org	%	\$
Survivor Mitzvah Project: www.survivormitzvah.org	%	\$
Roots & Wings Foundation: www.rootsandwingsnj.org	%	\$
Tzimaon: goodpeoplefund.org/program/tzimaon	%	\$
Women of the Wall: www.womenofthewall.org.il	%	\$
Total:	100%	\$

Please send your checks (payable to Barnert Temple) to:

Barnert Temple (Mitzvah Mall), 747 Route 208 South, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417.

If you have any questions, contact Co-Chairs Ron Lynn (ronlynnhome@optonline.net),
Sue Klein (sueklein0319@gmail.co) or Eileen Roman (jdroman@verizon.net).

Barnert Temple Youth Group

K'hillah k'doshah

As an active member of BarTY for the past four years and now its president, I have learned the importance of community. Whether the community is at school, among friends, in a town, or even in a club, the values of the community determine the kind of members who join and how they act. In Hebrew, we say “*k'hillah k'doshah*,” which means “holy community” and a place where all are welcomed and feel safe. And I am extremely confident in BarTY’s *k'hillah k'doshah*.

With new members at almost every event, BarTY’s holy community grows. With people from all over northern New Jersey, from different schools, in different grades, with varying interests, all are able to make new kinds of friends.

Although many surface interests seem to be different, the Jewish values that have been instilled in all of us prevail and connect us on a deeper level.

With our past events like cosmic bowling and jumping around at Bounce, our members were able to make the initial connections for our *k'hillah k'doshah* to flourish. And our events to come will solidify our welcoming and safe community.

Everyone who joins BarTY makes at least one good friend. But, the beauty of BarTY is that everyone is friends. There is no exclusion. This is a place of friendship, warmth, and welcoming!

I am so proud of BarTY’s amazing group ideals. We make huge efforts to help those in BarTY make meaningful connections to each other and their Judaism. We especially involve our community in social action projects.

Our most major upcoming one is Midnight Run! We are collecting winter clothing (primarily for men), toiletries, and items like socks, sweaters, and sneakers to give to homeless people living in New York City.

So, we welcome all Barnert (and more!) teens to join our *k'hillah k'doshah*!

Hope to you see you at our next event!

Lshalom,

Anya Gips

BarTY President

BOOK CLUB

January and beyond...

The next discussion for the Book Club will take place on Thursday evening, January 7. We will take our coffee and cake and discussion at the home of Eileen Manheimer in Allendale. The book is *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline.



In the beginning of the 20th century, there were many orphan children living in the big cities of the East. Many were children of new immigrants, who were having a hard time managing in the New World. One spunky young girl had the misfortune to lose her family in a tenement fire in New York. There were regularly scheduled orphan trains to take these children to the Midwest, where some

people thought they would have a better chance to survive in

more rural settings. Christina Baker Kline tells an interesting story about one of these orphans and a modern-day teenage version, and interweaves a readable and engrossing tale. The immigrant story is as fresh as ever and most timely for 2015.

Please RSVP to Eileen at eileenmanheimer@yahoo.com or leave a telephone message at (201) 327-2916.

Our book for our March meeting is *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande, MD. The date is being determined and will be in the weekly e-newsletter.

Carpooling can be arranged if possible. We meet from 8 to 10 pm, and the format is easy and casual. Call Benita Herman at (201) 891-2509 for more information. You are welcome to come and listen in and you don’t have to say a word.

Read on!

—Benita Herman

BarTY Midnight Run



On February 6, BarTY is doing our annual Midnight Run to New York City. Midnight Run is a volunteer organization dedicated to finding common ground between the housed and the homeless. Midnight Run works with all kinds of organizations to distribute food, clothing, blankets, and personal-care items to the homeless poor on the streets of New York City.

The late-night relief efforts create a

forum for trust and understanding. Human exchange, rather than simply the exchange of goods, is the essence of the Midnight Run Mission.

BarTY is collecting the items listed below to bring along on our run. Please drop off your donations by Friday, February 5. Thank you for helping BarTY bring warmth in the bitter cold of winter to the people we will meet!

- Warm coats. Large and extra-large sizes.
- Durable pants. Again, large Men's sizes are preferred (but you can bring sizes between 32 and 40). We will bring a few women's pants, as well.
- Tube socks.
- Underpants, Jockey style. Sizes 32 through 42.
- Sweaters, sweatshirts (especially hooded sweatshirts) and long-sleeve shirts. Large and extra large. Dark colors preferred.
- T-shirts (medium through extra large).
- Winter hats.
- Gloves.
- Shoes. Sizes 9 through 12 and above. Lightly worn sneakers or athletic shoes (no spikes); soft-soled shoes and work boots are preferred.
- Long underwear (large sizes).
- Belts.
- Backpacks.

The HISTORY CORNER

The History Corner Temple Archives Committee

Rich Edelman
Cipora Schwartz
Dorothy Starr

Barnert Temple has a glorious history that few newer members of the congregation are acquainted with and appreciate. Although we all know that the temple was founded in 1847 and is the oldest Reform Temple in the State of New Jersey, there are exciting chapters in our history that we hope to acquaint you with.

In this and succeeding articles, we hope to increase your enthusiasm and interest in our history.

As a start, take this quiz to see how much you know about our past (answers provided at the end).

1. Our temple, Congregation *B'nai Jeshurun*, was incorporated on November 26, 1847, by five Jewish immigrants from which European country?
a) Russia b) Poland c) Germany d) Spain
2. The congregation was originally which denomination of the Jewish faith?
a) Reform b) Conservative c) Orthodox
3. Which president of the United States attended *Sabbath* services at Congregation *B'nai Jeshurun*?
a) Grover Cleveland b) William McKinley c) Woodrow Wilson d) Calvin Coolidge
4. Land for the congregation's original cemetery was purchased in 1847 in Acquackanock Township (now Clifton). Land for Mt. Nebo, our current cemetery in Totowa, was acquired in what year?
a) 1867 b) 1898 c) 1912 d) 1937
5. Nathan Barnert, who twice served as mayor of Paterson, generated his wealth from which business?
a) silk manufacturing b) real estate c) department stores d) iron mining
6. The person who served the longest as the rabbi of Congregation *B'nai Jeshurun* is:
a) Abram Isaacs b) Max Raisin c) Martin Freedman d) Elyse Frishman

Where can I learn more about the history of Barnert Temple?

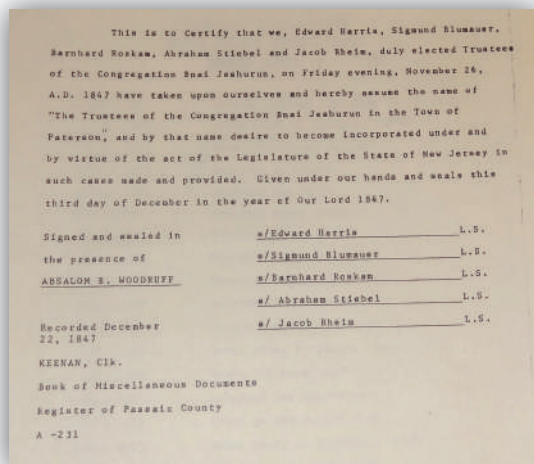
The answers to all of the above questions, and much of the historical information about our Temple, can be found in a wonderful book authored by our own Cipora Schwartz: "An American Jewish Odyssey — American Religious Freedom and the Nathan Barnert

Memorial Temple." Copies can be purchased for \$40 from the Temple office. All profits will be donated equally to the Barnert Temple Archives and the Paterson Main Public Library's Research and Archives Division.

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The HISTORY CORNER

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Typed copy of handwritten Certificate of Incorporation dated December 3, 1847. (Source: Barnert Temple Archives.)

What does the Barnert Temple Archives Committee do?

The mission of the Barnert Temple Archives Committee is to preserve the physical evidence that tells the story of our congregation. Through the collection, organization and maintenance of documents, publications, photographs, records and objects that relate our history, we seek to provide information and resources for current and future generations.

The committee members are currently initiating an electronic inventory, in database form, of the Temples' archives. It is estimated this effort will require about one year. Once the inventory is complete, it will be made accessible online through the Temple website, as well as in hard copy at the Temple office. All members can

physically inspect the archive documents at the Temple under controlled and monitored conditions.

We need your help. If you are interested in joining the Archives Committee or helping with the preparation of the inventory, please contact Rich Edelman by email (edelmanr@optonline.net).

What to look forward to in our next installments

- More interesting facts about the Temple's history
- An overview of the material contained in the archives
- A summary of what was happening at Barnert 100, 75, and 50 years ago
- More photos, including one of a production of "The Mikado," performed at the temple in 1907, and "Moving On" (1981), which facilitated the move to Franklin Lakes and our survival as a historic Reform congregation
- A personal profile (perhaps a rabbi, cantor, or Nathan Barnert)

L'Dor Va Dor From Generation to Generation



Photograph of a wedding taking place in the congregation's Straight Street temple. (Source: Barnert Temple Archives.)

Quiz answers:

- 1) c – Germany
- 2) c – Orthodox
- 3) b – William McKinley on April 20, 1900
- 4) a – 1867
- 5) b – Real estate
- 6) c – Martin Freedman, 39 years

Purim Boxes Are Here Again!

The "Why" and The "How-to"

It is a Purim custom to send small gifts and warm wishes -- "*Shalach Manot*" -- to friends and family.

Rabbis teach that we should not only give gifts to friends, but to someone who is new in the community, in need, or simply someone whose spirits would be uplifted.

You have the opportunity to do just that for any or all of your Barnert family. Choose your level, write your check, we do the rest!

Every family at Barnert will receive one Purim Box. Pick up your box while at Barnert's Purim Shpiel on Wednesday, March 23. Boxes will also be available during Preschool, Monday, March 21 through Friday, March 25; during Religious School, Sunday, March 20 through Tuesday, March 22; on Shabbat, Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26.

Each family will be mailed an individually prepared list of Purim greetings so you can see who your well-wishers are.



DEADLINE TO ORDER
Tuesday, March 8

QUESTIONS?

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(201)236-9269

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SEND GREETINGS TO ALL TEACHERS, CLERGY AND STAFF ~ \$54

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Barnert Temple Men's Club

Rumors

Rumors are spreading. Let me tell you what's true and what's false. They're all true. At the Men's Club breakfast curse words have been hurled. One member said, "I was here first." Another called someone the R-word, making him cry. Another shoved his fellow member and said, "yo, wanna fight?"

On one occasion, get this, our president, The Honorable Charles Troyanovski, was answering a question from a member sitting to his right about the true meaning of Christmas. A member sitting on Charlie's left lifted a healthy slab of lox off Charlie's bagel. And he used his fingers. There just isn't enough lox to go around.

There has been shoving and tripping on the Sunday breakfast line, and outright threats of physical harm, like, "I'll meet you outside behind the *sukkah*." Such tough talk has happened on several occasions. Actually, on every occasion.

The good news is that civility will be restored, thanks to a fortuitous event. A new couple joined the temple last month. They moved to Franklin Lakes from Baltic Avenue in Atlantic City. I would like to introduce Marvin Gardens and his lovely wife Kismet (née Rabinowitz).

We, the members of the Men's Club of Barnert Temple, would like to take this opportunity to thank Marvin for his generosity. He told us several times, totally unrelated to what we were discussing at the time, that he has lots of money. However, we already figured that out. He wears a Rolex Oyster on one wrist and an Apple watch on the other. He owns the Internet business "Lox R' Us." After discussing our needs during the four hours we surrounded him and pushed him into a corner of the library and forbade him from taking a bathroom break, he relented and agreed to our terms. He has generously agreed to fund an endowment to the Men's Club Lox Fund. And, are you ready? He has arranged for 16 lbs. of lox to be flown in from Norway for our Sunday breakfasts.

—Michael C. Kirshner

Men's Club Celebrates Shabbat

Friday, February 26, at 8 pm

Men's Club will gather at *Shabbat* services to celebrate their embrace of Jewish learning and their contributions to the Barnert Community. Join your Barnert community to wish them a *Yasher Koach* (well done)!



The Men's Club sets up the *Chanukah menorah*: Stephen Becker (taking the photo), Rich Edelman, Richie Giberson, Justin Giberson, Mitch Hausman, Larry Resnick, Charlie Troyanovski, Jesse Troyanovski, and Joe Valenti. Special thanks to Larry and Joe for repairing the *menorah* in advance.

OCTOBER—NOVEMBER 2015 CASUALTY LIST — AFGHANISTAN

U.S. Soldiers Killed In Afghanistan

Captain Jonathan J. Golden
Captain Jordan B. Pierson
Staff Sergeant Ryan D. Hammond
Senior Airman Quinn L. Johnson-Harris
Senior Airman Nathan C. Sartain
Airman 1st Class Kcey E. Ruiz
Major Phyllis J. Pelky
Master Sergeant Gregory T. Kuhse

Total U.S. casualties in Afghanistan to date: 2,374

U.S. Soldiers Killed In Iraq

Master Sergeant Joshua L. Wheeler

Total U.S. casualties in Iraq to date: 4,484

Women of Barnert Present:

Emotional Awareness: An Interactive Presentation

By Maggie Pazian and Mike Palestina,
Managing Partners, People Intell

Sunday, January 10
9 am



Emotional intelligence begins with emotional awareness. This interactive presentation will introduce participants to the science behind emotions and help them discover the impact emotional awareness has on our ability to communicate effectively and build successful relationships.



Maggie Pazian and Mike Palestina of People Intell (www.people-intell.com) will lead a dynamic discussion about how emotions work, the science behind emotional triggers and how to recognize when we are in the grip of an emotion. They will also introduce strategies for effectively managing emotions. In addition, Maggie will address the impact of RBF, (Resting Bitch Face), a derogatory description applied only to women. Join the Women of Barnert and:

- Understand how emotions work
- Recognize emotional triggers
- Grasp the impact of emotions
- Start developing self-management strategies

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BP Gas Cards	\$50	Staples	\$25
Chili's / Macaroni Grill /		Starbucks	\$25
On The Border / Maggiano's	\$25	Stop & Shop	\$25 & \$100
Crate & Barrel	\$25	Subway	\$10
CVS	\$25	Target	\$25
Dunkin' Donuts / Baskin-Robbins	\$10	Toys R Us/Babies R Us	\$25
Gap / Banana Republic / Old Navy	\$25	Ulta Beauty	\$25 NEW!!
Gulf Gas Cards	\$25	Walmart	\$25
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OCTOBER — NOVEMBER DONATIONS

Associate Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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Leonard Kates

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Andrew Pleeter Jolie's baby naming
His *Bar Mitzvah*

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Beatrice Kauder
Jeffrey Lee Helen Lee
Monroe Levine
William Lee

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Trish and Mitchell Hausman
Maggie Mulhern and Stephen Becker
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Adele Lauber

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Barbara and Alan Esserman,
Ruth and Harvey Schack **In Honor of**
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Miller Family *Bar Mitzvah*
David's *Bar Mitzvah*

Prayer Book Fund

Susan and Jay Cohen **In Memory of**
Irene R. Freimark and
Paul Freimark

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OCTOBER — NOVEMBER DONATIONS (From previous page)

Sara and Joseph Dunn Harry A. Dunn
Susan and Richard Nashel Harry Blindman

In Honor of

Cipora O. Schwartz Jill Edelson's grandson,
Myles Edelson's,
Bar Mitzvah

Preschool Teacher-Appreciation Fund

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Shansky Family and Gary Gichner

Milly Gichner

Gail and Morris Yamner

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Ruth and Harvey Schack

Benjamin Schack's

Bar Mitzvah

Miller Family

David's *Bar Mitzvah*

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Bar Mitzvah

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Marvin Solvith

Lori and Ken Levy

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Ann Linn Glaser and Peter Diamond

Muriel Diamond

Barbara Miller

Rebecca Altshuler

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Russell Chapman

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OCTOBER — NOVEMBER DONATIONS (From previous page)

	In Honor of
Sarah Adelson	<i>Shabbat Yoga</i>
Sylvia and Dick Ellin	Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Arlinsky's grandson, Joshua's, marriage
Barbara and Alan Esserman	Mr. and Mrs. Neal Bellet's son, Joshua's, marriage
Ronnie and Larry Levine	Benjamin Schack's <i>Bar Mitzvah</i>
Andrew Pleeter	Alexi and Ryan Levine's <i>B'nai Mitzvah</i> Rise Kaufmann's Confirmation His <i>Bar Mitzvah</i>

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Myrna Nussbaum	Max Nussbaum's 11th birthday
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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.



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January 2016

20 Tevet 5776 – 21 Shevat 5776

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>* Rabbi Frishman's Class ♦ Rabbi Steiner's Class § Rabbi Soffim's Class ^ Sara Losch's Class</p>	<p>Torah: Purple Avodah: Blue Gemilut Chasadim: Green</p>				<p>1 ●4:20 pm NEW YEAR'S DAY No Preschool Office Closed 7 pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p>2 Shemot Exod. 1:1-6:1</p>
<p>3 No Religious School/ No Junior Choir</p>	<p>4 Post Confirmation 7 pm Mitzvah Mail Planning 8 pm Executive Committee</p>	<p>5 Religious School 8th Grade Ma'ayan 9th Grade Ma'ayan No Confirmation</p>	<p>6 Religious School 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism</p>	<p>7 Religious School</p>	<p>8 ●4:27 pm L'Taken through 1/10 8 pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p>9 Vayera Exod. 6:2-9:35 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study§</p>
<p>10 Religious School/Junior Choir 9 am Men's Club Breakfast 9 am Women of Barnert: Emotional Awareness Family Promise</p>	<p>11 7:30 pm Board of Trustees</p>	<p>12 Religious School No 8th Grade Ma'ayan No 9th Grade Ma'ayan No Confirmation</p>	<p>13 Religious School 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism</p>	<p>14 Religious School 7:30 pm Talmud Study§</p>	<p>15 ●4:34 pm Heller-Wexler Family Ski Weekend through January 18 5 pm Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner 8 pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p>16 Bo Exod. 10:1-13:16 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh</p>
<p>17 Religious School/Junior Choir 9 am Mitzvah Mail Planning</p>	<p>18 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY No Preschool Office Closed</p>	<p>19 Religious School 8th Grade Ma'ayan 9th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation</p>	<p>20 Religious School 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism</p>	<p>21 Religious School</p>	<p>22 ●4:42 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service/ Shabbat Shirah</p>	<p>23 Beshallah Exod. 13:17-17:16 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study♦ 10 am David Miller B/M</p>
<p>24 Religious School/Junior Choir 9 am Kabbalah 11 am Mitzvah Mail Planning 5 pm Tu Bishvat Seder EREV TU BISHVAT</p>	<p>25 TU BISHVAT 6:30 pm Networking</p>	<p>26 Preschool PJ & Hot Chocolate Day Religious School 8th Grade Ma'ayan 9th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation Men's Shelter</p>	<p>27 Religious School 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism</p>	<p>28 Religious School 7:30 pm Talmud Study§</p>	<p>29 ●4:51 pm Preschool Fantastics Art Show 8 pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p>30 Yitro Exod. 18:1-20:23 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Shabbat Yoga</p>
<p>31 Religious School/Junior Choir 9 am Mitzvah Mail 11 am 2018 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date Distribution Meeting 7 pm Israeli Film Series: Hitler's Children</p>						

February 2016

22 Shevat 5776 – 20 Adar I 5776

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Rabbi Frishman's Class ♦ Rabbi Steiner's Class § Rabbi Soffin's Class ^ Sara Losch's Class	1 Post Confirmation 8 pm Executive Committee	2 Religious School 8 th Grade Ma'ayan 9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation 7:30 pm Ritual	3 Religious School 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism	4 Religious School	5 4 th Grade Siddur Presentation 7 pm Shabbat Service and Potluck Supper *5:00 pm	6 Mishpatim Exod. 21:1-24:18 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study§ 5 pm Bar'Y Midnight Run
7 Religious School/Junior Choir 9 am Kabbalah Mitzvah Mail Snow Date	8	9 Religious School No 8 th Grade Ma'ayan No 9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation	10 Religious School 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism	11 Religious School 7:30 pm Talmud Study§	12 *5:08 pm 8 pm Shabbat Service	13 Terumah Exod. 25:1-27:19 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh
14 No Religious School/ No Junior Choir Family Promise	15 PRESIDENTS' DAY No Preschool Office Closed	16 No Preschool No Religious School No 8 th Grade Ma'ayan No 9 th Grade Ma'ayan No Confirmation	17 Religious School 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism	18 Religious School 7:30 pm Talmud Study§	19 *5:17 pm 5 pm Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner Shabbat Inside Out	20 Tetzaveh Exod. 27:20-30:10 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study♦
21 Religious School/Junior Choir 9 am Men's Club Breakfast 9 am Women of Barnert CCAR Convention through 2/27	22 6:30 pm Networking	23 Religious School 8 th Grade Ma'ayan 9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation Men's Shelter	24 Religious School 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism	25 Religious School 7:30 pm Talmud Study§	26 Men's Club Shabbat 8 pm Shabbat Service	27 Ki Tissa Exod. 30:11-34:35 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Shabbat Yoga 10 am Young Family Shabbat
28 Religious School/Junior Choir 7 pm Israeli Film Series: for my FATHER	29					Torah: Purple Avodah: Blue Gemilut Chasadim: Green

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Friday, January 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Preschool closed

Temple Office closed

Friday, January 8

L'Taken through January 11

Friday, January 15

Heller-Wexler family ski

weekend through January 18

Friday, January 15

Tot Shabbat and pizza dinner

5 pm

Monday, January 18

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Preschool closed

Temple Office closed

Friday, January 22

Shabbat Shirah

Sunday, January 24

EREV TU BISHVAT

Tu Bishvat Seder

5 pm

Monday, January 25

TU BISHVAT

Saturday, February 6

BarTY Midnight Run

5 pm

Monday, February 15

PRESIDENTS' DAY

Preschool closed

Temple Office closed

Friday, February 19

Tot Shabbat and pizza dinner

5 pm

Shabbat Inside Out

Friday, February 26

Shabbat service honoring

Men's Club

8 pm

Saturday, February 27

Celebrate Shabbat

Shabbat Yoga

9:30 am

Young Family Shabbat

10 am