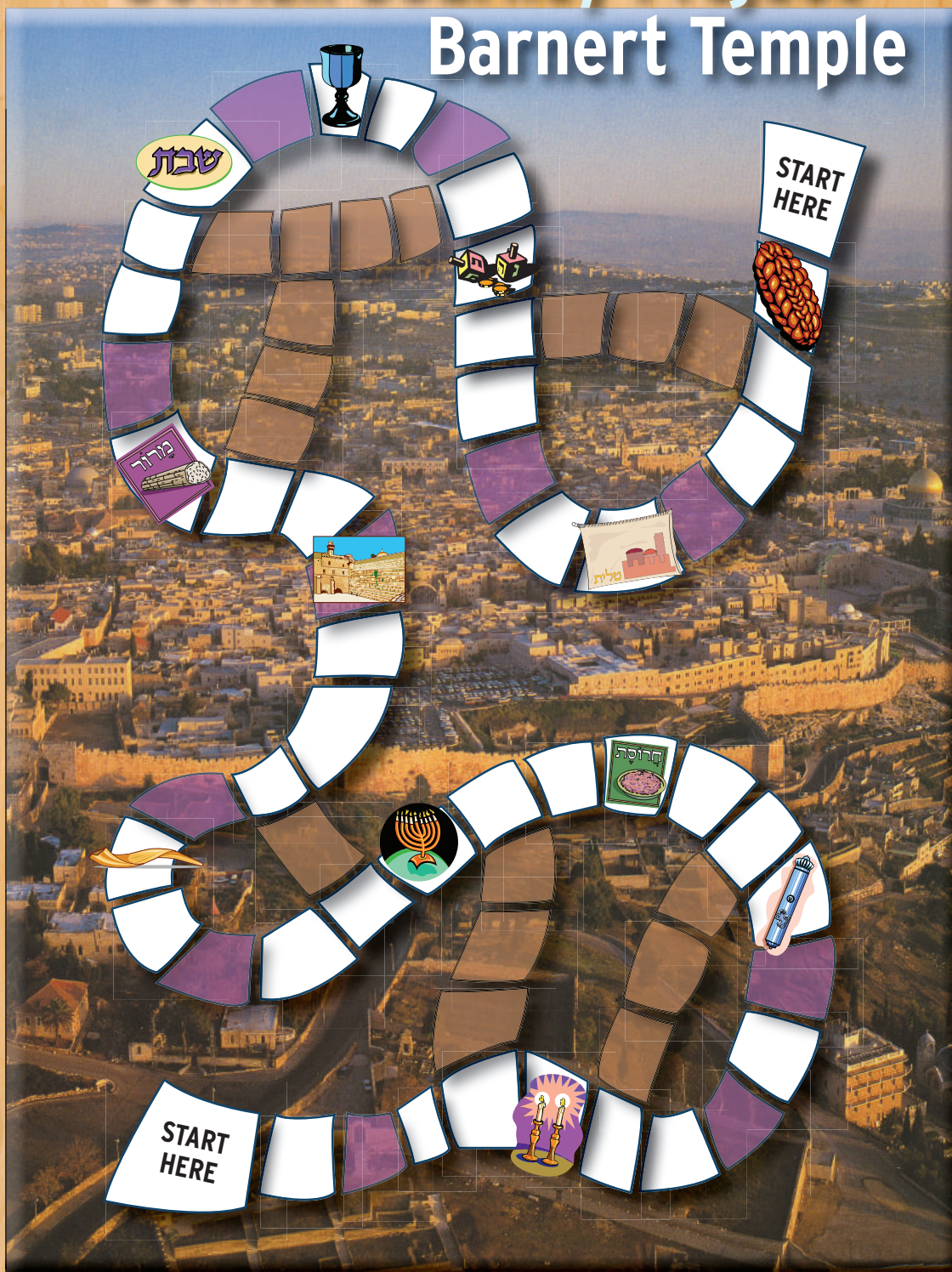


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Our Mission: The mission of Barnert Temple is to be a sacred community, a *k'hillah k'doshah*, committed to offering Reform Jewish experiences that are relevant, accessible and meaningful, wherein people of all ages and backgrounds are appreciated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

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A Message from Rabbi Elyse Frishman

Learning To Drive



Dear Friends,

I was 16, and my friend Susie had just gotten her driver's license. And she had her own car! I was in awe. As we were leaving her cousin's home, I asked if I could steer along the long driveway. Susie was apprehensive, but I convinced her. She pressed her foot to the gas, and I leaned over from the passenger side and guided the car carefully up the hill to the street. I felt so "grown-up."

When I got my license, my mother loved the new me: "Mom, do you need any errands run? Anything at the supermarket? Fill up at the gas station?" I gained exponentially greater independence — and responsibility. It was wonderful.

The most transformative young adult experience is learning to drive. It changes one's status radically. It embodies adulthood — freedom and responsibility.

How Jewish!

We've just celebrated Passover, marking our journey from slavery to freedom. Historically, we were learning to drive our own lives. From Egypt, we marched through the wilderness. We arrived at Mount Sinai and received the *Torah*. It was our *B'nei Mitzvah*! We came into our own; we became The Jewish People.

We believe deeply that living Jewishly matters. It's about accepting personal limitation alongside freedom, and sharing the privilege of ethical living and community. We believe that each of us impacts the entire Jewish people and the world.

Today, becoming a *Bat/Bar Mitzvah* gives a young person "license" to live Jewishly. Jews must navigate several Jewish pathways — learning, observance, compassion and social justice, peoplehood, and Israel. *Torah* is our map. It declares what's worthy and what's not. It offers a variety of destinations. It teaches us how to get there.

But how do we choose a destination? And how do we even set time aside for the journey?! We're competing with sports and school and work and that most precious of commodities, family time.

At Barnert, we're always seeking better ways to educate our young people and inspire strong Jewish lives. How can we make the Jewish journey easier and more engaging? Meaningful and rich? Deeply rewarding?

Before the invention of the GPS, I had a *Hagstrom* map for Bergen, Passaic, and Rockland Counties. I learned the key symbols and explored the map to determine my routes. Enter GPS: I put aside the *Hagstrom*, input my data and the computer instantly generated the best route.

Imagine a new Barnert Jewish school:

- You input date, choosing content and direction from a variety of exciting courses
- You choose when to travel, with courses offered on different days
- You receive guidance from the Barnert GPS — our rabbis and educator
- You shape a path that suits your family while deepening your Jewish lives

Welcome to the Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple.

In this magazine, you'll learn about the amazing new educational initiative for our children. The content is full and relevant. The schedule is flexible. The courses are limited in size. The faculty includes our rabbis, educator, and star teachers. Each family will have an advisor — your own personal GPS system.

We think this will transform the experience of Jewish learning for our youth and for our families. So, read on! There's a lot to be excited about!

With much appreciation for all that we do together to strengthen the Jewish people.

Yours,

Rabbi Elyse Frishman

Polarization or Shalom?

with Rabbi Frishman

A 3-session seminar based on Jonathan Haidt's book, *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion*

"I hate you, you hate me; can't we be a happy family?"

In this political year, let's discuss how to get along with people we disagree with strongly. Haidt's important work applies biology and psychology towards understanding the development of morality, and the shaping of groups and communities.

3 sessions, with reading preparation. (Acquire Haidt's book.)

May 18 The Play Between Intuition and Strategic Reasoning. (Read Part I.)

June 8 The Origins and Shaping of Morality. (Read Part II.)

June 22 Morality Binds and Blinds. (Read Part III.)

A Message From Rabbi Rachel Steiner

Our Jewish Journey



Turn the Torah and turn it, for everything is in it. Look into it, grow old and worn over it, and never move away from it.
Pirkei Avot 5:22

We are each on a Jewish journey throughout our life. As children, we begin to learn about Judaism at just the same time that we are learning about how to make sense of and navigate our worlds. As we grow, Judaism offers us the support and the tools to ask big questions and discover answers that guide us within a nurturing multi-generational community. As children, we begin to understand that the *Torah* is sacred and that generations of Jews have sought to bring to life its relevance for us.

Teenage years are filled with asking new questions – turning everything over and over as we begin to see the world differently and chart our own unique journey. It is during this time that the connection to, and support of the Jewish community, is critical, grounding teens in reliable relationships with peers and adults and delving deeper to discover that the *Torah's* gifts are there for them to discern.

At Barnert we love our teens!

Knowing well that our students are both busy and looking for engagement that is meaningful and enriching, we offer different Jewish journeys for teens at Barnert:

- **BarTY** (our High School Youth Group) as a participant or member of the board
- **Madrichim** (becoming a student teacher in our Religious School)
- **NFTY-GER** and **NFTY** (participating in the regional and national gatherings of Reform Jewish teens through the North American Federation of Temple Youth, NFTY)
- **Ma'ayan** (8th and 9th grade Religious School), **Confirmation** and **Post-Confirmation** with Rabbi Frishman, Rabbi Steiner and Sara Losch
- **Volunteering** here at Barnert and in the larger community

Some of our teens choose one of these journeys; many more participate in most or all of them. And it really matters.

Through each of these experiences, our teens have opportunities to use the lens of Judaism to navigate the choices before them.

- How do I balance behaving in a way that protects my body and soul but allows me to experience the growth and fun of being a young person?
- What choices can I make about what and how I eat as a Jew?

- How do I enter into and then honor the important relationships in my life with family and friends?
- How do I manage the compounding stress I feel to succeed and know who I am now and want to become before I even finish high school?
- How will I live as a Jew?

These are real questions that real teenagers are asking. Judaism offers real guidance for support. And coming together to learn and have fun nurtures friendships that support our young people long past the years they are together here at Barnert.

Participation in these experiences also offers our young people the ability to develop other skills they will call upon over and over. BarTY, for example, is youth-lead, with the support of their advisor, me. Our teens plan the events for the year, learn to write programs, develop the comfort needed to reach out to other teens at Barnert to build community. They are stretched outside of their comfort zones as they build something that they know to be sacred in its ability to change the lives of those who participate.

This is why this year's BarTY board has decided to host a community-wide auction on May 21. "A Night of Music with BarTY!" is an auction to fundraise for youth scholarships at Barnert, which allow so many of our young people to attend BarTY and NFTY events and URJ camps, to participate in *Mitzvah Corps* programs during the summer and even to spend a semester of high school in Israel.

Our teens have benefited from the support of their Barnert community. Their lives have been changed. They want to make it possible for others to have these same experiences.

Pirkei Avot teaches us: *Turn the Torah and turn it, for everything is in it. Look into it, grow old and worn over it, and never move away from it.* Teenage years are a continuation of this turning, the first that comes as young people move into adulthood. Starting with this foundation goes a long way to ensuring that these Jewishly rooted teens will grow older with the *Torah*, becoming Jewishly rooted adults, continuing to ask the big questions and to search for answers in their Jewish tradition and community.

And we are blessed to be on this journey with them.

Rabbi Rachel Steiner



A Message From Sara Losch

Where the Jewish Journey Takes You



Think about who you were as a six-year-old. What did you believe? What were your passions? Now, look at your 13-year-old self. Did you have a *Bat* or *Bar Mitzvah*? Were you Jewish? What was your favorite activity then? I would bet that your world then was stunningly different from your children's today.

The past few years have brought bigger societal changes than ever before. Families are struggling to prioritize their children's various activities while finding time to be together. Add to that the abundant knowledge we've gained about multiple intelligence and the need to teach through different modalities.

We studied and we asked: what does our community need to do?

We learned: we need to offer a Jewish educational program that allows for different scheduling needs; teaches to children's strengths and interests; and grows literate, active Jewish learners with the highest-level teachers and Jewish content.

NO SWEAT!

After almost two years of planning and work with the New York City Jewish Journey Project, we are thrilled to be rolling out our brand-new design for Jewish education: **Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple (JJPBT)** for students in grades three – six.

In the following pages, you will read an introduction

to the Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple, as well as an FAQ, which will give you a more detailed description of how Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple works. This is an all-hands-on program with Rabbi Frishman and Rabbi Steiner involved in planning and family advising. Equally exciting: both will be on the teaching faculty!

Here's a sample of course titles in the first semester, fall/winter 2016:

- On What Days Were the Dinosaurs Created: Judaism and Science
- There's More to Jewish Cooking Than Challah and Soup
- Shalom Kids Yoga
- Bringing Our Holiday Stories to Life, Jewish Theater

Each family who will have a child in third – sixth grade in September will sign up for a family advisory session with one of the rabbis or with me. These sessions will take about 45 minutes. You'll soon receive an email asking you to sign up for a time/date that works for you and for us. Registration will begin August 1 and will be online, on a beautiful JJPBT website (which will go live on June 1).

Please attend the formal launch on Sunday, May 1 from 9 – 11, when we will explain in more detail and can answer your questions. It's a lot to take in, we know. Until May 1, I encourage you to look at the FAQs and introduction pages that follow.

Friends, we can't wait to share more with you about Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple. We are excited to guide you and your family as you begin/continue your meaningful, rich Jewish journey!

Sara Losch, Director of Lifelong Learning

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, May 23

Monday, June 27

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

Bob Levin



Bruchim HaBaim: Welcome.

We Are Thrilled to Introduce You to the Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple!

Our Barnert community has always been at the forefront of Jewish innovation. In the past few years, we have seen the needs of our families shift significantly. In response to these changes, we identified a unique opportunity to bring the cutting-edge, New York City-based Jewish Journey Project, to Barnert. Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple (JJPBT) is a revolutionary response to these shifting needs, making quality, engaging Jewish education at Barnert more accessible.

JJPBT provides participants—from 3rd to 6th grades—with rich, engaging educational opportunities both inside and outside of Barnert’s walls, including the vast Jewish resources around New York City and beyond.

What makes JJPBT so innovative and unique is that there are multiple ways to create your family’s Jewish journey. Each JJPBT participant plans and builds a personalized journey, choosing courses and workshops that match his/her passions and curiosities as well as preferred learning style. The JJPBT model is based on flexibility, creativity, and experiential learning. Participants work collaboratively with inspiring educators from diverse professional backgrounds.

JJPBT is a two-semester-per-year program: (fall/winter and spring)
Hebrew instruction will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. (This is a continuation of our

Mitkadem program.) JJPBT courses will be offered on multiple days and times during the week, including Sundays and before and after Hebrew instruction.

JJPBT families work closely with a JJPBT advisor who helps them craft the ideal combination of courses each semester. Our course catalog includes details about our amazing offerings—from creating *Torah* animation to learning about social justice (and taking action!), from Jewish holiday cooking to the study of *Torah* or *Talmud* with our rabbis—and provides helpful information about registration.

At JJPBT, we broaden Jewish learning and deepen Jewish living by providing experiences that involve the individual, the family, the synagogue, and the larger Jewish community. We’re excited that participants will meet, study, and grow with a wide range of fellow learners.

We could not be more excited to begin this new journey together. Please share JJPBT with any friends who may be interested in learning more about it, and about joining our Barnert community. As always, we are here to answer any questions.

Kadima! Let’s go!
Sara Losch, Director of Lifelong Learning
Rabbi Rachel Steiner
Jennifer Katz-Goldstein, Administrator

Frequently Asked Questions

General Information

How does Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple (JJPBT) differ from the current educational model?

This unique educational design offers every family tools to plan their innovative, engaging Jewish journey. No two families will have an identical journey. With individualized support from our rabbis and director of education, each family can tailor their journey, as they choose from exciting, engaging courses which meet their goals and scheduling needs.

What is my role as a parent?

Parents and their children attend two family advisory

sessions a year (one each semester) with an advisor who guides you through a personal discussion to design your child’s journey. Parents are responsible for ensuring that students arrive on time, are picked up promptly, and have necessary materials with them, e.g., *tzedakah* money and money to buy snacks at canteen, and their Hebrew books. Parents attend three Sunday Learning Elevates Values (LEV) classes with their children each year. These family learning sessions are designed to “get to the heart” (*lev*) of our traditions, building a foundation of Jewish educational content.

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Frequently Asked Questions (From previous page)

How will JJPBT support our growth as an interfaith family?

Every family is on a Jewish journey. Through study and experiences in JJPBT and participation in *Shabbat* and holiday rituals, every family member, Jewish or not, finds something she/he is interested in learning and doing. The entire Barnert Community is committed to making everyone feel welcome and is encouraged to explore Judaism on their own personal journey.

What are "Pathways"?

Each person's Jewish Journey is lifelong. Pathways illustrate an educational approach which allows for individual choice WITH GUIDANCE. Our goal is to help families map out a Jewish journey that is personally engaging and meaningful in content, and which includes a balance of topics from five pathways. Our tradition teaches: the world is supported by three things: *Torah* (study), *Avodah* (spirituality and ritual), and *Gemilut Chasadim* (acts of human kindness). To these, we added two other pathways: Hebrew and Jewish Peoplehood, which we believe are vital for a well-rounded Jewish education.

My child has special needs. Is JJPBT appropriate for my child?

Yes! We are committed to supporting every child's individual journey. During the advisory meetings, parents should be specific about a student's individual needs so we can plan together for success. If you believe your child will need additional support, we will work with you along your journey.

How does participating in JJPBT affect my child's preparation for Bat/Bar Mitzvah?

Every course, LEV class and *t'filah* (prayer) session is part of the journey that leads to becoming Bat/Bar Mitzvah. Starting in 3rd and continuing through 6th grade, students will be registered for a Hebrew course; 4th–6th graders will use the *Mitkadem* Hebrew Learning Program currently in use. One year prior to their Bat/Bar Mitzvah, in addition to Hebrew, *B'nai Mitzvah* students begin one-on-one training for *Torah* and *Haftarah*, participate in prayer (*t'filah*), group Blessings Class, and spend time with our rabbis, who help each student with her/his preparation. Families are highly encouraged to, and very welcome at, *Shabbat* and holiday worship, which also supports *B'nai Mitzvah* preparation.

What happens after sixth grade? Can my child still participate in JJPBT once they entered seventh grade?

7th–12th graders meet as a class on Tuesdays, from 6–8 pm, with dinner as a wonderful social time. The 7th-grade curriculum includes Holocaust Studies and Jewish Ethics. Older students meet with our rabbis and educational director as they continue their Jewish journey through high school and beyond. The Confirmation and Post-Confirmation classes are very special aspects of this journey.

Courses

Will the courses change every semester?

Yes, some will. And popular ones will be offered more than once! Because JJPBT is innovative and flexible, courses change every semester to offer participants the greatest range of options, experiences, and exposure to our five pathways. We will make every attempt to offer courses again that fill quickly or are very popular.

It sounds so different. What will students be asked to do?

JJPBT is an educational and experiential program, not a traditional religious school. We will ask students to prepare for sessions and to participate fully. Courses might involve writing reflections about Jewish experiences, recording an interview, practicing skills at home, having *Shabbat* dinner and reflecting on the experience. Active engagement will result in a student acquiring TAG points toward scholarships in support of Jewish activities. The awarding of TAG points also helps you to assess your child's progress on her/his Jewish Journey.

How do children acquire Hebrew skills in JJPBT?

There is no doubt that we all learn best by doing. While children begin formal Hebrew learning in third grade, learning to read the Hebrew *alef bet*, they also learn to read and chant important prayers. As training continues in 4th through 6th grade through a unique Hebrew instructional program called *Mitkadem*, students check in weekly with their teachers who evaluate prayer abilities with a goal towards Hebrew reading fluency and accuracy. Students finish each Hebrew session with a school-wide *t'filah* (prayer) session led by our rabbis.

Participation at weekly *Shabbat* worship provides students (and parents) with a wonderful feeling of comfort and familiarity. Every student will be registered for Hebrew studies on either Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons. As in the past, we remain flexible for families who may need to switch, due to scheduling conflicts, from one day to the other during the year.

I have an idea for a course. I know someone who would be great at teaching a course. Who should I contact?

One of the greatest resources available to JJPBT is you! Tell us all about your ideas, please! If you have an idea for a course or know someone who does, please contact Sara Losch at welvkds@barnerttemple.org.

Policies and Procedures

What is the JJPBT attendance policy?

Active participation is essential to student progress. Children must be present to learn, interact, contribute, and grow. JJPBT participants are expected to be in attendance at 80% of the course in order to receive credit.

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Frequently Asked Questions (From previous page)

If your child will be absent for a session, please contact the faculty member for that course. If your child misses several sessions, faculty members will contact you with the expectation that some part of the experience will be made up at home. Families are also expected to attend three Sunday morning LEV classes per year. Each focuses on one of three pathways: *Torah*, *Avodah*, and *Gemilut Chasadim*. Each will be designed to accommodate learners of all levels and will be highly engaging and interactive.

How does JJPBT handle drop-off, pick-up, and supervision?

JJPBT courses start and end on time at Barnert Temple or alternate sites which are indicated in our Course Guide. Parents are responsible for coordinating the drop-off and timely pick-up of their children from course locations. Teachers will supervise students during class and at dismissal.

Registration and Costs

My child wants to take a course this fall, but it doesn't fit our schedule. Can she/he take the course in the spring instead?

Because JJPBT is innovative and flexible, our courses change each semester in order to give participants the greatest range of options and experiences. Though we cannot guarantee that courses being offered in the fall will be offered again in the spring, we will make every attempt to regularly offer courses that fill quickly.

Will my children be able to attend on the same schedule, even though they are in different grades?

Yes. When possible, classes for different grades are scheduled for multiple days and times to assist families in creating a schedule that makes their busy lives easier.

Is it possible for our children to take both Hebrew and one other course on one day of the week?

Yes!

Sunday classes work for us. Will there be options for Sunday courses?

Yes!

We have to register for courses so early! Our schedule might change between our advisory session and when courses start. What do we do?

Advisory sessions with an advisor for the fall/winter semester will take place in May/June and registration in August. Advisory sessions with an advisor for spring semester will take place in November, and registration in late December or January. We recognize that families have complex and busy schedules, subject to change after registration. We will ask you during your advisory sessions to do your best to plan a schedule that works for your child. If your schedule does change, contact us, and we will do our best to accommodate you. Please know that some courses will be full, and we may be unable to add your child to a fully subscribed course.

Is it possible to join mid-year for that semester?

Yes, we love to have new people join us. Contact us to discuss registration, how to catch your child up on what she/he has missed, and tuition.

How will Religious School tuition be affected by a more flexible program?

Every family will pay a flat tuition rate for each third–sixth grader. This tuition affords you up to three courses for the child, one of which is Hebrew. LEV classes are included in your flat fee.

Religious School: New Model, New Process for Registration

The first courses in the JJPBT fall/winter semester begin on September 18, 2016, with a special LEV (Learning Elevates Values) family class for parents of and children in third through sixth grade on September 11. Our youngest and oldest students (grades kindergarten–2nd and grades 7–12) will begin their classes the week of September 19.

To get all of the information you (families) and we (the office) need, and in the most efficient manner, will take three steps:

1. In mid May, a Pre-Registration/Commitment form will be sent to all families who will have students in our programs.
2. Bills will be sent out.
3. JJPBT Course Registration, online beginning August 1.

In the last week of July, each family with a third through sixth grader is asked to check voicemail and emails, reminding them that registration is about to open.

How it works:

Registration for fall 2016 courses begins at 9 am, August 1, 2016.

1. Advisory Sessions

All students must meet with a JJPBT advisor before registering for courses. During advisory sessions, your advisor will become acquainted, or better acquainted with your family, and be able to guide your child/children toward specific courses for the coming semester. Advising sessions occur twice annually, before each semester.

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Religious School: New Model... (From previous page)

In April (for the fall/winter session) and November (for the spring session), you will receive an email with dates and times for advisory sessions. Simply click on the day/time that works best for you, and save your date.

2. Register

After meeting with an advisor, you can register for courses online through the JJPBT website, beginning on August 1 at 9:00 am.

A username and password to register will be sent to you, once you have met with an advisor and have submitted your Temple membership dues payment for 2016–2017.

3. Select Your Courses

When you are ready to register, click on the “Courses” menu, where you will see all the courses offered that

semester. Find the courses your child would like to attend and click the green button. If you are registering more than one child, repeat this process for each child, using each child’s own username.

You may begin requesting courses for your child(ren) on or after 9 am on the day of registration. Please note that all registrations will be accepted by the system

within the first 48 hours of registration. If any course is over-enrolled within the first 24 hours, we will hold a lottery on Wednesday of that week, at 9:00 am. Plan to log back into the website on the Thursday to check your child’s enrollment status.

There is a minimum registration of 10 students per course.



TAG (the Kathie Williams TAG Scholarship Challenge)



**The Kathie F. Williams
TAG Scholarship Challenge**

Since September of 2015, when the TAG (*Torah/study, Avodah/spirituality or ritual, Gemilut Chasadim/acts of human kindness*) program was launched for all children in third through sixth grade, we’ve all been

inspired in so many ways, both expected and surprising:

- Students are proudly wearing (on arms or backpacks) the bands they’ve earned, excitedly able to explain what the added TAGlettes represent.
- These TAGlettes, little rubber charms that fit onto the bands, have become visual reminders of how to live a life with Jewish *mitzvot*—for example, a monkey with his hands on his mouth teaches, “do not gossip.”
- Every few weeks, we’ve added a TAG sale or TAG challenge. In March, for Mitka-madness (our Hebrew program is *Mitkadem*), students were challenged to ramp up their efforts to complete more assignments. From that challenge, 99 TAG points were earned!
- Most exciting, students are articulating through written and spoken reflections, a new awareness of how much of what they do in their lives is particularly Jewish. And they are EXCITED BY THIS!

The Williams family—John, Molly and Samantha—will be helping to award the first \$360 scholarships on our last day of Religious School, Sunday, May 22, at 10 am. We thank the Williams family and all of those who have contributed to the Kathie F. Williams TAG Scholarship Challenge.

CCAR Shabbat Morning Service at Tel Aviv Art Museum



Our own Thalia Halpert Rodis after fabulous Torah chanting this morning!

One Family's Journey: From Preschool Through Bar Mitzvah and Beyond

by Robin Segal Gonzales

How can you express what it's like to begin a journey that you never even anticipated? My husband Rob and I moved to Oakland when my son Josh was born, and two years later, we were looking for a preschool for our brilliant, amazing child. How could any preschool measure up? Of course, our child was so special, unlike any other child in creation and we needed the perfect fit to foster his two-year-old intellect. He would be doing calculus by the time he was two and a half, so we had to make sure that we found a school to live up to our needs. We visited three other preschools: Montessori (we saw toddlers balancing glass pitchers without spilling a drop), another preschool in Mahwah (none of the children were smiling), and a local Catholic preschool (they were strong on academics and could not wait to put Josh in their Christmas pageant). Of course I asked if he would be exempt from playing Jesus and they responded that they could accommodate our needs. And then, as a last resort, we visited Barnert Temple Preschool... and fell in love.

We first met Sara Losch. Who knew that this woman with this dynamic personality and endless hugs to give would play such an important role in my children's lives, let alone, my own? We toured the facility, which was very impressive. I learned that they had just moved there and we were the first family to tour. I saw lots of colors and mind-stimulating bulletin boards. But the most important part of the tour was what I felt and not saw. I knew that this woman and every other teacher would love my son. They would be creative with him and learn how Josh saw the world. They would provide an environment that not only taught him numbers and letters, but that allowed him to thrive as Josh, still learning to work in a group

and abide by rules, but to also be appreciated for his wooden-block buildings. The first year, the teacher told me that they loved how Josh found words within words. They noticed that! They taught him about "Action Jackson Pollack" and about Matisse. He learned to bake *challah*. And we also learned something else very important: we belonged here. When the kids put on a Passover play that I didn't realize that parents could attend, Sara Losch held up the start time until I could race there from work to see it. She greeted me at the door with a coffee and said, "Don't worry, we waited for you."

When Josh started studying for his *Bar Mitzvah*, he was very concerned because he said he did not believe in God. He did not want to say words that he did not believe. When he expressed his doubts to Rabbi Frishman and Rabbi Steiner, they both smiled and said, "We are so proud of you for thinking about what you are saying and not just memorizing. We would never make you say anything that you are not comfortable with." Who would expect this from the rabbis of a temple? Actually, after having been at Barnert for 11 years and knowing these leaders as I did, I was not in the slightest bit surprised.

The truth is, my son was not going to learn calculus in preschool or even how to read Harry Potter. But, he (and I) learned the socially and academically appropriate things for a two-year-old and felt loved every minute of the day doing it. My second son, Jake, is about to have his *Bar Mitzvah* at Barnert, among my Barnert family. I didn't realize that I did not just walk into our new preschool, but I walked into our new Jewish life. Sara said it all at the Passover play: "Don't worry, we waited for you." And they did.

Kabbalah: Spirituality for Real Life with Rabbi Frishman

Leonard Cohen, Anthem

Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in.

Nine sessions, Tuesdays, 7:30–9 pm
June 14, 21, 28
July 12, 19, 26
August 9, 16, 23

Thank You Highlights

The Social Action Committee is sharing comments from organizations that have received donations from us.

"...The Mogen Dovids are beautiful! And the Mezuzahs and pin, keychain and the bookmarks the children made are so meaningful. I am honored to carry all of these with me next week and know how very happy and touched the survivors will be by the kindness and compassion of Barnert...!"

The Survivor Mitzvah Project

Join your Barnert Community as we wish

Vlad Lapin

Farewell and *I'hitraot*
as he moves into his new position.

Sunday, May 15, 4 pm

Jay's Memorial Concert,
featuring Barnert Chamber Ensemble.
Special guest Cantor Vlad Lapin.

Friday, June 17, 8 pm

Vlad's farewell service
with the Barnert Temple Adult and
Junior Choirs and Worship Band.



JAY'S MEMORIAL CONCERT

BARNERT TEMPLE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

featuring

Laura Hamilton, Violin

Lanny Paykin, Cello

Janet Montgomery, Piano

With special guest — Cantor Vladimir Lapin, Baritone

Performing masterpieces of
the classical and romantic period

Barnert Temple

747 Route 208 South, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

Sunday, May 15, at 4 pm

*"Jay Adleman was there behind the scenes,
always doing things for the Temple and asking for
nothing in return."*

- Pam Himeles, upon presenting Jay with a
President's Service Award at the
Barnert Temple 2008 Congregational Meeting

Suggested Donation \$18 — Reservations requested.

RSVP to ncohen1847@barnerttemple.org

or call the Temple Office at (201) 848-1800
with the number of people attending.

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, May 6 7 pm Service 8 pm Potluck Supper	Saturday, May 21 9:30 am <i>Torah Study</i> , <i>Parshat Emor</i> 10 am Service, <i>B'not Mitzvah</i> of Leah Krantz and Eliza Lakritz	Saturday, June 11 <i>Shavuot</i> Service with Yizkor
Saturday, May 7 9:30 am <i>Torah Study</i> , <i>Parshat Achare Mot</i> 10 am Service, <i>Bat Mitzvah</i> of Arielle Zane	Friday, May 27 8 pm Service	Friday, June 17 8 pm Service
Friday, May 13 8 pm Service	Friday, June 3 7 pm Service 8 pm Potluck Supper	Saturday, June 18 10 am Service, <i>Bat Mitzvah</i> of Skylar Greenberg
Saturday, May 14 9:30 am <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> 10 am Service, <i>B'not Mitzvah</i> of Jessica Adams and Danielle Goldman	Saturday, June 4 10 am Service, <i>B'not Mitzvah</i> of Rachel Griegel and Zoey Scher	Friday, June 24 7 pm Service
Friday, May 20 5 pm <i>Tot Shabbat</i> and Pizza Dinner 8 pm Service	Friday, June 10 8 pm Service	



Book Club

May and June 2016

Our next meeting of the Temple Book Club is on Tuesday, June 7, from 8 to 10 pm. We are going to discuss the English novelist Anthony Trollope. I used to see shelves filled with his novels assuming he was as famous as Charles Dickens, reknown writer. But Anthony Trollope was a mere postal worker, a surveyor's clerk, not living in England but in Dublin, Ireland. The West-country town of Bassetshire was totally made-up. He wrote many novels but never gained fame until *The Warden*, which he wrote right before he started *Barchester Towers* in 1855-1857. He loved gossip and juicy stories but his publisher thought him a little too indecent. So he learned to be subtle. That was one of his specialties.

Unfortunately he never realized how popular he had become, and never knew of his future fame. It takes

much concentration to follow his language because of the intricate and old-style descriptions and ideas. However, I'm sure our efforts will be rewarded.

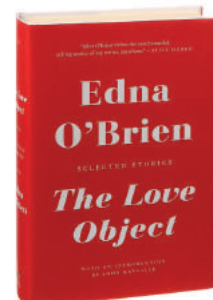
Come, have coffee, talk about Trollope and enjoy our camaraderie. The venue is my home in Wyckoff. RSVP at (201) 891-2509 or bherman@dt.com.

After Trollope, our selection is Edna O'Brien, *The Love Object*.

See you in Wyckoff. All Temple members most welcome.

Read on!

Benita Herman



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

Arielle Zane

Date of Bat Mitzvah: May 7, 2016

I am Arielle Zane. I live with my dad, mom, and brother Dylan. We have a dog named Pele. My friends, family, and Barnert family all deserve big thank-yous for all they have done for me in my becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*. I am very grateful.

When someone becomes a *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*, it is common that they participate in a project that helps others. For my *Mitzvah* project, I work hard to give children with terminal diseases art supplies so that they can express themselves and stay creative even though times are hard. This organization is called Artworks. I volunteer at least once a month at Artworks, packing up boxes full of supplies to send to children's hospitals. I will also sometimes help to bring "art carts" to different rooms in the children's hospitals. Lastly, I attended an event called "Express Yourself." This event is meant to showcase the children's artwork for everyone to see.

Danielle Goldman

Date of Bat Mitzvah: May 14, 2016

Hi! My name is Danielle Goldman. I'm in 7th grade and I live with my mom; brother Ryan; grandparents; and our dogs, Reggie and Coco. I love to play basketball and I play on several teams, including my town travel team, town recreation team, and Goatgear AAU team. I also enjoy playing tennis, hanging out with my friends, cooking, shopping, and going on vacation with my family.

For my *Mitzvah* project, I participate in the Barnert Temple Team Mission, Meatloaf Machers, a group that meets once a month to make meatloaves and brownies for the St. Paul's Men's Shelter in Paterson. I am also collecting new and gently used clothing for underprivileged children in New York City. It makes me happy to help others who are less fortunate.

A special thank you to everyone who helped me prepare for my special day, including Rabbi Frishman, Rabbi Steiner, Helen Fleischmann, Sara Losch, Marc Chelemer, and all of my Religious School teachers. I also thank my family for their love and support. I am so excited to celebrate my *Bat Mitzvah* with my family and friends.

Leah Krantz

Date of Bat Mitzvah: May 21, 2016

Hi, my name is Leah Krantz and I am in 7th grade. I live

with my mom; dad; and my two dogs, Ringo and Oscar. In school, my favorite subjects are gym and language arts because I love staying active and reading and writing. During my free time I enjoy reading, playing with my dogs, and spending time with friends and family.

Playing soccer has also been a big part of my life. For my *Mitzvah* project, I have been collecting gently used soccer balls, cleats and uniforms for an organization called Peace Passers. Peace Passers sends soccer equipment to places where people are less fortunate than we are, such as Africa and South America. Soccer is known as the "world's sport," and my hope is that my collection will help a few more kids in the world enjoy the sport as much as I do.

Once a month, for the last year-and-a-half, I have also been making desserts for the Men's Shelter in Paterson, New Jersey. Along with my mom and other people from Barnert, I have had the chance to help serve dinners to the men that live there, as well. I really enjoyed meeting and talking with them, and it has been rewarding to know that I can help make a difference in their lives.

Thank you to everybody at Barnert who has helped me throughout the years in preparing me for my special day, but I would especially like to thank Sara Losch, Helen Fleischmann, Mora Edith, Enid, Rabbi Steiner and Rabbi Frishman. I would also like to thank my family and friends who have always supported me throughout my life.

Eliza Lakritz

Date of Bat Mitzvah: May 21, 2016

Hi. I'm Eliza Lakritz. I am in 7th grade. After school, I play lacrosse and hang out with my friends. I have a mom named Stephanie, dad named Ira, and a brother named Alex.

For my *Mitzvah* project, I participated in Meatloaf Machers, which is an organization created by the temple, which makes food for the St. Paul's Men's Shelter in Paterson. I also made food and served food at Family Promise Shelter. This is very important to people who aren't as fortunate as me.

My *Bat Mitzvah* is so important. I am so excited and proud that I get to share this day with my family and friends. I would like to thank my family, both rabbis, Helen, Edith and Enid for getting me to this point, and for showing me so much love and support. I wouldn't be here without them.

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Bar/Bat Mitzvah Profiles

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Zoey Scher

Date of Bat Mitzvah: June 4, 2016

Hi, my name is Zoey Scher. I am in 7th grade. Some activities I enjoy are skiing, singing, going to sleepaway camp, and reading. I have two parents, Daryl and Dan; and a younger brother named Zach. I also have a puppy named Cody.

For my *Mitzvah* project, I am participating in the Barnert Temple Meatloaf Machers. We meet once a month to make meatloaf and brownies to bring to a men's shelter. I am also collecting goods for a nearby animal shelter. I enjoy knowing that I am helping the less fortunate in my community.

I am looking forward to my *Bat Mitzvah*. It represents many years of learning and studying at Barnert. I want to thank my parents, my teachers and my friends for all of their support. I would also like to thank *Mora* Edith, Enid, Rabbi Steiner and Rabbi Frishman for all their help in getting me ready for this big day.

Skylar Greenberg

Date of Bat Mitzvah: June 18, 2016

My name is Skylar Greenberg and I am in 7th grade. I live with my mom, dad, and sister Peyton, along with the most recent addition to our family: my Great Dane, Shadow.

One of my greatest passions is gymnastics, a sport that has taught me about teamwork, dedication and focus. I also love to play the flute, and baking is officially my newest hobby.

For my *Mitzvah* project, I am raising money for Autism Speaks, an organization that conducts autism research and outreach activities. Autism is a growing problem and I'm hoping I can do my part to help find a cure.

I am also taking up a collection of children's clothes, books and sports equipment for an organization called the Association to Benefit Children. The organization is right here in New York, and also works to prevent abuse and homelessness.

I would like to express my gratitude for the teaching and guidance to Rabbi Frishman, Rabbi Steiner, Sara Losch, *Mora* Edith, Helen Fleischmann and Enid Lutz. Additionally, I would never be where I am today without the support and love of both of my parents and my little sister. It has been a fun, challenging and rewarding experience, and the best is yet to come!

**Join us for Two Extraordinary
Shavuot Celebrations!**

Shavuot: Draw In the Light!

A joyful evening celebrating *Torah* with our minds, hearts and bodies, and honoring the memories of those who've come before us.

Explore the joy of *Shavuot* and *Torah* through yoga or *Kabbalah*.

Celebrate with our annual
Cheesecake Bake-Off!

**Saturday evening, June 11,
7:30–9:30 pm**

7:30 pm Cheesecake Bake-Off

8 pm *Yizkor*

8:30 pm *Shavuot Torah* Yoga with
Rachel Dewan

Shavuot and *Kabbalah* with
Rabbi Frishman, 9:30 pm *Havdalah*

Confirmation Celebration:

Sunday, June 12

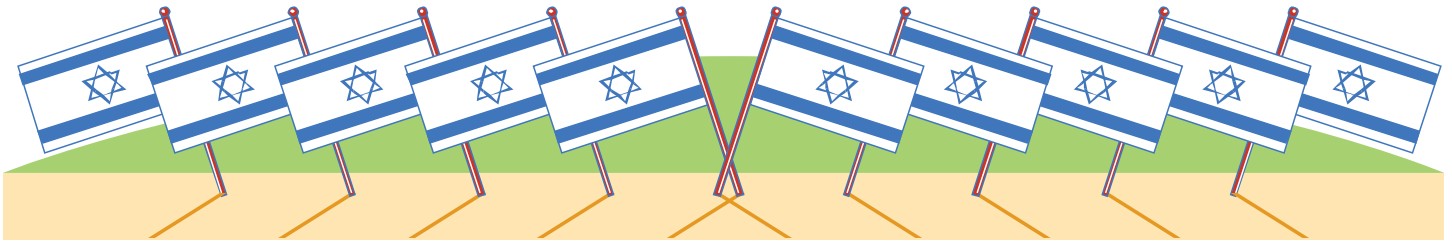
10 am, Confirmation Ceremony

12 noon, Luncheon Celebration

Join your Barnert Community in wishing
Mazal Tov to these Confirmands:

Isaac Hart (Karen and Neil)
Rachel Garland (Helene and Andy)
Samantha Greenberg (Pam and Paul)
Alex Robak (Heidi and John)
Ben Halle (Judy and Marc)
Jack Seffinger (Randi and Mark)
Malcolm Cantor (Patti and Michael)
Renee Cantor (Patti and Michael)
Jessie Elman (Amy and Stephen)

RSVP required to Helen in the Temple Office at
helenm1847@barnerttemple.org or (201) 848-1800.



There are many ways to celebrate **Israel Independence Day - *Yom Ha'atzmaut*!**

Zahal Shalom

As in past years, Barnert Temple is participating and supporting Zahal Shalom, an organization that brings injured Israeli soldiers to the United States for a vacation and to get to know the American Jewish community. If you are interested in participating in any of the events below, RSVP to Alice Heffner at heffnera@aol.com.

Zahal Shalom Fundraiser Event: Thursday, May 12, 7:30–10:30 pm

Location: Temple Israel - Ridgewood

475 Grove Street

Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Dessert Party: Friday, May 13, 9 pm

Home of Kim and Zvi Greenheim

17 Clinton Place

Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677

(Home: 201-930-0353)

BBQ Saturday: May 14, 4:30 pm

Home of Asher Aladje and Dror Faust

1 East Park Drive

Paterson, NJ 07504

(Phone: 973-279-9054)

Israel Day Parade

Sunday, June 5

11 am–4 pm rain or shine

Manhattan's Fifth Avenue, from 57th to 74th Street

Join Rabbi Frishman's Final Congregational Trip to Israel

February 16–26

For 2nd or multi-timers!



BARNERT TEMPLE YOUTH GROUP PRESENTS

AN EVENING OF SONG

SATURDAY, MAY 21 | 7 PM

BARNERT TEMPLE | FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ

Showcasing the Musical Stylings of BarTY Teens

Featuring **ALICE BERSHTEIN**,
Talented Jazz Vocalist & BarTY Senior

Small Plates • Scrumptious Desserts
Fabulous Silent Auctions for All Ages

\$54/PERSON IN ADVANCE

\$60/PERSON AT THE DOOR

All Proceeds Support Barnert Youth Scholarships

Help BarTY give the gift of life-changing Jewish experiences to Barnert teens by supporting this special evening of food, music and bidding. Proceeds from the evening will help provide scholarships for our young people to attend transformative teen programs and URJ camps.

AN EVENING OF SONG TICKET ORDER FORM

**** Advance Ticket Orders Due May 14 ****

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Tickets: _____ X \$54 = \$ _____ (Total Enclosed | Checks Payable to Barnert Temple)

I can't attend, but enclosed is my donation of \$ _____.

Return your ticket order form and payment to: Barnert Temple, 747 Route 208 South, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417.

A Message From the President

My Last Column as President



It's hard to believe that three years have passed so quickly — this is my last column that I write as Barnert Temple President. At our Annual Congregational Meeting in June I turn the gavel over to our new president. It's been such an honor to serve the Barnert Community and I am so grateful to all of you — the Barnert Temple family — for having the confidence in me

to select me as your president and for joining me on this adventure. It's true, I was quite nervous and hesitant about taking this on. It's true, it has been time-consuming. And it's true, I would do it all over again!

Highlights for me:

- Working with amazing people in Temple leadership — and developing deep and lasting bonds and friendships with you
- Getting to meet and know so many wonderful congregants
- Partnering and collaborating so closely with Rabbi Frishman, whose knowledge and wisdom has helped me be a better leader

I want to say a special thank you to this year's Executive Committee for your partnership and guidance: Roberta Hong, Julie Good, Debbie Ungerleider, Les Ivany, Elizabeth Resnick, Susan Kuller, Rebeca Gordy, Bob Levin, and Charlie Troyanovski. Special thanks to those who also served on the Executive Committee in the previous two years of my presidency: Jeff Wild, Rich Brookler, Jennifer Sauer, Steve Kiel, Rick Greenberg, and Liz Louizides. Together we have shared many a late-night hour toiling away for our common goal of steering our amazing Barnert community and it's been a wonderful ride.

I'm thrilled to present the slate of officers for 2016–2017. Please see the following page in this issue. Everyone in the congregation is invited to attend the Annual Meeting in June at which time you can participate by approving this new and fabulous team. Rebecca McKinnon has graciously agreed to step up as president and I know she will be extraordinary. She has been the chair of the Membership Committee and served on the Board of Trustees, and can frequently be seen around Barnert. Barnert is so lucky to have Rebecca as our new leader.

Many thanks to the Nominating Committee — Craig Solomon (Chair), Rebecca McKinnon, Julie Good, Steve Kiel, Marty Kron, Joan Lipkowitz, Jennifer Sauer and Charlie Troyanovski. This group met many times between November and March to create the new slate of officers,

trustees and Advisory Board members and their work was truly sacred.

The Board of Trustees and Advisory Board play important roles in our temple's governance. Outside of these two groups there are many opportunities for volunteers — all of our committees and auxiliaries are always looking for new participants and new leaders. If you're not already involved and are not sure where to start, ask me; I would love to help you find your special niche at Barnert.

Summer is almost here and that means the start-up of our relaxed summer *Shabbat* worship, starting at 7 pm at the end of June, with the beautiful backdrop of our woods and the colorful summer sky. I hope to see you on the patio on Friday nights this summer and around Barnert, in my new role as past-president!

Best,
Kathy

Not well? We know just
what the doctor ordered!



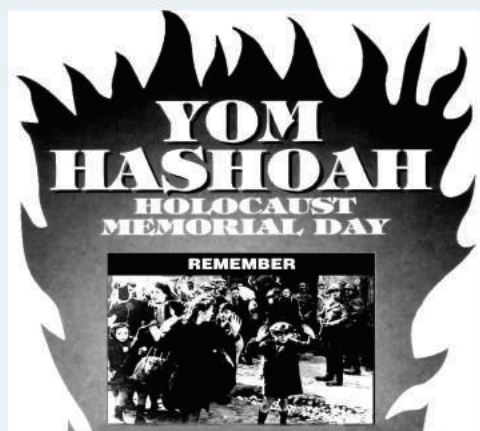
**Barnert Religious School's
Matzah Ball Mensch Club**
is at your service!

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.

A Project of the Barnert Religious School



The Office of the Governor and
The New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education
invite you to the Annual State-Wide

Yom HaShoah Observance

recognizing the

73rd Anniversary

of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

Thursday, May 5, 2016

Photo exhibit • 6:00 pm Program • 6:30 pm

Fair Lawn Jewish Center/Cong. B'nai Israel

10-10 Norma Avenue, Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Featuring Songs of Spiritual Resistance performed by

Zalmen Mlotek

Artistic Director of The National Yiddish Theatre
Folksbiene and his daughter, Sarah Mlotek

For additional information,
contact Dr. Wallace Greene 201-873-3263



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Barnert Temple Nominating Committee for 2016–2017

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2016-2017	
President	Rebecca McKinnon
Executive Vice President	Roberta Hong
Vice President	Julie Good
Vice President	Jeff Wild
Vice President	Alice Heffner
Vice President	Seth Haubenstock
Vice President	Joan Lipkowitz
Secretary	Susan Kuller
Financial Secretary	Bob Levin
Treasurer	Dan Mason
Women of Barnert President	TBA
Men's Club President	Charlie Troyanovski
Immediate Past President	Kathy Hecht

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (30)	
Class of 2014-2017	Alice Heffner
	Bob Levin
	Ilene Kandler
	Janet Millstein
	Jeff Wild
	Marian Filan
	Mitch Hausman
	Paul Avenius
	Rich Edelman
	Susan Esserman-Schack
Class of 2015-2018	Bob Males
	Jill Gordon Layton
	Jon Krantz
	Les Ivany
	Martin Kron
	Rebeca Gordy
	Roberta Hong
	Robin Segal Gonzalez
	Sue Klein
	Susan Kuller
Class of 2016-2019	Craig Solomon
	Dan Mason
	Dawn Frankl
	Joan Lipkowitz
	Julie Good
	Julie Kagan
	Rebecca McKinnon
	Rich Kuller
	Elizabeth Resnick
	Seth Haubenstock
Presidential Appointments	N.A.
Temporary Trustees	N.A.
Lifetime Trustees	Benita Herman

ADVISORY BOARD	
Bob Kwartler	
Debbie Ungerleider	
Derek Smith	
Frank Piuck	
Jennifer Sauer	
Jordan Wishnew	
Lisa Dugal	
Marni Neuberger	
Ronnie Kauder	
Stephen Becker	



Join Your Barnert Community
at the

Annual Congregational Meeting and Congregational BBQ

Sunday, June 5

5 pm

Enjoy a delicious BBQ dinner.

Get an update on the State of the Congregation.

Approval of next year's budget.

Vote on the new president and Board of Trustees.

Thank outgoing officers and welcome incoming officers.

Congratulate the President's Award recipients.

And much more!

Babysitting available. RSVP to schooloffice@barnerttemple.org.

Children's programming available. RSPV to ncohen1847@barnerttemple.org.

Rabbinic Self-Study Report

When Rabbi Frishman has announced her plans to retire at the end of June, 2017, she provided our community with the opportunity to do a thoughtful process of self-study and transition as we select and prepare for our next rabbi. The first step of this process was the formation of a Rabbinic Transition Self-Study Committee.

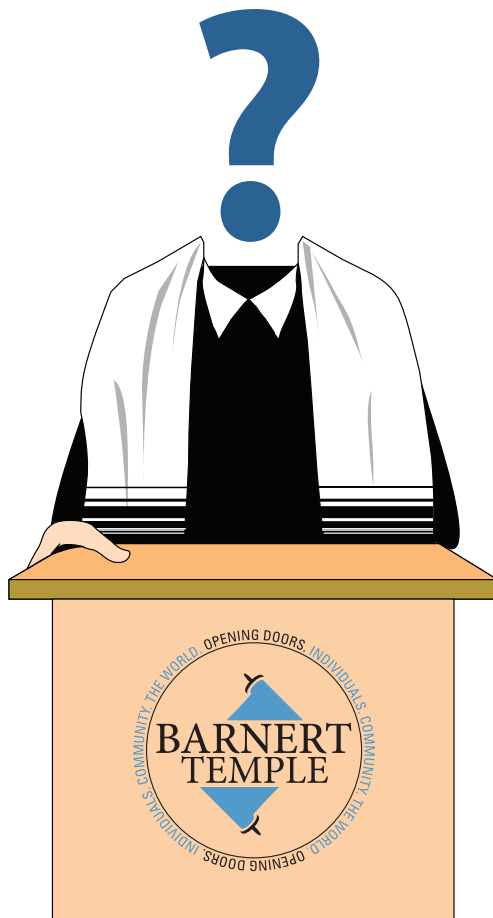
The committee's work began with a survey of Barnert members. Its purpose was to understand congregants' views of Barnert's priorities, values, strengths and challenges, and to examine desired traits and roles in our next Senior Rabbi.

The survey was mailed to 722 members, their adult children, and associate member families. An online version of the survey was also available. Our 22% response rate was significantly larger than a typical survey response. In addition to the survey, the committee organized a series of "Café Conversations" to delve more deeply into the survey results. Nearly 100 members, associate members, and BarTY Board members participated. The team also held individual conversations with long-standing temple members, as well as Rabbi Steiner, the Director of Lifelong Learning, and our Executive Director. The findings of the self-study were shared with the congregation at a town-hall meeting on March 13. Fifty temple members attended the meeting. It was also live-streamed for congregants who could not attend.

From the self-study research we learned that:

- Barnert is a sacred community. It's inclusive and members are accepted and respected.
- Barnert is a diverse community both geographically and in terms of belief and practice.
- Barnert is an evolutionary congregation with a dynamic and intellectually curious membership. We challenge ourselves and seek growth.
- Barnert's worship is warm and engaging, with music playing a key role.
- Barnert's lifecycle events are meaningful and personal.

We also learned that members prize Barnert's openness to our interfaith families, the love of our kids, and the



feeling of safety — a place where each individual is valued. We are proud of our ethos of caring and responsiveness. We value meaningful, quality educational experiences and believe that social action is a core value.

What are our challenges?

Membership growth was widely cited. Attracting and retaining young families, outreach and engagement of empty nesters and Renaissance members were also mentioned. Members noted the need to continue our practice of fiscal stability and sustainability. There was an understanding that we should strike a balance in our social action work between meeting needs within our Barnert community and addressing the call for social justice in the world outside our doors. Moving forward, we'll need to define the lines of responsibility and authority between lay leaders and clergy. We also need to build on our leadership development and volunteer engagement efforts.

What do we expect of our Senior Rabbi? In addition to the typical functions of a senior rabbi — leading services, officiating at lifecycle events, teaching, and pastoral support — five key expectations emerged from the research:

- Community-building: we want our rabbi to be our "Connector in Chief" who is engaged in genuine, personal outreach to all segments of our community, with particular emphasis on young families, youth, empty nesters, and interfaith families.
- Visioning: our rabbi should understand the trends faced by contemporary congregations and guide us into the future while staying grounded in our rich history. We are excited to be challenged to grow.
- Worship: engaging and uplifting worship is central to life at Barnert, and our next leader must value inspiring music in our services. Our next senior rabbi must create personal and meaningful connections at lifecycle events such as *bar/bat mitzvahs*, funerals, *shiva*, and baby namings.
- Teaching: our next senior rabbi must possess intellectual depth and breadth of knowledge. He or she should spark our love of Judaism and stimulate us to grow as Jews.
- Leadership: Our next rabbis must work collaboratively

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Adult Education: Find Your Place!



Torah Study **Saturday, May 7 and 21,** **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!



Talmud Study **Thursday, May 12 and 26,** **at 7:30 pm**

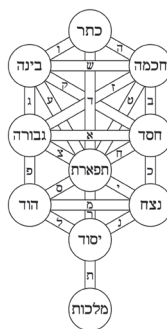
Join our Rabbi Joel Soffin for our modern-day discussion of the *Talmud*. Learn how to shop,

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.



Rosh Chodesh **Saturday, May 14, 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!

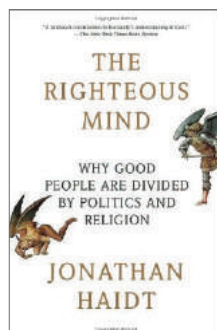


Kabbalah: Spirituality for Real Life **with Rabbi Frishman**

Tuesdays, June 14, 21 and 28;
July 12, 19 and 26; August 9, 16
and 23, 7:30–9 pm

Leonard Cohen, Anthem

Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in.



Polarization or Shalom? **with Rabbi Frishman.**

Three sessions, with reading preparation. (Acquire Haidt's book.)

May 18: The Play Between Intuition and Strategic Reasoning. (Read part I.)

June 8: The Origins and Shaping of Morality. (Read part II.)

June 22: Morality Binds and Blinds. (Read part III.)

A three-session seminar based on Jonathan Haidt's book, *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion*

"I hate you, you hate me, can't we be a happy family?"

In this political year, let's discuss how to get along with people we disagree with strongly. Haidt's important work applies biology and psychology towards understanding the development of morality, and the shaping of groups and communities.

Rabbinic Self-Study Report (From previous page)

with senior staff. He or she should energize and partner with lay leadership.

Our members identified several traits that our next senior rabbi should possess:

- Accepting and empathetic
- High emotional intelligence
- "Wow" factor with humility
- Life experience and maturity
- Relates to younger families
- Articulate speaker
- Open-minded and flexible

The information collected from the self-study will be

submitted to the Rabbi Search Committee. It will be used to complete the application that Barnert must submit as part of the search process.

The members of the Self-Study Committee were:

Lisa Dugal
Rick Greenberg
Lauren Hernandez
Ronnie Kauder
Liz Louizides
Brett Lowy
Rob Miller

Alice Heffner, Chair

The HISTORY CORNER

NATHAN AND MIRIAM BARNERT OUR GENEROUS BENEFACTORS

This installment in our history series will focus on the lives and contributions of Nathan Barnert and his wife, Miriam. Let's learn about their devotion to Judaism and Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, and their generosity to the temple and the community.



Nathan and Miriam Barnert

Nathan Barnert was born on September 20, 1838 (the day of *Yom Kippur*) in Posen, Kingdom of Prussia (now Poznan, Poland). At the age of 11 he immigrated with his family to New York City and worked in his father's tailor shop. He was home-schooled and at night studied the *Torah*. Seeing little future in the tailoring business, he became interested in customer's tales of the gold fields of California. In order to raise money for the trip, he sold candles and scented soaps. When he had accumulated \$130 for the ship voyage, he set out with a friend for the trip to Nicaragua and then on to California. He was 14 years old at the time!¹

Too young to stake a claim, his first job was sweeping the floor in a general store. He quickly realized that gold mining was a risky venture and instead became

a peddler. He bought candles, soaps, needles and thread in San Francisco, and sold them to the miners. His business grew and soon he had a horse and wagon, and was selling heavier items such as shovels and lanterns. However, he was not accomplishing his dream of becoming wealthy, so he returned to New York in 1856 and entered the clothing-manufacturing business.²

In 1858, at the age of 20, he moved his clothing-manufacturing business to Paterson. A commission to supply uniforms to the Union Army during the Civil War enabled him to give employment to hundreds of poor people on the verge of starvation and to re-energize the cotton industry in Paterson. In the process he was able to acquire a considerable fortune.

On September 2, 1863, Nathan married Miriam Phillips, the daughter of a wealthy English family. Miriam was born in 1837 in Chelsea, England. She came to the U.S. as a young girl and lived in New York City. Miriam's brother, Sir Benjamin Phillips, was Lord Mayor of London.

Nathan Barnert was civic-minded who placed a great deal of importance on using his energy and funds on helping his community. Miriam Barnert was his partner in life and actively participated in their common goals of improving the lives of the citizens of Paterson.²

¹ Paterson Museum, *Nathan Barnert*, Educational Pamphlet Series No. 11

² Cipora O. Schwartz, *An American Jewish Odyssey: American Religious Freedom and the Nathan Barnert Memorial Temple*. Jersey City, NJ: KTAV Publishing House, Inc. 2007

³ Michael T. Baum, *Biography of Nathan Barnert*, Paterson, NJ: News Printing Company, 1914

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In 1878 Nathan Barnert retired from the clothing business to devote himself to real estate operations. He purchased land upon which he erected numerous silk mills. He was one of the first to erect large factories, of which the Barnert Mills in Paterson were considered among the finest examples in the United States. As a successful businessman, he was asked in 1870 by the Board of Alderman of Paterson to make an investigation of the city's finance and tax accounts. He uncovered considerable corruption, and as a result increased his influence in local politics. He was elected an Alderman of the Sixth Ward for two terms and then in 1883 was elected Mayor of Paterson for a two-year term — the first Jewish mayor of Paterson. He ran and lost the 1885 election, but was again elected mayor in 1889.³

In 1889 Nathan and Miriam Barnert announced that they were going to build a new temple for Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. They deeded a plot of land on the southeast corner of Straight Street and Broadway, and provided funds for the construction. Groundbreaking took place on October 18, 1892 and the building was completed and dedicated on September 17, 1894.

Nathan and Miriam Barnert were known throughout Paterson for their devotion to Judaism and the community at large. It was Miriam's practice every Friday afternoon to invite the poorer Jews of Paterson to her home where she would dispense money for the *Sabbath* meal.

Miriam Barnert passed away on March 31, 1901. Nathan was to outlive his wife by almost 27 years, passing away on December 23, 1927. In these 27 years he devoted his life to the public good and his philanthropy included the establishment of:

- the Miriam Barnert Memorial Hebrew Free School, which was dedicated in 1902. It provided free religious education to an average of 500 students.
- the Nathan and Miriam Barnert Hospital in 1914.
- the Daughters of Miriam Home for the Aged and Orphans, which opened on May 17, 1921 in a building and land donated by Nathan in memory of his wife.

Nathan and Miriam Barnert are buried in a tomb at our Mt. Nebo cemetery.

What Was Happening at the Barnert Temple Over 100 Years Ago (June 1912)

Closing exercises for the Religious School were held on June 2, 1912. Speeches were given by students in each grade on selected topics. The topic for Miss Barnert's class was "Love of God and Parents", for Miss Schoen's class "Charity", Miss Levine's class "Reverence and Loyalty", Miss Cohen's class "Purity", Miss Wertheim's class "Courage", and Miss Aronsohn's class "Thanksgiving."

90 Years Ago (Temple Bulletin, June 1926)

A special Friday-evening service was held on June 4 to celebrate the fifth anniversary of Rabbi Max Raisin.

40 Years Ago (EXPO 200 Program, May 14–18, 1976)

In honor of America's Bicentennial, the Temple conducted a major cultural exposition and fair. Events included a jazz concert, "Contributions to Jazz by Jews in America," including pieces by George Gershwin, Benny Goodman,
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Color Postcard of the Barnert Temple. Source: College of Charleston Library.

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Harold Arlen, Irving Berlin and Jerome Kern; and a series of films including "The Greatest Jewish City in the World," "Sons of Liberty," and "The Magnificent Melting Pot."



*Original Daughters of Miriam Home,
469 River Street, Paterson .*

30 Years Ago (Program, June 1986)

The Groundbreaking Service was held for the new Barnert Temple in Franklin Lakes on June 1. Greetings were extended by Mayor Vichiconti of Franklin Lakes, State Senator Feldman and the Building Fund Chairpersons Cipora Schwartz and Robert Gutenstein.

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 at edelmanr@optonline.net.

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Men's Club

Social Event of 2016

What was advertised as *The Social Event of The Season* was attended by 115 people on Saturday night, March 12. The event expanded its horizons from last year. In addition to a wide selection of wines, there was champagne, craft beers, cheeses, oils and vinegars. When you can't even pronounce the names of some of the products, you knew it was going to be a good time.

The tables were beautifully set with candles and a bottle of wine spot on in the middle of each one. It was wonderful seeing so many people mingling and table-hopping and hearing laughter and lively chatter. It was enough to make one smile. The live background music made it that much more enjoyable. There was some human traffic snarls as people serpentine back and forth between the cheeses and wines, the beers and champagnes, and the oils and vinegars. Many people got all dressed up. The designer clothes ranged from Alexander McQueen to L.L.Bean.

The garbage cans were overflowing with the dentist-size beer, wine and champagne sample drinking cups. That's how you measure a good time. Better yet, you could order whatever you fancied at discount prices to be picked up at a later date.

The food was healthful, delicious, colorful and plentiful. And, you got to take home a Barnert Temple Men's Club wine glass. The word on the street is that the event was so much fun that people were talking about inviting their friends and relatives. Not every relative, only some. The Men's Club is already planning for the 2017 event. We are currently in preliminary talks with Madison Square Garden and The Rolling Stones. Thank you to all the too-many-to-name people who made the evening happen. And, to the 30 lbs. of salmon who made the ultimate sacrifice, "you were delicious."

Michael C. Kirshner

February–March 2016 Donations

Associate Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Cohen Family	In Memory of Lorraine Cohen
Susan Goodstadt-Levin and Robert Levin	Nathan Levin
Peggy Kabakow	Peggy Kaufmann
Barbara and Steven Kiel	Monroe Lauber
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Barnert Garden Fund

Karen and Todd Galinko	In Honor of Eileen Roman and Seth Haubensstock
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	Bernard Goldstein

Mount Nebo Cemetery Beautification Fund

Leonore Albert	In Memory of Elsie Raff
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Oneg Shabbat Fund

Alice Bershtein	In Memory of David Bershtein
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Cohen Family
Neil Share and Jennifer Share

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Marianne and Jonathan
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Leah's Bat Mitzvah
Zoey's Bat Mitzvah

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Robert Stern	Leonard R. Stern

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Debbie and Mike Becker

In Memory of

Irene Weber
Rose Hladik

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February–March 2016 Donations *(From previous page)*

Carole and Pete Brodie
Jill Edelson
Karen and Todd Galinko

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Deborah Goodkin and
Glenn Richard
Hochberg Family
Francis and Robert Kaufmann
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Albert Levy
Lila Rovet

Alice Solomon
Louis Falkenstein

In Honor of

Rabbi Frishman
Beverly and Art Cohen's
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Bat Mitzvah
Julia First's *Bat Mitzvah*
Renewal of vows
For help in a difficult
situation
Jim Judd

Religious School Teacher Appreciation Fund

In Memory of

Carolyn Kessler, Bonnie Kalb
and family

Michael Mosberg

Social Action Fund

Beth and David Greenwald
Fran and Bob Kaufmann

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In Memory of

Rebecca Sterenfeld
Marjorie Weil
Tessie Kaufmann
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Evelyn Miller
Jerome Harris
Louis Rosenbaum
Arnold S. Doblin
Louis Lappin

Sheldon Greenberg

We Welcome These New Friends!

Stephanie, Scott, Ryan and Hayden Gurtman,
residing in Franklin Lakes.

Maria, Jonathan, Edward, Chiara and Courtney Kirsch,
residing in Kinnelon.

Rosalyn, Richard and Madelyn Martini, residing
in Franklin Lakes.

Soldier Casualty Names

February–March 2016

U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq

Sgt. Joseph F. Stifter
Staff Sgt. Louis F. Cardin

Total U.S. casualties in Iraq to date: 4,487

U.S. soldiers killed in Bahrain

Blane D. Bussell

Total U.S. casualties in Bahrain to date: 1



May-June Anniversaries

Craig and Lynn Abramowitz
 Paul and Marcia Abrams
 Bob and Suzanne Acosta
 Joel and Janet Bauer
 Jay and Marilyn Bernstein
 Jack and Louise Birnberg
 Dan and Barbara Brooks
 Michael and Toni Brower
 Richard and Kathleen Cameron
 Michael and Patti Cantor
 Samuel and Carol Cassell
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 Dao Chung and Janet Millstein
 Jeff and Debbie Cohn
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 Peter Fishkin and Leila Nosrati
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 Fred and Cheryl Fothergill
 Paul and Barbara Frankel
 Mark Friedberg and Emily Kraus
 Jeffrey and Karen Gerstel
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 Rick Greenberg and
 Stacey Bradford-Greenberg
 Paul and Pamela Greenberg
 David and Beth Greenwald
 Matt Grossman and Kathy
 Frisch-Grossman

Scott and Pam Harper
 Seth and Lisa Haubenstock
 Kenneth and Benita Herman
 Mark and Lauren Hernandez
 Barry and Sue Hess
 Stephen and Bari Hopkins
 Steve and Barbara Kiel
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 Jeffrey and Lesley Klein
 Rolf and Sue Klein
 Paul and Joan Kopelman
 Jonathan and Marianne Krantz
 Al and Nancy Krone
 Rich and Susan Kuller
 Brian and Elisabeth LaForgia
 Josh and Karen Lerman
 Bob Levin and Susan
 Goodstadt-Levin
 Rob and Terry Levy
 Danny and Jamie Loia
 Brett and Rikki Lowy
 Wally and Eileen Manheimer
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 Jeff and Melissa Molnar
 Bob and Jane Morais
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 Brian and Debbie Nussbaum
 Todd and Jill Orlich
 Mike and Ellyne Petty
 Scott and Randi Pomerantz

Andrew Popik and Judy Friend
 Jim and Lisa Powers
 Alex and Karin Pucciariello
 Paul Reichenbach and
 Cathy Goodfriend
 Stu and Leslie Reiser
 Jerry and Wendy Richman
 Sandy and Toby Robinson
 Costa Rodis and Felicia Halpert
 Joshua Romm and Michelle
 Roth-Romm
 Scott and Debra Rosen
 Steven and Daryl Roth
 Tony and Abbey Sapienza
 Barton Schack and Susan
 Esserman-Schack
 Jeffrey and Lauren Schotz
 Jeffrey Segal and Bonnie Lipeles
 Paul and Ann Shansky
 Andrew and Elissa Silverman
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 Matt and Nan Sumner
 Marty and Jenny Tell
 Peter and Debbie Till
 Evan and Deb Tomaskovic
 Roy and Brynne Weber
 Richard and Bonnie Weiner
 Brian and Michelle Wickwire
 Jeff and Susan Wild
 Neil and Sloane Zane

Israeli Film Series at Barnert

May 22 at 7 pm in the Library

An enjoyable evening of interesting, sometimes 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!

Help Us Help!

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



Mitzvah Mall 2016 Update

More Than \$35,000 Raised for 10 Charities Through Mitzvah Mall 2016 Activities

Team Tzedek celebrated the conclusion of fundraising activities for Mitzvah Mall 2016 with a potluck and a check for \$35,153.18!



This money will help 10 grassroots organizations fund programs that benefit women, children, elderly, refugees and others in need. Now that you've been introduced to the important work they are doing, we hope you will continue to support them in whatever ways you can.

Follow them online at:

Haitian Support, www.haitiansupport.org

Necha Malka, www.goodpeoplefund.org/program/necha-malka

The Survivor Mitzvah Project, www.survivormitzvah.org

Save Abused and Frail Elderly (SAAFE), www.saafenj.org

Tzimaon, www.goodpeoplefund.org/program/tzimaon

Kaima, www.goodpeoplefund.org/program/kaima

One Can Help, www.onecanhelp.org

Arun's Orphans, www.jewishhelpinghands.org/2015/09/arun

Roots and Wings, www.rootsandwingsnj.org

Women of the Wall, www.womenofthewall.org.il



Team Tzedek would love to hear about connections made at Mitzvah Mall, stories about Temple members volunteering with Mitzvah Mall charities, and ideas for expanding our social justice work in the community and beyond. Contact Co-Chairs Sue Klein at sueklein0319gmail.com or Ron Lynn at ronlynnhom@icloud.com.



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*

May 2016

23 Nisan 5766 - 23 Iyar 5766

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Religious School/Junior Choir 9:30 am Social Action Information Meeting	2 Post Confirmation 8 pm Executive Committee	3 Religious School 8 th Grade Ma'ayan 9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation	4 Religious School	5 YOM HASHOAH Religious School	6 Preschool Special Guest Shabbat 7 pm Shabbat Service with Special Blessing for Vladimir Lapin's Ordination and Potluck Supper	7 Achare Mot Lev. 16:1-18:30 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study§ 10 am Arielle Zane B/M
8 MOTHER'S DAY Religious School/Junior Choir Family Promise 9 am Vladimir Lapin's Ordination (off-site)	9 7:30 pm Board of Trustees	10 Religious School Last 8 th Grade Ma'ayan (off-site) Last 9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation	11 YOM HAZIKARON Religious School	12 YOM HAAATZMAUT Religious School 7:30 pm Talmud Study§	13 7:46 pm	14 Kedoshim Lev. 19:1-20:27 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh 10 am Jessica Adams B/M Danielle Goldman B/M
15 Religious School/Junior Choir 9 am Men's Club Breakfast 10:30 am Programming 11:30 am BarTY Board 4 pm Concert with Vladimir Lapin	16	17 Last Tuesday Religious School Confirmation 6 pm BarTY Meeting Pre-Auction 8 pm BarTY Board Elections	18 Last Wednesday Religious School 7:30 pm Polarization or Shalom?	19 Last Thursday Religious School	20 7:53 pm 5 pm Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner Women of Barnert Shabbat 8 pm Shabbat Service	21 Emor Lev. 21:1-24:23 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study♦ 10 am Leah Krantz B/M Eliza Lakritz B/M 7 pm BarTY Evening of Song
22 Last Sunday Religious School/ Last Junior Choir 7 pm Israeli Film Series	23 6:30 pm Networking	24 Confirmation Men's Shelter	25	26 LAG BA'OMER 7:30 pm Talmud Study§	27 Kindergarten Student Orientation Day 8 pm Shabbat Service	28 Bahar Lev. 25:1-26:2
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY No Preschool Office Closed	31 Confirmation			Torah: Purple Avodah: Blue Gemilut Chasadim: Green	* Rabbi Frishman's Class ♦ Rabbi Steiner's Class § Rabbi Soffin's Class ^ Sara Losch's Class

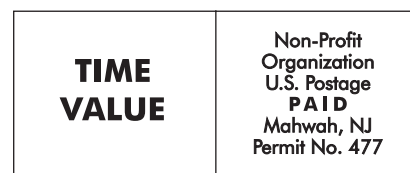
June 2016

24 Iyar 5766 - 24 Sivan 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 ♦ Rabbi Steiner's Class § Rabbi Soffin's Class ^ Sara Losch's Class	Torah: Purple Avodah: Blue Gemilut Chasdim: Green		1	2	3 *8:04 pm Last Shabbat Tot Last Olam Baby Class 7 pm Shabbat Service and Potluck Supper	4 Bechukotai Lev. 26:3-27:34 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 10 am Rachel Grigel B/M Zoey Scher B/M
5 5 pm Annual Congregational Meeting with Bar-B-Que	6	7 Confirmation 7 pm Men's Club Awards Dinner	8 9 am Kindergarten Moving-Up Ceremony 11:30 am Dismissal for Little Sprouts, Rising Stars, Big Shots Noon Fantastics Graduation 7:30 pm Polarization or Shalom?	9 9:30 am Moving-up Ceremonies for Little Sprouts, Rising Stars, Big Shots Preschool Family Fun Brunch	10 *8:08 pm Elat Chayim through 6/11 8 pm Shabbat Service	11 Bamidbar Num. 1:1-4:20 7:30 pm Shavuot Service with Yizkor; Cheesecake Bake-Off EREV SHAUVOT
12 SHAUVOT 10 am Shavuot Confirmation Service Family Promise	13 8 pm Executive Committee Orientation	14 7:30 pm Kabbalah: Spirituality for Real Life	15	16	17 *8:11 pm Vladimir Lapin's last Friday night Service at Barnert 8 pm Shabbat Service	18 Naso Num. 4:21-7:89 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 10 am Skylar Greenberg B/M BarTY Event (off-site)
19 FATHER'S DAY	20 First Day of Camp Barnert	21 8 pm Board of Trustees Orientation	22 7:30 pm Kabbalah: Spirituality for Real Life	23	24 *8:13 pm 7 pm Jewish-Muslim Gathering and Potluck Supper	25 B'haalot'cha Num. 8:1-12:16
26 7 pm Israeli Film Series	27 6:30 pm Networking	28 Men's Shelter 7:30 pm Kabbalah: Spirituality for Real Life	29	30		

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Sanford B. Epstein Inc.

Mark Your Calendars

Friday, May 6
Shabbat service
with special blessing for
Vladimir Lapin's Ordination
and potluck supper 7 pm

Wednesday, May 11
YOM HA'ZIKARON

Thursday, May 12
YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Sunday, May 15
Concert with Vladimir Lapin
4 pm

Friday, May 20
Tot Shabbat and pizza dinner
5 pm

Saturday, May 21
BarTY Evening of Song 7 pm

Sunday, May 22
Israeli Film Series 7 pm

Monday, May 30
MEMORIAL DAY
No preschool
Office closed

Friday, June 3
Shabbat service and potluck supper
7 pm

Saturday, June 11
EREV SHAVUOT
Shavuot service with Yizkor and
cheesecake bake-off 7:30 pm

Sunday, June 12
SHAVUOT
Shavuot Confirmation service
10 am

Friday, June 17
Vladimir Lapin's last Friday night
service at Barnert

Sunday, June 19
FATHER'S DAY

Monday, June 20
First day of Camp Barnert

Sunday, June 26
Israeli Film Series 7 pm