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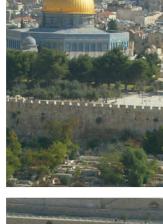
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#### **Our Mission:**

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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## A Message from Rabbi Frishman

## A Lifelong Partnership With Israel



ear Friends,

When I was eight years old, someone asked me to sketch a map of the world. I drew a circle: on the left side was the USA, and on the right, I split the hemispheres with England on top and Israel on bottom, with some ocean in-between. From my education thus far,

the world was composed of America, England and Israel.

Already at the age of 8, Israel was imprinted in my imagination. Thank you to my parents and Religious School teachers!<sup>1</sup>

#### I can't imagine a world without Israel. But our relationship with Israel is complex.

Consider the dynamic of a healthy marriage. Time deepens awareness of difference, including irritation and frustration — *but also* strengthens friendship, understanding, support and love. A profound relationship is deep *and* imperfect. Though imperfect, it is *not* fragile. A true friendship lasts through diapers and despair, family and financial woes.

How does one develop a lifelong partnership with Israel?

This season kicks off several ways to engage. This spring, two powerful and important speakers will join us to share two essential perspectives on Israel.

**On Sunday March 29 at 11am, we welcome Senator Bob Menendez**, perhaps the strongest Senatorial friend of Israel. A previous chair and current member of the Senator Committee on Foreign Relations, Senator Menendez will talk with us about the Middle East, the peace process, ISIS and Iran's nuclear program. We're incredibly fortunate to have such an expert in our midst. Please prepare your questions! We'll be gathering them in advance for the Senator to consider.

On Sunday, April 29 at 9am, we'll be joined by Lesley Sachs, the Executive Director of Women of the Wall. Do you recall when I was detained by the Israeli police for wearing my *tallis* at the Western Wall? Since then, Supreme Court legislation is beginning to address issues of women's equality. But there's a great deal more to be done. Sachs will share her experience fighting discrimination and advocating for equality and religious pluralism in Israel.

We also encourage your engagement with three key players on the Israel-American scene: AIPAC, the American Jewish Committee and J Street. I urge your involvement with at least one of these groups; I'm confident that at least one will address your questions and concerns about Israel, and our nation's relationship with her, and offer you ways to participate. *Look further within this Magazine for information on each*.<sup>2</sup> Stay tuned for gatherings at Barnert and in Barnert homes for opportunities to learn more about these friends of Israel.

For those of you familiar with AIPAC, the AJC and J-Street, you might ask me why I support them all. Certainly J Street and AIPAC offer opposite approaches. Since my love for Israel runs deep, I believe it's important to ask hard questions about Israel's political choices, even as I view American financial and military support essential for Israel's survival. These three organizations provide multiple perspectives, and push either Israel or our government to be more responsive.

Finally, we'd like to do more to support our college students who are being bombarded by the BDS Movement — the massive Palestinian-based effort to harm Israel through boycott, divestment, and sanction. There are two aspects: academic boycott of Israeli universities and Israeli faculty; and economic pressure on companies and investors who do business in Israel to divest.

Last summer, many of us shared concern about the anti-Israel demonstrations at Boulder Run. I tried to engage them in dialogue and they refused to talk with me — in essence, they said they had the right to be there, and I could bring my own counter-signs if I chose! I believe that there is anti-Semitism at the heart of these protests; with so many more people in the region who are harmed or murdered, the focus on Israel is misrepresented and wrong.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In high school I lived in Israel for 6 months on the **EIE program**, which our Barnert students still can attend. I've lived in Israel for as much as a year, and traveled there over 20 times.

**EIE** is a four month superb high school program in Israel. Students live in dorms and combine formal academics with experiential learning, touring, engaging in social action, deepening Jewish commitment. Additional Reform Jewish youth opportunities include **Israel Mitzvah Corps**, a summer-long community service learning program bringing young American Jews, Israelis and Arabs together; and **NFTY-in-Israel**, a 6 week tour of Israel preceded by a trip to Poland. *Scholarships are offered; and we are always seeking benefactors!* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Within the Magazine, you'll find the Mission Statements for AIPAC, the AJC and J Street, and contact information for each. If you're interesting in either hosting a parlor meeting, or organizing an event at Barnert, or learning more, please contact me at rabbifrish@barnerttemple.org.

## SHABBAT EVENING WORSHIP WITH RABBI FRISHMAN

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 causal. 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, March 6 7 pm Service 8 pm Potluck Supper

Saturday, March 7 9:30 am Torah Study, *Ki Tissa* 10 am Service, *Bat Mitzvah* of Jessica Demsky

Friday, March 13 8 pm Service

Saturday, March 14 10 am Service, *Bat Mitzvah* of Amy Zage

Friday, March 20 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner 8 pm Service

Saturday, March 21 10 am Service, *Bar Mitzvah* of Andrew Pressman

Friday, March 27 Shabbat Inside Out – no Shabbat Service Saturday, March 28 Shabbat Inside Out – *Kavanah* Kids, Junior Congregation, Shabbat Yoga, Torah Study 10 am Service, *Bar Mitzvah* of Justin Garland

Friday, April 3 1st Passover Seder – No Service

Friday, April 10 7:30 pm *Yizkor* 8 pm Service

Saturday, April 11 9:30 am Torah Study

Friday, April 17 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner 8 pm Service

Saturday, April 18 10 am Service, *Bar Mitzvah* of Justin Giberson

Friday, April 24 Shabbat Inside Out – no Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 25 Shabbat Inside Out – *Kavanah* Kids, Junior Congregation, Shabbat Yoga, Torah Study 10 am Service, *B'not Mitzvah* of Danielle Steiner

Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Yeshion

## Rabbi Frishman From page 3

Our goal in this issue of The Barnert Magazine is to provide you with deeper knowledge and perspective, tools and opportunities for strengthening our partnership with Israel.

I support all of these opportunities for engagement, because I think each allows positive support of Israel's future.

I want and need you to be involved In Israel's future! And as always, I welcome your questions and comments, your participation and support.

*L'shalom*, yours towards peace, Rabbi Elyse Frishman



## A Message from the President

### Personal Connections to Israel - Welcome Noa



s American Reform Jews, Israel plays a dual role in our minds. We make strong spiritual connections to ancient Israel through our prayers and our study of Torah. We stay connected to modern Israel through our visits, our ties to friends and family who may live there, the news media and our support of Israel, whether

it's as simple as planting a tree in memory of a loved one or making larger donations to causes close to our hearts. And of course, our concern for the safety and well-being of all

Israelis knows no bounds these days. For me and Leonard, though, we have few personal connections to Israel — no family there at all, no close lifelong friends — until now. (Our children, Becca and Ethan, however, have been fortunate to have made their own connections to Israelis through their travels with NFTY and their summer experiences at Camp Eisner.)

Last month my family was able to deepen our personal connection to Israel by welcoming a new friend from Israel into our lives. Barnert was asked to participate in a new program with the Jerusalem campus of HUC (Hebrew Union College) in which an Israeli rabbinical student would come here to the States to learn about American Reform synagogues. My family, together with Alice Heffner and Alan Lieber, eagerly agreed to co-host a student, who would then spend two weeks shadowing Rabbi Frishman, attending all of her meetings, classes, services and programs. On a very cold and icy Wednesday a few weeks ago, Noa Mazor landed here from Jerusalem. Noa is one of those people who takes no time at all to warm up to. She's bright and fun and insightful and easy-going. We connected instantly. While the purpose of her visit was for her to learn about us, we were able to learn about her and to be inspired by her teachings. At Shabbat worship on Friday, February 13, she participated in the service by presenting the *d'var* and by co-teaching a new song with Vlad Lappin. If you missed the service, you can find it on our website in the archived livestreaming services. And even better — Noa will be joining us again in the Fall for a few weeks. I hope you'll have an opportunity to meet her and to join her at Shabbat Services

when she comes back. For our part, I've personally guaranteed that the weather will be much more agreeable when she comes here next time (she was a good sport and did not seem bothered a bit by our frozen tundra).

As for the icing on the cake, it turns out that Noa and I share similar political values and were at the very same event a year ago November when I went to Israel to participate in the Women of the Wall's 25th Anniversary gala and prayer session at the Western Wall. I wrote about this experience last year — a thousand women from this country and Israel gathering together to pray, wearing tallit, in defiance of the ultra-Orthodox rabbis who control access to the wall and insist on treating women as second class citizens. Noa eagerly scanned through my pictures from that event and

pointed out her friends. Although I don't have a picture of her from that time, she identified her tallit being held aloft in the exuberant crowd. We were there together in a common cause and now fate has drawn us together again — how extraordinary! I told her of Rabbi Frishman's experience at the Wall the year before when she was detained and made headlines in the New York Times. Noa was there too, and could not have imagined then that she and Rabbi Frishman would end up as teacher and student, as rabbinical colleagues, as mentor and friend. It is a small world indeed!

We have a few wonderful opportunities coming up in the next few months to help deepen our understanding and connections to Israel. On March 29, Senator Bob Menendez will come to Barnert and share with us his insight into Middle East affairs and how this relates to Israel. And on Sunday April 19 the Executive Director of Women of the Wall, Lesley Sachs, will speak to us about the struggle for women's rights and pluralism in Israel. I hope you'll join me and Len at these programs — both will be extraordinary.

(By the way, we're looking for a few more volunteers to help coordinate these wonderful events. Send me an E-mail at khbarnert@gmail.com if you can help out. Not much time is needed, and especially if you haven't had a chance to get involved in a committee here at Barnert, this might be an easy way to start!)

Spring is right around the corner! Stay warm, stay safe and I look forward to seeing you around Barnert!

—Kathy Hecht

## A Message from Sara Losch

### Much More Than the Blue Pushka Box



The most effective way to learn about any subject is to do so through experiential methods. A goal of our Religious School curriculum is to have students learn that Torah teaches us that we must protect animals (*tzar baalei chayim*). Students are more likely to retain the lesson if they are

actually caring for classroom pets and visiting a farm. Though

we do have animals in the school, our Mitzvah Mall brings to life many of our *mitzvot* as students meet people whose days are spent caring for animals, feeding the hungry (*ma'achil r'evim*), or honoring the elderly (*kibbud z'kaynim*). Over the years, we have proven that the Mitzvah Mall experience too is educationally effective, as students retain pieces of the experience for years.

A fundamental aspect of a healthy Jewish identity is a relation-

ship to Israel as the historical homeland and the spiritual inheritance of the Jewish people. A fundamental aspect of a healthy Reform Jewish identity is a commitment to advancing the cause of religious pluralism within the modern State of Israel. These goals, too, are part of our Religious School curriculum. Of course, traveling to Israel is the single most successful method of realizing these goals. Yet, the vast majority of Jews are not having this experience.

Only a generation ago, it was common for many families to travel to Israel as part of a Temple trip with the Rabbi, or as a Bar/t Mitzvah celebration. As they did then, today's students still look forward to peer-teen experiences with their sleepaway camps (especially the Reform camps: Eisner, Crane Lake and Harlam), on high school semesters abroad through EIE, and as college students on free ten-day trips to Israel through Taglit-Birthright. (Ask us for more information on all of these programs.)



My fantasy is to fill a plane with Barnert families and travel through *eretzYisrael*—the land of Israel experiencing the people, walking the stones of history, studying in the places we read about in Torah, meeting Israeli entrepreneurs, eating Israeli food (!!). My life changed in so many ways every time I went to Israel. I was different each time. Israel was different each time. I am hungry to go back, to go home. It does not need to be a fantasy. Rabbi Frishman is planning a

congregational trip in 2016. Interested? E-mail her at rabbifrish@barnerttemple.org.

Wishing you a "zeesen Pesach"-a sweet Passover.

—Sara Losch, Director of Lifelong Learning

### **NETWORKING** Upcoming Meetings

The Temple Community Network is a professional networking group targeted at helping the job search needs of members 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 group's meetings, including both 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 any programming starts at 7 pm. Our Networking group will meet on the following days:

Monday, March 23 Monday, April 27 For more information, please contact me at blevin@galaxy.net or (201) 247-0863.

-Bob Levin





## **REGISTER FOR CAMP BARNERT!**

We invite parents or grandparents who have children between 15 months and six years old to consider its camp program for the summer of 2015. 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 22 and ending date of August 21.

For older campers there are swimming lessons twice a week at a local lake. Pioneers (ages 5 and 6) will enjoy activities that focus on STEM

— explorations in math and science. Camp Barnert offers a full-day option until 3 pm or a half-day option until 1 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!

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."

For an application, please send an E-mail to schooloffice@barnerttemple.org, or call (201) 848-1027.

HAVE A CHILD OR GRANDCHILD READY FOR PRESCHOOL? TY STIME FOR 2015-2016 PRESCHOOL AND 2015-2016 PRESCHOOL AND 2015-2016 PRESCHOOL AND COMPACT ON THE STATE STATE OF THE STATE OF THE STATE OF THE STATE STATE OF THE S

 Here at Barnert, we offer a warm and supportive Jewish Preschool Community for children ages 15 months to 6 years. For over 26 years Barnert has consistently provided small class sizes and personalized attention with Jewish values and culture woven throughout the curriculum. Full-day and half-day options include a variety of special programming such as Music, Yoga, Hebrew and Gym. Before and after care options and flexible schedules are available to meet each family's specific needs. Stimulating enrichment classes are offered on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Barnert's Preschool and Kindergarten classes fill up quickly so it is suggested that interested parents arrange to see the school as soon as possible. Interfaith families are always welcome. To schedule a tour, please call Alice Berdy in the School Office at 201) 848-1027.

## **BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROFILES**

#### Аму Zage March 14, 2015

My name is Amy Zage, and I am in the seventh grade. I live with my mom, dad, my older brother named Michael, and my older sister named Allison. In my free time I like to play basketball, tennis, playing with my dog, Marlie, and hang out with my friends.

For my Mitzvah Project, I am collecting and donating items from the wish list for the Family Promise Shelter in Ridgewood. I have been visiting the shelter a lot for at the past year and really enjoy my time there. I play with the smaller children while their moms make phone calls to try to secure employment and other necessities, mainly housing possibilities. These families are having a very difficult time now, living temporarily in the shelter system, and I hope we can all work together to help them gain their independence again. Their wish list consists of gift cards to local food stores, vacuum cleaners, flashlights with batteries and small electronics.... but mainly, these families really need just basic daily supplies: soap, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, diapers, shampoo, hair brushes, laundry detergent and general personal hygiene products. I have placed a large box outside my front door to collect any and all donations to bring to the Shelter.

I would like to thank Helen Fleischmann, Morah Edith, Rabbi Frishman, Rabbi Steiner and all of the great teachers who have helped me grown in my years at Barnet. Without them, I would be falling behind and seriously struggling with my Hebrew, and I am extremely happy and grateful that they are here today to help me. I would also like to thank my parents and my whole extended family for this stressful time and supporting me one-hundred percent the whole time! I am so excited. I can't wait to become a bat mitzvah and to have an extremely fun celebration afterwards!

#### ANDREW PRESSMAN March 21, 2015

My name is Andrew Aaron Pressman. I live with my parents, sister, Lindsay, and dog, Rosie. I am 13 years old and in the seventh grade. My favorite things to do are play soccer, lacrosse, golf and ski. When I am not playing sports, I love to hang out with my friends. In the summer, I go to sleepaway camp in Maine which I love.

For my Mitzvah Project, I have continued the work that my sister started. I collect unsold bagels, package them and deliver them to CUMAC in Patterson, New Jersey. CUMAC is a food pantry that serves the needy in Passaic County. Since we have started this project, we have donated approximately 20,000 pounds of bagels to feed the people of Passaic County. In addition, we have donated clothes, toys and books. At my bar mitzvah, I will be collecting non-perishable food for CUMAC. CUMAC always needs more food to help the community. For the last five years instead of receiving gifts at Hanukah, I have

collected money for the Special Olympics. I will be donating a portion of my bar mitzvah gifts to the Special Olympics. I chose this charity because it gives all people a chance to compete in all sports they love.

#### Justin Garland March 28, 2015

Hi, my name is Justin Garland. I am in 7th grade. I like to play sports, hike, camp, being outside and playing with my friends. I play football, basketball and lacrosse, but my favorite sport is basketball. Every year my family and I go to Acadia National Park, Maine. My family is my sister Rachel and my brother Daniel, Mom and Dad, and my dog, Acadia, yes, named after the national park.

This will be my 15th time vacationing at a National Park. This is where the idea of my Mitzvah Projected began. When I was little I learned about "leave no trace" — basically, pick up after yourself. For my Mitzvah Project, I picked up trash after all my sporting events that other people left behind. I did this around, bleachers, stands and sidelines. I hope other people will follow my lead and pick up after themselves or others if they see something left behind. My family helped and supported me throughout this process.

I would also like to thank Rabbi Frishman, Rabbi Steiner, and Cantor Bromberg for helping me to prepare for this momentous event. I would also like to thank my family who motivated me and inspired me. I can't wait to become a bar mitzvah and share this amazing event with my family and friends.

#### JUSTIN GIBERSON April 18, 2015

Hi, my name is my name is Justin Giberson and I am in the 7th grade. I enjoy playing baseball, tennis, basketball and many other sports.

I have a love of reading which is what inspired me to do the collection that I chose for my bar mitzvah. I am collecting books for the St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson, New Jersey. I will read any good book that I can get my hands on and enjoy getting lost in a good book. I hope to pass along books and the love of reading to the children needing to be in the hospital.

I would like to thank all the teachers, Helen Fleischmann, Jennifer Katz-Goldstein, Morah Edith, Sara Losch, Rabbi Frishman, Rabbi Steiner, and all the others that helped me get to this day. Thank you again for all that you did to help me through it.

#### DANI STEINER April 25, 2015

My name is Dani Steiner and I am in 7th grade. I have a family with a mom, dad, and older sister named Sam. I enjoy playing sports and hanging out with my friends.

For my Mitzvah Project, I baked each week for the Community Soup Kitchen in Morristown, New Jersey. The Soup Kitchen is open 365 days *Continued on page 9* 

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a year and serves lunch to anyone that is in need. The goodies I baked were given to people that could not afford daily meals. It was nice to see that people were enjoying the things that I was baking.

I would like to thank all the people from Barnert Temple but especially Rabbi Frishman, Rabbi Steiner, Morah Edith, Cantor Bromberg and Helen Fleischmann. With the help of these people I was able to accomplish my bat mitzvah. I would also like to thank my family for helping me and taking me everywhere I needed to go. I can't wait to spend this day with all of my friends and family that I love.

#### RACHEL YESHION April 25, 2015

My name is Rachel Emma Yeshion. I am a 7th grader. My parents are Felice and Craig and I have two sisters named Jordyn (16) and Aly (8). I enjoy playing soccer, basketball, and dancing. On a daily basis, I love to hang out with my friends and go to the movies. In the summer, I love being at my home away from home... Camp Blue Ridge.

For my Mitzvah Project, I am volunteering at the Family Promise Day Shelter in Ridgewood, New Jersey. I enjoy spending time with the children and playing games with the families that go there during the day. The people I have met there have taught me a lot. I am learning to place more value on things like a place to sleep, food to eat and clothes to wear, which I often take for granted.

I have been part of the Barnert Community since I was born. Then I became a Preschooler and now I am a student and community member. I have learned the importance of Judaism both to me and to my family and continue to enjoy experiencing the traditions and sense of family at Barnert. I hope Barnert will always be part of my life.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped me through the entire process of preparing for my bat mitzvah during the past 13 years. Without them, I would not have had as much success as I have had today. Thank you Sara Losch, Jessie Losch, Morah Hannah, Morah Edith, Helen Fleischmann, Rabbi Steiner and Rabbi Frishman. You have all been a special part of this day. I would also like to thank my parents for pushing me to practice more and write my essays. Without them, I would definitely not be where I am today. I would also like to thank my sisters, Jordyn and Aly, for encouraging me to finish everything I needed to and who stayed up listening to me practice my Torah portion.



## Adult Education: Find Your Place!

#### Torah Study, Saturdays at 9:30 am March 7; April 11

Join Rabbi Steiner or Rabbi Soffin for an in-depth and highly engaging exploration of the Torah portion of the week. We begin with breakfast at 9:30 am (participants take turns providing the food) and discussion at 10 am. You will go home with much to think about and to share as the words of Torah — and other supportive texts are brought to life. No experience necessary and new friends are always welcome!

#### Talmud Study with Rabbi Joel Soffin, Thursdays at 7:30 pm March 5 and 26; April 16 and 30

Join our modern day discussion of the Talmud. Learn how to shop, talk, and think Jewishly. Look behind the scenes at the lives of real life 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!

#### Israeli Film Series, Sundays at 7 pm March 29 and April 26

There are amazing films coming out of Israel. This series will give us the opportunity to learn and explore more about Israeli culture including issues of daily life, Arab/Israeli issues and political issues.

#### Adult Confirmation Class, Sundays at 9 am March 15 and 29; April 12 and 19

Adult Confirmation offers you the opportunity to explore and affirm your Jewish identity with Rabbi Frishman! We will study Jewish ethics, theology and theodicy (is God dead?), rituals and holidays, prayer, living purposefully. You do not need to know Hebrew!

The class will meet once or twice a month from September through May, on Sunday mornings from 9 am to 10:30 am, breakfast included! You do not need to have had a Bar/Bat Mitzvah to be confirmed. Please RSVP to Helen Milstein at helenm1847@barnerttemple.org.

## WHY YOUR VOTE COUNTS IN THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION ELECTIONS

Today, Israel is at a crossroads. Much is at stake when it comes to women's rights, freedom of worship, and peace in the region.

Are you:

- Used to being sent to the back of the sex-segregated bus?
- Ok with Reform synagogues, rabbis and conversions not being recognized as legitimate?
- In agreement that the Religious Ministry may determine the Jewish identity of you and your descendents, and whether who you may marry?
- In agreement the Western Wall should be accessible to all Jews?
- A Jew by choice who has been told you aren't really Jewish?
- A Jew through patrilineal descent who has been questioned about your identity?
- Comfortable with signs in your neighborhood asking women to dress modestly?
- In agreement that women who don't dress to others' standards deserve to be verbally and physically assaulted?

The above situations all take place in the State of Israel. Fortunately, we have strong voices advocating for Womens' Rights, Gender Equality, and Religious Equality, through the Israel Court System and in the expansion of the Israeli Movement for Progressive (Reform) Judaism. As Reform Jews, we share a commitment to egalitarian worship, to a wide welcome to those who wish to embrace Judaism, to K'lal Yisrael – the many voices of the Jewish people united as one. We work together to foster a Jewish peoplehood and state in which the ideals of pluralism, equality and peace help to secure prosperous, fulfilling Jewish lives for us all. And yet, the challenges of Jewish identity and Women's Rights that many experienced in the United States are now a greater challenge in modern day Israel.

Your vote for in ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists in America) in the World Zionist Organization's Congress will strengthen the voices for fairness in Israel. The WZO provides a forum for all the world's Jews to come together and deliberate about issues affecting all Jews and the state of affairs in Israel. The composition of the WZO Congress has both financial and policy implications in Israel, as resources are directed to recipients in Israel based on the power each party holds within the Congress, and the policy positions of those parties.

In short, these elections are the strongest way for American Reform Jews to promote and encourage the ideals of justice, equality and democracy **in Israel itself** and help build the kind of Jewish state we all know is possible. **Now is the time to cast your Vote for ARZA in the WZO Elections! Cast Your Vote Today for our Israel!** 

## How to Vote in the World Zionist Election; Why ARZA is the Reform Vote to Cast

The requirements to register and vote are:

- 1. You must be Jewish
- 2. You must be 18 years or older by June 2015
- 3. You must be a resident of the United States
- 4. The registration cost\* is \$10.00 USD (\$5.00 USD for those under age 30)



To get started, have a credit card or your PayPal information ready and go to www.reformjews4israel.org

## How TO VOTE IN THE WORLD ZIONIST ELECTION; WHY ARZA IS THE REFORM VOTE TO CAST From page 10

#### Step 1

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click the "Register and Vote!" link.



Vote now.

#### Step 2

Complete all the required fields on the registration page (they are marked with a red star) and submit your registration fee\* of either \$10 or \$5, depending on your age. The fee can be paid via credit card, eCheck or PayPal.

#### Step 3

Once registered you will be redirected to the voting page, click the "Vote Now" link.

#### Step 4

Click the checkbox for ARZA: Representing Reform Judaism which is #6 on the list of slates. Welcome to the 2015 World Zionist Congress Election

Please be sure to follow all instructions carefully.

To make a selection, click the box to the left of your choice

ection of American Delegates to the 37th World Zionist Congress e for one slate only
Zionist Spring: Restoring Vision to World Zionism
Mercaz USA: The Zionist Arm of the Conservative Movement
Alliance for New Zionist Vision
American Forum for Israel
World Sephardic Zionist Organization - Ohavei Zion
ARZA: Representing Reform Judaism
Herut North America - The Jabotinsky Movement
HATIKVAH - The Progressive Zionist Voice
Green Israel: Aytzim/Green Zionist Alliance/Jewcology
Religious Zionists: Vote Torah for the Soul of Israel
Zionist Organization of America/ZOA: DefendJews&IsraelRights

Please click Submit to review your ballot before it is final.

Submit

#### Step 5

Confirm your vote on the following page, and click the "Vote" button.

#### Welcome to the 2015 World Zionist Congress Election

Please review your ballot. To make a change, click on Return. To cast your vote, click Vote.

#### Election of American Delegates to the 37th World Zionist Congress

ARZA: Representing Reform Judaism

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#### Step 6

You're all done! Now, share the good news on Facebook and Twitter, and tell your family and friends that you just voted. You will receive a confirmation of your vote in your e-mail. Thank you for helping us reach our goal of 100% from your Barnert Temple Community.



## **ISRAEL FILM FESTIVAL**

### **OPENING NIGHT**

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 | 9PM

HILL START TENAFLY CINEMA 4

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 | 7PM

IS THAT YOU? RIDGEFIELD PARK LUXURY CINEMAS 12 Discussion with "Is That You" actress Suzanne Sadler

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 | 7PM

**SUPER WOMEN** WAYNE YMCA Discussion with Boris Fishman, author of "A Replacement Life"

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 | 7:30PM

CUPCAKES KOLO KLUB, HOBOKEN Young Professionals Event

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 | 7PM THE GREEN PRINCE

KAPLEN JCC ON THE PALISADES Discussion with counterterrorism expert Olivier Guitta, Managing Director at GlobalStrat

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## PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE WWW.JFNNJ.ORG/FILMFESTIVAL

MONDAY, MARCH 16 | 7PM

## HILL START

RAMSEY THEATRE Discussion with George Robinson, film critic with The Jewish Week

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 | 7PM

GETT

TEANECK CINEMAS Discussion with Rabbi Jeremy Stern, Executive Director, Organization for the Resolution of Agunot

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22 | 7PM

### ZERO MOTIVATION

KAPLEN JCC ON THE PALISADES Discussion with Bur Ashrov, Captain (Res.) in the IDF Spokespersons Unit

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## LEARN ABOUT ISRAEL

These three organizations: AIPAC, AJC and J Street have unique voices advocating for Israel. We invite you learn more about them, to find your voice about Israel.

### AIPAC, The American Israel Public Affairs Committee<sup>1</sup>

The mission of AIPAC is to strengthen, protect and promote the U.S.-Israel relationship in ways that



enhance the security of Israel and the United States.

#### **Bi-partisan, non-denominational:**

With the support of our members nationwide, AIPAC works with Democrats and Republicans in Congress and leaders in the Executive branch to protect and strengthen the U.S.-Israel friendship. AIPAC is not a particular Jewish denomination. AIPAC is for all Americans who appreciate the need for Israel to exist in safety and security.

#### AIPAC empowers pro-Israel activists across all ages,

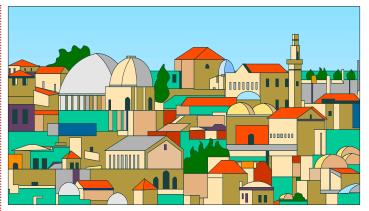
religions and races to be politically engaged and build relationships with members of Congress from both sides of the aisle to promote the U.S.-Israel relationship. The vital work of AIPAC is made possible by its dedicated membership participating in AIPAC's Clubs, investing with the AIPAC Tomorrow Campaign, and being politically engaged with members of Congress. http://www.aipac.org/act/join-the-club.

#### AIPAC's legislative agenda:

Congress has been a bedrock of support for the U.S.-Israel relationship by supporting aid, helping stop Iran's pursuit of a nuclear weapons capability, supporting Israel's right to defend itself and reinforcing American policy that peace will only be achieved through direct negotiations. Below are the current legislative priorities that will strengthen American and Israeli security and the bonds that unite these two allies.

AIPAC brings new legislators to Israel to educate them of the need for supporting Israel's security. AIPAC focuses on building and sustaining strong relationships with members of Congress, advocating pro-Israel policies.

• AIAPC is *not* a PAC (political action committee that raises and distributes money for the purpose of electing or defeating political candidates).



• AIPAC *is* a public affairs committee, which is a lobbying group that advocates policies to the Congress and Executive Branch of the United States.

#### College students may also participate in AIPAC's mission:

AIPAC's training programs teach students how to strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship through political involvement. On campuses across America — from Ivy League universities, to small liberal arts colleges, to historically Black and Christian schools — AIPAC gives students the tools to find their voices in support of a strong U.S.-Israel relationship. **Check out http://www.aipac.org/connect/students**.

#### Interested?

Reach AIPAC directly at (212) 750-4110 or nyreg@aipac.org. The AIPAC Northeast Regional Office serves New York, North New Jersey and Southern Connecticut. You can also reach out to Rabbi Frishman at rabbifrish@barnerttemple.org.

### AJC: The American Jewish Committee<sup>1</sup>

#### Who We Are

For more than a century, AJC has been the leading global Jewish advocacy organization. With offices across the United States



and around the globe, and partnerships with Jewish communities worldwide, AJC works to enhance the well-being of the Jewish people and to advance human rights and democratic values for all.

#### What We Do

#### **Global Diplomacy**

Through high-level diplomatic meetings that leverage

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1 http://www.ajc.org/
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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  All this information comes from the AIPAC website, http://www.aipac.org/.

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long-standing relationships, AJC gains the support of global decision-makers on our critical issues.

#### **Legislative Advocacy**

Through local, regional, and national advocacy with Members of Congress, AJC promotes domestic policies and legislation that support our global agenda. **Interreligious and Intergroup Coalition Building** Through establishing important local and global alliances among diverse ethnic and religious groups, AJC builds coalitions to advance issues of common concern.

#### Communications

Through a global media presence, AJC generates awareness and provides expert resources to promote our advocacy agenda.

## The American Jewish Committee works globally, and its agenda is broader than Israel-American relations.

#### Israel:

Through close contact with world leaders, AJC advances peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors, promotes Israel's standing in the international arena, and strengthens its ties with American Jewry.

#### For close to a decade, the notorious Boycott, Divestment

and Sanctions (BDS) campaign has sought to delegitimize Israel as a pariah state. Proponents of BDS have long called upon entities to boycott, divest from and sanction the Jewish state. Across the United States and around the world, AJC works diligently to expose the true, sinister nature of the movement.

**Learn more by going to ajc.org** or contacting Jeff Himeles at jhimeles@optonline.net or Rabbi Frishman at rabbifrish@barnerttemple.org.

#### <u>J Street</u>

#### Perhaps the most controversial change on the American Jewish scene occurred in April 2008 with the entrance of



J Street. For the first time, American Jews who supported Israel but not the Israeli government's policies on

settlement expansion and the peace process found a voice. Yet, many American Jews expressed horror that J Street might air Israel's dirty laundry publicly. J Street's leadership felt otherwise, certain that more and more American Jews were being alienated, and wanted to be included in the dialogue.

You don't need to support J Street. But you may find that J Street speak for you. *We want you to find your voice in our shared support of Israel.* 

#### J Street Supports:

To secure Israel as the democratic homeland for the Jewish people, living side by side with a Palestinian state.

- Draw the Line on Settlement Expansion.
- Renew US Leadership to Achieve a Two-State Solution
- Refrain from Cutting Palestinian Aid
- Advance Human Security
- Reach a Negotiated Resolution to the Nuclear Crisis with Iran
- Advocate a Regional Approach

Learn more by exploring J Street's website at jstreet.org. Contact them or Rabbi Frishman at rabbfrish@barnerttemple.org if you're interested in learning more or bringing J Street to Barnert for others to explore.

## SICK? NEED A MEAL, A RIDE? WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!!

Your Barnert Temple Caring Community is here for you! When you're struggling, let us help! We can provide:

- A meal for you or someone in your family when there is an illness
- A ride to the doctor or for medical treatment
- A ride to Shabbat Services

Contact Pam Himeles and the Barnert Caring Community will be there for you! (201-403-4536) or phbarnert@optonline.net.





#### Barnert Temple Welcomes Senator Robert Menendez

#### Sunday, March 29, 11 am

#### "Israel, Iran, ISIS and American Foreign Policy in the Mideast"

Senator Robert Menendez is the Senior Senator from New Jersey. Formerly the Chairman and now the ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he has a reputation as a fair and true friend of Israel. Join your Barnert Community for this meaningful and wide ranging conversation about American, Israel and the Iranian nuclear threat. RSVP: helenm1847@barnerttemple.org



Barnert Temple Welcomes Lesley Sachs Executive Director, Women of the Wall



Sunday, April 19, 9 – 11 am

#### "Is Religious Pluralism Emerging in Israel?"

The Western Wall has become the greatest metaphor for the exclusion of women in the public sphere in Israel- grabbing national and international attention. Executive Director Lesley Sachs is a longtime advocate for social justice and women's rights in Israel. Join your Barnert Community as we learn about the work of Women of the Wall, the leading advocates for the voice of women in Israeli society.

## **Shabbat Inside Out:**

Friday Night Dinners There's A Place For Everyone at the Shabbat Table! March 27 and 28; April 24 and 25

On the fourth Shabbat of each month, we continue to gather for Shabbat dinners with our Barnert Temple community at homes or in restaurants! 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.

Hosting dinner means that you can invite your own guests, on your own, and organize your dinner as you like or leave the invitation list to us, and via the online survey sent out each month let us know how many people you are comfortable hosting.

If you'd like to be welcomed at a Host Home, or joining a Barnert Group at a restaurant, *please fill out the survey that will be sent via E-mail the beginning of March and again in April.* 

## Saturday Morning: There are Many Ways to Enjoy Shabbat!

Join Your Barnert Community on Shabbat Morning for Breakfast, Learning and Spiritual Connection. The schedule for March and April is as follows:

9:30 am: Breakfast in our Atrium
10 am: Junior Congregation and Kavanah Kids Babysitting Shabbat Yoga Torah Study
11:30 am: Light Kiddush

For more information, please contact Julie Good at jandcgood@msn.com.



## שבת שלום Shabbat Shalom

#### Blessing before Giving Tzedakah

בּרוּף אַתָּה יָיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶף הָעוֹלָם, אָשֶׁר קִדְּשֵׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו, וְצְוֵנוּ לִרְדּוֹף צֶדֶק.



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

בּּרוּף אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֵלֶף הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשֵׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיוּ, וְצְוֵנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת.

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

בָּרוּד אַתָּה יִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֱלֶד הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגְפֶן.



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**

בְּרוּך אַתָּה יִי אֱלהֵינוּ מֶלֶך הָעוֹלָם, הַמּוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִין הָאֱרָץ.

*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

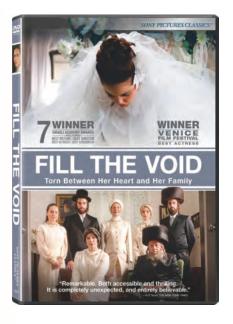
יאָר בָּוּ זְּרָשְׁשְׁ וּ יָאֵר יְיָ פָּנָיו אֵלֵידְ וִיחֻנֵּדָ. יִשְׁא יְיָ פָּנָיו אֵלֵידְ וְיָשֵׁם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם.



Y'varech'cha Adonai v'yishm'recha. Ya-eir Adonai panav eilecha vichuneka. 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.

## Israeli Film Series at Barnert March 29 at 7 PM in the Library



### **Fill The Void**

Put aside what you think you know or don't know about the inner world of an orthodox Chassidic community in Tel Aviv, and let Rama Burshtein weave a story that is believable, engrossing, and rich with nuance and subtlety... the timeless themes found in a community which lives in the past, the excellent acting, direction and casting, will have you quickly absorbed in this terrific film.

If you are looking to vent your critique or holier than thou judgments of Jewish Orthodoxy, you may feel a bit humbled by the humanity found behind the long dresses, black robes and covered heads. The portrayal of the rabbi is an especially tender reflection of some one who is indeed spiritual, in the most human sense.

Winner of 7 Awards from the Israeli Film Academy including 2012 Best Film and Best Director.

## Israeli Film Series at Barnert April 26 at 7 PM in the Library



### **Off White Lies**

A different type of Israeli film.

The film opens at Ben-Gurion Airport, where divorced and newly homeless Shaul is picking up his teenage daughter Libi whose mother has decided she needs to go live with her father. The film then follows the ironic, sad and humorous travels of Shaul and Libi. A bit like an Israeli Sideways (no wine country).

It was nominated in 2011 for the best film by the Israel Film Academy.

### THE FACES OF MITZVAH MALL 2015: LEARNING, DONATING, DOING, AND EATING PANCAKES!

The Barnert Temple community, family, friends and neighbors came out in record numbers on February 8 to learn about 10 carefully chosen grassroots organizations, the *mitzvot* they're addressing and how to help. Charity volunteers recorded questions, comments and observations throughout the day. Team Tzedek hopes participants will keep these discussions going and continue looking for ways make a difference close to home and around the world.



*Why do they need money? (Why do they need money? (Why addition of the state) –Aaron, 5th grade* 



C Do they watch Sponge Bob? -Austin, 4



-Sage, 5th grade



## THE FACES OF MITZVAH MALL 2015



Where does the money that's collected for the elephants go? –4th grader



What happens to the world when the elephants are extinct? -5th grader



**((** How do you free the children? **))** 





## THE FACES OF MITZVAH MALL 2015



This organization does great stuff to help kids. -Clara, 10, to her grandmother



*How do they stay free?* 



What is a veteran?





## THE FACES OF MITZVAH MALL 2015



I didn't know women could be in the military. –3rd grader



I would feel sad and lonely and the teddy bear would make me feel comfortable. –MK, 8, Ringwood

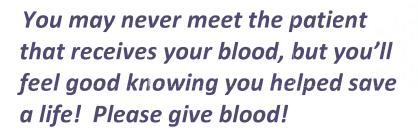




Why don't they have a home when they get back? Why don't they stay with their mom and dad? I'm never going to leave mine! -6½ year-old



## Donate blood now! People can't live without it! Barnert Temple BLOOD DRIVE



Sunday, March 15, 2015

8:30 am to 2:30 pm Barnert Temple Social Hall 747 Route 208 South, Franklin Lakes

Make an appointment to donate at: <u>www.tinyurl.com/BarnertTempleBloodDrive</u> Or contact: Susan Wild – swild322@gmail.com <u>Walk-ins welcome!</u>

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh 110 lbs. (16-year-olds can donate with a parent consent form.) Most medications will not keep you from donating. Please remember to bring ID and eat and drink plenty of fluids before donating! *Refreshments provided for all donors!* 

For information about eligibility: Call: 1-800-933-2566 or Visit: <u>www.nybloodcenter.org</u>



## Nominating Committee Request

Do you feel the need to lead? Consider joining the Barnet Temple Board of Trustees.

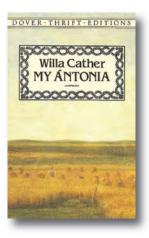
The 2015 Nominating Committee has begun work to prepare a slate of Temple officers and members of the Board of Trustees and Advisory Board. If you have thought about stepping up to leadership or feel that you have some fresh insights into the running of Barnert Temple, please contact one of the committee members listed below to discuss how you can serve our Temple 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!

Julie Good, Co-Chair Marty Kron, Co-Chair Lauren Cohen Rick Greenberg Joan Lipkowitz Mitchell Hausman Rich Brookler Jennifer Sauer Seth Haubenstock

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### BOOK CLUB March and April...



Time for a classic and we have chosen Willa Cather's *My Antonia*. Seen through the eyes of a childhood friend, Jim Burden, Antonia is an amazing Bohemian immigrant girl who works unceasingly to help her parents wrest a living from the untamed land which these pioneers came to settle. The adversity and hardships were intense, yet Antonia's spirit emerges undaunted. Jim finds her "a rich mine of life," a beautiful heroic woman.

We will meet at my home in Wyckoff on Tuesday, March 24. RSVP to me at bherman@dt.com or (201) 891-2509.

All Temple members are welcome to join us. Where are all of you English majors? We meet evenings, from 8 to 10 pm and the discussions are always inspiring. Coffee and pies are always delicious. Come join us.

—Benita Herman

## SUPPORT YOUR CARING COMMUNITY

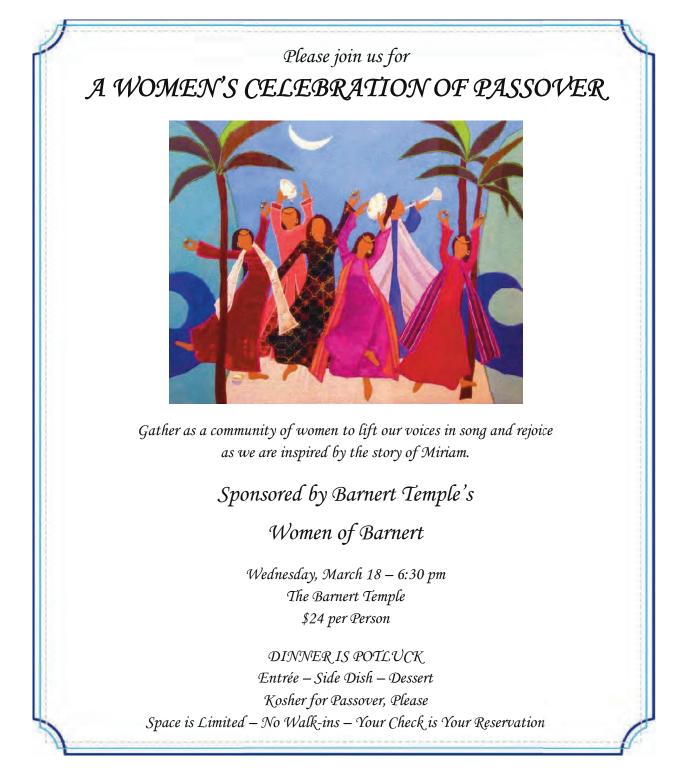
Barnert Temple's Caring Community, through the Helen Lee Mitzvah Fund provides Temple members with cards, meals, gifts, visits, transportation and general mitzvot. This fund provides for those in times of need, as well as those celebrating joyous occasions. Want to be more involved in this work? Offer your time to the Caring Community by contacting Pam Himeles at phbarnert@optonline.net.

## JFNNJ Good Deeds Day

Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey's Good Deeds Day is March 15. An international day of caring and sharing, Good Deeds Day in northern New Jersey combines a telethon (9 am – 1:30 pm) with a food drive to help fill up local food pantries. Both are community-wide. Share in the spirit of the day! Don't forget to answer the call in the morning and

bring your food (no glass, please or perishables) to Federation's offices, 50 Eisenhower Drive in Paramus, in the afternoon by 1 pm. Remember: no good deed goes unnoticed!

Good Deed Goes UNNOTICED



#### Grandmothers, Mothers, Daughters, Sisters, Aunts, Cousins, Nieces and Friends... All are welcome!

Send check by March 7 to Ilene Kandler, c/o Barnert Temple, 747 Route 208 South, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417 (518) 669-0811

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Number of People Attending:		x \$24 = Total Enclosed: \$
Names of People Attending:		
I will be bringing a (dish):		
I can help with Setup:	Clean-up:	

## **DECEMBER 2014–JANUARY 2015 DONATIONS**

#### Associate Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Joan Cowlan **Reggie and Peter Gross**  In Memory Of Samuel Temkin Meyer P. Gross

Lucia and Josh Farber

In Honor Of Thank You Rabbi Steiner

#### In Honor Of Asher Jamie Steiner's Birth

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### In Honor Of

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In Memory Of Sylvia Troyanovski

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In Memory Of Stacey Rappaport and Craig Solomon Beth and Joseph Valenti

Lawrence Solomon Sandra Schwartz

In Honor Of Jayne and Alan Demsky Jessica's Bat Mitzvah Elizabeth Ellen and Robert Pressman Andrew's Bar Mitzvah

Beth Valenti Cindy and Steven Zage

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Joseph's Conversion

Amy's Bat Mitzvah

#### **Preschool Teacher Appreciation Fund**

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#### **President's Discretionary Fund**

In Memory Of Trish and Mitch Hausman Shirley Hausman

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In Honor Of Rabbi Frishman's Recent Birthday Birth of Sharon Isaacs' Grandson Phyllis and Robert Steinfeld's Grandson, Ethan's, Bar Mitzvah Rabbi Dan Freelander Continued on page 28

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**In Honor Of** With Appreciation To Debbie Zlotowitz and Rick

Greenberg for organizing the Civil Rights Trip

**In Memory Of** Louis Kaplan

#### In Memory Of

Joseph Buckweitz Paula Schleimer Irving Klein Alan C. Goldberg Alan Kornfeld Barney Brawer Nathan Peller Frederick Roa, Sr. Doris Rosenfelt



CUMAC Wish List Recipients Thank Barnert Temple! Pictured above are some of the adorable children who received holiday gifts from Barnert Community

## WE HONOR

December 2014 – January 2015 Casualty List – Afghanistan Staff Sergeant Matthew R. Ammerman Specialist Wyatt J. Martin Sergeant 1st Class Ramon S. Morris Total U.S. casualties in Afghanistan to date: 2,356

## GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH

#### Don't forget about our feathered friends!

Help the birds get through snowy winters by providing housing, food and water. Many birds do not head south for winter and spend time here year-round. Snowy winters make it that much harder for our birds to survive winter safely.

Hang a couple of bird houses in your yard to give birds a warm, safe place to spend the winter. Fill feeders with seed and you will provide the birds a good source of protein and fat during the long winter months.

People don't often realize that birds need a fresh, clean source of water even during winter — a heated bird bath will help insure the birds have access to water all year round, especially this time of year when it can be particularly hard to find.

Add these things to your yard and you will be amazed how many different species of birds you will attract — even during the cold, dark days of winter!

Minnie R. and Nathan Doblin —Karen Dougherty

## MARCH-APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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	March 2015	5	10 Adar 5775 - 11 Nisan 5775	775 - 11 N	isan 5775	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No Religious School	2	£	4	<b>5</b> PURIM Preschool	6 *5:53 pm	<b>7</b> Ki Tissa Exod. 30:11-34:35
9 am Governance Task Force 10 am Preschool Purim Carnival	Doet Confirmation	Religious School No 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan No 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan Con <del>g</del> motion	Religious School 7:30 nm Purim	Purim Celebration		9:30 am Torah Study 10 am Celebrate Shabbat with us! Tessica Damsky RAM
	8 pm Executive Committee	Communation 7:15 pm Purim Rehearsal	"Adult-Humored" Megillah Reading EREV PURIM	7:30 pm Talmud Study\$	7 pm Shabbat Service and Potluck Supper	5:30 pm Purim Shpiel Dress Rehearsal
8	6	10	11	12	<b>13 *</b> 7:01 pm	<b>14</b> Vayakhel/Pekude
Daylight Saving Time Begins 9:30 am Religious School 11:30 am Purim Shpiel: "Beauty and the Achash-Beast"		Religious School 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma <sup>2</sup> ayan 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma <sup>2</sup> ayan Confermetion	Religious School			Exod. 35:1-38:20 Exod. 38:21-40:38 Shabbat Parah Di am Celebrate Shabbat mith tor
Family Promise		Сопигнацов				with us: Amy Zage B/M
	8 pm Board of Trustees				8 pm Shabbat Service	
<b>15</b> Religious School 8:30 pm Blood Drive 9 am Adult Confirmation*	16	17 Israeli Election Religious School 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan	18 Religious School	19	20 *7:09 pm	<b>21</b> Vayikra Lev. 1:1-5:26 Shabbat HaChodesh 10 am Celebrate Shabbat with us!
	7 pm Meeting for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs in March and April 2016	Confirmation	6:30 pm Women of Barnert Seder	7 pm Rosh Chodesh^	<ul><li>5:30 pm Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner</li><li>8 pm Shabbat Service</li></ul>	Andrew Pressman B/M
22	23	24	25	26	27 <b>*</b> 7:16 pm	28 Tzav
keligious School 9 am Men's Club 9 am Women of Barnert		Religious School No 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan No 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation	Religious School 7:30 am Women of Barnert Tallit Workshop			Lev. 6:1-8:36 Shabbat Hagadol 9:30 am Shabbat Inside Out: Breakfast, Kavanah Kids, Junior Congregation, Shabbat Yoga, Torah Study
	6:30 pm Networking	Men's Shelter		7:30 pm Talmud Study§	Shabbat Inside Out	10 am Celebrate Shabbat with us! Justin Garland B/M
<b>29</b>	30	31			* Rabbi Frishman's Class	Torah: Purple Avodah: Blue
9 am Adult Confirmation* 11 am Senator Menendez		Religious School 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan			§ Kabbi Soffin's Class ^ Sara Losch's Class	Gemilut Hasidim: Green
7 pm Israeli Film Series <i>Fill The Void</i>						

	April 2015	5	12 Nisan :	12 Nisan 5775 - 11 Iyar 5775	yar 5775	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Med	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Rabbi Frishman's Class * Rabbi Steiner's Class § Rabbi Soffin's Class ^ Sara Losch's Class	Torah: Purple Avodah: Blue Gemilut Hasidim: Green		1 Preschool/Kindergarten Seder Religious School	7	3 *7:24 pm No Preschool 1 pm Office Closes Passover Begins 1 <sup>st</sup> Seder	4 PASSOVER
<b>5 PASSOVER</b> EASTER No Religious School	6 PASSOVER No Preschool No Post Confirmation 8 pm Executive Committee	<b>7 PASSOVER</b> No Preschool No Religious School No 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan No 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan No Confirmation	<b>8</b> PASSOVER No Preschool No Religious School	<b>9 PASSOVER</b> No Preschool Men's Club Passover Dinner	10 *7:31 pm PASSOVER No Preschool Office Closed 7:30 pm Yizkor 8 pm Shabbat Service	<b>11</b> 9:30 am Torah Study
<b>12</b> Religious School Family Promise 9 am Women of Barnert	13 Post Confirmation 8 pm Board of Trustees	14 Religious School 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation	15 Religious School	<b>16</b> YOM HASHOAH 7:30 pm Talmud Study§	17 *7:38 pm 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner 8 pm Shabbat Service	18 Shemini Lev 9:1-11:47 10 am Celebrate Shabbat with us! Justin Giberson B/M
<b>19</b> Religious School 9 am Adult Confirmation* 9 am Women of the Wall: Lesley Sachs	<b>20</b> 7 - 8:30 pm Rosh Chodesh^	<b>21</b> Religious School 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation	<b>22</b> YOM HAZIKARON Earth Day Religious School	23 YOM HA'ATZMAUT Women of Barnert Bowling	24 *7:46 pm Shabbat Inside Out	<b>25</b> Tazria/Metzora Lev. 12:1-13:59 Lev. 14:1-15:33 9:30 am Shabbat Inside Out: Breadfast, Kavanah Kids, Junior Congregation, Shabbat Yoga, Torah Study 10 am Celebrate Shabbat with us! Danielle Steiner B/M Rachel Yeshion B/M
<b>26</b> No Religious School 9 am Adult Confirmation*	27	$\begin{array}{c} 28\\ \text{Religious School}\\ \gamma^{\rm th} {\rm Grade \ Yon \ Hashoah}\\ \gamma^{\rm th} {\rm Grade \ Ma^*ayan}\\ 9^{\rm th} {\rm Grade \ Ma^*ayan}\\ {\rm Confirmation}\end{array}$	<b>29</b> Religious School	30		
7 pm Israeli Film Series: <i>Off White Lies</i>	6:30 pm Networking	Men's Shelter		7:30 pm Talmud Study\$		

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#### Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday, March 3 EREV PURIM Purim "Adult-Humored" Megillah Reading 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 4 **PURIM** 

Friday, March 6 Shabbat Service and Potluck Supper 7 pm

Sunday, March 8 Purim Shpiel: "Beauty and the Achash-Beast" 11:30 am

Sunday, March 15 Blood Drive

Wednesday, March 18 Women Of Barnert Seder 6:30 pm

7 pm

Thursday, March 19 Rosh Chodesh Friday, March 20 Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner 5:30 pm

Friday, March 27 – Saturday, March 28 Shabbat Inside Out

Sunday, March 29 Senator Menendez Speaking 11 am Israel Film Series: *FillTheVoid* 7 pm

Friday, April 3 Passover Begins 1st Seder No Preschool Temple Office Closes 1 pm

Thursday, April 9 Men's Club Passover Dinner

Friday, April 10 7th Day PASSOVER No Preschool Office Closed Yizkor TIME VALUE Non-Profit Organization U.S. Postage **PAID** Mahwah, NJ Permit No. 477

Thursday, April 16 YOM HASHOAH (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Friday, April 17 Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner 5:30 pm

Sunday, April 19 Women of the Wall: Lesley Sachs 9 am

Thursday, April 20 Rosh Chodesh

7 pm

Friday, April 24 – Saturday, April 25 Shabbat Inside Out

Sunday, March 29 Israel Film Series: *Off White Lies* 7 pm

7:30 pm