

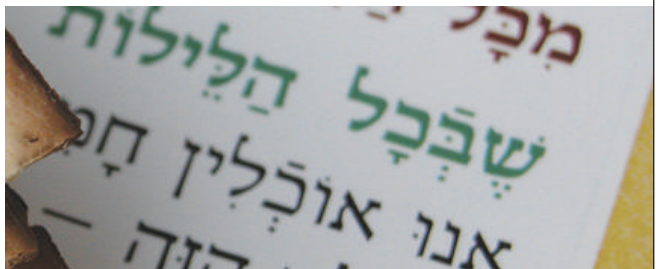
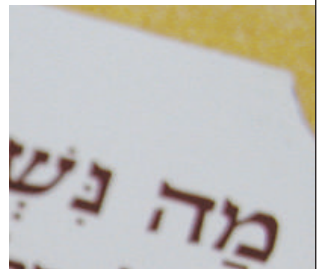
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## Interfaith Friendship Gathering March 6



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# A Message from Rabbi Elyse Frishman

## Fear or Embrace? Enemy or Friend?



Dear Friends,

Fear: it keeps me up at night. Not of ISIS or presidential candidates or climate change. Not Israel's future. Not about family or retirement or health. What keeps me up is the fear that *I'm wasting time*. Life is so precious. Am I using my life well?

I feel this personally when I spend more time thinking about why I *can't* do something

than getting out and doing it.

I feel this way as a rabbi and leader — as a Jew — when we *don't* act on our sacred values.

We learn from our people and heritage: *nothing* stops us except ourselves. Consider Purim: Esther dealt with her fear, and when she spoke with the king, she succeeded. Passover, too: Moses was terrified to confront Pharaoh, but when he did, he won him over.<sup>1</sup>

Facing our fear. The fear that keeps us from opening our hearts and our doors. The fear of Muslims.

What's behind our xenophobia<sup>2</sup>?

We know very little about Islam. I learned recently that Muslims are not linked as a people, like Jews. They distinguish themselves ethnically: Bosnian, Turkish, Albanian, Indian, Pakistani... and yes, American. Their religion is Islam but their cultures and frames of reference are ethnic. The closest we Jews understand this is Ashkenazi and Sephardi — cultural distinctions for the Jewish people. Yet, we regard ourselves as a *people*; being Jewish is ethnic as well as religious. And, Jews can be atheists; Muslims (and Christians) cannot.

We *don't* know Muslims. My students say, "Oh, I know a Muslim. There's one in my school." How that

echoes, "Some of my best friends are...!"

There is one way to overcome fear of the unknown — learn more. We can only loosen our fear of Islam and Muslims if we learn about them — *from them*.

We overcome fear through friendship.

For several months, a social action Barnert team led by Elizabeth Resnick and Jeff Wild has been considering how to support Syrian refugees. We're keenly aware of fears about terrorism and security. Engaging my interfaith clergy group in this discussion, we brought a Christian Syrian refugee living in Oakland to address us at our Martin Luther King Observance Day in January. We realized how little she knew about Jews — she'd never met one before!

That same weekend was *Shabbat Shirah*; we welcomed two musicians: an American Jew and a Palestinian Muslim. They spoke about how what drew them to engage was not their differences but what they shared in common. As Alaa Alshaham reflected, "Once we knew and trusted each other, we could disagree about anything and it wouldn't destroy our friendship. We could *talk and learn* from one another."

And this led us to realize how much we Jews and Christians need to get to know our Muslim neighbors. So over the last several weeks, we've met with Turkish, Bosnian and Egyptian Muslim leaders from

neighboring villages. We all believe that friendship is crucial for building bridges, *for peace*.

**To this end, we invite you to an interfaith gathering on Sunday, March 6, at 5:30 pm: a vegetarian potluck supper for all ages at Barnert, with local Jews, Christians and Muslims.** There's a flyer inside with full details. (Space is very limited, so sign up quickly. This is a reservation-only event; first-come, first-served. Its success will generate follow-up opportunities for anyone unable to attend this one.)

We're organizing with four churches and three Muslim groups. There will be a separate supper for our teens, pizza and a special film for grades 3–6, and babysitting for those younger.

As Rick said to Louis in the film *Casablanca*, "I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship."

It could be.

Join us.

And sleep better at night.

*L'shalom,*  
Rabbi Elyse Frishman

<sup>1</sup> In fact, God hardens Pharaoh's heart *because* he was so rapidly convinced! Moses had him at the blood plague! Rather, each successive plague was not to convince Pharaoh to let the people go — God wanted the *Egyptians* to be roused on behalf of the slaves; their society would be forever changed without slaves, and without a change of heart, the revolution couldn't happen. It was only after the final plague, the death of the first-born that the Egyptians fully recanted. And, the Israelites, too, needed convincing. Having been slaves four centuries, they needed to acclimate to being saved. Each successive plague demonstrated the gradual changes of heart. But, Pharaoh was convinced over and over; each time God hardened Pharaoh's heart, it was to work on *others*. Perhaps we learn from this: it's less our leaders who need to change than *us*. Our fears and attitudes keep revolutionary change from happening.

<sup>2</sup> Fear of strangers.

# A Message From Rabbi Rachel Steiner

## Following the Leaders – Our Teens



If you are looking for guidance on how to overcome xenophobia or the apathy that can seep into our lives as challenges feel too big to tackle, I invite you to get to know the teens in our community.

Here are a few snapshots.

This year's BarTY's (our High School Youth Group) board committed their efforts to re-energizing BarTY. How?

Monthly phone calls to potential members, an exciting social media presence, tons of energy and heart and soul poured into their work. Why? Because they believe in the power to change lives that can come from connecting Jewish teens with one another through BarTY. No one is an "other" in BarTY.

In an election year already so filled with political drama it could make anyone tune out, our teens chose to spend four days in Washington DC at the Religious Action Center's *L'taken* weekend. During these four days they learned about our political system and key issues before our governmental leaders, and then lobbied our elected officials on topics they studied and presented with passion and compassion. One group of students spoke with a staff person in Congressman Garrett's office about immigration reform, demonstrating their commitment to be a generation not blinded by xenophobia, wanting to support those who are different than we are instead of pushing people away out of fear.

In between midterms, play rehearsals, test prep and college visits, our BarTY teens collected items for our Midnight Run, which is generously supported by the Gutenstein Youth Community Service Fund. In preparation for this impactful night in the city, they came together to sort the mounds of generously donated items from the Barnert community. The night was hugely impactful. Students brought warm clothes, fresh food, and human connection to so many people out on a cold February night. And they continued to learn. Noticing that some of the people who needed what we brought didn't "look"

homeless, we spoke about poverty in America and some of the systematic challenges to escaping this cycle that could cause someone to have a job at a fast-food restaurant but not enough money to buy warm clothing.

This time of year it is not only our teens who remind us to focus on caring for those around us. Purim and Passover both reinforce our obligation to be connected and supportive of those around us. In our Purim story, it is the evil Haman who wants to kill all the Jews because of the way we are different from him. Mordechai refuses to bow down to Haman because of Mordechai's connection to his own religion, which prohibits the worship of anything that is not his (our!) one God. We learn from this, and Haman's fate, that this kind of intolerance leads only to destruction.

And Passover's message is clear. Do not hate the stranger for we were once strangers. Do not fear those who are different, do not push their struggles outside of your circle of obligation. What does that mean? Here it means that we must care for those already in our midst who need our help. This is what inspires BarTY to bring in new people,

to lobby Congress on behalf of those whose voices are silenced, to reach out to the needy in our surrounding communities.

This charge to befriend those around us is also what is behind BarTY's excitement for the upcoming interfaith gathering on March 6, which will feature a teen-only experience. Our teens will gather with Christian and Muslim teens in our area to get to know each other, to knock down the walls that separate us, and to begin to develop friendships. This,

we hope, will be just the first of multiple gatherings to foster friendship, learn from one another, and strengthen our larger community. Young people who grow up with these experiences will be wary of those whose actions are dictated by fear, rather than embrace, of the stranger.

Debbie Friedman, our generation's most beloved and well-known Jewish musical composer, brought us the message of the biblical prophet Joel when she wrote (and sang), "The old shall dream dreams and the youth shall see visions... We must live for today, we must build for tomorrow." If we follow the lead of our teens, our future will be bright, inclusive, and committed to making our world a whole and holy place for everyone.

Rabbi Rachel Steiner



# 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, March 4  
7 pm Service  
8 pm Potluck Supper

Saturday, March 5  
9:30 am Torah Study,  
*Parshat Vayakhel*

Friday, March 11  
8 pm Service

Saturday, March 12  
9:30 am *Rosh Chodesh*  
10 am Service, *Bat Mitzvah*  
of Holly Shulman

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

Saturday, March 19  
9:30 am Torah Study,  
*Parshat Vayikra*  
10 am Service, *Bat Mitzvah*  
of Alexis Muhlstock

Friday, March 25  
8 pm Service

Saturday, March 26  
9:30 am *Shabbat Yoga*

Friday, April 1  
7 pm Service  
8 pm Potluck Supper

Saturday, April 2  
9:30 am Torah Study,  
*Parshat Shemini*  
10 am Service, *Bat Mitzvah*  
of Abby Wickwire

Friday, April 8  
8 pm Service

Saturday, April 9  
9:30 am *Rosh Chodesh*  
10 am Service, *B'nai Mitzvah*  
of Alex Vicinanza and  
Emma Vicinanza

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

Saturday, April 16  
9:30 am Torah Study,  
*Parshat Metzora*  
10 am Service, *Bat Mitzvah*  
of Julia First

Friday, April 22  
1st Seder – No Evening Service

Friday, April 29  
8 pm Service  
and Yizkor

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



## Save the Dates! Vladimir Lapin

Our incredible Cantorial Intern Vlad Lapin will be ordained as a cantor this May 7. Please join your Barnert Community to thank him for his many years of service and wonderful music at these events:

May 6 - *Shabbat Service*, 7 pm. Special blessing for Vlad's ordination.

May 7 - Vlad's ordination as cantor. Temple Emanuel, NYC. Tickets required.

May 15, 5 pm - A concert with Vlad Lapin.

June 17 - *Shabbat Service*, 8 pm. Vlad's last Friday night service at Barnert.



# 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 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.



# Bar/Bat Mitzvah Profiles

**Holly Shulman**  
**March 12, 2016**

Hi, my name is Holly Shulman and I am in 7th grade. I live with my mom; my dad; my brother, Jay; and my sister, Abby, who is away at college. My favorite things to do are hang out with friends, gymnastics, acting, and singing. My favorite ice cream flavor is cookie dough, and my favorite color is pink.

For my *Mitzvah* Project, I am collecting any old glasses for the Lions Club. Also, I have been making meatloaf and serving food at the St. Paul's Men's Shelter in Paterson. It feels really good that I am going to be making a difference to kids in need of glasses, and men in the homeless shelter.

I would like to thank all of the people that have helped me through my journey becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*. Thank you to *Mora* Edith, Tutor Marc, Rabbi Steiner, Rabbi Frishman, Helen Fleischmann, Sara Losch, and many others for helping me along the way, from Preschool all the way up until now. Of course, a huge thanks to my parents and siblings for all of their love and support as I become a Jewish adult.

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**Alexis Muhlstrock**  
**March 19, 2016**

Becoming a *Bat Mitzvah* is more than just reading Hebrew and having a big party. Doing good deeds and helping others is a very important step in the process. While preparing for my *Bat Mitzvah*, I have been visiting a home for people with disabilities called J-ADD, or the Jewish Association for Developmental Disabilities. There are six people living there, all with separate mental and physical disabilities. The joy that these people have when I visit them and do activities with them is unbelievable. Some of their interests are cooking, art and music. It would bring great pleasure to the home and myself if you could kindly donate art supplies, board games, magazines, books, or other entertainment sources for these adults. Please bring the supplies to my service on March 19 and I will deliver these items to the J-ADD foundation.

Thank you so much for your generosity and support! I'm looking forward to sharing my special day with you!

**Abby Wickwire**  
**April 2, 2016**

Hi! My name is Abby Wickwire and I am a 7th grader. I live with my mom, dad, my little sister Morgan, and my awesome dog Dakota. I like playing basketball, tennis, and softball. In school, I participate in many clubs such as Yearbook Club, STEM Club, Chorus, Handbells, and I'm also in a special chorus called Show Choir. In my free time, I like to cook and bake, get together with friends, and spend time with my family.

For my *Mitzvah* Project, I am part of the Meatloaf Machers at Barnert Temple. I help make meatloaves and brownies which go to the Men's Shelter in Paterson. I chose that for my *Mitzvah* Project because I have a passion for cooking and baking and this allows me to do that for others in need. In addition, on the day of my *Bat Mitzvah*, I am collecting donations for Ramapo-Bergen Animal Refuge, Inc. (RBARI), which provides a safe place for animals until they are adopted. I chose to help RBARI because my dog, Dakota, is so important to my family and me.

I would like to thank everyone who helped me prepare for my special day, including Rabbi Frishman, Rabbi Steiner, Sara Losch, Helen Fleischmann, Marc Chelemer, and all my Religious School teachers. It has been a great experience preparing for my *Bat Mitzvah*, and I can't wait for the big day to come!

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**Emma Vicinanza**  
**April 9, 2016**

Hi, I'm Emma Vicinanza and I am in 7th grade. I live with my mom, my dad, my twin brother Alex, two frogs, and our dog Coco. I love to dance, especially on *pointe* which is a type of ballet. I also enjoy playing piano and hanging out with my friends whenever I have free time.

For my *Mitzvah* Project, I have been working with Read to Know, a local organization that collects books for children in underprivileged areas. I have collected over 1,000 books and can't wait to collect more! Once a week I have been helping sort books and am looking forward to volunteering at their Bookfest book giveaway in April. I am also taking part in Barnert's Meatloaf Machers, where we make meatloaf and brownies once a month for the St. Paul's Men's Shelter. Lastly, I am creating birthday packages for Children's Aid and Family Services of New Jersey, for children living in foster homes. The packages include a gift, decorations, cake mix, and everything else needed to make a party!

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## Bar/Bat Mitzvah Profiles (From previous page)

I would like to thank Rabbi Frishman, Rabbi Steiner, Helen Fleischmann, Mora Edith, Enid Lutz, and Sara Losch for helping me with my *Bat Mitzvah* preparations. And a big thank you to my parents, and my brother for letting me use his CD player when I needed to practice my prayers. I can't wait to celebrate with my friends and family in April!

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### Alex Vicinanza April 9, 2016

Hi, my name is Alex Vicinanza. I am currently in seventh grade. I live with my mom, Stasha; my dad, Gregg; my twin sister, Emma; and my favorite of all is my dog, Coco. One thing that I like to do is play sports. I am good at hockey and I play for the New Jersey Avalanche. I also play lacrosse for my town. I enjoy spending time with my friends and family. Lastly, I am a HUGE Washington Capitals fan.

For my project, I did a few things. First, I volunteered with Hockey in Newark, a charitable organization that teaches hockey to kids who would not normally be able to afford the sport. I organized a hockey equipment drive and collected over 125 donations, including skates, helmets, bags, and more. I also helped Hockey in Newark sort thousands of pieces of donated equipment at their rink in Newark and I will be assisting the kids during their Spring hockey clinics. Helping Hockey in Newark is really fun and it makes me happy to see kids enjoying the game that I love! Another thing that I am doing is Barnert's Meatloaf Machers. In Meatloaf Machers, my sister and I make meatloaf and brownies for the men at St. Paul's

Shelter. Finally, my family and I went to Oasis, a center in Paterson that helps women and children. At Oasis, I served lunch at their soup kitchen.

I would like to thank everyone at Barnert for their help contributing towards my Jewish education. In the few past years, Barnert has felt like a second home for me. I thank Rabbi Steiner, Rabbi Frishman, Helen Fleischmann, Mora Edith, Sara Losch, Enid Lutz and all of my other Hebrew teachers. I would also like to thank my parents who have really pushed me to be able to achieve my big goal. I cannot wait until the day of my *Bar Mitzvah*!

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### Julia First April 16, 2016

Hi, my name is Julia First. I am in 7th grade. Some activities I enjoy include theater, gymnastics, silks, and participating in my school's debate club. I have two parents and two older siblings, Ethan and Amanda. I also have a dog named Alfie.

For my *Mitzvah* Project, I organize projects to protect endangered animals and participate in an animal welfare club. I also shop for and prepare food to serve homeless people at a nearby shelter. I recognize the importance of this outreach to the community.

I am so excited to celebrate this special time with friends and family. I want to thank my parents for making this experience happen. Thank you both for working out every little detail to make sure the day is going to be perfect. I would also like to thank Mora Edith and Rabbi Steiner and Rabbi Frishman for making sure I was 100% prepared for my service. Without all of you my *Bat Mitzvah* would not happen.

## Barnert Sings with HaZamir at Carnegie Hall

Sunday, April 3, New York City

Barnert Temple's own Eresh Halpert-Rodis, Mia Lowy and Sally Troyanovski will be performing with HaZamir: The International Jewish High School Choir, at their annual concert at Carnegie Hall on April 3. Janet Montgomery will be the Bergen County chapter accompanist.

The HaZamir experience combines rigorous musical training, retreats, social events and an online connected community. Each year all HaZamir chapters learn the same repertoire at their weekly local rehearsals and then come together for an annual three-day festival that culminates in a performance at a major concert venue — this year at Carnegie Hall. These HaZamir performances are musically brilliant and magically inspirational. They are a unique platform for presenting contemporary and classic Jewish choral music to an expanding audience.



## Friendship Gathering: Make Love Not War

Welcome Jews, Christians, Muslims from Our Neighborhoods

March 6, 5:30 – 7:30pm Barnert Temple



It's time to learn about each other, from one another.  
That's a Jewish way of life.

**5:30 pm Gather in our Sanctuary for a brief welcome**

**6:15 pm Vegetarian/dairy potluck supper and dialogue around interfaith tables**

- Separate supper and interfaith dialogue for teens (grades 8–12)
- Special film and pizza for elementary-school-age children (grades 3–7)
- Babysitting and pizza for age 3–grade 2

### **Vegetarian/dairy potluck supper:**

- Bring a main dish or side to feed eight
- Make certain there is no meat ingredient or alcohol
- Avoid nuts, but please label your dish if it contains nuts

***There is limited space. You must reserve in advance.***

There is room for up to:

- 75 Barnert adults
- 20 Barnert teens
- 20 Barnert youth (grades 3–6)
- 30 preschoolers through grade 2

### **Reserve space for you (and your family).**

RSVP to Natalie in our office: [ncohen1847@barnerttemple.org](mailto:ncohen1847@barnerttemple.org).

Specify adult/teen/youth/child with names and ages/grade.

Indicate whether you will bring a main or side dish (vegetarian/dairy).

# A Message From Sara Losch

## Raising Children to “Love Your Neighbor”



The Golden Rule, sometimes referred to as the Ethic of Reciprocity, is contained in some form in many religions and cultures. A Google search has multiple versions of it as: “One should treat others as one would like others to treat oneself.”

A famous account in the *Talmud* tells about a gentile who wanted to convert to Judaism. This happened not infrequently, and this individual stated that

he would accept Judaism only if a rabbi would teach him the entire *Torah* while he, the prospective convert, stood on one foot. First he went to Shammai, who, insulted by this ridiculous request, threw him out of the house. The man did not give up and went to Hillel. This gentle sage accepted the challenge, and said, “What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. That is the whole *Torah*; the rest is the explanation of this — go and study it!” *Babylonian Talmud, Shabbat 31a*

This past week, my sixth grade students wanted to talk about the angry, divisive, often hateful rhetoric being used on the campaign trail. These 11- and 12-year-olds picked up on the language of “other” and were upset by it. One student asked, “Why are politicians talking about building a wall to keep Mexicans out? What’s wrong with Mexicans?” The child doesn’t worry about adult issues like fears of losing jobs. She wants to know why a Mexican mother is being deported and is losing her children.

We went back to two *Torah* texts we had recently studied. First, from Leviticus 19:16: “Do not stand idly by while your neighbor’s blood is shed.” The second comes just two verses later: “Love your fellow as yourself.”

Everyone had questions and ideas: How does Judaism define “neighbor”? And what does the text mean by a “fellow”? Are we allowed to stand by if our neighbor is not a Jew? We learned that indeed, there are commentaries that define both neighbor and fellow as Jewish only. As Reform Jews, we reject that notion. We are obligated to stand up for the powerless, whoever they are. They are our neighbors and fellows whether on our street or across the sea.

Vlad, our cantorial intern who also teaches music on Sundays, was in our classroom. He shared his personal story about coming to the United States from Belarus as a young child. He talked about the many negative experiences he endured at the hands of classmates who made fun of his name, his clothing, and his accent. But, he said, the Jewish community was so embracing of him and he had equally wonderful experiences of being welcomed and supported. For Vlad, the Jewish texts were personal.

So, as Hillel’s “on one foot” challenge, how do we raise children who do not do to their neighbor what

is hateful to them? We take the time to ask questions, to examine and explain political rhetoric, to reflect together on what is happening around the world and what we can do about it. We act as role models by our actions (giving *tzedakah*, using our right to vote, advocating for those without a voice) and our words (more “us,” less “them”; more “love,” less “hate”).

May we continue to raise children who see “neighbor” and “fellow” as every human they encounter. May they know that we are all created *B’Tzelem Elohim*, in God’s image, and therefore deserving of our help. Perhaps then, we can look forward to a time when new immigrants are welcomed with support and those who look (sound, eat, pray) differently than we do can feel safe among us and can live in peace.

If our students are an indication of that future, than I for one am filled with hope.

Sara Losch, Director of Lifelong Learning

## Mazel Tov!

*Mazel Tov* to Justin Kochman and Jake Samieski, who competed in the Pan American Maccabi Games in Chile. They were coached by the head coach of Yeshiva University, Jason Pransky.

Justin (14) is on the left and Jake (22) is on the right at the Maccabi Games.



# Barnert Temple Preschool

## Kindergarten Explores Shabbat

Our Kindergarten is exploring *Shabbat* using emergent curriculum, an inquiry board, and Reggio Emilia!

One of the benefits of full-day Kindergarten is the extra time you have to fully explore topics that otherwise would be rushed or not even considered. A way to ensure a supportive and enriching curriculum is to use the idea of an **emergent curriculum**. Simply put, this means that teachers pay close attention to what the children are interested in and plan to explore that topic with a deeper level of investigation which leads to a deeper level of understanding. Observations made by Sharon Ramsey and Susan Wild, our Kindergarten teachers, showed that the children were playing a form of house during free play and recess. Family, friends and house are common threads throughout imaginative play during the kindergarten year. And now the kids were adding *Shabbat* to their pretend play.

Through the use of an **inquiry board**, they were able to find out what the children already knew and most importantly, what they still want to know, about *Shabbat*. A few of the questions were as follows:

"Why did God rest?"

"Why do we eat *challah* on *Shabbat*?"

"I wonder why we drink out of a *kiddush* cup?"

All interesting questions. It was time to delve deeper into the topic and explore *Shabbat* in many ways. Another form of learning that we incorporate in Barnert Teaching is called **Reggio Emilia Approach**. This is an educational philosophy focused on preschool and primary education. It was developed after World War II by a teacher, Loris Malaguzzi, and parents in the villages around Reggio Emilia in Italy. Following the war, people believed that children were in need of a new way of learning. The assumption of Malaguzzi and the parents was that people form their own personality during early years of development and that children are endowed with "a hundred languages" through which they can express their ideas. The aim of this approach is teaching how to use these symbolic languages (e.g., painting, sculpting, drama) in everyday life. The program is based on the principles of respect, responsibility and community through exploration and discovery in a supportive and enriching environment based on the interests of the children through a self-guided curriculum. Using



this approach, the children embarked on using their "100 languages" to express their *Shabbat* ideas.

### Sculpture

They started by creating some of the items they would use on a *Shabbat* table, beginning with candlesticks. They researched a recipe for clay that they could make themselves — something that would get really hard and stay strong through all of the *Shabbats* to come.

### Challah Cover

Choosing from various fabrics, the children created their own unique *challah* cover and decorated them.



### Dollhouse/Photo Documentation

The children were asked to set the dollhouse up for *Shabbat*. What can you do to make the house ready? Use the iPad to photograph your *Shabbat* house.

### Shabbat Table

How will the table look on *Shabbat*? What makes it different? What will we eat? What is the menu? Use our kitchen area and table to set it for *Shabbat*.

### Writing Center

What are the different parts of *Shabbat*? What do you like about *Shabbat*? Write about it!

- \* *Kiddush*
- \* Candle-lighting
- \* *Motzi*
- \* *Tzedakah* ideas
- \* Meal

### Music

Make a Kindergarten *Shabbat* soundtrack to listen to at *Shabbat* Inside Out; each child will have a copy for their *Shabbat* Box.

### Art

Use the art area to create things we may need to have for our special dinner. The children are creating tablecloths and menus for our meal.

### Literature

They are reading rich picture books created by authors who capture the essence of *Shabbat*. From Mrs. Moskowitz's *Shabbat Candlesticks*, to *The Shabbat Puppy*, we are learning about what *Shabbat* means to all types of people, from children to grown-ups.

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# Barnert Temple Youth Group

## Homelessness in New York City

Homelessness in New York City is a huge problem. About 1 in 2,662 New Yorkers experience street homelessness. Each night, more than 60,000 people—including more than 22,000 children — experience homelessness. Currently 53,270 homeless men, women, and children bed down each night in the NYC municipal shelter system. Additionally, more than 5,000 homeless adults and children sleep each night in other public and private shelters. Thousands more sleep rough on the streets or in other public spaces.



At our February event, BarTY was able to help combat this problem. We have participated in Midnight Run more than 12 times, thanks to the Gutenstein Youth Community Service Fund. For those of you who do not know, Midnight Run is an opportunity for us to go into New York City with clothes that we

have collected and food that we will prepare, and give it out to homeless people who are in need. The Midnight Run organization describes its goal as “a volunteer organization dedicated to finding common ground between the housed and the homeless.”

So all of the BarTYites began their night with a mixer, smiles, and dinner. Then, we went into sorting the clothing and bagging the food for the homeless people we were going to encounter. We were amazed by the overwhelming amount of donations we received this year, which allowed us to help even more people than we had anticipated.

Our time sorting the items ended with a beautiful *Havdalah* service created with quotes from homeless people. This set the tone for the night and reminded us all about how much we have to be thankful for.

Our time in New York was indescribable. This Midnight Run was my fourth, and overall favorite. I was able to ask these individuals about their lives and speak to them. All were immensely grateful for this act of kindness.

The night ended with all of the BarTYites feeling thankful for what they have and proud to have made a difference in the world. By participating in Midnight Run, we did make the world a better place by performing an act of *Tikkun Olam*. *Tikkun Olam* is the Jewish value of repairing the world.



Though the organization believes it is not a solution to homelessness, its goal is to “forge a bond between housed and homeless people by establishing a foundation of sharing and caring from which solutions may evolve. Through Midnight Run, volunteers come to see the homeless as real people, not a commodity. And homeless men and women learn that many mainstream adults and teenagers have commitments and concerns that go beyond their own lives and families.”

By participating in Midnight Run, we saved these people from the harsh winter weather and the gnawing pain of hunger. As the *Talmud* says, “Whoever saves a life saves the world entire.”

—Anya Gips  
BarTY President

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## Barnert Preschool (From previous page)

### Kindergarten Explores Shabbat

#### Life Skills/Menu-Planning

All the talk of *Shabbat* was so exciting the children asked “can we plan and have a real *Shabbat* dinner together?” The children brainstormed and came up with a whole menu. Their dinner will take place on February 19 and each family will bring one of the menu items and then each recipe will be put into a special *Shabbat* Cookbook. What a special *Shabbat* dinner this will be!



# Adult Education: Find Your Place!

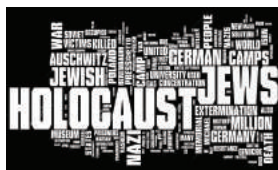


**Rosh Chodesh**  
**Saturday, March 12 and**  
**April 9 at 9:30 am**  
 Join Sara Losch at a monthly gathering of women to share in Jewish conversation welcoming the new month. Open to all women of all generations. First-timers welcome!



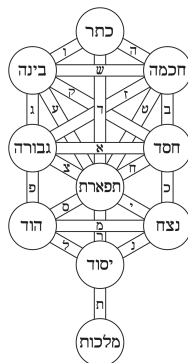
**Talmud Study**  
**Thursday, March 3, 17 and**  
**31; April 14 and 28,**  
**at 7:30 pm**  
 Join our Rabbi Joel Soffin for our modern-day discussion of the *Talmud*. Learn how to

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.

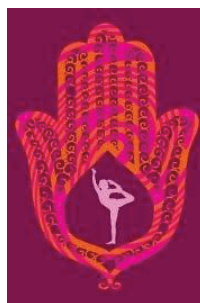


**Shoah**  
**Wednesday, April 6, 13, 20**  
**and 27 at 7:30 pm**  
 An opportunity for adults to learn about the *Shoah* in a unique way. Executive

Director Vicky Farhi will guide us in exploring the attempted destruction of European Jewry. For four weeks, we'll combine an historical timeline and personal survivor stories to examine the many facets of the Holocaust from 1933 to 1945 and beyond. Our focus will include partisans, hidden Jews, ghetto, deportation and concentration camps, and the Jewish Brigade.



**Kabbalah**  
**Sunday, March 6 and April 10**  
**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.)



**Shabbat Yoga**  
**Saturday, March 26 and April 30**  
**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.



**Torah Study**  
**Saturday, March 5 and 19;**  
**April 2 and 16, at 9:30 am**  
 Enjoy an in-depth and highly engaging exploration of the *Torah* portion of the week with Rabbi

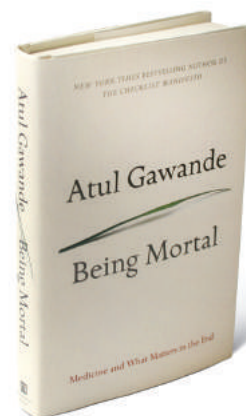
Joel Soffin and Rabbi Rachel Steiner. We begin with breakfast at 9:30 am (participants take turns providing the food) and discussion at 10 am. Discover the relevance of *Torah* as we interpret it and bring it to life. No experience necessary and new friends are always welcome.

## Book Club

*Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande. March 8th at the home of Mireille Schuck, 90 Harding Rd., Glen Rock, 201-652-5196.

*Being Mortal* is a masterful exploration of the aging, death, and the medical professionals' mishandling of both. It is easy to read and gets to you right away. It is highly personal and slightly depressing, until you get to the parakeets. Then you meet Dr. Bill Thomas, who decides to treat old people like people. Then the fun begins. This is an important topic for us all, parents and children, elderly and their families. Join us in Glen Rock on March 8th. All Temple members are most welcome.

Carpool? Contact Benita Herman at [bherman@dt.com](mailto:bherman@dt.com) or 201-891-2509.



# Financial Support

## A Few Questions About Finances

- When you write a check to provide financial support to Barnert Temple, are you performing a *mitzvah*?
- What does being Jewish mean to you? Is there a financial value in the importance of Judaism in your life?
- Is being Jewish a lifelong fact, or a limited-time experience?

Every organized religious organization requires financial support. In Judaism, as the history of the American Jewish community unfolded, membership dues—or as we at Barnert correctly refer to them, Financial Commitment—became the most practical way to provide financial support for synagogues.

How is the money you donate to Barnert spent? Does it connect with your understanding of being Jewish? Does it fit with the values you use to evaluate all your expenditures?

When you walk in the door at Barnert Temple, you are often greeted by a security guard, safeguarding your and your community's safety. Various private-security enhancements have been installed to add to the ability to provide safety. The building is clean, the temperature comfortable.

Services are led by rabbis and a cantorial intern, with the support of an accompanist, who are respected here and across the Reform movement. Often, one of our several choirs will sing, or one of our two bands will play. They are comprised of volunteers, but led by professionals. When you worship, the prayer books and *Torah* Commentaries are available in the pew. The sanctuary is warm and inviting. The sound system allows everyone to enjoy the service, and if someone is ill they can access the service from home using our streaming service.

When you contact the office, for whatever reason, there is always someone to answer a question, help solve a problem, work with you on a lifecycle-event celebration, or provide support during your sorrow.

When there is an event, from a meeting to a celebration, the rooms are beautifully laid out, the custodial support top notch. Refreshments are delicious.

Our rabbis teach, celebrate, pray, console, mourn, and worship with us. They call and visit the sick, officiate at lifecycle events, lead worship and mourn with us at funerals and *shiva*.

Our children learn in clean, comfortable classrooms with teachers that use innovative techniques to make Judaism and Hebrew accessible and exciting. We bring Judaism to life in your children!

Does this fit with your values? Does your sense of Judaism include the above?

Judaism is not a 3rd – 7th grade experience. It's a lifetime of being, learning and doing Jewish. Outside of your home, it's the prime place to cultivate Jewish identity. A synagogue community has the potential to excite you and encourage you in your Jewish journey, to be there for you in times of celebration and sadness.

All this, and so much more, requires the financial support you provide.

Let's be clear about Barnert Temple finances. Barnert is a financially healthy congregation, due to wise decisions begun many years ago and continued today. We don't have a mortgage and we do carefully maintain our facility. But as with any religious home, the budget is dependent on the acceptance of financial obligations by each person here. The Barnert budget is designed as a balance of yearly financial commitment and free-will donations. One without the other doesn't work.

The rabbis of the *Mishna* said: "Without bread, there is no *Torah*; without *Torah* there is no bread." (Avot 3:21)

In my view, the answer to the first question is yes — when you are providing financial support, you are performing a *mitzvah*. The *mitzvah* of supporting your Jewish community and future generations of Jews.

Only you can answer the other questions. I look forward to your thoughts.

Vicky Farhi, Executive Director

### Rabbinic Transition Town Hall Meeting

March 13, 9 ± 11 am

Learn about the self-study  
findings.

Share your thoughts and  
insights on our  
rabbinic transition.

# Rabbinic Transition Update

In February, the Barnert community engaged in self-study. Its purpose was to help us understand the vision, goals, and priorities of our congregation and to explore what we want in our next Senior rabbi. Barnert members completed a congregational survey and had the opportunity to participate in six small group discussions. These conversations provided valuable insights into how we view ourselves, our future, and the roles and desired qualities of our future leader.

The Self-Study Committee has analyzed this diverse feedback. We now want to share what we have learned with you. Please join us at a town-hall-style meeting on March 13, 9–11 am, to discuss the self-study findings and give your feedback.

The information collected in the self-study will be forwarded to the Search Committee to be used in the recruitment process. Come lend your voice as we shape the next chapter of Barnert Temple.



## HELP SAVE A LIFE.

**Donate blood at Barnert Temple's annual blood drive!**  
**New Jersey Blood Services.**

**Date: Sunday, April 17, 2016**

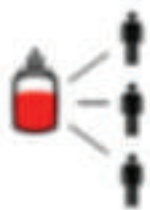
**Time: 8:30 am to 1:30 pm**

**Place: Barnert Temple Library**

**NEW THIS YEAR!**

Learn about and/or sign  
up for organ donation  
with the NJ Sharing  
Network.

**Did you know that...**



**1 pint of blood can  
save up to 3 lives**



**Every 2 seconds  
someone needs a  
blood transfusion**

**You may donate if you are at least 17 years old (16 years old with written consent from parent or legal guardian), weigh at least 110 pounds, and are in good health.**

**For more information, visit [nybloodcenter.org](http://nybloodcenter.org)**

**Questions? Contact Susan Wild at [swild322@gmail.com](mailto:swild322@gmail.com)**

# A Social Action Perspective: Helping Syrian Refugees

By Jeff Wild, Leila Nosrati, and Elizabeth Resnick

In light of the recent attacks in Paris, reasonable Jews may have different perspectives on whether our nation should continue its program by which Syrian refugees can apply for sanctuary in the United States. Some politicians, fearing that Islamic jihadists will seek to impersonate Syrian refugees, have supported a “halt” to the program.

However, as part of Social Action at Barnert, we are committed to helping the millions of refugees who have fled the civil war in Syria and continue to do so in record numbers. On October 7, 2015, a number of us met with Rabbi Frishman, who provided factual information about the crisis. On November 19, 2015, two representatives of Social Action participated in a White House conference-call briefing by officials from the State Department and the Department of Homeland Security.

Based on what we have learned, we believe that now is the time to open wider — not to slam shut — America’s doors for potential Syrian refugees. Of course, everyone agrees that national security must be America’s highest priority. At times like these, the first reaction of many may be to close our borders — to feel safer by keeping the foreigner out.

But first reactions may not be the right reactions. Here, we have seen no credible evidence that America’s program for helping Syrian refugees increases the danger of terrorists entering the United States. Logically, posing as a refugee to the U.S. would be about the last way that an ISIS jihadist could succeed in entering the U.S.

This is not Europe; we do not have the open borders that many European nations maintain. Before our State Department permits anyone to immigrate as a refugee, any candidate must first successfully complete a rigorous two-year process of biometric analysis, photographing, interviewing and screening, both in Europe and at our

borders. Before being admitted, candidates must be cleared by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the FBI, the State Department, and Homeland Security. Thus, rather than pose as a refugee, a would-be terrorist could far more easily buy a ticket for Newark Airport and impersonate a tourist or student. Of course, Border Control does screening too — but nothing compared to what our government does in screening applicants for refugee immigration.

Particularly as Jews, we have to lead this historic opportunity to help refugees — not give in to irrational fear of them. Back in 1941, Anne Frank’s father applied for refugee status for his family to escape from Nazi Germany.

He was denied help by the United States. Back then, the calls for a “pause” were because of fear that Nazis or Communists would impersonate refugees and bring danger to our shores. Far too many times in history, desperate people have been denied help because of xenophobia (fear of strangers). Particularly after a terrifying incident like the Paris attacks, it is easy to default

to the position of closing America’s borders and fearing all Arabs and Muslims — and for that matter, anyone who doesn’t look or talk like we do. Fear can bring out the worst in us.

Moreover, the *mitzvot* of *tikkun olam* (healing the world) and *gemilut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness) often mean doing what is right, not necessarily what is easy or popular. The desperate people and families whom we should let apply for refugee status deserve what we are lucky enough to have: a safe place to live, in a land of opportunity, not trapped in a camp. More than 4,000,000 refugees have fled ISIS and Syria so far. Instead of capping America’s contribution at a token 10,000 Syrian refugees, now is the time for America to help far more. Please spread the word, including by going to the link of HIAS, a refugee agency founded by Jews, linked below: <http://www.hias.org/act-now-us-refugee-program-risk>.





# TRADITION THE FIDDLER AWAKENS WARS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 | 7 PM  
BARNERT TEMPLE

MEGILLAH READING | GROGGERS  
HAMANTASCHEN | LAUGHTER GALORE  
PURIM FUN FOR ALL AGES!

WEAR YOUR COSTUMES!

## FIFTY SHADES OF PURIM

**A VERY ADULT EVENING**

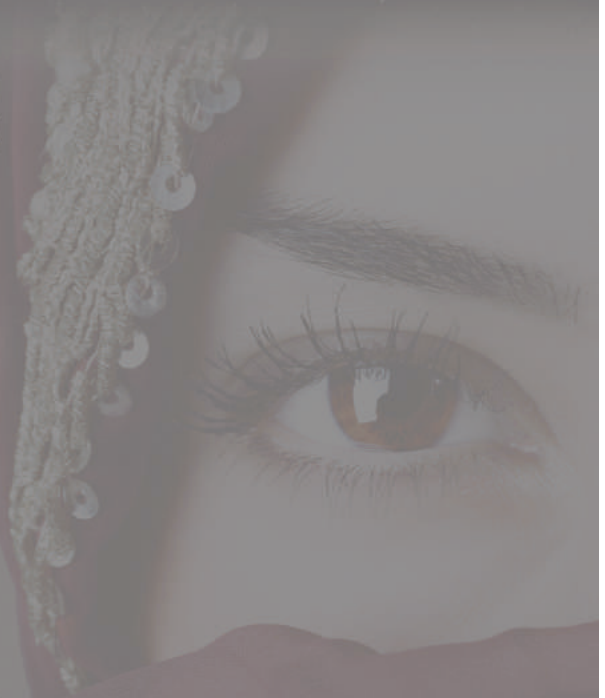
Saturday, March 26 | 6 pm

Barnert Temple Library

The Adult Version of the Purim Story

Refreshments Served

**\*\* FOR ADULTS ONLY**



# Prepare and Lead the Seder

Learn How to Prepare and Lead the

BEST-MOST-INTERACTIVE-MEANINGFUL PASSOVER SEDER EVER!

Join us on Sunday, April 17, from 9–11 am.  
Choose from different sessions, including:

- \* Leading and conducting your own Seder
- \* How to keep children of all ages engaged
- \* Integrating creative Seder songs
- \* Cooking traditional Seder foods with Ilene Kandler



Each session will last 55 minutes, giving adults the opportunity to attend two.

You will leave each session with helpful handouts and great tips that will guide you in having your best Passover Seder.

You must RSVP for this event to Helen in the Temple Office at (201) 848-1800 or [helenm1847@barnertemple.org](mailto:helenm1847@barnertemple.org).  
Kindergarten through sixth graders will go to their regular Sunday classes.

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## Preparing for Passover

Passover is one of the major festivals of the Jewish year which is primarily observed in the home. Preparations for Passover are based on our tradition and the decisions we make as Reform Jews. While challenging, these preparations can also offer time for reflection. Here are some thoughts on how to prepare your home for Passover in a meaningful way.

During Passover, we refrain from *chametz*, otherwise known as leavened foods. This is based on the Israelites fleeing their homes and not having time to properly bake bread. Traditionally, homes are cleaned of anything containing *chametz*. It's a great time to clean out cabinets, pantries, refrigerators and freezers. Toss what's old, donate what's current.

What is *chametz*? *Chametz* is food prepared from any of the five species of grain — wheat, barley, oats, spelt or rye — that have been allowed to leaven. Customarily, we understand this to be bread, pasta, baked goods. Additionally, there are two views of what *chametz* is: Ashkenazi (Eastern European origin) and Sephardic (Mediterranean origin). Ashkenazi Jews also consider rice, millet, corn and legumes, known as *kitniyot*, to be *chametz* as these food items could be confused with grain. Sephardic practice does not include *kitniyot* in its definition and is more the norm in Israel.

Once your house is cleared of *chametz*, the cabinets, counters, refrigerators, oven, dishwasher and all rooms are scrubbed as well. Passover preparations are probably the basis for a terrific spring cleaning! Traditionally, dishes and

utensils are changed for dedicated Passover items or they are cleaned in such a way that rids the *chametz* that may have stuck to them. As Reform Jews, we determine after learning about our traditions which observances we feel have meaning and connect us to our Jewish identity.

There is an alternate observance many use. Rather than cleaning the cabinets, they are tied shut and not used during Passover. You can make "Not For Passover" stickers for your cabinet doors.



*Bedikat chametz* is a lovely custom, especially fun to share with children, which is performed after sundown on the night before Passover. A formal search for leaven is done using a candlelight or flashlight, a small bag to hold crumbs, and a feather sweep them up. A blessing is said, and the following morning, the leaven is burned (*biur chametz*). No *chametz* is eaten after this ritual until the end of Passover.

Of course, the Seder, which takes place at home, is the central ritual of Passover. While the Seder(s) occur at the beginning of Passover, we continue the observance of a *chametz*-free home and diet through the full seven days. We eat *matzah* for seven days. What a beautiful reminder that we were once slaves, but were freed and now choose what to accomplish with our many freedoms.

For more information on preparing for Passover, including rituals, family activities, and articles, please check out Reform Judaism's Passover page.

## Cooking for Passover

Sunday, April 17

9–11 am

Barnert Temple Kitchen

Always wondered what to cook for the Seder? During Passover? Ilene Kandler, Barnert Temple Chef Extraordinaire, will share the essentials of cooking for the Passover Seder and during Passover. Open to beginners and experienced cooks. Tasting included.



Please RSVP to Helen in the Temple Office at (201) 848-1800 or [helenm1847@barnerttemple.org](mailto:helenm1847@barnerttemple.org).

## Passover

Friday, April 22: 1st Seder (no Shabbat Service that evening)

Saturday, April 23: 2nd Seder

Friday, April 29: 8 pm Shabbat Service and Yizkor

As each of us begins to plan for our first Seder on Friday, April 22, please take a moment to consider participating in our annual Seder Match Up.

If you would like to join another family for the first Seder, or can host another family for the first Seder, please contact Helen in the Temple Office at (201) 848-1800 or [helenm1847@barnerttemple.org](mailto:helenm1847@barnerttemple.org).

## Order Your Haggadah Now!

The first Passover Seder is Friday, April 22. We know you will want to have *haggadot* for your Seder. We'll make it easy for you. We'll have available for purchase two types of *haggadot*.

A *Passover Haggadah*. This is the adult version that is easy to use.

A *Children's Haggadah*. This is a children's version. It is especially designed to be accessible by youngsters and to be meaningful as well.

Please use the form below to order. Make your checks payable to Barnert Temple, and send your form to the Temple Office by April 1.

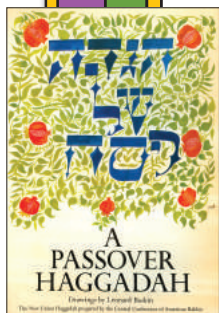
## Haggadah Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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| Type of Haggadah      | Quantity Ordered | Price       | Cost |
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| A Passover Haggadah   |                  | @ \$17 each | \$   |
| A Children's Haggadah |                  | @ \$17 each | \$   |
| Total Cost            |                  |             | \$   |



The Women of Barnert and Men's Club  
Join Together to Present

**The Hamilton Partnership for Paterson and  
the Great Falls National Park**  
**Advancing Barnert Temple's Paterson Legacy  
In Our Time**



by  
**Leonard Zax**  
**President of the Hamilton Partnership**

**Sunday, April 17**  
**11:30 am to 1 pm**



**What is the Hamilton Partnership for Paterson?** The Hamilton Partnership is a non-profit organization that was instrumental in launching the Great Falls National Park, and works to enhance its educational, social, and economic benefits for Paterson, the region, and the nation. It works through education, advocacy, and partnerships to achieve common goals more quickly, effectively, and with greater innovation than any single organization or level of government working alone.

**Our speaker:** Leonard Zax is a lawyer and city planner with more than 30 years of experience in community development. Leonard is a graduate of Paterson's Eastside High School, the University of Chicago, and Harvard Law School.

The Paterson Great Falls inspired Alexander Hamilton to found the modern industrial city of Paterson. It is now America's newest national park and the most important strategic initiative to help Paterson in generations. Barnert Temple members will learn about the partnership's current initiatives and opportunities to engage and help to improve the quality of life in the city where the temple began.

**Light brunch: 11:30 am to noon**  
**Program: noon to 1 pm**

## Renaissance News

### Some Catch Up

Sam and Carol Cassell hosted our annual *Chanukah* party — our year-end meeting, eating and greeting event. We welcomed newbie Renaissanceers, Elaine and Daniel Gold and Toby Tider and Harvey Feldman. Next-door neighbor to the Cassells, Seth Haubensstock joined us to promote Renaissance participation in the planting and cultivating of our Barnert garden. Renaissance is on board!

On December 25, 14 group members carpooled to New York City to the new home of the Yiddish (Folksbiene) Theatre at the Museum of Jewish Heritage at Battery Park. The performance of "The Golden Bride" (Di Goldene Kale), an operetta-romantic comedy, was spectacular! Newcomers to Yiddish Theatre were treated to a very special afternoon. Prior to the performance we attended a Yiddish class, taught in Yiddish, which explained the history of Folksbiene.

After all our snowbirds return (including *moi*), spring/summer will offer a Riverkeeper environmental cruise, docent-led tours of the Whitney Museum and the New



York Public Library, the Joan Cowlan tour of the High Line, and some TBA surprises.

Joan Cowlan

Not well? We know just  
what the doctor ordered!



**Barnert Religious School's  
Matzah Ball Mensch Club**  
is at your service!

How?

Let us now that you're sick and in need of  
homemade chicken soup, and  
we'll deliver to your home!

Contact Sarah Miller, Coordinator, at  
[soupmakesyoubetter@gmail.com](mailto:soupmakesyoubetter@gmail.com).

A Project of the Barnert Religious School

### We Welcome These New Friends!

Dana, Jordan, Kaelyn, Melanie, Alexander and  
Cameron Rosenberg, residing in Ridgewood

Emily, Matthew, Oliver and Jack Adler,  
residing in Wyckoff

### Israeli Film Series at Barnert

**March 27 at 7 pm in the Library**  
**April 24 at 7 pm in the Library**

An enjoyable evening of interesting, some-  
times thought-provoking Israeli and Jewish  
films, with conversation and free popcorn!  
Check your e-newsletters for more



information on  
films being shown.  
All are welcome...  
No experience as  
film critic required!

Please join us for  
***A WOMEN'S CELEBRATION OF PASSOVER***



*Gather as a community of women to lift our voices in song and rejoice  
as we are inspired by the story of Miriam*

*Sponsored by Barnert Temple's  
Women of Barnert*

*Wednesday, March 30 – 6:30 pm  
The Barnert Temple  
\$24 per Person*

*Please bring (or wear) an item that was given to you by a special woman*

*DINNER IS POTLUCK  
Entrée – Side Dish – Dessert (Kosher for Passover, Please)  
Space is Limited – No Walk-ins – Your Check is Your Reservation*

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

Send check, payable to 'Barnert Temple Sisterhood', by March 20  
to Ilene Kandler, c/o Barnert Temple, 747 Route 208 South, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417 (518) 669-0811

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Women Of Barnert Purim Boxes

Every family at Barnert will receive one Purim box. Pick up your box while at the Purim *Shpiel* on Wednesday, March 23.



Boxes will also be available:

- During Preschool from Monday, March 21 through Friday, March 25
- During Religious School from Sunday, March 20 through Tuesday, March 22
- On *Shabbat*, Friday, March 25
- On *Shabbat*, Saturday, March 26

## Men's Club Retreat

I am pleased to announce the new Men's Club retreat. Thank you to all the members who worked so hard to make this happen. There had been discussions in the past for a kind of "clubhouse," where we could all have a leisurely Sunday-morning breakfast in a bucolic setting. The retreat can also be used at other times where the guys can get together for a game of canasta, discuss penny stocks and even go skeet-shooting, or just kick back with a beer and listen to opera. All paid-up members will be notified of the address by registered mail.

Michael C. Kirshner

## Men's Club Pancake Breakfast

This year's Men's Club Pancake Breakfast was delicious and very successful. Special thanks to all who helped out, including Steve Scott, Shayna Scott, Rich Brookler, Len Diamond, Mike Kaplan, David Kroll, Mitch Gelfond, Michael Kirshner, Arthur Nalven, Harvey Feldman, and Alan Lieber.



# The HISTORY CORNER

## THE EARLY YEARS: 1847 TO 1894

In each article in this series, we will endeavor to present interesting information about the wonderful history of the Barnert Temple. This installment will focus on the early years, from 1847 to 1894 (the year the first Nathan Barnert Memorial Temple was completed). All material in this article was taken from the Temple Archives and the book authored by Cipora Schwartz<sup>1</sup>.

### Key Events in the Early Years

- On November 26, 1847, five leading "Hebrew" citizens of Paterson were elected as Trustees of the newly formed Congregation B'nai Jeshurun: Edward Harris, Sigmund Blunauer, Barnhard Raskam, Abraham Steiber and Jacob Rheim. A Certificate of Incorporation was prepared and approved by the N.J. State Legislature on December 22, 1847.
- The first official action was the purchase of land for a cemetery. On December 23, 1847, a plot of land 50 x 110 feet was acquired in Acquackanock Township (now Clifton) for \$50.
- From 1847 until 1860, services were held in private houses, above a shoe store on Main Street, and later in a room in a building on West Street. In 1860 the first synagogue was established when a private residence was purchased on Mulberry Street.
- In the early years of the Mulberry Street temple, the congregation did not have the support of wealthier Hebrews who preferred to retain their connection with synagogues in New York City. As a result there often was no rabbi, with services led by lay members of the congregation.
- The 1860s was a period of growth for the congregation due to a large influx of German Jews. The cemetery proved to be too small, and in 1867, a 22-acre tract of land was purchased in Totowa from the Benson Farm for \$8,000. Named Mount Nebo Cemetery, after the burial site of Moses, the cemetery continues to serve as the congregation's burial ground today.
- In 1878, the congregation moved to a new temple at 124 Van Houten Street. It was during this period (1878 to 1890) that a change from the strict doctrines of Orthodoxy to Reform Judaism took place. Although there is no written record of a formal adoption of Reform Judaism by Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, the fact that a new Orthodox synagogue was established in Paterson in 1886 supports the assumption that by 1890 the transition was complete.
- On April 9, 1883, Nathan Barnert, the most important benefactor of the congregation, was elected as Mayor of Paterson. He was defeated in the election of 1885, but re-elected as mayor in 1887. During both terms he worked to improve Paterson's social services and donated his salary each month to local charities, libraries, hospitals and orphanages.
- In 1889, Nathan Barnert announced that he and his wife Miriam were going to build a new temple for the congregation. The new temple, to be constructed at the corner of Broadway and Straight Street, would provide the congregation with the extra space it needed, and serve as the center of Jewish life in Paterson. (More about Nathan Barnert and the Straight Street Temple in our next installment.)



**Confirmation Class of 1884**

Seated is Dr. Newmark (Rabbi) and on his left Julia Levy (niece of Nathan Barnert).

Source: Barnert Temple Archives.

<sup>1</sup> Cipora O. Schwartz, *An American Jewish Odyssey: American Religious Freedom and the Nathan Barnert Memorial Temple*. Jersey City, NJ: KTAV Publishing House, Inc. 2007.

# The HISTORY CORNER

## What Was Happening at the Barnert Temple

### 100 Years Ago (April 1916)

The Annual Meeting of the congregation was held on April 9, 1916. The secretary's report indicated that the Temple had 98 member families, down from 101 the prior year. Total dues collected for the year were \$4,178.40, with individual family dues based on the class of pew they occupied.

### 70 Years Ago (Temple Bulletin, March 1946)

*Bar Mitzvahs* were announced for Herbert Bloom on March 23, Tommy Cole on April 13, and Benjamin Pillar on April 20. It was noted that Rabbi Raisin's sermons over the next several weeks will be based on Dr. Theodore Herzl's book "The Jewish State," in recognition of the book's 50th anniversary. As part of a national campaign, a fundraising drive was initiated to raise \$650,000 (total for Jews of Paterson) for the support of Holocaust survivors in Europe. Mr. Sam Schwartz was selected as chairman of the Barnert Temple effort.

### 50 Years Ago (Temple Bulletin, March 1966)

The Brotherhood announced three Sunday breakfasts with Rabbi Freedman on the subjects of "The Messianic Ideas in Judaism," "Speculations in Jewish Theology," and "The Future of Reform Jewish Practice." The Sisterhood presented a community program on March 21 on "The Changing Voices of Morality – Problems in Contemporary Sexual Ethics and Mores." The Keynote Address was presented by the Rev. Howard Moody of the Judson Memorial Church in Greenwich Village.

## The Barnert Temple Archive Collection

The Temple Archives include an extensive collection of documents, artifacts and other items that represent our historical journey. Examples of items in our collection include:

- Photographs of Temple events (shows, confirmation classes, ceremonies and buildings)
- Temple yearbooks and calendars from 1922, including the Diamond Jubilee (75th Anniversary) Edition
- Minutes of Board of Trustees' Meetings from 1918
- Minutes of Sisterhood Meetings from 1924
- Temple Bulletins from 1921
- Brochures, flyers and invitations to Temple events and fundraising campaigns
- Legal documents (mortgages, deeds)
- Architectural plans for Derrom Ave. (Paterson) and Franklin Lakes building construction
- Artwork and artifacts

### We Want your Input

The Archives committee would like to hear your feedback on this series of articles. Do you have questions about our history, or subjects you would like to see covered in future articles? Do you have items that might be an addition to the Temple's collection. If so, please contact Rich Edelman by email ([edelmanr@optonline.net](mailto:edelmanr@optonline.net)).

### Temple Archives Committee

Rich Edelman, Chair  
Cipora Schwartz  
Dorothy Starr



**Religious School 1911**

Source: Barnert Temple Archives.

# Mitzvah Mall 2016

## Cultivating a Culture of Social-Justice Education, Participation, and Charitable Giving



Welcome!

On January 31, the social hall was humming with the sound of intense conversation, children rushing from table to table, people working on activities, diners eating pancakes, and Barnert's Caring Community raising funds to help 10 grassroots organizations make a difference. Photographer Moshe Gordon from charity One Can Help summed up the spirit of the day: "It was a pleasure to meet everyone at this great event that you have made part of your synagogue's 'character.' It is very impressive."



Team Tzedek Co-Chairs Sue Klein (left), Ron Lynn and Eileen Roman are grateful for all who participated in the 16th annual event to raise funds and awareness for charities close to home, in Israel and around the world.



Event planners made sure charities had everything they needed.



The Survivor Mitzvah project helps Holocaust survivors in Eastern Europe.



Arun's Orphans supports orphans and abandoned children in Cambodia with the food, school uniforms, and transportation they need to get off the streets and receive an education with peers.



Women of the Wall celebrated a breakthrough for access to egalitarian prayer space at the Western Wall. There is still so much more work to be done...

## Mitzvah Mall 2016



*Sending messages of comfort to families in refugee neighborhoods in Tel Aviv.*



*Children wrote messages, prayers, and words of hope to post on the wall and send to Israel.*



*BarTY chaired Kaima, an Israeli group that re-engages dropout- and at-risk youth through a multi-faceted program of hands-on organic farming.*



*Choosing charities and directing donations—a perfect group activity!*



*The Finance team!*



*Local founders and supporters of Haitian Support include Valley Hospital physicians and other volunteers who accompany them on medical missions.*

## Mitzvah Mall 2016



*The Good People Fund's Naomi Eisenberger, center, provides financial support, guidance and mentoring to several of the Mitzvah Mall charities.*



*Family values!*



*One Can Help provides targeted grants to children and parents in the juvenile-court system so they can get the help they need to make positive changes.*



*Tzimaon volunteers educated Mitzvah Mall participants on issues faced by refugees in Tel Aviv who don't have enough money for food, clothes or other basic necessities.*

## March-April Anniversaries

Howard and Jill Brechner  
 Jay and Deborah Breslow  
 Chad and Dana Frank  
 Andy and Dawn Frankl  
 Daniel Frelander and Elyse Frishman  
 Todd and Karen Galinko  
 Neil and Karen Hart  
 Jim Judd and Ellen Benson Judd  
 Jeff and Julie Kagan  
 William and Catherine Krame  
 Marty and Rita Kron  
 Theodore and Janet Lobsenz  
 Bruce and Jayne Mazie  
 Bob and Roberta Meyers  
 David Miller and Rebecca Holland Miller  
 Robert and Limor Regular  
 Brian Reich and Arrate Isusi-Reich  
 Jordan and Julia Rosenfeld  
 Roland Samieske and Liz Levine  
 Howard and Ruth Schack  
 Daniel and Daryl Scher  
 Joseph and Ellen Silverman  
 Jonathan and Judi Strauss  
 Charlie Troyanovski and Susan Toron  
 Joe and Beth Valenti  
 Evan and Donna Wuhl

## Soldier Casualty Names

December 2015 – January 2016

### U.S. soldiers killed in Afghanistan

Maj. Adrianna M. Vorderbruggen  
 Staff Sgt. Michael A. Cinco  
 Staff Sgt. Peter W. Taub  
 Staff Sgt. Chester J. McBride  
 Technical Sgt. Joseph G. Lemm  
 Staff Sgt. Louis M. Bonacasa  
 Staff Sgt. Matthew Q. McClintock  
 Major John D. Gerrie

**Total U.S. casualties in Afghanistan to date: 2,382**

### U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq

Private Christopher J. Castaneda

**Total U.S. casualties in Iraq: 4,485**



## Team Tzedek Thanks All for Mitzvah Mall Raffle Donations

Thanks to the following people and businesses who donated the valuable raffle goods and services that raised \$2,093 for Mitzvah Mall 2016 charities:

Susan and Jeff Wild  
 Ron and Florette Lynn  
 Dr. Jack and Alice Berdy  
 Marian and Tom Filan  
 Franklin Lakes Pizza  
 Jon Roman  
 Toby Robinson  
 Julia and Liz Louizides  
 Market Basket  
 Preakness Hill Country Club  
 4 You Manicure  
 Blue Moon Wyckoff  
 TAO

Women of Barnert  
 Samantha Roman  
 Smooth Med  
 Steve and Barbara Kiel  
 Janet Greene Designs  
 Bari Hopkins  
 Ilene Kandler  
 Mark Meding  
 Nicholas Market  
 Cloud Aquatic  
 Godwin Nails and Spa  
 Novo  
 Cafe Katja

Dr. Mark and Dana Goldstein  
 Barnert Preschool Teaching Staff  
 Michelle and Robert Smigel  
 Luella Purse Rosenbaum  
 Jodie and Jon Fader  
 Sue Klein Essential Oils  
 Dr. David and Sandy Cohen  
 Costa Rodis, Felicia Halpert (Bergen IT)  
 Huruo Noro Salon  
 "Bio" Hair Salon  
 Goldberg's Famous Bagels  
 Regina Paparo, L'Arte della Pasticceria  
 8 North Broadway



## Networking

### Upcoming Meetings

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

Mark your calendar for these Networking Group dates:  
 Monday, March 28  
 Monday, April 25

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

Bob Levin





# THANK YOU



From everyone at CUMAC and the families we serve, thank you for participating in our Wish List Program this giving season! Your generosity, along with that of other groups and individuals, helped create a joyous holiday season for over 1,000 youth in our area who otherwise may have received nothing. These are children coping with severe chronic illness, struggling to settle into a shelter setting, or trying to thrive despite a poverty stricken home. The gifts we were able to deliver to those in need showed tremendous thoughtfulness and generosity from our donors. **Included are photos of some very touching thank you cards we received from gift recipients.** Your kindness truly changed lives this holiday season. Thank you for making wishes come true!



**CUMAC**  
Feeding People • Changing Lives

*Good Bless,  
High Ross*





## Vision and Mission Statement The Barnert Temple Congregation B'nai Jeshurun Franklin Lakes, NJ

Welcome to the Barnert Temple.  
This is our Vision and Mission.  
We present these ideals as a declaration of  
our purpose, to guide our priorities  
and decisions, and to measure  
the progress of our work together.

### Our Vision

We are a welcoming Reform Jewish community,  
connected by the realization that we are  
part of something larger than ourselves,  
continually striving to excel at opening doors  
for ethical and spiritual growth.

### Our Mission

The mission of the 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.

### Our Core Values

The people of the Barnert Temple are guided  
by these core values:

- Mutual respect for one another, *Derech Eretz*
- A partnership of members, leaders, staff and clergy, *Brit Shleimut*
- Love of the Jewish people and the State of Israel, *Klal Yisrael*
- Repair of our world, *Tikkun Olam*
- Questioning and seeking insight, *Rodef Chochmah*

**It's a Gift! It's Spending Money!**

**And, it's a Donation, Too!**

**Support Women of Barnert!**

These cards look like and are used exactly like the ones you get directly from the stores, at no extra cost to you! WoB makes its profit from the suppliers! So a \$25 gift card costs you... \$25. Gift cards make excellent gifts for everyone! Most gift cards can be used online!

All food banks and shelters happily accept donations of grocery-store gift cards.

Support Women of Barnert by purchasing gift cards in the following denominations:

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Amazon.com .....  | \$25         |
| AMC Movies .....  | \$25         |
| Barnes & Noble .....                                      | \$25         |
| Bed Bath & Beyond .....                                   | \$25         |
| Bloomingdale's .....                                      | \$25         |
| Bonefish/Outback/Carrabba's .....                         | \$25         |
| BP Gas Cards .....  | \$50         |
| Chili's/Macaroni Grill/<br>On The Border/Maggiano's ..... | \$25         |
| Crate & Barrel .....                                      | \$25         |
| CVS .....   | \$25         |
| Dunkin' Donuts/Baskin-Robbins .....                       | \$10         |
| Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy .....                        | \$25         |
| Gulf Gas Cards .....                                      | \$25         |
| iTunes .....  | \$25         |
| Lowe's .....  | \$25         |
| Macy's .....  | \$25         |
| Panera Bread .....  | \$10         |
| Shell Gas Cards .....                                     | \$25         |
| ShopRite .....  | \$25 & \$100 |
| Sports Authority .....                                    | \$25         |
| Staples .....   | \$25         |
| Starbucks .....   | \$25         |
| Stop & Shop .....   | \$25 & \$100 |
| Subway .....  | \$10         |
| Target .....  | \$25         |
| Toys R Us/Babies R Us .....                               | \$25         |
| Ulta Beauty .....   | \$25         |
| Walmart .....   | \$25         |
| Wendy's .....   | \$10         |
| Whole Foods .....   | \$25         |
| Zappos .....  | \$25         |

Checks made out to Barnert Temple Sisterhood or we accept cash. To order, contact Amy Lynn at (201) 891-3993 or [amymlynn@optonline.net](mailto:amymlynn@optonline.net).

# December 2015–January 2016 Donations

## Associate Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Joan Cowlan  
**In Memory of**  
 Samuel Temkin  
 (for Jay Adleman concert)

Ronnie and Bob Powers  
 and family  
 Florence Powers

**In Honor of**  
 Barnert Temple Men's Club  
 Rabbi Steiner leading  
 Men's Club in *Torah* Study  
 in December

## Barnert Garden Fund

Barnert Temple Men's Club

**In Memory of**  
 Ruth Greenberg  
 Hausman Family  
 Beth and Joseph Valenti  
 Phyllis Salzberg  
 Shirley Hausman  
 Joseph Valenti

## Barnert Temple Community Support Fund

**In Memory of**  
 Arlene and Howard Lemelson  
 Matilda Lemelson  
 Ida Lemelson

## Barnert Temple Endowment Fund

**In Memory of**  
 Janet and Ted Lobsenz  
 Meyer Lobsenz  
 Ruth Slater  
 Rosa Cameron  
 Eileen and Wally Manheimer  
 Rose Steinberg  
 Wallace P. Manheimer

## Barnert Temple Men's Club

**In Memory of**  
 Hausman Family  
 Shirley Hausman

## David Nalven Memorial Youth Education Fund

Joel Bauer  
 Jeff Dugal  
 Arthur Nalven

## Director of Lifelong Learning Discretionary Fund

**In Memory of**  
 Evelyn Bauer  
 Ruth Sorkin Summers  
 Susan Toron and  
 Charles Troyanovski  
 Samuel Ellman  
 Louis Sorkin  
 Sylvia Troyanovski

## Elsie and Howard Kahan Memorial Holocaust Fund

**In Memory of**  
 Darlene and Alan Mintz  
 Milton Mintz

## Helen Lee Mitzvah Fund

**In Memory of**  
 Fran and Bob Kaufmann  
 Bert Weil

**In Honor of**  
 Miki Gurman  
 Her family

## Jacob Cohn Library Fund

**In Memory of**  
 Joyce Unger  
 Helen L. Mayer

## Jed Haubenstein BarTY Fund

Joel Bauer  
 Jeff Dugal  
 Naomi Prell

**In Memory of**  
 Barbara Haubenstein  
 Family of Edward Schotz  
 Phyllis Salzberg  
 Edward Schotz

## Kathie F. Williams' TAG Scholarship Challenge

**In Memory of**  
 Janet and Joel Bauer  
 Warren and Bernice Bauer

## Lifelong Learning Fund

Lionel Geltman

**In Memory of**  
 Joan Cowlan  
 Lori and Michael Nash  
 Gail White  
 Sylvia Cohen  
 Ellen Nash  
 Phyllis Salzberg

## Miscellaneous Donations

Janet and Ted Lobsenz

## Oneg Shabbat Fund

**In Memory of**  
 Debra and Peter Till  
 Alice Till

**In Honor of**  
 First family  
 Muhlstock family  
 Shulman family  
 Vicinanza family  
 Wickwire family  
 Julia's Bat Mitzvah  
 Alexis' Bat Mitzvah  
 Holly's Bat Mitzvah  
 Alex and Emma's B'nai Mitzvah  
 Abby's Bat Mitzvah  
 (Continued on next page)

# December 2015–January 2016 Donations (From previous page)

## Prayer Book Fund

Howard/Benjamin family  
Lenni and Robert Puritz

### In Memory of

Leon Howard  
Joseph G. Dorfman  
Gilbert Dorfman

## Pulpit Flower Fund

Kathy Hecht and Len Diamond  
Dawn and Andy Frankl  
Reggie and Peter Gross  
Barbara Haubenstock  
Nalven/Krasnow families  
Ronnie and Bob Posers  
and family  
Elizabeth and Larry Resnick  
Beth and Charles Shulman  
Debra and Peter Till  
Sandy and Eric Weil  
Gail White

### In Memory of

Harold Hecht  
Marilyn Elting  
Meyer P. Gross  
Lillian Haubenstock  
Frieda Nalven

Arthur and Florence Klein

Ralph Levitt  
Stephen Wener  
Alice Till  
Milly Gichner  
Bertram I. Cohen

### In Honor of

Julia's *Bat Mitzvah*  
Alexis' *Bat Mitzvah*  
Holly's *Bat Mitzvah*  
Alex and Emma's *B'nai Mitzvah*  
Abby's *Bat Mitzvah*

Bob Yeshion's 80th birthday

## Rabbi Martin Freedman URJ Camp Scholarship Fund

Lucia and Joshua Farber

Shirley Shacknai Freedman

### In Memory of

Sondra Ross  
Rabbi Solomon Freedman

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Fran and Bob Kaufmann

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Beverly and Michael Blum

Carole and Peter Brodie  
Jill Edelson  
Karen and Todd Galinko  
Irving Guller  
Joan R. Hartman  
Anne and Andy Kanter

### In Memory of

Mildred Berman  
Perry Bolkin  
Jeanette Goldstein  
Annabel Brodie  
Kenneth and Burton Edelson  
Rosa Cameron  
Adele Guller  
Alan Hartman  
Helen Kress

Meyer family  
Barbara Miller  
Barbara Sacks  
Bonnie and Richard Weiner

Edward Friedman  
William Altshuler  
Theresa Kaplan  
Lori R. Weiner

Cameron family

Family of Rabbi Max Raisin  
Judi and Rich Pollack  
Amy and John Stickley

### In Honor of

Thank you, Rabbi Frishman  
and Rabbi Freeland  
Rabbi Elyse Frishman  
Jenna's wedding  
Jenna's *Bat Mitzvah*

## Social Action Fund

Ree and Dick Adler

### In Memory of

Joseph Dorfman  
Gilbert Dorfman

## Women of Barnert

Barbara Sacks  
Gail White

### In Memory of

Louis Kaplan  
Michelle "Shelly" Kalter

### In Honor of

Ilene and Steven Kandler  
Jacques Ohayon

## Tree of Life

Bonnie Wener Swartz  
Stasha and Gregg Vicinanza

### In Honor of

Holly Shulman's *Bat Mitzvah*  
Emma and Alex's *B'nai Mitzvah*

## Yahrzeit Fund

Susan Adleman  
Margie and Mike Buckweitz  
Judith and Gary Farber

Gayle and Mel Gerstein  
Ruth Greenberg  
Marlene and Stephen Katzman  
Lois Kramer  
Rebecca and  
Andrew McKinnon  
Allan and Barbara Peller  
Lynn and Rick Rosenfelt  
Dorothy and Harvey Starr  
Eleanor Doblin Unger

### In Memory of

Jason Adleman  
Joseph Buckweitz  
Paula Schleimer  
Irving Klein  
Alan C. Goldberg  
May D. Gerstein  
Lena Gabin  
Harold Katzman  
Gladys Kramer

Martin Kreston  
Nathan Peller  
Doris Rosenfelt  
Jacob Starr  
Minnie and Nathan Doblin

# March 2016

## 21 Adar I 5766 - 21 Adar II 5766

| <i>Sun</i>  | <i>Mon</i>  | <i>Tue</i>   | <i>Wed</i>   | <i>Thu</i>   | <i>Fri</i>   | <i>Sat</i>  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| * Rabbi Frishman's Class<br>• Rabbi Steiner's Class<br>§ Rabbi Soffin's Class<br>^ Sara Losch's Class                       | Torah: Purple<br>Avodah: Blue<br>Gemilut Chasadim: Green  | 1<br>Religious School<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br>9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br>Confirmation        | 2<br>Religious School<br>Intro to Judaism Snow Date<br>Purim Rehearsal           | 3<br>Religious School<br>7:30 pm Talmud Study§   | 4<br>• 5:33 pm<br>Alternative 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>Siddur Presentation<br>7 pm Shabbat Service and<br>Potluck Supper | 5 Vayakhel<br>Exod. 35:1-38:20<br>Celebrate Shabbat with us!<br>9:30 am Torah Study§  |
| 6<br>Religious School/Junior Choir<br>9 am Kabbalah<br>5:30 pm Community-wide<br>Interfaith Gathering and<br>Potluck Supper | 7<br>Post Confirmation<br>8 pm Executive Committee  | 8<br>Religious School<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br>9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br>Confirmation        | 9<br>Religious School<br>Intro to Judaism Snow Date<br>Purim Rehearsal           | 10<br>Religious School   | 11<br>• 5:40 pm<br>8 pm Shabbat Service  | 12 Pekude<br>Exod. 38:21-40:38<br>Celebrate Shabbat with us!<br>9:30 am Rosh Chodesh<br>10 am Holly Shulman B/M<br>7 pm<br>Men's Club Tasting Event |
| 13<br>Religious School/Junior Choir<br>9 am Town Hall Meeting<br>11:30 am BARTY Board<br>Family Promise                     | 14<br>Religious School<br>No 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br>No 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br>Confirmation                  | 15<br>Religious School<br>No 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br>No 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br>Confirmation | 16<br>Religious School<br>Intro to Judaism Snow Date<br>Purim Rehearsal          | 17<br>Religious School<br>7:30 pm Talmud Study§  | 18<br>• 6:48 pm<br>5 pm Tot Shabbat and<br>Pizza Dinner<br>8 pm Shabbat Service  | 19 Vayikra<br>Lev. 1:1-5:26<br>Celebrate Shabbat with us!<br>9:30 am Torah Study<br>10 am Alexis Mubstock B/M                                       |
| 20<br>10 am Preschool<br>Early Childhood<br>Purim Fun Day<br>Religious School/Junior Choir<br>11:30 am Programming          | 21<br>Religious School<br>No 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br>No 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br>Confirmation<br>Men's Shelter | 22<br>Religious School<br>No 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br>No 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br>Confirmation | 23<br>Religious School<br>7 pm Purim Spiel and<br>Megillah Reading<br>EREV PURIM | 24 PURIM<br>Preschool<br>Purim Costume Parade and<br>Story Telling<br>Religious School | 25<br>• 6:55 pm<br>8 pm Shabbat Service  | 26 Tzav<br>Lev. 6:1-8:36<br>Celebrate Shabbat with us!<br>9:30 am Shabbat Yoga<br>6 pm Havdalah - A dult Purim                                      |
| 27<br>Religious School/Junior Choir<br>7 pm Israeli Film Series:  | 28<br>Religious School<br>6:30 pm Networking:<br>John Corcoran  | 29<br>Religious School<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br>9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br>Confirmation       | 30<br>Religious School<br>6:30 pm<br>Women Of Bar mit Seder                      | 31<br>Religious School<br>7:30 pm Talmud Study§  | 8 pm Shabbat Service   |   |

# April 2016

## 22 Adar II 5766 - 22 Nisan 5766

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
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| <p>* Rabbi Frishman's Class<br/>           * Rabbi Steiner's Class<br/>           § Rabbi Soffin's Class<br/>           ^ Sara Losch's Class</p>   | <p>Torah: Purple<br/>           Avodah: Blue<br/>           Gemilut Chasadim: Green</p> |  |  |  | <p><b>1</b><br/>           Heller-Wexler<br/>           Mother-Daughter Weekend<br/>           through April 3<br/>           7 pm Shabbat Service and<br/>           Potluck Supper</p> | <p><b>2</b> Shemini<br/>           Lev 9:1-11:47<br/>           Celebrate Shabbat with us!<br/>           9:30 am Torah Study §<br/>           10 am Abby Wickwire B/M</p>   |
| <p><b>3</b><br/>           No Religious School/<br/>           No Junior Choir<br/>           9 am Board of Trustees</p>   | <p><b>4</b><br/>           No Preschool<br/>           8 pm Executive Committee</p>     | <p><b>5</b><br/>           No Preschool<br/>           No Religious School<br/>           No 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br/>           No 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br/>           ?Confirmation?</p>   | <p><b>6</b><br/>           No Preschool<br/>           No Religious School<br/>           7:30 pm Adult Education<br/>           Holocaust Class</p>   | <p><b>7</b><br/>           No Preschool<br/>           No Religious School</p>                     | <p><b>8</b><br/>           No Preschool<br/>           8 pm Shabbat Service</p>  | <p><b>9</b> Tazria<br/>           Lev. 12:1-13:59<br/>           Celebrate Shabbat with us!<br/>           9:30 am Rosh Chodesh<br/>           10 am<br/>           Alex Vicinanza B/M<br/>           Emma Vicinanza B/M</p> |
| <p><b>10</b><br/>           Religious School/Junior Choir<br/>           9 am Kabbalah<br/>           Family Promise</p>   | <p><b>11</b><br/>           Post Confirmation</p>                                       | <p><b>12</b><br/>           Religious School<br/>           No 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br/>           No 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br/>           Confirmation<br/>           7:30 pm Ritual</p>   | <p><b>13</b><br/>           10:50 am Vladimir Lapin<br/>           Senior Recital (off-site)<br/>           Religious School<br/>           7:30 pm Adult Education<br/>           Holocaust Class</p> | <p><b>14</b><br/>           Religious School<br/>           7:30 pm Talmud Study §</p>             | <p><b>15</b><br/>           5 pm Tot Shabbat and<br/>           Pizza Dinner<br/>           8 pm Shabbat Service</p>   | <p><b>16</b> Metzora<br/>           Lev. 14:1-15:33.<br/>           Celebrate Shabbat with us!<br/>           9:30 am Torah Study ♦<br/>           10 am Julia First B/M</p>   |
| <p><b>17</b><br/>           Religious School/Junior Choir<br/>           Model Seder<br/>           8:30 am Blood Drive<br/>           11:30 am Men's Club Breakfast<br/>           Hamilton Project</p> | <p><b>18</b></p>  | <p><b>19</b><br/>           Religious School<br/>           8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br/>           9<sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br/>           Confirmation</p>   | <p><b>20</b><br/>           Kindergarten<br/>           Passover Presentation<br/>           Religious School<br/>           7:30 pm Adult Education<br/>           Holocaust Class</p>                | <p><b>21</b><br/>           Religious School</p>   | <p><b>22</b><br/>           No Preschool<br/>           1 pm Office Closes<br/>           Passover Begins<br/>           1<sup>st</sup> Seder</p>  | <p><b>23</b> PASSOVER<br/>           2<sup>nd</sup> Seder</p>  |
| <p><b>4</b> PASSOVER<br/>           No Religious School/<br/>           No Junior Choir</p>  | <p><b>25</b> PASSOVER<br/>           6:30 pm Networking</p>                             | <p><b>26</b> PASSOVER<br/>           Religious School<br/>           8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br/>           9<sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan<br/>           Confirmation<br/>           Men's Shelter<br/>           7 pm Men's Club<br/>           Passover Dinner</p> | <p><b>27</b> PASSOVER<br/>           Religious School<br/>           7:30 pm Adult Education<br/>           Holocaust Class</p>  | <p><b>28</b> PASSOVER<br/>           No Religious School<br/>           7:30 pm Talmud Study §</p> | <p><b>29</b><br/>           PASSOVER<br/>           No Preschool<br/>           Office Closed<br/>           8 pm Shabbat Service and<br/>           Yizkor</p>                          | <p><b>30</b><br/>           Celebrate Shabbat with us!<br/>           9:30 am Shabbat Yoga<br/>           5 pm BarTY Shul-In<br/>           until April 1 at 8 am</p>  |

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## Mark Your Calendars

Friday, March 4  
**Shabbat Service and  
Potluck Supper** 7 pm

Saturday, March 12  
**Men's Club Tasting Event** 7 pm

Friday, March 18  
**Tot Shabbat and  
Pizza Dinner** 5 pm

Sunday, March 20  
**Preschool Early Childhood  
Purim Fun Day** 10 am

Wednesday, March 23  
**EREV PURIM  
Purim Shpiel and  
Megillah Reading** 7 pm

Thursday, March 24  
**PURIM  
Preschool Purim Costume Parade  
and Story-Telling**

Saturday, March 26  
**Havdalah – Adult Purim**

Sunday, March 27  
**Israeli Film Series** 7 pm

Wednesday, March 30  
**Women of Barnert Seder** 6:30 pm

Friday, April 1  
**Heller-Wexler Mother-Daughter  
Weekend through April 3  
Shabbat Service and  
Potluck Supper** 7 pm

Friday, April 15  
**Tot Shabbat and  
Pizza Dinner** 5 pm

Sunday, April 17  
**Blood Drive** 8:30 am

Friday, April 22  
**Passover Begins  
1st Seder  
No Preschool  
Temple Office Closes  
No Evening Service** 1 pm

Sunday, April 24  
**Israeli Film Series** 7 pm

Tuesday, April 26  
**Men's Club Passover  
Dinner** 7 pm

Friday, April 29  
**7th Day Passover  
No Preschool  
Office Closed  
Shabbat Service  
and Yizkor** 8 pm