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A Message from Rabbi Elyse Frishman



Dear friends,

The synagogue must always be a safe place — but it might not always be a comfortable place. What's the difference? And why is that difference essential for our beloved Barnert?

American Jews generally used to be on the same page politically. Increasingly, politics divide us. How are we managing? Terribly. Rabbis who speak up for human rights are threatened for “mixing politics with religion.” Jews who march to advocate for civil rights are accused of overreacting. Jews who support economic security over other issues are derided as selfish and arrogant.

Recently, some of you shared with me that you don't feel “safe” in our sanctuary. Truly, I thank you for reaching out. I cherish being able to learn from you.

And I confess: I realize that my passion for what I see as broken has been so strong that some of you have not felt welcomed into that conversation. It is never my intention to close a door to dialogue. I strongly believe that disagreement is part of what enhances, even strengthens engagement in the work of *tikkun olam*. There is often more than one way to solve a problem, and there is always more than one perspective. If you have felt shut out in this process, I apologize and beg you to reach out and re-engage. Your opinion matters. Feeling invisible is what makes one feel unsafe.

The very nature of Jewish dialogue is disagreement — Hillel and Shammai, for example. Always, the *Talmud* records the minority opinion alongside the majority, because every voice matters. Yours. Mine. Some voices matter more than others. But the wisdom of each gets recorded.

When our nation's ethics are controversial, Jews must be involved in those politics. Within our synagogue classrooms, we adults study our source texts to discern Jewish stances and opinions, and we argue with one another. Your input and wisdom are needed.

Not everyone feels comfortable engaging in disagreement. You might think that you'll be judged for your difference of opinion. I promise you, not by me. I may disagree with you, ask you many questions, and seek to understand your facts and sources, but I will always listen to and respect you. In no way do our differences impact my caring for you and desire to support you in your life. This is a critical dimension to our Jewish and Barnert culture. I strive to model this in every way.

It is also possible that rather than feeling “unsafe,” one can feel “uncomfortable.” It is possible to feel pushed outside one's comfort zone. When what is being asked makes one feel off-balance and uncertain. When one's

ideas or position may be shaken. I know that I have felt this way when I have learned something that shattered a preconception. As a Jew of integrity, I must welcome all information and experience, in order to be certain that my position is ethical, Jewish, and yes, holy.

To be uncomfortable is a good starting place, actually.

And then we have one another to provide courage and stability for the journey ahead.

It's a fine line, this balance between feeling unsafe or uncomfortable. We need to be able to approach sensitive subjects and enter into difficult discourse. Consider our vision, mission and core values. These guide us.

The American synagogue is a *beit kneset*, a *beit midrash*, a *beit tefillah*, a *beit kehillah*; a center for organizing, learning, praying and gathering. We use our rooms interchangeably — a social hall for celebrating and studying; a library for studying and praying and *oneg Shabbat*; classrooms for teaching, meditating, meeting; and a sanctuary for celebrating, praying and preaching... Of course, it's not the building that matters; it's what we do.

And whatever we do in our synagogue is intentional. We do not merely come to pray, to learn, to socialize... We pray for something, we learn to become more, we socialize to deepen meaningful connection. Holidays and rituals aren't merely for making of family memories; they shape our understanding of history and influence our reaction to current events.

Jewish living is the magnet for our moral compass.

Intentional Jewish living helps us recognize that even when life seems hard — as so many of us seem to be saying these days — it's not as difficult as it was for our ancestors, nor as it is truly for billions of impoverished people on our planet today. Rather, you and I have so much for which to be deeply grateful.

How do we show gratitude? We offer thanks. Then we look to see who's behind us. Who is poor/sick/hungry/oppressed/uneducated/lonely/afraid? We give *zedakah* (charity) and we advocate on their behalf.

But how we engage in this discussion over who to support and why, matters. And again, I recognize that I and any future rabbi of Barnert need to be more thoughtful and sensitive about how we raise critical action issues.

Recently, we held a Network for Change workshop, inviting anyone at Barnert or in the community to attend and connect with like-minded people over any issue at all. You may choose to focus on Paterson; another may be devoted to Israel; and a third to women in Africa. One may be concerned over racial issues, and another for the welfare of our police; climate change, gun rights, reproductive choice, economic stability, education, national security... There is no judge over which issue. But we do insist that engagement is essential.

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A Message From the President



Dear friends,

How is it possible that in just a few weeks, *Purim* and Passover will be here?! Our days will get longer, the temperature will become warmer, and spring will be here with so many wonderful Barnert events that will bring us together.

As we prepare to say goodbye to our beloved Rabbi Frishman, opportunities abound to spend some time together as a community and with her to celebrate together as she embarks on this new stage in her life.

The Men's Club Gourmet Tasting (on March 4th) is

one of my favorite events, and the Adult *Megillah* reading is always a laugh-out-loud experience. If you haven't been before, you might consider joining us this year as we have something very special and very funny planned!

The preschool has its annual *Purim* Carnival and the *shpiel* theme this year will be Hamilton. April and May will bring Passover, the Gala (our big fundraiser), and the much anticipated Community Day on May 7th where we will come together as a full community to celebrate Rabbi Frishman. That is a date not to be missed as we have so many wonderful things planned.

As we move into this beautiful new season, I wish you a spring filled with joy and community and I look forward to spending time with you all.

With love from my family to yours.

Chag Sameach.

Rebecca McKinnon

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save the date

Barnert Temple Gala
honoring Rabbi Elyse Frishman

APRIL 27 2017

Indian Trail Country Club
Franklin Lakes, NJ

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 3
7 pm Service
8 pm Potluck Supper

Saturday, March 4
9:30 am Torah Study,
Parshat Terumah

Friday, March 10
5 pm Tot Shabbat and
Pizza Dinner
8 pm Service

Saturday, March 11
9:30 am Shabbat Yoga

Friday, March 17
8 pm Service

Saturday, March 18
9:30 am Rosh Chodesh
10 am Service,
B'not Mitzvah of
Natalie Goldman and
Rachel Rives

Friday, March 24
6:30 pm Tot Shabbat
8 pm Service

Saturday, March 25
9:30 am Shabbat Yoga
10 am Service, *Bat Mitzvah*
of Rebecca Reich

Friday, March 31
8 pm Service

Saturday, April 1
9:30 am Torah Study,
Parshat Vayikra
10 am Service, *Bar Mitzvah*
of Ethan Bernstein

Friday, April 7
7 pm Service
8 pm Potluck Supper

Saturday, April 8
9:30 am Shabbat Yoga
10 am Service, *Bat Mitzvah*
of Sage Placer

Friday, April 14
5 pm Tot Shabbat and
Matzah Pizza Snack
8 pm Service

Friday, April 21
8 pm Service

Saturday, April 22
9:30 am Torah Study,
Parshat Shemini
10 am Service, *Bar Mitzvah*
of Jack Klein

Friday, April 28
6:30 pm Tot Shabbat
8 pm Service

Saturday, April 29
9:30 am Rosh Chodesh



Every family at Barnert will receive one *Purim* box. Pick up your box while at the *Purim Shpiel* on Saturday, March 11.

Boxes will also be available the following week in the atrium.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Profiles

Natalie Goldman

Date of Bat Mitzvah: March 18, 2017

Hello, my name is Natalie Goldman. My family consists of my mom Jill, my dad Howard, my sister Samantha, and my two dogs Frankie and Stella. I am in 7th grade. Some things I like to do in my free time are ski, play lacrosse, cook/bake, and be with my friends and family.

Because of the love I have for my dogs, I decided to make my *Mitzvah* project about animals. I will be collecting blankets, toys, and food for the Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge. I will drop off all of the items I receive at the shelter. While I am there, I am looking forward to helping out around the shelter and learning about all of the animals there.

I am very grateful for the people who have helped me out on my journey to becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*. Specifically my parents, my sister, my grandparents, Rabbi Frishman, Rabbi Steiner, Mora Edith, Sara Losch, and Helen Fleischmann. I would also like to thank all of my Religious School teachers that I've had throughout the years, and all of my Religious School classmates who have made this experience fun for me.

Rachel Rives

Date of Bat Mitzvah: March 18, 2017

My name is Rachel Rives. I am an honor roll student. I live with my mom, dad, sister Shayna, and my dog Demi. I like to keep busy with various activities. I play the violin since kindergarten and on a competitive gymnastic team. I am also in my middle school musical production. During the fall season I play rec soccer in my town. I like trying new things, and want to try lacrosse this spring. During my spare time I like to hike in the mountains of my beautiful town with my friends. Sometimes, I am so busy, so I like to just relax and watch mindless episodes of *SpongeBob SquarePants*.

I like coming to Barnert Temple and being part of the Junior Choir since 2nd grade. The choir is where I met most of my Barnert friends.

Thank you to all involved in my religious education. Thank you to my family, Rabbi Frishman, Rabbi Steiner, and my teachers who worked with me and prepared me for my *Bat Mitzvah* day.

Rebecca Reich

Date of Bat Mitzvah: March 25, 2017

I am in the 7th grade and live with my parents Arrate

and Brian, my sister Daniela, and our dog Chica.

For my *Mitzvah* project, I trained Chica to be a therapy dog to help those in need, whether it is listening to small children read at the library or keep company to sick seniors at a nursing home. During one of those visits, I met a Holocaust survivor who told me how she fled Germany and came to the United States.

I will be asking people who come to my *Bat Mitzvah* to bring birthday bags for children with cancer staying at hospitals. Donations will go to the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation located in Midland Park.

I am very appreciative to everyone who has helped guide and support me throughout this journey. Thank you Rabbi Frishman, Rabbi Steiner, Edith Katzourin, Helen Fleischmann, Marc and all teachers at the school. Last but not least, thank you to my parents and my sister for being patient and helping me work through this adventure and for all their support and love!

Ethan Bernstein

Date of Bar Mitzvah: April 1, 2017

I am Ethan Bernstein. I'm in 7th grade, and live with my parents, Adam and Lisa; my sister, Emily; and my cat, Luna. I love reading, learning new things, math and science, and playing soccer.

Ever since I was a few months old, I loved to be read to. Nowadays, I am continuing my love of reading. Every day, you can find me with my nose buried in a good read. For my *Mitzvah* project, I volunteered at my local library in hopes that I can help others develop a love of reading. For my collection, I will be gathering new children's books, ranging from picture books to 5th grade-level chapter books. These will then be donated to Oasis, a shelter for children and women in Paterson, so that the underprivileged can be introduced to reading at a young age so they may benefit later in life.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of those who have helped me along the way. I'd like to thank Rabbi Steiner for assisting me in the writing of my *Torah* and *haftarah* essays; Mora Edith for teaching me my *Torah* and *haftarah* portions and blessings; Rabbi Frishman for the all-around preparation for my *Bar Mitzvah*; Helen Fleischmann for working with me on my *Shabbat* prayers; Sara Losch for making Hebrew School something that any kid would enjoy; and all of my teachers and classmates at Barnert who have helped me grow religiously and as a person. It is important to note that none of this would be possible without my parents and sister, who motivated me to do my very best.

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Bar/Bat Mitzvah Profiles

Sage Placer

Date of Bat Mitzvah: April 8, 2017

My name is Sage Placer, and I'm in 7th grade. I live with my mom; my dad; and my two sisters, Eden and Sienna. I really enjoy playing the piano and saxophone, both in and out of school, and I participate in the musicals at my school and camp every year. I also love to speak out and voice my opinions, regarding a few topics that are important to me. One of those topics includes feminism.

Because women's rights are so important to me, I decided to collect business-appropriate clothing for women. These items will be donated to an organization called "Dress for Success." This organization helps unemployed women find employment and support themselves.

I'd like to thank everyone here at Barnert, especially my Hebrew School teachers, Rabbi Steiner, Rabbi Frishman, Sara Losch, and Helen Fleischmann. I'd also like to thank my family for being supportive of everything I do.

Jack Klein

Date of Bar Mitzvah: April 22, 2017

My name is Jack Klein. I am a seventh grader and I live with my mom, dad, and my brother Harrison. I love to play baseball and basketball. I also enjoy hanging out with my friends. My favorite classes are Home Ec, where you learn how to cook and you get to try new foods; gym; and science. Over the year, I play sports a lot competitively and with my friends at our houses. I also really like going to my grandparents' house in Florida over winter break.

For my Mitzvah project I have been serving at the St. Paul's Men's Shelter in Paterson. I started to serve at the shelter once a month about a year ago with my mom and other Barnert members. This makes me feel really good inside because you know you are helping others by providing them with a healthy meal and a smile. When I started to serve, I was very scared because I didn't know how the guys would act, but the guys were so thankful. I have a lot of fun doing it, too.

Finally, I want to thank the team at Barnert for taking me through this journey: Helen Fleischmann, Mora Edith, Marc Chelemer and Sara Losch, Rabbi Steiner and Rabbi Frishman, as well as my parents and teachers at Barnert Religious School and Preschool. This has been an experience I will never forget, and I am so thankful for being able to spend it with the team at Barnert.

Rabbi Elyse Frishman

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We are also very committed to building friendships within our local Muslim communities, because it's eminently clear that lack of relationship confounds us. We can't afford fear based on ignorance. We Jews know what that leads to.

Equally, we insist on being a source of fact and information, Jewishly and otherwise, on issues of import. We welcome any and all input, and are dedicated to eradicating false information, even as we recognize that complexity may make the truth elusive — that the truth has several facets and we commit to revealing them.

Jews are commanded to live in a constant state of discomfort, uneasy over the inequities in our world. You shall love the stranger as yourself. Luck or blessing doesn't dismiss our responsibility to others. It reinforces it.

Because in the end, we aren't safe if others aren't safe.

Judaism demands a better world for everyone. We're called to be a light to the nations.

The synagogue must always feel safe. It may not always feel comfortable. But we'll share that discomfort safely.

And we'll light the way forward together.

Yours, in great respect and with appreciation for our difference,
Rabbi Elyse Frishman

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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.



At Barnert, Purim is Celebrated by Everyone!



Megillah Reading and Purim Shpiel

Sunday, March 12

10 am – 1 pm

We'll begin at 10 am with breakfast.

Wear your costumes!

Hear the *Megillah* and shake those groggers!

Actors wanted!

Have you ever wanted to be in a *Purim Shpiel*?

Here's your chance!

Preschool Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 12

4 pm

Adult Megillah Reading

Saturday, March 11

7 pm

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

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.



Passover

1st Seder: Monday, April 10

2nd Seder: Tuesday, April 11

Yizkor: Monday, April 17, 7:30 am



Book Club

March 14: Hillbilly Elegy

No wonder I am having trouble getting our latest book from the library. Our Wyckoff celebrity, David Brooks, writes in the New York Times, "Vance's description of the culture he grew up in is essential reading for this moment in history." Everyone seems to be reading either this or Orwell's "1984." All reviewers seem to agree that we must learn from this book what happens when children are brought up in poverty and in devastating living conditions and how difficult it is to get out of those conditions. The author, a former marine and a Yale Law School graduate, takes a long and hard look at the struggles of America's white working class through his own story of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town.

We will meet at 8 pm on Tuesday, March 14, at my home. We all discuss the book and everyone has a

chance to speak. It's always an interesting evening as our members are articulate and some are amazingly well-read, and we love having no leader. The coffee and tasty treats are also a comfort.

Please join us. RSVP to me at bherman@dt.com or (201) 891-2509 (home), or (201) 847-2183 (business).

Our April date is still to be confirmed, most likely at the end of April, but the book is confirmed: "The Adventures of Augie March," by Saul Bellow.

Keep on reading and consider even a one-time visit to our Temple Book Club. Contact me if you need to carpool at (201) 847-2183 or bherman@dt.com.

— Benita Herman

Order Your Haggadah Now!

The first Passover Seder is Monday, April 10. 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 March 27.

Haggadah Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

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



A Message From Sara Losch

Getting from Mitzrayim



leaving was their only choice both for survival and as a means to find a better life.

In the *Pesach Haggadah*, we read that “Each person is obligated to see himself/herself as if s/he actually came out of Egypt.” So we ask ourselves: What did leaving Egypt mean? Certainly, we were leaving behind generations of slavery and walking towards freedom. What else?

The Hebrew word for Egypt is *Mitzrayim*. The root letters of *Mitzrayim* are *mem*, *tzadi*, *resh*. These letters also form the Hebrew word *metzer*, which can mean boundaries, limits, restrictions, or “narrow place.” My grandparents, and probably yours, lived in narrow places. Historically, the Jews of most European countries were restricted to walled areas, often ghettos. They were allowed to work in only certain occupations (money lenders). And in the most horrific of times, they had to choose between staying where they were and forcibly converting, being expelled from their homes, or being murdered.

Like many Jews of my generation, three of my four grandparents were born in Europe. Each came to America at a different age, with a different story, running from a different challenge. They all “escaped” before 1920, so none endured the horrors of the *Shoah*. However, through pogroms in Russia and frightening conditions in Austria/Poland for Jews,

About ten years ago, our family was fortunate to be a “buddy family” during a *Zahal Shalom* experience (Bergen county families host and buddy 10 Israeli veterans). Our Israeli veteran was Boaz. Boaz’s Ethiopian family arrived in Israel as part of Operation Moses, when thousands of “Beta Israel” (sometimes called *Felasha Jews*) were rescued from the Sudan during a devastating famine. That same year, our son, Gabby, spent *Pesach seder* in Israel with Boaz and his family, who recounted their terrifying ordeal during the *maggid* (telling the Passover story) portion of the *seder*. Gabby was sitting with Jews whose story was the modern equivalent of the one we read every year. This family was among almost 8,000 who had to walk over 100 miles, a journey during which 4,000 others died and which took almost a month, in order to leave their *metzer* — their narrow

place — in order to save their own lives.

What *metzer*, what boundaries, limit us today? How can we, 21st century Jews, leave behind the narrow places of our modern lives and walk toward freedom? What freedoms are we willing to fight for and which ones do we cherish above all others? To what are we “enslaved” and how can we become free?

These questions can liven up your own *seder* experiences this year.

If you’d like suggestions for how to lead your *seder*, we have many for you.

May we all be awed by the beginning signs of spring and may we find time each and every day to embrace and feel blessed by our many freedoms this Passover, even as we work toward identifying, and leaving, our personal *metzer*.

Sara



Adult Education: Find Your Place!



Talmud Study. **Thursdays, March 2 and 23;** **April 6 and 20, at 7:30 pm.**

Join our Rabbi Joel Soffin for our modern-day discussion of the *Talmud*.

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



Torah Study. **Saturday, March 4;** **April 1 and 22 at 9:30 am.**

Enjoy an in-depth and highly engaging exploration of the *Torah* portion of the week with 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!



Finding The Joy In Me: Our lives. **Our dilemmas. Our solutions.** **With Rabbi Frishman.** **Sunday, March 5, at 9:30 am.**

Join the conversation on how to live a more productive, calmer and fulfilling life. Coffee and bagels.



Shabbat Yoga. **Saturdays, March 11 and 25;** **April 8, at 9:30 am.**

The physical and the spiritual meet in exhilaration. Every level of experience is welcome. Wear comfortable clothes and bring your mat. We are excited to offer *Shabbat Yoga* twice most months!



Rosh Chodesh. **Saturdays, March 18; April 29,** **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!



Shoah: Continuing Our Exploration. **Thursdays, May 11 and 25; June 1** **and 8, at 7:30 pm.**

Join Vicky Farhi as we continue to explore the *Shoah*, the attempted destruction of European Jewry. We'll spend four weeks learning about the very different experience of the Lodz and Warsaw Ghettos, examine why Denmark and Bulgaria protected their Jewish citizens, and learn about the Holocaust in France. We'll follow personal stories of those who navigated this nightmare.

Buildings & Grounds Committee

General Meeting Scheduled

Thursday, April 6, at 7 pm

If you have worked with Arthur Nalven or me in the past; or if you have a property management-related talent, skill or business; or if you wish to contribute your time and knowledge of facility systems and simple budgeting matters, please join us! We are looking for new members. It's a very low key committee which likes to work behind the scenes... which is why it is so rare to see a Buildings & Grounds blurb in the Barnert Magazine. So clip out this rarity and put it on your calendar.

RSVP to Vicky, our Executive Director, who is indispensable to B&G, at (201) 848-1800 or vfahri@barnerttemple.org.

Thanks you for considering spending some time with us.



—Robert Kwartler
Building & Grounds Chair

Barnert Preschool News: The Art Show!

By Alice Berdy, School Administrator

Our Pre-K class, the Fantastics, hosted an art show for families and friends on February 3rd. The class enjoyed a full month delving into the lives of famous artists and learning about their styles. The children were then given a wide variety of fine-art materials to create their own pieces of art inspired by the works of the artists they studied.

The art is displayed museum-style. It gives each child a sense of how important their individual piece is. A program is printed for the guests invited to walk through the halls and classroom and explore the beautiful artwork. They are led by the very capable "docents" (our pre-k art experts). Every year, this is the highlight for the parents and children alike. The children are so proud to show off their artwork in a very professional setting. Their knowledge of the artists and various techniques is impressive and you can literally see the self-esteem in their eyes.

This yearly program, developed by head teacher Nan Sumner, empowers children to not only learn about and to recognize famous artists, but more importantly, explore their own styles of expression and creativity. Sumner explains, "every aspect of child development is covered — motor, processing, emotional/social skills, and cognitive skills are used. If they are not drawn to painting in abstract they might enjoy creating a sculpture. And what child wouldn't be happy to experiment with the random paint-splashing of Jackson Pollack?" Nan commented.

I have been lucky enough to see the art show every year for at least 10 years. Nan and I were just reflecting on the fact that the work is so different year to year. Nan noted that each child brings a completely different and unique take on the style — a unique signature. Some children are more cerebral and can really think like the artist; some are better at execution. The results are all interesting and beautiful. That comment resonated with me as I walked the main hallway and was

immediately drawn to a display of paintings. Before I even saw the description, I knew the source artist immediately: big, loose, dreamy swirls and the deep colors. You could easily tell each piece told the story of a beautiful, starry night. They were not perfect copies of Van Gogh's *Starry Night*; they were never meant to be. They were expressions of creativity inspired by Van Gogh's work.

The parents are asked to leave their impressions in a notebook. I scanned through their comments: "Awesome day." "Moved seeing your hard work come to life." "Thank you for the wonderful art experience." "What an incredible show and an amazing week!" I would like to add one comment to that: "An absolute joy to see your creativity in full bloom. Your knowledge of the artists and their styles took my breath away!"



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The Barnert community thanks each person here for their generosity!

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Annual Jewelry Swap



SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 9-11 am

Start cleaning out that jewelry box now!

Join us for brunch in the social hall and
bring your jewelry (bracelets, necklaces, earrings, rings and
watches) to swap and/or donate.

All donated jewelry will be given to the Center for Hope and Safety

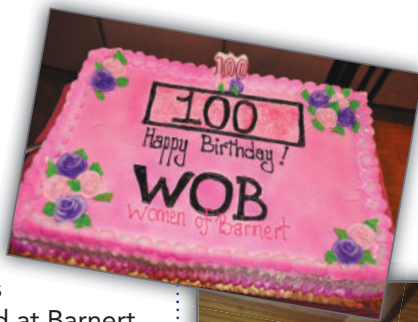
Must RSVP by March 10 to Amy Lynn, at amymlynn@optonline.net or 201-891-3993.

All welcome!

Women of Barnert

So Many Events...

If you weren't able to attend the 100th Birthday Brunch on January 29, you missed the chance to talk to over 80 fabulous women and celebrate 100 years of Sisterhood at Barnert. Thank you to everyone who helped pull this event together and all the past presidents who spoke about



necklaces, earrings and watches you never wear to swap and/or donate to the Center for Hope and Safety. Shelters often get donations of clothing, but no jewelry for the women to wear on job interviews. We'd like to help with that. As always we will also be collecting regular- and travel-size toiletry items. This event is a lot of fun and has been a big success in the past. Don't miss out! The event is free to all but you must RSVP to Amy Lynn at (201) 891-3993 or amylynn@optonline.net.

On February 16, WoB had its first programming meeting for 2017–2018. Several ideas discussed were mah-jongg lessons and a mah-jongg tournament, bridge lessons, cooking classes for the holidays, yoga, repeats of our "artistic" events: Corks & Canvas and the very popular scarf guy, and speakers who will appeal both to the preschool and not-so-preschool parents. If you have any ideas or suggestions, and want to get involved and make a difference by helping to run some of these events, please contact Rebeca Gordy at rebgordy@gmail.com.

Save the date! Sisterhood *Shabbat* is Friday, May 12. If you are interested in participating please contact Rebeca Gordy at rebgordy@gmail.com.

A few things to remember: WoB sells gift cards for lots of things that you use and buy. Support us by purchasing gift cards at no extra cost to you. A list of cards and other information is available in every edition of the Barnert Magazine. Many thanks to all our supporters who purchase gift cards on a regular basis. Also, WoB coordinates and pays for all *bima* flowers and *onegs*, with support from you. Any donation helps.

—Amy Lynn

their experiences: Benita Herman, Janet Finke, Marilyn Bernstein, Aviva Sanders, Amy Rattner, Amy Lynn, Dawn Frankl, Marian Filan, Jennifer Low Sauer, and Rebeca Gordy. Sisterhood has come a long way, but our goals remain the same: to serve you and the temple.

Thank you to Jennifer Low Sauer who spearheaded our "Keep This! Toss That!" event on February 9. Now we are all so much more organized thanks to Jamie Novak, author of "Keep This! Toss That."

There is still time to sign up for the WoB Jewelry Swap Brunch on Sunday, March 19, at 9 am. Start cleaning out your jewelry boxes now! Bring all those bracelets,

Mitzvah-Plex 2017 Photo Album

Compiled by Co-Chair Sue Klein

Mitzvah Mall became a Mitzvah-Plex this year with fewer charities, more hands-on projects and lots of opportunities to get to know local grassroots organizations better. We learned, we cooked, we hammered, we gardened, we crafted, we raised close to \$22,000 and we volunteered to help more.

An added bonus: these food, shelter, and advocacy groups connected and discussed how to partner and support each other. We plan to continue supporting them all throughout the year. If you'd like to know how, email Social Action Chair Elizabeth Resnick at elizabethresnick1@gmail.com.

The morning began with a taste of *tikkun olam*, Barnert-style, with keynote speakers Susan Paykin, left, and Mitzvah Mall creator Sharon Halper, center.



And then there were pancakes, eggs and sausage, Men's Club-style...



Volunteers welcomed, guided and facilitated projects.



We Learned

BarTY teens rallied support for the Boys & Girls Club of Paterson and Passaic.



CUMAC collected food and plastic shopping bags for their community pantry.



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CUMAC alleviates hunger and its root causes in Paterson, Passaic County, and northern NJ.



Paterson Habitat for Humanity recruited volunteers to build window and door frames for this family moving into the Fourth Ward, Barnert's former neighborhood.



Roots & Wings helps young adults aging out of foster care become self-sufficient. Women of Barnert is selling gift cards to help newly independent recipients buy supplies they need to get started.



We Rolled Up Our Sleeves and Got to Work

SAAFE (Save Abused And Frail Elderly) challenged young artists to create messages about things they can do to brighten a senior's day.



We hammered nails.

We signed the frames we built and signed up for future builds.



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We held babies.



Recycled milk jugs become outdoor greenhouses for vegetables that will be transplanted in the spring.

In the kitchen, we made meatloaves to serve for monthly meals at St. Paul's Men's Shelter in Paterson.



For Family Promise, we decorated pillows to keep homeless families comfortable, and tzedakah boxes to raise funds to support this Bergen County refuge.



In the atrium, we planted seeds to grow vegetables in Barnert's garden that will be donated to Center for Food Action in Mahwah.



Colorful blankets will keep temporarily homeless families warm.



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We Connected



Mitzvah-Plex 2017 Donations/Thank Yous

By Steve Kiel, Mitzvah-Plex Finance Chair

On January 22, Barnert Temple's annual Mitzvah Mall became a Mitzvah-Plex, with information, activities and fundraising to benefit five local charities, and hands-on service projects to benefit three more. The Barnert family rolled up its sleeves to do the important work of learning, volunteering, and donating close to \$22,000 to help five grassroots organizations accomplish their missions!

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked with the charities, planned the day, and staffed the event. Thanks

to the office and custodial staff for their continued support. Without the leadership of Sue Klein, Elizabeth Resnick, Ron Lynn, Donna Meyer, Vicky Farhi, and the Social Action Committee, this wonderful event would not have happened.

With tikkun olam in their hearts...

Special thanks to the following people, and everyone else who donated coins, dollars, and other undocumented funds to support Mitzvah-Plex charities:

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By Steve Kiel, Mitzvah-Plex Finance Chair

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The History Corner

Rabbi Martin Freedman

The Force Behind Not One But Two Survival Drives

Part I: The Move from Straight Street to Derrom Avenue

by Rich Edelman

(Extensive material in this article was taken, with permission, from Cipora Schwartz's book "An American Jewish Odyssey – American Religious Freedom and the Nathan Barnert Memorial Temple.")

Most members are well aware of the 1987 move from Paterson to Franklin Lakes to turn around the declining membership and to ensure the long-term survival of the Barnert Temple. Many are not aware that in the early 1960s a similar situation was facing the congregation, and a move from the Straight Street Temple to a new location on the east side of Paterson was required if the congregation was to survive. In both cases, it was the leadership and direction provided by Rabbi Martin Freedman that led to successful survival campaigns.

The Paterson Jewish population declined rapidly, from a peak of 25,000 in 1940 to a level of 11,350 by 1958. Tremendous growth was being experienced in the northern NJ suburbs of Paramus, Ridgewood, Glen Rock, Wayne and East Paterson. By 1955, at least one synagogue

had been built in each of the towns surrounding Paterson. In addition, much of the industry that congregation members owned or depended upon for their livelihood was leaving Paterson. By 1955, the temple membership had declined to 140 families.

Another pressing concern was the location of the temple. When it was erected in the early 1890s, the location on Broadway and Straight Street was a middle- and upper-class residential neighborhood. However, after World War I and the following decades, the downtown business district expanded to the temple location. Friday evening service attendance dropped dramatically, since parking space was on the street and difficult to find. In addition, many members felt the neighborhood after dark
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was not safe. Along with the deterioration of the neighborhood, the temple itself began to deteriorate. Maintenance costs for the ornate structure were high, adding to the financial hardship of declining membership.

During this period there were several changes in the rabbinical leadership. Rabbi Max Raisin retired in 1946, and was followed by Rabbi Aaron Opher, who served from 1946 to 1953. After two interim rabbis, the congregation engaged Rabbi Martin Freedman in late 1956. American-born and descended from a long line of rabbis, Rabbi Freedman's devotion to Barnert Temple was evident early in his ministry as he set about leading the congregation into serious consideration of its problems and options.

A challenge facing the congregation was that although there was a declining membership, and surrounding towns were experiencing dramatic growth, Paterson's Eastside neighborhood remained populated by a majority of the congregation's members. This dictated that any move should be within the Eastside area.

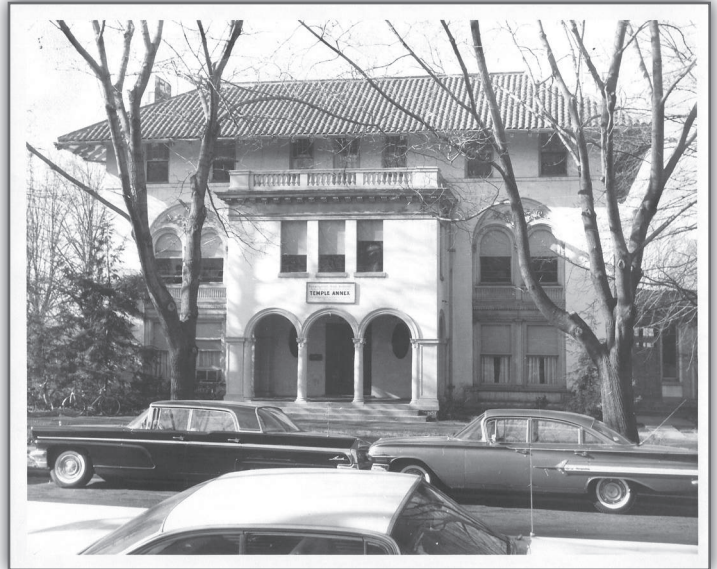
Why not move directly to northwest Bergen County? Here's the answer provided by Susan Sauer.

I don't think the congregation would have survived if it had moved Straight Street right to Franklin Lakes. Never in a million years. They needed to have that move in between, because it kept people from Paterson there. And it was a home for Reform Jews in other communities to come to. If you're a Reform Jew, you're a Reform Jew.

—Susan Sauer
Oral history, Barnert Archives

Early in 1959, under Rabbi Freedman's leadership, a building fund campaign called "A Faith to Affirm – A Legacy to Bestow," chaired by Samuel Schwartz, was initiated. The spirit of the campaign was articulated by Rabbi Freedman, who said, "...The existing Nathan Barnert Temple has served as our house of worship for seven epochal decades. It will endure — in reality or in memory — as a symbol of our steadfastness in the past. But the advancement of our congregation, and the dignity of our modern faith demand that we build anew."

In the summer of 1959, the trustees purchased for \$125,000 the old Carroll estate on Derrom Avenue across from Eastside Park. The Carroll mansion was put to immediate use as a religious school and temple annex, with the new temple to be constructed on the remainder of the property. In 1960, internationally renowned architect Percival Goodman was engaged to design the new synagogue. His plan for the new temple, completed in 1962, called for a modern brick structure to be constructed at a cost of \$575,000.



Carroll Mansion used for Temple Annex

On November 17, 1963, groundbreaking ceremonies took place. Sale of the old Straight Street temple awaited completion of the new building, as the terms of Nathan Barnert's bequest provided that the old temple could not be disposed of until a new temple was built, ensuring continuity of this historic congregation.



Groundbreaking Ceremony.

L. to r., Rabbi Martin Freedman, Samuel Wolff, George Rosenthal, Norman Lappin, Frank Stave, Samuel Schwartz, Maurice Glasgall, Theodore Ruser (Visbeen Constr.).

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Although it was intended that the sale of the Straight Street temple would provide funds to pay off the mortgage for the Derrom Avenue temple, this turned out not to be the case. The deterioration of the old neighborhood made it impossible to sell the building and it was eventually demolished. The existence of the mortgage on the Derrom Avenue temple was a continuing source of financial problems.

The last services were held at the original Barnert Temple on May 17, 1964, and included a beautiful *Shavuot* Confirmation service. *Sabbath* services were held throughout the summer in the temple annex. The first service in the new temple was held on *Rosh Hashanah* 5725 (1964).

The new temple location brought with it many new members, mostly Reform Jews from northwest Bergen County. B'nai Jeshurun's membership grew to more than 300 families, and Paterson witnessed a rebirth of New Jersey's oldest congregation. Unfortunately this would not last as the continuing pace of urban decay and rising crime rates took their toll on the city of Paterson. Within two decades, the congregation would once more find itself struggling to survive, and the need to move on.



Barnert Temple at Derrom Avenue.

(Part II – The Move from Derrom Avenue to Franklin Lakes, will follow in a later article in this series.)

College Essay Seminar

High School Juniors: It's Time to Write the Uncommon Common Application

Before you know it, YOU will be a high school senior, and many of you have begun the college search process. Whether you have considered a tentative list of schools, toured college campuses, or enrolled in SAT or ACT review courses, you are preparing to submit applications to at least five to ten colleges.



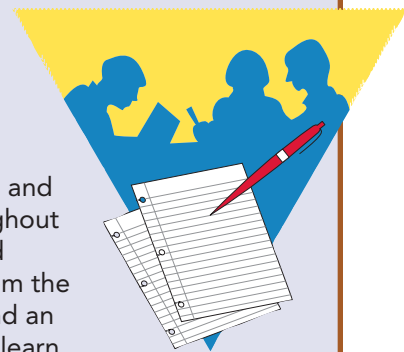
Deb Breslow

Impressive grade point averages, high SAT/ACT scores, and myriad of extra-curricular activities have created fierce competition among students. However, the essay is the one tool that can elevate one student over another.

More than 600 colleges accept the Common Application. The 2017–2018 application season brings changes to the current Common Application essay prompts. There are now a total of seven prompts (up from five) from which to choose while the word limit remains 650.

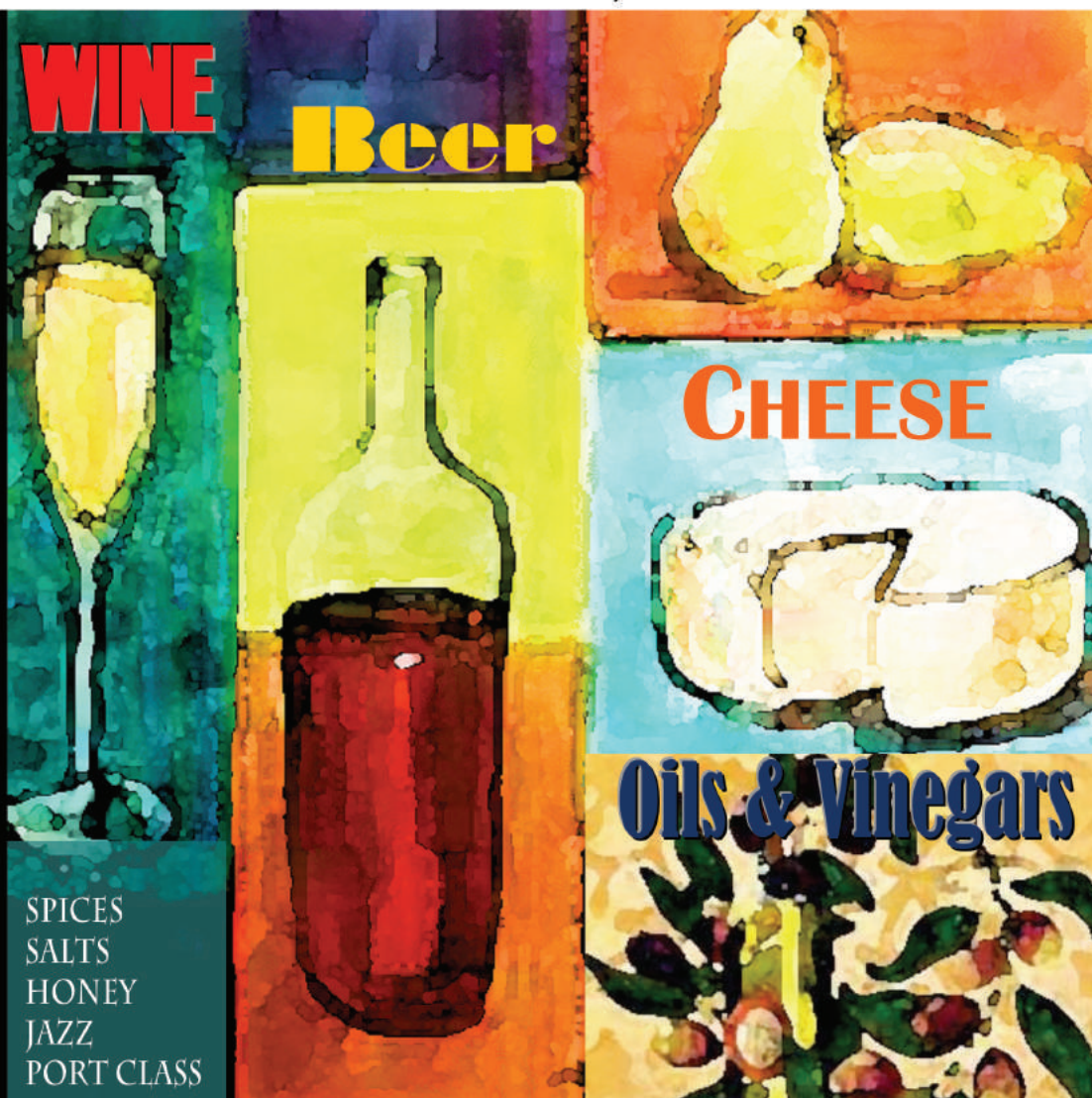
Parents: with 15 years of writing, editing and counseling experience, I will guide your rising high school senior to compose an original and creative college essay. Throughout the past six years, I've worked productively with students from the tri-state area. My clients attend an impressive list of colleges. To learn more about my experience and process, visit my website at www.djbreslow.com.

I look forward to our discussion on April 23, at 11 am when we will discuss the importance of writing a compelling college essay.



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Transition Steering Committee – March-April 2017

We begin our Barnert Temple Community celebration of retiring Rabbi Elyse Frishman with **a gala party on Thursday, April 27**. The words **"Learning, Humility, Compassion and Integrity"** that Rabbi Frishman shared in her *Yom Kippur* 2016 sermon will serve as our inspiration and as a reminder of all that she stands for, and all that Barnert Temple should be.

Next, on **Sunday, May 7**, from 11 am to 3 pm, after the final Jewish Journey Project LEV class, we will continue the celebration of *our* community, during **Barnert Community Day: This is Us!** This will be an opportunity for *us* — the whole of Barnert — to celebrate all that we are: *an amazing multi-generational, multi-faceted community, so inspired for many years by our Rabbi Frishman*. We will have fun, food, and music provided by **Rabbi Danny Frelander and family, our Barnert choirs and a rocking good show by Sheldon Low** — you know, the Jewish rock star. If you learned with him, sang with him, or enjoyed his music during his time at Barnert, you will not want to miss his visit. If you have no idea who Sheldon Low is, you will definitely want to be there to learn! *Don't miss this event; it is for all of us, from our youngest and newest member families right on up to our longest-standing members. It won't be a celebration of us without you there!*

Finally, on **Friday, June 16**, Rabbi Frishman

will participate in her **final Shabbat** as senior rabbi at Barnert. In addition to an always-inspirational service, there will be some special presentations, performances, and an especially delicious *oneg* to follow all in honor of our rabbi, Elyse Frishman. We hope that the college students are home, the campers have yet to head off into the wilds, the beach goers are still up north and maybe the spring sport season will have eased, allowing all who want to attend this special evening to do so. It promises to be a night of memories. If you would like to sponsor the flowers or the *oneg* for this *Shabbat*, please contact the office to make arrangements.

We want to remind you that although Rabbi Elyse Frishman is stepping into her next journey, we will still be here. It's been that way since 1847! We love, admire and learn from the best rabbis, but when they are ready to move on, Barnert Temple continues. As one of the oldest synagogues in New Jersey, we have staying power that won't quit. So let's together say goodbye, then together we will move into new experiences guided by our own Rabbi Rachel Steiner and another great rabbi, just not one named Elyse Frishman. And if you have any doubts, speak with anyone from the Paterson generation...they're still here, too!

—Marian Filan and Stacey Bradford Greenberg, Co-Chairs

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Sylvia Cohen
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Bert Weil
Ida Lemelson
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In Honor of

Josh Gottheimer

Tree of Life

Pleeter family

In Honor of

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B'nai Mitzvah

Women of Barnert

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Miki Gurman

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Jacob Starr
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We Welcome These New Friends!

Cheryl, Garrett, and Alexandra Friedman,
residing in Kinnelon

Iris Gersh, residing in Suffern, NY

Soldier Casualty Names December 2016-January 2017

Total U.S. casualties in Iraq to date: 4,492

U.S. Soldiers Killed In Afghanistan:

Sgt. First Class Allan E. Brown

Total U.S. casualties in Afghanistan to date: 2,398

Killed in Jordan:

Spc. Isiah L. Booker

Killed in Kuwait:

Spc. John P. Rodriguez

Killed in Yemen:

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Mitzvah Corps Summer 2017 Lineup

CHICAGO	Racial Justice	June 25-July 6	\$3200
Experience life in Chicago. Be at the heart of the fight for racial equality. Meet with political, nonprofit, and religious leaders. Take in an improv show. Understand the causes and symptoms of systemic oppression. Become a community organizer. Participate in workshops on identity and privilege. Watch an outdoor movie in Millennium Park. See firsthand what systemic oppression looks like in neighboring communities. Use stand-up comedy as a lens with which to view racism. Boat along the shore of Lake Michigan. Tour prestigious universities. Be an agent of lasting change.			
CIVIL RIGHTS JOURNEY	Racial Justice	July 23-August 6	\$3400
Play an active role in one of the most pressing national issues today - the fight for civil rights and racial equality. By traveling throughout the Deep South, visiting powerful historic places, connecting with influential leaders, and engaging with a diverse array of local communities, gain a comprehensive and relevant understanding of the civil rights movement's history and future.			
NEW ORLEANS	Disaster Relief	July 13-23	\$3200
Create lasting relationships while exploring the historic city of New Orleans, learning about the complexities of its racial and socio-economic dynamics, and the ongoing disaster relief that is too often unnoticed. Experience first-hand the resilience of this culturally rich and vibrant community, and work alongside individuals and organizations who have taken it upon themselves to restore and revitalize their neighborhoods in uniquely impactful ways.			
PACIFIC NORTHWEST	Refugee Resettlement	July 5-19 July 23-August 6	\$3400
Discover the beautiful, vibrant city of Seattle. Experience living among a diverse array of cultures. Build meaningful relationships with recently arrived refugee children as their camp counselor. Explore the lush landscape. Meet with organizations that are having a positive social impact. Live on a college campus. Visit and eat at Pike Place Market. Enjoy amazing weather in a gorgeous setting.			
NEW JERSEY (UMC)	Community Empowerment	June 25-July 23	\$4200
Against the backdrop of the safe and culturally rich environment of Rutgers University, UMC offers exciting social justice opportunities in and around New Brunswick, NJ. UMC provides participants with an authentic opportunity to explore their Jewish identities through the lens of social justice and engagement with new communities.			
CUBA	Cultural Heritage	July 12-27	\$6890 + airfare
Experience the rhythm of life in Cuba. Live in private <i>casas particulares</i> (private homes) and get to know Cuban families. Explore the quaint coastal town of Baracoa, the colonial city of Trinidad, world renowned Havana, and the fishing town of Cojimar. Experience a street festival. Work on an organic farm. Hike through the pristine Sierra del Escambray Mountains. Meet with a representative of ICAP, the Cuban Institute of Friendship between Peoples, to learn about Cuba's national identity and commitments to education, public health, and social and economic justice.			
COSTA RICA I	Wildlife Conservation	June 26-July 6	\$2800 + airfare
Work with baby sea turtles. Explore active volcanoes. Live in the coastal town of Nuevo Pacuare. Learn about wildlife conservation. Practice Spanish. Understand how climate change is impacting sea turtle populations worldwide. Relax on a hammock at sunset. Enjoy daily hikes to local waterfalls and rivers. Play soccer with local children.			

**Tuition listed includes early action discount of \$200. Deadline is January 5.*

COSTA RICA II	Community Empowerment	August 6-16	\$2800 + airfare
Spend time engaging with the Bribri indigenous community. Explore active volcanoes. Live in the beautiful, rural setting of Yorkin. Learn about how Bribri's economic status affects the local infrastructure. Practice Spanish and the Bribri language. Support local community efforts to preserve Bribri culture. Relax on a hammock at sunset. Enjoy daily hikes to local waterfalls and rivers. Play soccer with Bribri children.			
ECUADOR & THE GALAPAGOS	Rural Development & Biodiversity	July 6-31	\$6190 + airfare
Alongside members of a local Quechua community in Ecuador's Andean highlands, learn about cultural and language preservation efforts and clean water initiatives. Savor rich Ecuadorian coffee. Learn Spanish from interactions with local Ecuadorians. Visit local markets. Learn about local spiritual traditions. Travel south to a working <i>hacienda</i> (ranch). Explore Cotopaxi National Park by foot and on horseback. Discover the extraordinary wildlife of the Galapagos Islands, home to giant tortoises, lava tunnels, penguins, marine iguanas, and blue footed boobies. Travel by boat from island to island amidst unmatched geographic and biological diversity. Hike the crater of an active volcano. Bike from the highlands of San Cristobal Island down to the coast. Body surf in Tortuga Bay. Snorkel with sea turtles and manta rays.			
ISRAEL	Interfaith Relations	June 28-July 19	\$6795 includes airfare
Experience Israel off-the-grid. Engage with refugees from Syria and Sudan. Meet with people of all faiths and ethnic identities. Snorkel in the Red Sea. Feel the spiritual energy of Tzfat. Sleep under the desert stars. Be part of a kibbutz community. Learn and practice Hebrew. Hike in the mountains and float in the Dead Sea. Support integration of Ethiopian immigrants. Find the beauty in Israel's complexities.			
ITALY	Food Justice	July 13-August 2	\$6890 + airfare
Live on an expansive organic farming estate in the heart of Tuscany. Get hands on experience working with animals, in the garden, and cooking. Work with specialty producers, food activists, and consumers, tracing the path of food from farm to table. Visit local restaurants. Take in the bustling markets of Florence and Siena. Swim in the Mediterranean. Explore principles of sustainability, maintenance of local heritage, equality of access, and the places where public policy, nutrition, and culture intersect.			
NICARAGUA I	Youth Empowerment	July 6-16	\$2800 + airfare
Spend time in the beautiful colonial city of Granada, one of Nicaragua's oldest and most vibrant cities on the shores of Lake Nicaragua, rich with culture, and the historic center of political and economic development. The group will work on a project to provide housing for low income families in the city, and visit with political leaders to learn about the challenges associated with economic development in the country.			
NICARAGUA II	Community Empowerment	August 6-16	\$2800 + airfare
Be captivated by the beautiful historic village of El Castillo. Eat home cooked meals. Unplug from technology. Hike to waterfalls and rivers. Play soccer with local children. Build relationships with Nicaraguan peers. Work with local grassroots organizations. Explore active volcanoes. Learn about the conservation efforts of the largest environmental non-governmental organization in the region. Practice Spanish. Visit with local political leaders to learn about the challenges associated with economic development. Relax on a hammock at sunset.			
TANZANIA	Rural Education & Wildlife Conservation	July 2-24	\$6290 + airfare
Live locally, just outside of the town of Arusha. Support community-initiated projects. Immerse in village life and foster lasting friendships. Learn the basics of Swahili. Embark on a multi-day safari and track lions, zebras, elephants, and more in Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area and Tarangire National Park.			

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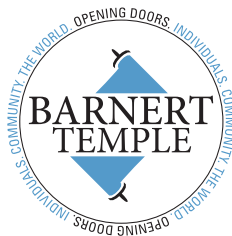
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Vision and Mission Statement The Barnert Temple Congregation B'nai Jeshurun Franklin Lakes, NJ

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*

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On Every Monday night from 5:45 pm – 7 pm, please join me for a gentle yoga flow class that is OPEN to the entire Barnert community and beyond. Yoga at Barnert offers a comfortable, noncompetitive, safe environment. New students are welcome. Bring a friend. Reserve your space today! Go to energyworksyoga.com for a complete schedule.

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I am a Barnert Temple member along with my husband and four children. I began my yoga practice 23 years ago when I was looking for a way to relax. In the past 11 years, I have found that with steady practice, yoga brings more spiritual connection and balance into my life.



200/500 hour Registered Yoga Teacher, (RYT) — Naturally Yoga, Glen Rock, NJ



Kundalini Research Institute (KRI) teacher — Kripalu, Stockbridge, MA
with a KRI level 2 in “Conscious Communications” and Therapeutics
from Golden Bridge Yoga, NYC.



Reiki practitioner and Sat Nam Rasayan ® healer — Mount Shasta, CA
I combine these ancient arts of healing along with hands-on adjustments,
breath work, mantra and meditation in my private sessions, workshops and
energy flow yoga classes for adults, teens and children.

Dear Friends, My personal mission is to be a compassionate listener with heartfelt presence. Since it is our birthright to live in peace, I sense that all of the magnificence found in nature lives inside of our hearts and souls too. I hope to see you on the mat soon! xoxo Marla

Questions?? Contact me at (201) 790-5551 or mgourmet@verizon.net.

March 2017	3 Adar 5777 – 4 Nisan 5777
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Rabbi Frishman's Class ♦ Rabbi Steiner's Class § Rabbi Soffin's Class ^ Sara Losch's Class	Torah: Purple Avodah: Blue Gemilut Chasadim: Green		1 Religious School Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple 6 pm Meeting for B/M in March/April 2018 7:30 pm Exec. Committee 7:30 pm Purim Rehearsal	2 7:30 pm Talmud Study§	3 7 pm Shabbat Service and Potluck Supper	4 Terumah Exod. 25:1-27:19 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study BarTY GAGASPHERE (off-site) 7 pm Men's Club Gourmet Tasting Event
5 Religious School K-2 Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple Junior Choir 9:30 am Finding The Joy In Me* 11 am Transition	6 Post Confirmation	7 9 am Preschool Adult Enrichment Yoga Religious School Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple 8 th Grade Ma'ayan 9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation 6 pm Confirmation Class Parents Planning 7:30 pm Purim Dress Rehearsal	8 Religious School Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple	9	10 5 pm Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner 8 pm Shabbat Service	11 Tetzaveh Exod. 27:20-30:10 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Shabbat Yoga
12 PURIM Daylight Saving Time Begins Religious School K-2 Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple Junior Choir Family Promise 10 am Megillah Reading and Purim Shpiel 4 pm Preschool Purim Carnival	13 7:30 pm Board of Trustees	14 9 am Preschool Adult Enrichment Yoga Religious School Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple 8 th Grade Ma'ayan 9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation	15 Religious School Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple	16 6 pm Social Action/ Social Justice Steering (off-site)	17 5 pm Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner 8 pm Shabbat Service	18 Ki Tissa Exod. 30:11-34:35 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh 10 am Natalie Goldman B/M Rachel Rives B/M
19 Religious School K-2 Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple Junior Choir 9 am Women of Barnert Jewelry Swap	20	21 9 am Preschool Adult Enrichment Yoga Religious School Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple 8 th Grade Ma'ayan 9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation	22 Religious School Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple	23 7:30 pm Talmud Study§	24 6:30 pm Tot Shabbat 8 pm Shabbat Service	25 Vayakhel/Pekude Exod. 35:1-40:38 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Shabbat Yoga 10 am Rebecca Reich B/M
26 Religious School K-2 Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple Junior Choir 11:30 am BarTY Board	27 8th/9th Grade Ma'ayan* 6:30 pm Networking	28 Religious School Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple Confirmation Men's Shelter	29 Religious School Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple	30	31 6:30 pm Tot Shabbat 8 pm Shabbat Service	

April 2017 5 Nisan 5777 – 4 Iyar 5777

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Rabbi Frishman's Class ♦ Rabbi Steiner's Class § Rabbi Soffin's Class ^ Sara Losch's Class	Torah: Purple Avodah: Blue Gemilut Chasadim: Green					1 Vayikra Lev. 1:1-5:26 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study 10 am Ethan Bernstein B/M 6 pm BarTY Shul-In to 8 am on April 2
2 Religious School K-2 Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple Junior Choir 9 am Men's Club Breakfast with Speaker Dr. Machac	3 Post Confirmation	4 Religious School Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple 8 th Grade Ma'ayan 9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation 8 pm Ritual	5 Religious School Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple 7:30 pm Executive Committee	6 7 pm Building & Grounds 7:30 pm Talmud Study§	7 7:09 pm 7 pm Shabbat Service and Potluck Supper	8 Tzav Lev. 6:1-8:36 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Shabbat Yoga 10 am Sage Placer B/M
9 Family Promise	10 No Preschool 1 pm Office Closes Passover Begins 1 st Seder	11 PASSOVER No Preschool Office Closed 2 nd Seder	12 PASSOVER No Preschool	13 PASSOVER No Preschool 7 pm Men's Club Passover Dinner	14 PASSOVER No Preschool 5 pm Tot Shabbat and Matzah Pizza Snack 8 pm Shabbat Service	15 PASSOVER
16 PASSOVER	17 PASSOVER No Preschool Office Closed 7:30 am Yizkor 7:30 pm Board of Trustees	18 Religious School Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple 8 th Grade Ma'ayan 9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation 8 pm Membership (off-site)	19 Religious School Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple	20 6 pm Social Action/ Social Justice Steering (off-site) 7:30 pm Talmud Study§	21 7:24 pm 8 pm Shabbat Service	22 Shemini Lev 9:1-11:47 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study 10 am Jack Klein B/M
23 YOM HASHOAH Religious School K-2 Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple Junior Choir 9:15 am Yom Hashoah Observance 11 am College Prep Presentation	24 6:30 pm Networking: Beverly R. Daniel	25 Religious School Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple Confirmation Men's Shelter	26 Religious School Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple	27 Barnert Temple Gala	28 6:30 pm Tot Shabbat 8 pm Shabbat Service	29 Tazria/Metzora Lev. 12:1-15:33 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh
30 Religious School K-2 Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple Junior Choir 11:30 am BarTY Board						

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Friday, March 3
**Shabbat service
and potluck supper** 7 pm

Saturday, March 4
**Men's Club
Gourmet Tasting** 7 pm

Friday, March 10
**Tot Shabbat and
pizza dinner** 5 pm

Saturday, March 11
**Erev PURIM
Adult Megillah reading** 7 pm

Sunday, March 12
**Daylight saving time begins
PURIM
Megillah reading and
Purim Shpiel** 10 am
Preschool Purim Carnival 4 pm

Sunday, March 19
**Women of Barnert
Jewelry Swap** 9 am

Friday, March 24
Tot Shabbat 6:30 pm

Friday, April 7
**Shabbat service
and potluck supper** 7 pm

Monday, April 10
**PASSOVER begins
1st Seder
No preschool through
Monday, April 17
Temple office closes** 1 pm

Tuesday, April 11
**PASSOVER
Office closed
2nd Passover Seder**

Thursday, April 13
**Men's Club Passover
Dinner** 7 pm

Friday, April 14
**Tot Shabbat and
matzah pizza snack** 5 pm

Monday, April 17
**7th day PASSOVER
Office closed
Yizkor** 7:30 am

Sunday, April 23
**YOM HASHOAH
Yom HaShoah observance** 9:15 am

Thursday, April 27
Barnert Temple Gala

Friday, April 28
Tot Shabbat 6:30 pm