

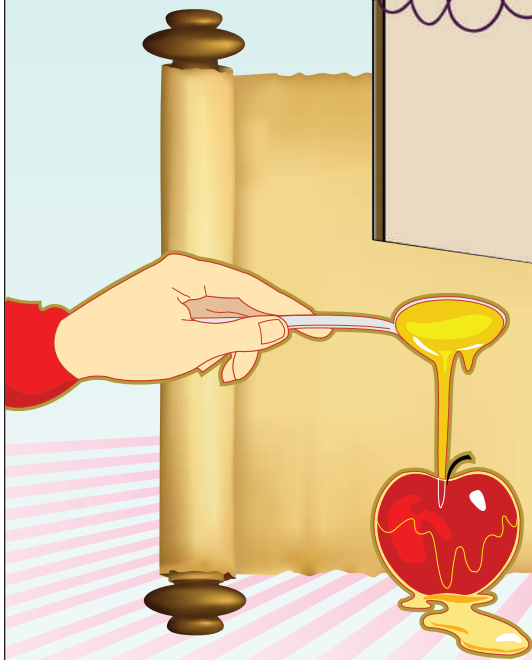
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Come Home to Barnert! There is so much to read about in this issue of our magazine, welcoming the new Jewish year of 5778. Learn about our new interim rabbi, Don Rossoff (pg 3) and read his welcoming message (pg 3). In their articles, Rabbi Steiner and Sara Losch explore the many new areas of Jewish life we'll be sharing. All grades, historically called "Religious School" or "Hebrew School," are now under the Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple. Barnert HOMECOMING will be held right after school on September 10, with a barbeque, kids games, and a dessert reception to meet Rabbi Don (pg 8). Our Adult Education program is up and running, with a new *Mussar* class, Lunch and Learn, and special Music Class (pg 18). Our Teen Youth Group BarTY is in the house and getting ready for a great year! (pg 17). The Women of Barnert are offering a new Girls' Night Out and Knitting Circle (pg 21). And of course, we prepare for the High Holidays with a *Selichot* special guest speaker, Michael Oppenheimer of the NY Times and LA Times (pg. 12), and celebrate *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah* with adult and children's opportunities. Support the preschool parents and order your holiday *challah* and *babka* (pg 13). There's this and so much more. Welcome home to Barnert!

**Our Mission:** The mission of Barnert Temple is to be a sacred community, a *kehillah kedoshah*, 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 Don Rossoff

## Dorothy, Baseball, and the High Holidays



Since I joined the Barnert community back in July, I have met and spoken with many of you and have appreciated how very much at home everyone has helped Fran and me feel. But if previous experience tells me anything, most of you will be seeing me for the first time during the upcoming High Holidays. I assure you now as I will assure you then, you are in the right place.

This year I will be one of your rabbis, doing what rabbis do, here to serve you along with Rabbi Steiner and our wonderful staff. But an interim rabbi is not just a place holder. My purpose here is to walk you through this year of transition. As the experts say, change is what happens; transition is the emotional experience of change. Becoming accustomed to having a new person on the *bima* saying the same words but with a different voice, is part of the transition. But transition is about more than becoming accustomed to hearing a different voice. It's about a journey. Our journey is one of *teshuvah*. *Teshuvah* literally means "return" or "response." In the classic sense *teshuvah* is understood as repentance, examining the wrongs, the mistakes, missteps, and misstatements of the past year; seeing them for what they are; and working to fix what we might have broken in the world and in ourselves. Certainly, our purpose for gathering during the Days of Awe — as it is for all Jews wherever they are across this small planet — is the work of *teshuvah*.

But Martin Buber also spoke of *teshuvah* as turning, discovering new direction, finding a different kind of response. Turning involves personal and interpersonal

realigning, refocusing, and redefining. Turning is not easy. It takes work, the work of facing ourselves and facing others, the difficult work of forgiving past hurts and asking for forgiveness, the work of coming to grips with what to hold on to and what to let go of. *Teshuvah* is turning, responding to life, and returning to our best selves.

As we engage in our personal *teshuvah*, at the same time we will be doing the work of communal turning and returning, of realigning, refocusing, redefining, and responding. This is the journey we will walk together this year. This journey will take this community from where you have been to the cusp of where you are going to be, always remaining the exceptional, inclusive sacred community that Barnert is and ever strives to become. For as Dorothy learned in Oz and what every baseball fan knows, regardless of where the journey takes us, ultimately the journey returns us home.

That is why we see the upcoming holidays as a homecoming of sorts. Each of you, in your own way and for your own reasons, whether you grew up at Barnert or are here for the first time, will be coming home to Barnert. And I feel so very blessed that you have invited me to come home with you.

And so, as we begin our year together as interim rabbi and congregation, I would like to express again what an honor it is to serve this historic community and to be following my classmate, teacher, and friend, Rabbi Frishman. I would also add to that what a joy it has been to work with such a talented and dedicated staff and such a hard-working and visionary lay leadership. Barnert Temple is blessed in so, so many ways! And as the temple is blessed, so am I and so are we all.

Warmest wishes from home to home for a healthy, joyous, fulfilling, and purposeful New Year!

Rabbi Don Rossoff

### Meet Barnert's Interim Rabbi

## Rabbi Donald B. Rossoff, D.D., RJE

Rabbi Don Rossoff comes to Barnert Temple after having served as interim rabbi for Temple Beth Am in Framingham, MA, and the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation in Evanston, Illinois. Prior to that, he was spiritual leader of Temple B'nai Or in Morristown, NJ, from 1990 to 2015, and was an associate rabbi at Temple Shalom, Chicago, from 1981 to 1990. Rabbi Rossoff served two non-consecutive terms as president of the Morris Area Interfaith Council; was chair of the MetroWest Rabbinic Cabinet; was on the Board of the

Central Conference of American Rabbis; and chaired its Israel Committee, Resolutions Committee, and 2009 Israel Convention. He received the "Ohev Yisrael Award – Lover of Israel" by the national Association of Reform Zionists of America Rabbinic Counsel. He also served on the Jersey Battered Women's Shelter Clergy Partnership Advisory Board and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Committee which awarded him for his dedication to the community.

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# A Message From Rabbi Rachel Steiner

## Home is Where We Are



As I am writing this article, many of our Barnert young people are getting ready to return from their home at sleepaway camp to their home in New Jersey. And our college students are getting ready to leave their family home and head to school to set up their home for the year. So, it seems, that “home” is relative to where we are, and the intention we bring to our surroundings.

Our primary home is the place we live—where we eat and sleep and, for many of us, where we spend time with those we love. What makes your house feel like your home? What do you take with you when you are travelling, to make the place where you are staying feel more like home? The Hebrew word for home is *bayit*. Understanding the way *bayit* is used can help us broaden and deepen our understanding of the potential of a home.

The Hebrew language often brings together two otherwise distinct words to communicate something new. When the word *bayit* is used this way, we pronounce it differently and say *beit*. Let’s look at a few of these combinations: *beit am*, a house of people, or a community center; *beit midrash*, a house of study; and *beit kneset*, a house of assembly.

A *beit am* is a community center. All of the young people who attend a camp that is part of the Reform movement will know that there is a *beit am* at camp—a place where everyone congregates. Imagine a big open building filled with hundreds of people enjoying theater, music, or anything else that builds community.

A *beit midrash* is a house of study for everyone. Children learning to read, adults studying *Torah*, intergenerational groups of people learning about how to make the world more hospitable for more people. What’s important is that it is a home filled with people engaged in meaningful exploration and growth. The knowledge we acquire in the *beit midrash* must inform and impact the way we live!

Finally, a *beit kneset* is a house of assembly, and is generally the Hebrew term used for a synagogue. Note that though there is also a term *beit tefilah*, or house of prayer, the words for synagogue are ones that focus on a house of assembly. For a synagogue is only a synagogue when we are together, assembled. In our *beit kneset* we pray, we study, we sing, we laugh, we eat delicious food—we take all that we can from a tradition meant to help us live lives of intention, impact and interconnection.

As you may have noticed by now, the way we use the word “home” in these phrases, *beit*, is the same word

as the second letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *bet*. This *bet* is the very first letter of the *Torah*, as it begins the word *bereishit*, which means “in the beginning.” A home is a place for sacred beginnings. There, we acquire the support and the tools that we need to navigate the world. We are about to celebrate the beginning of our new year. On Sunday, September 10, we will gather for study and food and fun at our Barnert Homecoming. Less than two weeks after that we will celebrate *Rosh Hashanah* and the following holidays and rituals for welcoming the New Year, 5778. On each of these occasions, and every time we come to Barnert, we hope (and expect!) to leave with new insights to guide us.

As we invite you to Come Home to Barnert this year, we invoke all of the many ways we can use the word *bayit*. Most importantly, our *beit kneset*, our synagogue, is our home for study, for community gathering, for marking moments of celebration and sadness, for those who are new to Jewish tradition and those who are already knee-deep into their lifelong study. This home has many doors and they are open wide, waiting for you to step inside. If you’re not yet sure where your place is in our home, let’s talk. There are so many ways in, so many open doors. Let’s enter together.

## Yizkor: Remembering Loved Ones Throughout the Year

Saturday, September 30,  
at 4:45 pm

Our Jewish calendar offers opportunities throughout the year to remember loved ones who are no longer with us. In addition to the annual *yahrzeit* that marks the anniversary of a death, *Yizkor* services of remembrance are held during *Yom Kippur*, *Sukkot*, *Passover* and *Shavuot*. These services embrace you in community love and support.





# Shabbat and Holiday Worship with Rabbi Rossoff 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.

Our High Holiday Services are thoughtful and Joyful, with a focus for every age.

Friday, September 1  
7 pm Service  
8 pm Potluck Supper

Friday, September 8  
8 pm Service

Saturday, September 9  
9:30 am *Torah Study, Parshat Ki Tetze*  
10 am Service, *Bar Mitzvah* of Zachary Engel

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

Saturday, September 16  
10 am Service, *Bar Mitzvah* of Ari Smith  
7 pm *Selichot*

Wednesday, September 20  
8 pm *Erev Rosh Hashanah* Evening Service

Thursday, September 21  
9:15 am *Torah Tots* and *Kavanah Kids*  
9:30 am Morning Service and Junior Congregation  
12:30 pm Community *Kiddush Picnic*  
1:30 pm Young Family Service  
3 pm *Tashlich Ceremony*

Friday, September 22  
10 am Morning Service and *Torah Study, Informal*  
8 pm Service

Saturday, September 23  
9:30 am *Shabbat Yoga*

Friday, September 29  
7:45 pm *Kol Nidre*

Saturday, September 30  
9 am Young Family Service  
10:45 am *Torah Tots* and *Kavanah Kids*  
11 am Morning Service and Junior Congregation  
2 pm Adult and Teen Study Sessions  
3:45 pm Afternoon Service of Renewal  
4:45 pm *Yizkor Service*  
5:30 pm *Neilah*, Closing Service, Break the Fast

Friday, October 6  
7 pm *Shabbat-In-Sukkot* Dinner Celebration  
Around The Tables  
Potluck Supper

Saturday, October 7  
9:30 am *Shabbat Yoga*

Wednesday, October 11  
6:30 pm *Yizkor*  
7 pm *Simchat Torah* Celebration

Friday, October 13  
8 pm Service

Saturday, October 14  
9:30 am  
*Torah Study, Parshat Bereshit*

10 am Service, *Bat Mitzvah* of Giselle Sinoway

Friday, October 20  
5 pm *Tot Shabbat* and Pizza Dinner  
8 pm Service

Saturday, October 21  
9:30 am *Rosh Chodesh*  
10 am Service, *Bar Mitzvah* of Max Nussbaum

Friday, October 27  
8 pm Service

Saturday, October 28  
9:30 am *Torah Study, Parshat Lech Lecha*



# Bar/Bat Mitzvah Profiles

## Ari Smith

**Date of Bar Mitzvah: September 16, 2017**

Hi, my name is Ari Smith. I'm in 7th grade and I live with the best family ever: my sister Ella; my mom, Jill; my dad, Derek; my dog and best friend Duncan; and my two cats, Mikey and Pierre. I play multiple sports from hockey to baseball. I also take part in a jazz band as the bass guitarist. I enjoy school, cooking, and traveling. My family and I travel a lot. It is one of our favorite things to do. We have traveled across America, throughout Europe, and to the Caribbean and South America. I am excited to go to South Africa as my *Bar Mitzvah* trip.

For my *Mitzvah* project, I am volunteering at the Lorrimer Sanctuary in my hometown. I do things like cleaning up the trails, feeding the animals, and cleaning up the place. I would like to thank Pat, the director, for allowing me to help out with the sanctuary.

My collection involves collecting costumes for kids for Halloween, or any other time. I always enjoy wearing costumes for special occasions, and I want other children to get the same feeling as I do. I am doing this collection in partner with Jersey Cares.

I would like to thank my family for allowing me to become a *Bar Mitzvah*, and also the Barnert Temple team such as Rabbi Steiner, Helen Fleischmann, Mora Edith, and Marc Chelemer. All of these people have helped me through the start of my Jewish journey and in reaching my goals.

## Max Nussbaum

**Date of Bar Mitzvah: October 21, 2017**

Hi, my name is Max Nussbaum. I am in 7th grade, and I am very excited to become a *Bar Mitzvah* on October 21, 2017. I am an only child, and spend most of my free time playing baseball and skiing. I also enjoy reading and watching classic TV shows such as Batman and Robin, Star Trek, and old westerns.

For my community service project I have been volunteering at the Mahwah All-Stars Program. This program teaches children from Bergen County diagnosed with autism and other disabilities to play sports. In the spring it was baseball and in the fall will be soccer. It has been a very enjoyable and rewarding experience.

For my collection *Mitzvah* project, I will be collecting books and sporting equipment for the Paterson public school system.

I would like to thank my mom and dad, Rabbi Frishman, Rabbi Steiner, Mora Edith, Helen Fleischmann, Marc Chelemer, and Sara Losch for helping me throughout the process. Without you I would not be here.



## Rabbi Rossoff *From page 3*

Rabbi Rossoff was ordained from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1981. He holds masters degrees in Hebrew Letters and Hebrew Education from HUC-JIR, a bachelor of arts from Northwestern University, and a bachelor of Jewish Studies from Spertus College of Judaica. He received his certification as an interim rabbi from the national Interim Ministry Network and the CCAR and is currently pursuing a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from Capella University.

Rabbi Rossoff published a children's book on spirituality, *The Perfect Prayer*, and contributed chapters to *The Jew in the Modern World: A Documentary History*, edited by Paul Mendes-Flohr and Jehuda Reinharz, and *Chosen Tales: Stories Told by Jewish Storytellers*, edited by Peninnah Schram. His latest publications, an article entitled "Visions for a New/Old Reform Yizkor Service" and a poem, "What If..." appeared in the Journal of Reform Judaism and was adapted for use in *Mishkan Hanefesh* (CCAR). As a musician, he published *Adonai Li*,

a musical setting of Psalm 118:6 (with Cantor Bruce Benson), and the lyrics for "You Can Change the World" (with Cantor Jeff Klepper). He has performed on flute with Debbie Friedman, Craig Taubman, and Mattan Klein, and performed and recorded with "Kol Sasson" and "Kol B'Seder."

His wife, Francine Rossoff, RN, served on the Morris School District board of education and received a number of honors for her service to the community. They have four grown children: Marc, Jenna, Ilana and Nathaniel.

Says Rabbi Don, "I am so very honored to be serving as interim rabbi at Barnert for this coming year! I have come to know Barnert to be a warm, welcoming, innovative and engaged community with a great heritage of outstanding clergy and lay leadership. I look forward to working with the temple's members and its dedicated staff as together we build for the exciting and inspiring future which surely lies ahead for this sacred community!"

# 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 vichune'ka.  
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.



# A Message From the President

## Why Barnert Matters



Dear Friends;

I bought a plaque in a little shop in LBI a few weeks ago. Its message touched me deeply: *Gratitude is knowing that what we have is enough.* At Barnert Temple, gratitude abounds.

I am grateful when I think of our new beginnings at Barnert. We are fueled by an abundance of wisdom and warmth, and an energy and excitement, as we evolve in our Jewish lives. Together, we are deepening engagement and living with purpose.

At Friday night services, Rabbi Don encourages us to share what we're grateful for. Responses range from the deeply poignant to the hilariously funny (thanks, Bill Cohen!). I appreciate this kind of opportunity to try new things, recognizing wonderful new ideas and incorporating them. We also take risks because we trust each other. It's the essence of a community that is truly an extended family.

We offer support at every life stage: welcoming babies, raising teenagers, caring for elderly parents, managing illness and grief. Wherever you are, Barnert is there for you.

We recently learned of a young woman in need. She had to drop everything and start a new life. She left with the clothes on her back and a single bag. The Barnert community responded. Days later, she had a new wardrobe. This is just one example of how, without hesitation, the Barnert community shows up.

This is remarkable. It brings me deep joy to know that I live with this particular purpose. How grateful I am to

be in a position to act with this kind of intention, with my children watching. At Barnert, we invite opportunities that speak to who we are and what matters to us, with limitless potential for making a meaningful difference.

Looking ahead, we'll have a new experience with the High Holidays, benefiting from the wisdom of Rabbi Rossoff and Rabbi Steiner. Other leadership roles are shifting with Susan Esserman-Schack guiding Women of Barnert and Rich Kuller leading the Men's Club. I am eager to see their visions come to life as we move into this next chapter of Barnert's history.

Stay tuned for upcoming social events that put the focus on fun. You'll be hearing from our new social director, Derek Smith, who will be collaborating with the Men's Club and Women of Barnert among others to create memorable events.

We are reviving committee work, which is an effective and finite way to get involved and enhance your life. Opportunities are ongoing. As one example, we are forming a new Inclusion Task Force, taking inclusivity and equity to new heights. If this speaks to you, please let me know. It's vitally important that all voices are heard. To be truly inclusive, we must ensure that we always listen and learn.

When I think of Barnert Temple's beginning in 1847, I am humbled by our history and excited about our future. Barnert is the place to define our Jewish identities and explore a caring community. We welcome ideas that will help to shape our new beginnings.

I'm looking so forward to this upcoming year. I hope you are as well.

Warmly,  
Rebecca

**Barnert**  
**HOMECOMING**

Sunday, September 10,  
following Jewish Journey classes.

11 am: BBQ.

Celebrate the beginning of the year with a BBQ  
and catch up with friends.

Children's games and activities.

12 noon: Welcome Rabbi Don Rossoff.

Haven't met Rabbi Don yet?  
Here's your chance with a special dessert reception

Barnert Homecoming sponsored by Men's Club, Women of Barnert,  
and the Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple.



# A Message From Sara Losch

Come Home to Barnert



Recently, our senior staff—Rabbi Steiner, Rabbi Rossoff, Vicky Farhi and I—had an out-of-synagogue retreat/meeting. Our goal was to share with “Rabbi Don” a *tam*—a taste of our community—and to think about ways for you and he to become acquainted.

Rabbi Don came up with the idea of using the first official day of the school year as a homecoming. In the

following days, Come Home to Barnert became a greeting.

Sit in a car with me for any length of time and you’ll know that I am a musical-theater and folk-music geek. In fact, spend time with me out of a car and I’m sure to break into song based on a random word that comes into our conversation. Since that retreat, I’m singing about home. There’s Paul Simon:

*Homeward bound,  
I wish I was,  
Homeward bound,  
Home where my thought’s escaping,  
Home where my music’s playing,  
Home where my love lies waiting  
Silently for me.*

There’s this from The Wiz:

*When I think of home, I think of a place  
Where there’s love overflowing  
I wish I were home, I wish I was back there  
With the things I’ve been knowin.’*

Sure, no home is perfect and many are filled with complicated relationships. Yet we yearn for home, for a deep belonging. Knowing that, a *mitzvah* we can strive for is *shalom bayit*, peace in the home. The Hebrew word *shalom* signifies more than peace. It comes from the Hebrew root letters *shin, lamed, mem*—*shalem*, or wholeness. *Shalom bayit* starts with finding peace and wholeness in ourselves and then reaching out to share that peace with others in our community. We, each of us, can help to create peace in our home, in our Barnert *bayit*, by welcoming all who Come Home to Barnert, helping them to feel safe, connected, whole.

From our very youngest children to our graduating high school seniors, this *mitzvah* is taught and modeled. Parents are a vital part of the message, standing as ambassadors of welcome to each new family who makes the choice to join our special community. I love that some of our newest preschool parents grew up at Barnert. For them, this is, in a deep sense, a coming home; bringing

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## The first day of JJPBT is Sunday, September 10, part of the Barnert Community’s Homecoming events.

There are many wonderful aspects of our Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple, or JJPBT. Adults with less than happy memories of their own “religious school” experiences would not recognize this as remotely similar. For one thing, our children have choices: what they want to learn, how they want to learn it, and when they attend their courses. For another, everyone is happily and actively engaged in being, doing, living, and learning Jewish! JJPBT has turned Jewish education on its head. At Barnert, we are succeeding in providing our families with what they need and want.

JEWISH *journey* PROJECT  
BARNERT TEMPLE

### What to know about the first day of class/ Homecoming

Kindergarten–second graders (JJPBT Keren/ Foundations) will start at 9:15 with bagels and *shmears*, milk and chocolate milk. All then go to their classrooms from 9:30 to 11 am: kindergarten and first graders to Room 101 with Nan Sumner, second graders to Room 204 with Lea Harmer.

Third to sixth graders (JJPBT Ikar/Core) will join their parents for the first *LEV* (Learning Elevates Values) course of the year. We’ll start at 9:15 in the hallway outside of the social hall with a light breakfast. The 9:30–11 am *LEV* session will be led by Rabbis Don Rossoff and Rachel Steiner, and by Sara Losch and Jennifer Katz-Goldstein.

Important note: third- to sixth-grade students who do not attend courses on Sunday should attend this *LEV* experience as it is a vital aspect of the family JJPBT experience.

Kindergarten to second graders who attend class on Wednesdays are encouraged to come to Barnert at 11 to participate in the Homecoming barbeque and other activities.



Students who worked hard to gain TAG points received gifts toward showing "TAG-attitude."

Students, back row: Sydney Elkin, David Ramsey, Joshua Fishkin, Charlie Fader. Front row: Rebecca Perl, Noah Fintzy, Jordyn Kolstein, Kaitlyn Nussbaum, Raphaela Bravo.



The second annual Kathie F. Williams TAG Scholarship Challenge awards were presented by Jennifer Katz-Goldstein (TAG-visor), John Williams, Sara Losch, Rabbi Frishman, and Rabbi Steiner. Each recipient won \$360 from the fund, to be used toward the cost of enriching Jewish experiences.

Students, top row: Benjamin Good, Jacob Males, Gabe Pincus, Emma Goldstein. Bottom row: Gabby Romm, Jordyn Favius, Audrey Solomon, Madeline Fishkin, Thalia Romm.

## Yom Kippur Study Session

Saturday, September 30 at 2 pm



On the holiest day of the year, join your Barnert Community for a thoughtful, provocative conversation.

Adult session taught by Rabbi Don Rossoff.

Teen session taught by Rabbi Rachel Steiner.

## Rosh Hashanah Picnic, Rain or Shine!

Thursday, September 21, at 12:30 pm

The Barnert Community's Rosh Hashanah Picnic tradition continues! Immediately following services, enjoy a festive light nosh. Rain or shine, we'll be together to continue the celebration of 5778.



## Sara's Message *(From previous page)*

their babies and toddlers to grow and be embraced by the same community that had helped raise them.

Our preschool, beginning its 29th year, is a model for *shalom bayit*. While we continue to bring the most progressive teaching models to our classrooms—both indoors and out, Jewish and secular—a core value of the preschool is to guide and support our families towards deep and meaningful engagement in the larger Barnert community. We encourage parents to make the most of every moment together in our *bayit*.

If you went to religious school or Hebrew school as a child and hated it (I hear it all the time!), you wouldn't recognize that experience in the Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple, aka JJPBT. Our children learn about

Judaism by living Judaism. Students in 3rd to 6th grade take courses in areas they love. We've included the Welcome Page from the JJPBT website in the magazine and encourage you to take a look: [www.jjpbt.org](http://www.jjpbt.org).

As I enter my 29th year here, Barnert continues to be my home. Whether you are new to our community or have been here longer than I, my door is always open and I'd love to hear your thoughts as I join my friends and colleagues in welcoming you, as you, too, Come Home to Barnert.

*L'shanah tovah u'metukah*: Wishing you a wonderful and sweet New Year.

Sara

# Sukkot and Simchat Torah Celebrations



## Erev Sukkot

**Wednesday, October 4 at 5:30 pm**

Celebrate the harvest outside or under our indoor *sukkah*!  
Pizza in the Hut returns!

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## Young Children's Sukkot Celebration

**Thursday, October 5 at 10 am**

Rabbi Rachel Steiner and Sara Losch engage young families in interactive *Sukkot* holiday experiences.

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## Shabbat-In-Sukkot Dinner Celebration:

**"Around The Tables" – Potluck Supper**

**Friday, October 6 at 7 pm**

Join us for a special Potluck Supper and *Shabbat* celebration around dinner tables in our beautiful social hall. Weather permitting, we'll be outside in the *sukkahs*!



This won't be a regular service.

We'll celebrate the season with an emphasis on story, song and supper.

(*Kabbalat Shabbat* and *Kaddish* for loved ones will be included.)

**If your last name begins with A-K, bring a main dish; L-Z, bring a salad or a side dish.**

Please plan on bringing enough to serve 8 to 10 people. Food should be "kosher style," that is, no pork or shellfish and no mixing of meat and dairy in the same dish. Women of Barnert will provide the desserts!

RSVP to Natalie Cohen at [ncohen1847@barnerttemple.org](mailto:ncohen1847@barnerttemple.org).

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## EVERY DAY OF SUKKOT

**Feel free to bring your lunch or dinner and eat in our beautiful *sukkahs*!**



## Simchat Torah Celebration

**Wednesday, October 11 at 7 pm**

**Welcome our new students and dance with the Torah!**

- Consecration of beginning Religious School students.
- Honoring the Generations.
- Wave your flags! (Bring your own or use one of ours.)
- Dance with our *Torahs* to the melodies of our home-grown klezmer band!
- Help unwrap the *Torah* around us all and "plant" your own *Torah* leaves.
- Yummy Barnert refreshments to follow.

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## Yizkor

**Wednesday, October 11 at 6:30 pm**

Come and join us for an evening *yizkor* to remember our loved ones in the gentle quiet of our library.

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## Young Children's Simchat Torah Celebration at 10 am

Sara Losch and Rabbi Rachel Steiner engage young families in interactive *Simchat Torah* holiday experiences.



The High Holidays are a time for reflecting on who we have been, who we are, and who might we be. It is a time to ask the questions, How are we doing? How are we doing as individuals? How are we doing as a community? And how is the American Jewish community doing?

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## Selichot

Saturday, September 16, 7 pm

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We are excited that columnist and observer of Jewish life, Dr. Mark Oppenheimer, will be joining us for a special pre-*Selichot* presentation and discussion as he shares his critical yet hopeful perspective on American Jewry today.

### The Jews: America's Least Successful Religion, Except All the Others

Special Guest Speaker Dr. Mark Oppenheimer



Mark Oppenheimer, Ph.D., is a lecturer in English at Yale University. He is a national columnist for The Los Angeles Times and the former religion columnist for The New York Times. He also writes for The New York Times Magazine, and he hosts the podcast Unorthodox, produced by Tablet magazine. He has been a visiting professor at Stanford, Wesleyan, NYU, Wellesley, and Boston College. His books include *Thirteen and a Day: The Bar and Bat Mitzvah Across America* (2005), about crashing bar and bat mitzvahs from Arkansas to Alaska.

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Following Mark's presentation, we'll share *havdalah*, dress our *Torahs* in their white High Holiday covers, and prepare for the spiritual journey of the High Holidays.



# High Holiday Challah



**Make your High Holidays a little easier  
And avoid the lines at Zadies!**

**Get your High Holiday Challah and Babka from Barnert Temple Preschool!**

- Zadies Bakeshop in Fair Lawn will be delivering delicious round Challah and Babkas to Barnert right in time for the holidays.
- Enjoy fresh honey from northern New Jersey to sweeten your holidays. Great for Gift Giving.
- Reminder that weekly orders don't start until Oct. 20 so order extra and freeze!

Questions? Contact Beth La Forgia at [elaforgia13@gmail.com](mailto:elaforgia13@gmail.com)

**Return your order form and payment (Payable to BTPPA) to the BTPPA mailbox  
by Friday, September 8 (Hard deadline!)**

Mail or fax orders to BTPPA, c/o Barnert Temple Preschool, 747 Route 208 South Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

Fax # (201) 847-0044

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Rosh Hashanah Order (Pick up at Barnert on Wednesday, September 20, from 9 am-12:30 pm)**

\*Challah (circle preference) PLAIN WHOLE WHEAT RAISIN # loaves \_\_\_\_ X \$5/loaf = \$ \_\_\_\_

\*Babka (circle preference) CHOCOLATE CINNAMON RAISIN # cakes \_\_\_\_ X \$10/cake = \$ \_\_\_\_

**Yom Kippur Order (Pick up at Barnert on Friday, September 29, from 9 am - 12:30 pm)**

\*Challah (circle preference) PLAIN WHOLE WHEAT RAISIN # loaves \_\_\_\_ X \$5/loaf = \$ \_\_\_\_

\*Babka (circle preference) CHOCOLATE CINNAMON RAISIN # cakes \_\_\_\_ X \$10/cake = \$ \_\_\_\_

**Total Payment** \$ \_\_\_\_

**Payment by:** check#: \_\_\_\_ cash \_\_\_\_

Proceeds support the Barnert Temple Preschool Parents Association (BTPPA)



# CHALLAH FOR SHABBAT

WELCOME SHABBAT WITH ONE LESS ERRAND.  
AVOID THE LINES AT ZADIES  
GET YOUR WEEKLY CHALLAH FROM BARNERT!

## **Weekly Challah Delivery**

**\$160 for the year**

A full-sized loaf of fresh challah from Zadies in Fair Lawn will be placed in your child's cubby on Friday morning...perfect for Shabbat dinner or Saturday morning French Toast!

Please note that challah delivery does not start until FRIDAY, October 20!!!

Questions contact

Beth La Forgia [elaforgia13@gmail.com](mailto:elaforgia13@gmail.com)

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**Please return order and payment by FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's class \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Whole Wheat      \_\_\_\_\_ Plain      \_\_\_\_\_ Raisin

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BTPPA earns a percentage of each challah order placed. Thanks!

**Families, Children and Seniors  
In Our Communities Are **HUNGRY**.  
You **CAN** Make a Difference in Their Lives.**

**Please fill a grocery bag with food  
and bring it to Barnert Temple.**

***Most-Needed Items:***

- Canned meat, tuna, chicken, etc
- Canned hearty soup
- Canned vegetables
- Macaroni & cheese
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Cereal (low-sugar kids' cereal welcome)
- Dry milk (e.g., boxed Parmalat)
- Canned fruit
- Instant potatoes
- 100% juice
- Baby formula and diapers sizes 4, 5 and 6
- Soap
- Dental hygiene products



**Or purchase supermarket gift cards from Amy Lynn, Women of  
Barnert, and we will forward them to the Center for Food Action.**

***Our thanks to Trader Joe's for their donation of these bags.***



***"And whosoever sustains  
and saves a single soul,  
it is as if that person sustained  
a whole world."***

***Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:513579***





## Preschool News!

Camp Barnert had a fun-filled and adventurous summer! Whether we were looking for turkey tracks, observing ants, petting chickens, or cooking up some treats, our campers enjoyed each and every day with their counselors and with each other. If you know any camper between the ages of 15 months and 4 years old, please tell them about Camp Barnert for next summer.

Our new Kindergarten Enrichment offering is called *Shabbat in the Forest* and runs from 1:15 to 4 pm on Friday afternoons. It starts with a snack (morning kindergarten works up an appetite!); children then take a walk in the forest and enjoy the beauty around them. There is also challah-baking and celebration of the holidays. If anyone is interested, call Alice Berdy at 201-848-1027.



## Sacred Trash, the Barnert Geniza

Sunday, October 22 at 12 noon

Mt. Nebo Cemetery, 195 Totowa Road, Totowa, NJ

Did you know that there are *Torah* scrolls buried underneath our ark? Join us as we bury sacred objects in a *geniza* at Barnert's Mt. Nebo Cemetery. A *geniza* is a burial site for old or damaged sacred items such as a *tallit*, prayer book, or *Torah* scroll. Everyone is invited to bring a sacred item to bury in the *geniza* at Mt. Nebo (send questions about what can be buried to Rabbi Steiner) and all are encouraged to attend.

While at Mt. Nebo Cemetery you will have an opportunity to explore Barnert's significant history through the years.

## SHALOM!

### TICKET PICK-UP SCHEDULE!

*Rosh Hashanah* begins this year on the evening of Wednesday, September 20.

Ticket pick-up dates and times for member family tickets are as follows:

Wednesday, August 30: 10 am–12 noon  
Sunday, September 10: 9:30 am–12:30 pm  
Tuesday, September 12: 6–8 pm  
Thursday, September 14: 8:30–10 am  
Sunday, September 17: 9:30 am–12:30 pm  
Wednesday, September 27: 6–8 pm

If you did not receive your personal tickets in the mail, contact Vicky, our Executive Director, at (201) 848-1800.

Note: a gentle reminder to fulfill your financial obligations in order to receive tickets.





# Why Free Will is Meaningful

My Barnert Temple builds a stronger, deeper Jewish life. It provides a safe cocoon to help raise our children. It's where I find a unique kind of intellectual stimulation and mutual passion with capable, caring people.

What is your Barnert Temple?

We come to Barnert from many towns, for many reasons. We nurture religious roots and awaken spirituality. For some, Barnert offers a platform for making a meaningful difference. For others, it's about making friends.

I find it hard to get out of the house at night once I get home from work. Yet, when I get to Barnert, I am quickly reminded of why I came and how it makes me feel. I'm learning and contributing and advancing shared goals.

We work as a group for the greater good of our community and the wider world. I know this sounds corny, but it's true. No matter where you are in your life, whether you're raising a family or you are an empty nester, if you go out of your comfort zone, Barnert will lead you to find fulfillment.

There's genuine feeling in the relationships we create at Barnert. It begins with a warm greeting when you walk through the door. All are welcomed and appreciated. If you're open to it, there are all levels of engagement. Some are leaders. Some are doers. We are connectors of people and ideas, collaborating on a shared vision. We bring people into the room and

magic happens.

In my role as a leader of Engagement and Development, I invite you to express the values that matter to you, to live a richer Jewish life and build on an even stronger community, through a new culture of philanthropy. By participating in our tradition of *tzedakah*, you help to secure and ensure the opportunities you enjoy at Barnert Temple, providing sustenance and enhancements during challenging financial times.

Please consider how Barnert impacts your life and be as generous as you're able. If you have never contributed to our Free Will campaign, now is the time. If you have given a Free Will gift in the past, we thank you and ask you to please continue to contribute, stretching a bit to give more than last year, if that's feasible. Barnert Temple is worthy of your support because it offers experiences that improve our lives.

Barnert Temple is our shared community. Whether it's experiencing meaningful worship, innovative education, being there during life's difficulties and celebrations, brainstorming on a new committee or attending a wine-tasting, you can find your Barnert Temple, the one that makes a positive impact on your life and the lives of others. If you gain new insight, find more meaning in living a Jewish life, and make connections along the way, then we have succeeded, together.

—Seth Haubenstock

## BarTY

by Elly Kaplan

Hi my name is Elly Kaplan and I am this year's BarTY president. I am so excited to be a leader in the Barnert community. My vision for BarTY this year is to help it expand and produce new opportunities for teenagers that they have never experienced before. I believe that BarTY is a way for teenagers to experience Judaism in a fun and social way.

We have all different kinds of events that range from snow tubing to pool parties and social action events like Midnight Run. These events bring us closer together and teach us how to see the world through a Jewish lens.

If you have a teenager who is not a part of the religious school program or didn't continue their Jewish study but you think they would be interested in joining BarTY, please send them our way! BarTY is a place for all teens of Barnert and we would love to welcome your child into our fun and loving group!



Mazel tov to our Confirmants! We're so proud of you!

Rachel Dillon

Shane Finn

Erica Gordy

Juliet Griegle

Aidan Harmer

Elizabeth Hexter

Elly Kaplan

Dylan Kay

Zoe Kay

Mia Lowy

Shayna Rives

Rachel Sacks

# Come Home to Barnert and Learn with Your Community!

## Barnert Temple 5778 Adult Education

### Shabbat Learning Opportunities



#### **Torah Study with Rabbi Don Rossoff.** **Beginning Saturday, September 9,** **at 9:30 am. Bi-weekly.**

Enjoy an in-depth and highly engaging exploration of the *Torah* portion of the week. We begin with breakfast at 9:30 am (participants take turns providing the food) and discussion at 10 am. Discover the relevance of *Torah* as we interpret it and bring it to life. No experience necessary and new friends are always welcome! Check the calendar for dates.



#### **Rosh Chodesh with Sara Losch,** **Director of Lifelong Learning.** **Beginning Saturday, October 21,** **at 9:30 am. Monthly.**

Experience the rituals and spirituality of *Rosh Chodesh*. We'll celebrate and learn together as we share the joy, wisdom and camaraderie of women. Come once, come monthly. *Rosh Chodesh* means "head of the month," and marks the beginning of the new month. For much of history, it has been associated with women. In recent years, *Rosh Chodesh* groups have emerged as powerful opportunities for women to be and learn together.



#### **Shabbat Yoga with Rachel Dewan.** **Beginning September 23, at 9:30 am.** **Monthly.**

The physical and the spiritual meet in exhilaration. Every level of experience is welcome. Wear comfortable clothes and bring your mat.

### Ongoing Adult Education Classes



#### **Talmud Study with Rabbi Joel Soffin.** **Beginning Thursday, September 14,** **at 7:30 pm. Bi-weekly.**

Join 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 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. Check the calendar for dates.



#### **Mussar, with Rabbi Rachel Steiner.** **Beginning Sunday, October 8,** **at 9:30 am.**

*Mussar* is a path of Jewish contemplative practices that has evolved over the past thousand years, offering immensely valuable guidance for the journey of our lives. It directs us to pay attention to the impact of our inner traits on the way we live. During this class, we will learn about the history and revival of *Mussar* as a spiritual practice and then begin to explore our *middot*, our inner traits, with the goal of living out the *Torah's* central guide for us: You shall be holy.



#### **Sacred Symphonies: Music As** **Midrash, with Rabbi Don Rossoff.** **Three sessions, at 7:30 pm; dates** **will be published.**

The Bible has inspired creative interpretation (*midrash*) not just by ancient rabbis but by musicians, artists and poets throughout the ages, including modern Jewish classical composers. In this three-part class, we will listen to and analyze three biblically based modern compositions: Bloch's *Shelomo Rhapsody*, Bernstein's *Jeremiah Symphony* and his *Chichester Psalms*. No musical background necessary.



#### **Making Sense in Confusing Times,** **with Rabbi Rachel Steiner.** **Beginning Tuesday, October 24, at** **9:15 am. Weekly.**

Judaism offers us invaluable tools to make sense of what's happening in our lives, our community, and our world. Come together; let's talk.



#### **Shoah, continued, with Vicky Farhi,** **Executive Director.**

#### **Four sessions, at 7:30 pm; dates** **will be published.**

Explore the *Shoah*, the genocide of European Jewry, through history and personal stories. We'll continue our exploration of the *Shoah*, adding the story of French Jewry. We'll examine the unique challenges women faced. And we'll learn about the *Richie Boys*—before, during and after.

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## Barnert Temple 5778 Adult Education (From previous page)



**United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC Trip, with Sara Losch, Director of Lifelong Learning.**

**Saturday, September 23.**

We board a coach bus by 7 am for our trip to Washington DC's Holocaust Memorial Museum. We'll have three meals together, celebrate *Shabbat* on the bus, and experience *havdalah* at a rest stop on the way home. Each family or individual will have 2.5 hours to explore this amazing museum/memorial, which is worth a second or third visit. A detailed application, including cost, is available by contacting Sara Losch.



**Social Book Club with Benita Herman, Chairperson.**

Each month, our Book Club gathers at a member's home and shares an interesting read. All are welcome!



**URJ Introduction to Judaism.**

Learn the fundamentals of Jewish thought and practice in 16–20 weeks. This course is perfect for interfaith couples, those from different faith

backgrounds considering conversion, and Jews looking for an adult-level introduction. Offered locally.

<http://reformjudaism.org/IntroNJ>.

**Explore... Connect... Discover... The Jew in You!**

## College Connection

**Do you have a child attending college this fall?**

Barnert would love to stay connected! Just provide us with your student's complete mailing address and Women of Barnert will periodically send small care packages to children of temple members. In addition, if you provide their email address, your student can also receive holiday greetings and messages from Rabbi Don, Rabbi Steiner, and Sara Losch.

Please send your student's name, email and snail mail address to Rikki Lowy at [lowyland@msn.com](mailto:lowyland@msn.com).

A High Holiday package will be mailed by September 18. Names and addresses received after that will be added to the list for future mailings.

If your child was on this list last year, please resubmit his or her info. Due to constant changes in college addresses and students attendance, this list must be started anew each fall.



## 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:

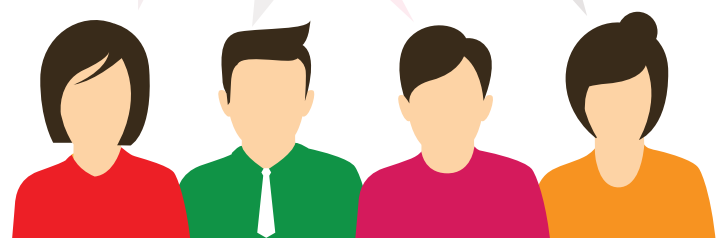
Monday, September 25

Monday, October 30

Monday, November 27

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

Bob Levin





# Social Action Update

## Interfaith/Intercultural Friendship: Expanding Community, Enriching Each Other's Lives

by Elizabeth Resnick, Rebecca Holland and Sue Klein

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." — Martin Luther King Jr.

This visionary quote guides much of our Social Action work at Barnert. Many of our members have been actively participating in our interfaith/intercultural initiatives, which address one of the three Social Action areas our community voted to focus on in order to make the greatest impact. (The other two are Food and Shelter, and Mitzvah-Plex.)

Barnert connected with interfaith communities in March 2016 by hosting an interfaith service led by Rabbi Elyse Frishman, Christian and Muslim clergy, and other lay leaders. The potluck dinner that followed was bountiful, boisterous, enlightening AND delicious!

Many BarTY members attended and gathered with teens from all faiths in the youth lounge. It was an extraordinary evening. Several members followed up with events of their own. One group even invited several Muslim guests to one of their houses for dinner. One theme heard repeatedly: "When you look in people's eyes, we're all the same." Sometimes you just need to create the opportunities!

### Midland Park Mosque Shares Ramadan Feast

During Ramadan in 2016 and 2017, the Elzahra Islamic Center in Midland Park invited Barnert members to attend one of their *iftars*, the feast shared by Muslims each night to break their daily fast during Ramadan. Sue Klein, who is responsible for our Social Action committee's "Education, Inspiration and Action," described her experience:

"The Elzahra Islamic Center in Midland Park is so warm and welcoming. Imam Shaykh Moutaz Charaf, his wife, and other community leaders greet guests with sincere warmth and appreciation. Their community is open to all, and they are happy to share their *iftar* prayer service and messages of peace with people from all religions. Representatives from synagogues, churches, and political entities were even called up to speak during the most recent *iftar* service I attended with my husband, son, and his two friends.

They go out of their way to connect newcomers, and returning guests, with people who can explain their traditions. Mosque members insist that guests go to the front of the food line, even though they are the ones who have been fasting all day, and the Imam circulates to make sure each table is eating enough and saving room for homemade desserts.

My family and I learned so much from the lovely Indian Muslim sisters we sat with at dinner. They grew

up in Teaneck, where they said different cultures and religions coexisted naturally, both at school and in their neighborhood. They never felt a need for the structured interfaith/intercultural outreach and programming that is emerging today. They didn't experience the prejudice that is now rampant in some areas. They are both teachers, who now appreciate guided efforts to learn more about other cultures and religions and overcome prejudice. They explained to us that all mosques are open to anyone. Apparently the Midland Park mosque has a reputation for particularly good *iftars*, with amazing desserts!"

Social Action Committee Chair Elizabeth Resnick adds:

"They treated us like treasured guests. On a broader level, each one of these events continues to enrich multi-cultural relationships and perspective. There are so many good people in this world—that is our premise and value that guides us, each and every day."

### Making Connections

After our *Purim shpiel* this year, a Barnert contingent including Rabbi Steiner; Temple President Rebecca McKinnon; Social Action leaders Elizabeth Resnick, Rebecca Holland, Sue Klein, and Jackie Packman; BarTY teens and leaders like Isaac Hart, Jess Layton, Sarah Miller and other religious school students brought *Purim* boxes decorated during the festivities to the Elzahra Islamic Center. Mosque members—especially the children—were mesmerized by the tale of *Purim*. Animated BarTY members answered questions and gathered with children from both faiths to trade goodies, stories, and laughter. An added treat: delicious homemade baklava for the Barnert guests. We always love that food component!

Barnert hosted a second interfaith service and potluck dinner this June. Rabbi Frishman and Reverend Nathan Busker shared the *bima* during services, speaking of commonalities within all religions. Afterwards, their congregations continued the conversation while enjoying a variety of ethnic, home-cooked foods. Again, a delicious and meaningful event.

Barnert Temple members also joined other Jews, Christians and Muslims at an *iftar* hosted by the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood at St. Elizabeth's Church. After the Muslims observing Ramadan brought their rugs outside to offer prayers, members of all three faiths gathered inside to enjoy a delicious potluck supper and each other's company. It was a full house, comprising many Christian, Muslim and some Barnert guests all connecting easily and positively with each other. (Continued on next page)



# Social Action Update (From previous page)

Most recently, members of Barnert's Social Action team joined other local volunteers to help an Iraqi refugee family resettle in the Haledon area. It has been a huge learning experience. While many challenges have been overcome, there are still significant needs to be addressed. "Working with this family has been fascinating," says Social Action Communications Chair Rebecca Holland Miller. "We formed close relationships with them while helping them attain the services they need to survive and flourish." Many good-willed individuals have assisted with varied significant needs, from arranging ESL classes, medical help, furniture delivery, translator support, job identification, child care help, and visits to the family.

## Moving Forward

The Social Action Steering Committee is excited to

announce that Rabbi Rachel Steiner is now our dedicated rabbinic liaison, and she has already been active with shaping our direction and goals moving forward. She will also continue our connection to local interfaith clergy. You can learn more about interfaith/intercultural activities and opportunities to participate in other social action projects and work at the annual Social Action kick-off brunch on October 15. Mark your calendars; all are invited!!!

There are many ways to make a difference! It all starts with a conversation. What impresses us most is the curiosity about each other's religions and the desire to learn and share more. Events like these have and will continue to move us forward!

We are so appreciative of the good hearts and desire of so many Barnert-ites to make a positive difference in the world!

## Women of Barnert Events

### Sukkot Hike.

**Sunday, October 8, 12 noon–3ish.**

Join friends on a moderate 3-mile hike covering varied terrain, views of Monksville Reservoir, remnants of the Civil War-era Winston Iron Mine, and a snack stop at Puzzle Farms. Puzzle Farms was founded in 2011 to provide an agricultural/culinary training opportunity for adults with developmental disabilities. We will be meeting at the Monksville Reservoir North Boat Launch off of 511 in Ringwood, NJ.

RSVPs to Myndee Males, [malesmyndee@gmail.com](mailto:malesmyndee@gmail.com).

### Knit Nights.

**Oct 16, Nov 6, Dec 4, Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 23, May 21, 7:30–9:00 pm.**

From beginners to pros, share an evening of knitting, learning and conversation. For more information, please contact Beth Valenti and RSVP to

[WomenOfBarnert@gmail.com](mailto:WomenOfBarnert@gmail.com).

### Come learn to play Mah Jongg!! Beginner instruction.

**Thursday, October 26, 7–9 pm.**

If you've never learned how to play or need a good review, this is the class for you. RSVP (necessary to guarantee a spot) to Amy Lynn, 201-891-3993 or [amymlynn@optonline.net](mailto:amymlynn@optonline.net).

Need a 2017 Mah Jongg Card? RSVP by October 16 and purchase for \$9.

### Mah Jongg Games Begin!

**Nov 2, Nov 30, Jan 18, Mar 8, Apr 19, May 17, 7–9 pm.**

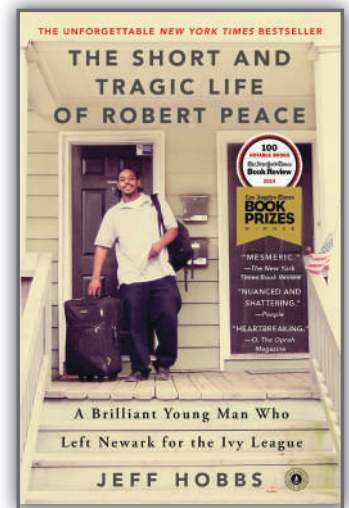
Additional instruction will be provided as needed.

Please RSVP to [amymlynn@optonline.net](mailto:amymlynn@optonline.net). It would also be great if you could bring your Mah Jongg set if you own one—and snacks!!

## Book Club

### October Reading

On October 9, our group will meet again for a discussion of *The Short and Brilliant Life of Robert Peace*. The author, Jeff Hobbs, was Robert's roommate when they were students at Yale. Coming from Newark, NJ, and being an African-American, Robert had a very difficult life. With an incarcerated father and a mother who earned \$15,000 a year, Robert lived in a neighborhood that was dangerous and crime-ridden. Even though he was a brilliant student, studying molecular biochemistry and biophysics, Robert had to balance his life in Newark and still try to fit in at Yale. As a New York Times best-seller, this book has received a lot of attention and became very popular. This non-fiction story will live with you long after you have put it down.



Our meeting will take place at the Wyckoff home of Benita Herman. RSVP to her at [bherman@dt.com](mailto:bherman@dt.com) or call her at (201) 891-2509 and leave a message. Please call for directions to her home or if you need carpooling. Keep reading and join us! All readers are welcome. Any questions, call Benita Herman at (201) 891-2509.

Benita Herman



## MEMBERSHIP WAS ALWAYS GOOD. NOW IT'S EVEN BETTER!

Your Men's Club and Women of Barnert membership forms are all in one place!  
Easy peasy! So, what are you waiting for? Join today!

### YES! I'M A MEN'S CLUB KINDA GUY!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### MC Annual Membership Dues (\$45)

*New Temple Member? First Year FREE!*

*Existing Temple Member \$45*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Pre-Pay Sunday Breakfast Tzedakah (\$40)

*Optional way to make a \$5 donation for each of the MC breakfasts. All tzedakah is donated to worthy causes.*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Additional Men's Club Donation

*We welcome all additional voluntary donations to the Men's Club.*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### MC Sub-Total

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*The Men's Club and Women of Barnert provide various opportunities to make social and professional connections which enrich the lives of our members and the broader community.*

### YES! I'M A WOB KINDA WOMAN!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### WoB Annual Membership Dues (\$45)

*New Temple Member? First Year FREE!*

*Existing Temple Member \$45*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Additional WoB Donation

*We welcome all additional voluntary donations to the Women of Barnert.*

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Financial circumstances are not a barrier to participation. To discuss different membership options, contact Susan Esserman Schack, WoB President, at [susaness720@gmail.com](mailto:susaness720@gmail.com) or Rich Kuller, MC President, at [rkuller@optonline.net](mailto:rkuller@optonline.net).





# 50 ROCKS: Life Lessons for Success

**Presenter: Pat Roque, "Rock Star Transformation Coach"**

**Sunday, Sept. 17, 9 - 11 AM**

Barnert Temple | 747 Route 208 South | Franklin Lakes, NJ

**Learn to rock your life and your business  
without selling your soul or losing your mind!**

Dubbed "the Rock Star Transformation Coach," Pat Roque is a sought-after motivational speaker, success strategist and author. For nearly 30 years, her award-winning career has reflected a passion for connecting like-minded "go-givers" who know that they're on this earth for a higher purpose.

Pat's blog, 50 ROCKS: Life Lessons for Success has impacted many thousands of lives. Through storytelling, watch as she uses a box of rocks (yes, literally) to transform participants! The Rock On Success system empowers audiences to appreciate their unique gifts and channel THEIR inner rock star and juggle their busy lives with a sense of humor.

**An Inspiring Program for Women of All Ages.**

Pat Roque's book will be available for sale at the event.

**All are Welcome! Brunch Will be Served.**

**Free for WOB Members | \$10 for Non-Members**

**RSVP by September 10 to [susankuller@optimum.net](mailto:susankuller@optimum.net).**

Babysitting available for WOB members, but **MUST** be requested via email by September 10.

*This program is brought to you by the Women of Barnert.*



## Men's Club

Welcome to another exciting year for the Barnert Temple Men's Club. Our mission is to enhance the well-being of the Barnert Temple congregation by providing a venue for men to socialize, network and have fun.

Our events are open to all men (new members get complimentary membership for the first year). The Men's Club monthly breakfast is the third Sunday of every month. Come join us for our first breakfast of the year on September 17 at 9:00 am.

Just to give you a small taste of what's in store for this year (besides the monthly breakfast), the Men's Club events will include:

- **Gourmet Tasting** – selection of wine, champagne, craft beer, gourmet cheeses, oils and vinegar, plus a delicious dinner. Open to the entire congregation and always a great time!
- **Sukkot BBQ** – The Men's Club barbecues hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers for the temple Sukkot celebration. Always fun.



- **Chanukah Party** – Joint activity with Women of Barnert. Stay tuned for new and exciting updates for this year!
- **Mitzvah-Plex Pancake Breakfast** – The Men's Club dons chef hats, while we cook pancakes (regular, blueberry, and chocolate chip), scrambled eggs and turkey sausages.
- **Holiday Boutique Café** – The Men's Club runs a café, with homemade favorites like potato latkes and chicken soup. Not to be missed.
- **Joint Men's Club and Women of Barnert Shabbat** – We will handle many parts of the service. A great family event.
- **Annual Awards Dinner** – It's all about the food, drink, get-together, and having a GREAT time. Each year we honor a special person. Last year, we honored Rabbi Dan Frelander. This is a don't-miss event!!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions. I look forward to meeting you at the events.

Rich Kuller, Men's Club President  
[rkuller@optonline.net](mailto:rkuller@optonline.net); (201) 615-4989

## Rabbi Frishman Retirement Celebration



Barnert celebrated the many years of Rabbi Frishman's rabbinate at a farewell service on Friday, June 16. Rabbi Steiner presented a custom-made *tallit* as a present from the congregational leadership. The *tallit* was designed by Raina Lynn Knapp. A Memory Book, created with congregants' contributions, was also presented. A wonderful Barnert *Shabbat* celebration!

## Rabbinic Search Update

The Rabbinic Search Committee finished a successful year with the hiring of our Interim Rabbi Don Rossoff. Welcome Rabbi Don! We look forward to working with him this year! Please reach out and get to know him.

We recently posted our application with the Reform Movement's Central Conference of American Rabbis. We have already received and reviewed a number of resumes.

The past year has clarified what the Barnert community desires and needs in our next senior rabbi. We look forward to this significant year and will keep you updated with our progress.

## LOST AND FOUND

Are you missing clothing, eyeglasses, other personal items?

Our Lost and Found has many valuable items missing an owner. If you are missing something, please check the Lost and Found near the sanctuary or the atrium, or call the Office.

Please note that the Lost and Found will be emptied, and contents donated, at the end of each month.



# Looking for a way to connect at Barnert?

## Find one thing that interests you, and give it one hour...half a day...

There are many ways to be Jewish, and many avenues of interest at Barnert Temple. This month, we'll begin to highlight the variety of project areas to be involved in. Pick one, give an hour of your time and see if it's a fit!

### Building and Grounds

Are you familiar with the skeleton and structure of buildings? Want to be part of the group that keeps our facilities terrific? Buildings and Grounds meets 2-3 times a year, but there are areas of work for anyone with the expertise.

### Caring Community

Would you like to call people who are recovering at home? Provide food for those who are too ill to cook? Provide a ride to a doctor's office?

### Lifelong Learning

Do you have a passion for learning and want to be part of what happens at Barnert? Join the Lifelong Learning Committee, and share your voice!

### Men's Club

Good company, good conversation, good food and strong connections. Men's Club has all this and a wide range of speakers and programs. Men supporting men.

### Networking

Looking for a job? Want to improve your work skills? Networking meets once a month, with time to network with others, and a guest speaker focused on business skills.

### Renaissance

Over 60? Looking to share your journey with others? Renaissance enjoys a range of social, cultural and spiritual events.

### Social Action

There are so many ways to be involved, from helping for half a Sunday at a homeless shelter to working on sharing information on small, local charities at our annual Mitzvah-Plex. Everyone has a skill that can help with this sacred work.

### Women of Barnert

Are you a woman looking to meet other Barnert women? WoB has guest speakers, mah jongg nights, Girls Nights Out, Knitting Circle and more. Most importantly, its women supporting women.

Next month, we'll have more information on Barnert areas to enjoy! If you'd like more information please contact Vicky Farhi at [vfarhi@barnerttemple.org](mailto:vfarhi@barnerttemple.org) and she'll connect you!



## New Calendars for 2018

We are once again collecting new calendars for 2018 for the inmates at Bedford Hills Correctional Center.

The efforts of the Barnert Temple congregation over the last years were so appreciated by the beneficiaries. There is a basket in the temple lobby.



Before our congregational meeting, Rabbi Frishman, Neil Share and Jennifer Share joined with their Barnert community to dedicate a tree to Elise Share z"l, a beloved and missed leader of the Barnert family.

Dear Barnert Temple Community,

My name is Kailen Krame. I am 22 years old and have been a member of the congregation, along with my parents Bill and Catherine, and older sister Simone, for almost 20 years. I attended the Hebrew school from the age of seven, and in April 2008 I had my Bat Mitzvah. I am grateful to Barnert Temple and the one-of-a-kind Rabbi Elyse Frishman for helping to shape my Jewish identity and my connection to Israel. Growing up, I heard so many wonderful things about Israel in various temple services, and after going on Birthright when I was 20, I decided to make Israel my second home. I moved to Israel in 2015 with the intention of studying at University for only one year and then returning to New Jersey, but I fell in love—with the land, the people, the culture and, as it turns out, an Israeli Lone Soldier from Ecuador.

I have been living in Tel Aviv with my boyfriend, Luis Guggenheim, for the past two years; however, we are moving to New York City this September for me to pursue a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology at Columbia University. I am reaching out to you, as my Jewish community, in hopes that someone may be willing to help a Lone Soldier who will once again be uprooting his life to move with me to the United States. Any help or guidance you could provide during this transition will be greatly appreciated so please allow me to tell you more about Luis Guggenheim:



As a Lone Soldier, Luis made the difficult decision to leave behind his family and the life he knew in Ecuador to move to Israel to enlist in the IDF. This is all the more remarkable as Luis spoke no Hebrew nor knew a single person in Israel. Since there are only 500 Jewish families in Ecuador, Luis was the first person from that country to enlist in the Israeli army as a soldier, and the only one who has actually fought in a war. Luis joined the elite combat unit, Givati, and in the summer of 2014, experienced direct combat in Israel's most recent war in Gaza. His bravery in battle earned him a pin of honor, and his journey to Israel was so unique, he was invited to California last summer to speak at two events hosted by Friends of the IDF to honor Israeli soldiers. The courage and determination Luis has demonstrated by his move to Israel, army enlistment, and battle experience are qualities that he brings to his work and the way he lives his life each day.

Luis recently received a degree in Finance from the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) in Herzliya, and is looking for employment in the field of finance, banking, international commerce, marketing, or any other business-related opportunity in New York City or the surrounding area. Luis is fluent in 3 languages (English, Spanish, and Hebrew) and is very personable. He has a strong work ethic and high moral integrity.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated! Please feel free to reach out to me at 201-783-2911 or [kailen.perspective@gmail.com](mailto:kailen.perspective@gmail.com).

With Deep Gratitude,

Kailen Krame

# April-July 2017 Donations

## Associate Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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Cheryl and Garrett Friedman  
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### In Honor of

The birth of Ilene and Steven  
Kandler's Grandson, Moshe  
Lauren and Daniel Powers'  
wedding  
To assist refugees

### In Memory of

Rose Goodstadt  
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Ellen and Reid Fader  
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### In Honor of

Rabbi Frishman's retirement

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Rita and Marty Kron  
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**In Honor of Rabbi Elyse Frishman**  
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Dorothy and Harvey Starr's  
grandson's *Bar Mitzvah*

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Harry Kwartler  
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Esther Shansky  
James Hunt  
Allen Baisuck  
Mildred Share  
Beatrice Starr  
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Dorothy and Harvey Starr  
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Debbie Zlotowitz and  
Rick Greenberg

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**In Honor of**  
Janet and Gary Montroy  
Pilar and Gary Nussbaum  
Jill and Derek Smith

Engagement of their  
daughter Beth, and  
Jeffrey Schechter  
Max's *Bar Mitzvah*  
Ari's *Bar Mitzvah*

**In Honor of Rabbi Elyse Frishman**  
Sheryl Benjamin and Paul Howard  
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Pamela and Bob Kwartler  
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Barbara Miller  
Helen Neidell

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Morton Kochman  
Jeffrey Wolfe  
Shirley Gorens  
Saul Neidell

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Ruth Schack and family

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**In Honor of**  
Thank you, Rabbi Frishman  
Megan Cohen's conversion  
Costa Rodis' conversion  
Rabbi Frishman's retirement  
Rabbi Frishman's last Friday-night service  
Marriage of their daughter Val and Mike Tarangelo  
Rabbi Elyse Frishman  
Josh's *Bar Mitzvah*  
Costa Rodis' conversion

### **Sanctuary Enhancements Fund**

Men's Club and Women of Barnert

Barbara and Steven Kiel  
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**In Memory of**  
Harry Mandel  
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Rabbi Elyse Frishman's retirement

### **Social Action Fund**

Beth and David Greenwald  
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Marni and Dan Neuburger

**In Memory of**  
Howard Greenwald  
Leon Kessler  
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Leon Kessler  
Birdie Stave  
Helen Lemelson  
Samuel Nashel  
Werner Neuburger

Lenni and Robert Puritz  
Ruth Schack

Rita and Marty Kron

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### **Tree of Life**

Diane and Mike Kaplan  
Marla, Jonathan, Amanda,  
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### **Women of Barnert**

Cheryl and Garrett Friedman

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Susan Adleman  
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Alexander Puritz  
Joseph Schack

### **In Honor of**

Costa Rodis' conversion  
Rebecca Holland's conversion  
Sue Klein's President's Award  
Rabbi Elyse Frishman  
Rebecca Holland's conversion

### **In Honor of**

Elly's Confirmation  
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Harvey Starr's 80th birthday

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## We Welcome These New Friends!

Jennifer, Andrew and Morgan Charles, residing in Wyckoff  
Jennifer, Christian, Alexandra and Chase Cunningham, residing in Glen Rock  
Amy, David and Nathan Dishuk, residing in Ridgewood  
Allison, Joseph, Rebecca and Joshua Ehrlich, residing in Fair Lawn  
Lauren, David, Tyler and Wesley Farhi, residing in Wyckoff  
Michele, Matthew, Samantha, Jake, Alex and Emma Feiner, residing in Wyckoff  
Viktoria, Adam, Samuel and Michelle Glinzman, residing in Allendale  
Charyn, Neal, Coby and Max Goldenberg, residing in Wyckoff  
Jennifer, Michael, Brody and Jordan Hafter, residing in Wyckoff  
Ariele, Seth, Sadie and Devyn Hecht, residing in Wyckoff  
Lauren, Jared, Jordan and Scarlett Kanter, residing in Wyckoff  
Dana, Troy, Bryce, Maxson and Zachary Kaplan, residing in Wyckoff  
Rachel, Evan, Ben and Max Karsch, residing in Allendale  
Amy, Bradley, Robert, Dylan and Nathaniel Karson, residing in Glen Rock  
Alison, Adam and Atticus Kessel, residing in Wayne  
Yael, Adam, Noa and Arielle Klein, residing in Wyckoff  
Lauren, Seth, Maxwell and Sydney Krauss, residing in Franklin Lakes  
Debbie, Donald, Jack and Makayla Lebnikoff, residing in Allendale  
Alyson, Orrin, Gavin and Noah Levine, residing in Wyckoff  
Erica, Matthew, Eva and Jordan Mazon, residing in Franklin Lakes  
Jessica, Michael, Addison and Mason Menzella, residing in Oakland  
Rachel Cohen McKenna, Jason and Andrew McKenna, residing in Oakland  
Cheryl, Justin, Michaela and Jolie Moss, residing in Glen Rock  
Cori, Michael, Parker and Paige Neuhaus, residing in Wyckoff  
Allison, Scott, Brody and Fiona Norwalk, residing in Franklin Lakes  
Julie Powers-Lurie, Joshua and Abigail Lurie, residing in Oakland  
Juok, Stephen, Sophia, Chloe, Estella and Jacob Raff, residing in Franklin Lakes  
Karen, Norman and Zachary Rein, residing in Ramsey  
Dana Tycher Reisman, Seth and Reagan Reisman, residing in Ridgewood  
Allison, Jared and Sydney Rifkin, residing in Mahwah  
Meredith, Alexander and Holden Riss, residing in Wyckoff  
Fran and Rabbi Donald Rossoff, residing in Towaco  
Amy, George, Rachel, Lindsay and Jordan Samala, residing in Wyckoff  
Sheila Sheynin, Uri, Kyle and Chloe Lerman, residing in Glen Rock  
Lana, Howard, Rachel, Jessica, Foster, Samantha and Joseph Tiersky, residing in Mahwah



## Soldier Casualty Names April–July 2017

### U.S. soldiers killed In Iraq:

1st Lt. Weston C. Lee

**Total U.S. casualties in Iraq to date: 4,494**

### U.S. soldiers killed In Afghanistan:

Staff Sgt. Mark R. De Alencar

Sgt. Joshua P. Rodgers

Sgt. Cameron H. Thomas

Sgt. Eric M. Houck

Sgt. William M. Bays

Corporal Dillon C. Baldrige

**Total U.S. casualties in Afghanistan to date: 2,405**

### U.S. soldiers killed In Somalia:

Senior Chief Special Warfare Operator Kyle Milliken

### U.S. soldiers killed In Syria:

Spc. Etienne J. Murphy

## Help Us Help!

Do you know a Barnert Temple member who is ill? In need of sustenance? Help us help them! Contact Lori in the Temple office at (201) 848-1800 or [loris1847@barnerttemple.org](mailto:loris1847@barnerttemple.org).



The Rein Family is proud to have a Rising Star at Barnert Temple Preschool

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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 *kehillah kedoshah*, committed to offering Reform Jewish experiences that are relevant, accessible and meaningful, wherein people of all ages and backgrounds are appreciated and valued, engaged and inspired.

### Our Core Values

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

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

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

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

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Gift cards are always the perfect gift!**

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Crate & Barrel .....	\$25	Subway .....	\$10
CVS .....	\$25	Target .....	\$25
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Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy .....	\$25	Wendy's .....	\$10
Gulf Gas Cards .....	\$25	Whole Foods .....	\$25
Lowe's .....	\$25	Zappos .....	\$25

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

# Mark Your Calendars

Friday, September 1  
**Last Summer Shabbat Service**  
**and Potluck Supper** 7 pm

Monday, September 4  
**LABOR DAY**  
**Office Closed**

Friday, September 8  
**Meet & Greet Rabbi Don**  
**and Fran Rossoff** 6:30 pm  
**Shabbat Service** 8 pm

Sunday, September 10  
**First Day Jewish Journey**  
**Project Barnert Temple**  
**LEV Class** 9 am  
**High Holiday Ticket Pick-Up**  
**9:30 am–12:30 pm**  
**Community Day BBQ**

Monday, September 11  
**First Day Preschool**

Tuesday, September 12  
**First Tuesday Jewish Journey**  
**Project Barnert Temple**  
**High Holiday Ticket Pick-Up**  
**6–8 pm**

Wednesday, September 13  
**First Wednesday Jewish Journey**  
**Project Barnert Temple**

Thursday, September 14  
**High Holiday Ticket Pick-Up**  
**8:30–10 am**

Friday, September 15  
**First Day Olam Baby**  
**and ShabbaTot**  
**Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner**  
**5 pm**

Saturday, September 16  
**SELICHOT** 7:30 pm  
**Reflections and Music with**  
**Special Guest Speaker**

Sunday, September 17  
**High Holiday Ticket Pick-Up**  
**9:30 am–12:30 pm**

Wednesday, September 20  
**Preschool Dismissal** 12:30 pm  
**Office Closes** 1 pm  
**EREV ROSH HASHANAH**  
**Evening Service** 8 pm

Thursday, September 21  
**ROSH HASHANAH – 1st Day**  
**No Preschool**  
**Office Closed**  
**Torah Tots and Kavanah Kids**  
**9:15 am**

**Morning Service and**  
**Junior Congregation** 9:30 am  
**Community Kiddush Picnic**  
**12:30 pm**  
**Young Family Service** 1:30 pm  
**Tashlich Ceremony** 3 pm

Friday, September 22  
**ROSH HASHANAH – 2nd Day**  
**No Preschool**  
**Office Closed**  
**Morning Service and Torah Study,**  
**Informal** 10 am

Wednesday, September 27  
**High Holiday Ticket Pick-Up**  
**6–8 pm**

Friday, September 29  
**Preschool Dismissal** 12:30 pm  
**Office Closes** 1 pm  
**KOL NIDRE** 7:45 pm

Saturday, September 30  
**YOM KIPPUR**  
**No Preschool**  
**No Religious School**  
**Office Closed**  
**Young Family Service** 9 am  
**Torah Tots and Kavanah Kids**  
**10:45 am**

**Morning Service and**  
**Junior Congregation** 11 am  
**Adult and Teen Study Sessions**  
**2 pm**  
**Afternoon Service of Renewal**  
**3:45 pm**  
**Yizkor Service** 4:45 pm  
**Neilah, Closing Service,**  
**Break-Fast** 5:30 pm



Wednesday, October 4  
**Sukkot Pizza-In-The-Hut** 5:30 pm  
**EREV SUKKOT**

Thursday, October 5  
**No Preschool**  
**Office Closed**  
**SUKKOT**  
**Young Children's Program** 10:30 am

Friday, October 6  
**Shabbat-in-Sukkot**  
**Dinner Celebration**  
**Around The Tables**  
**Potluck Supper** 7 pm

Wednesday, October 11  
**EREV SIMCHAT TORAH**  
**Yizkor** 6:30 pm  
**Simchat Torah Celebration,**  
**Consecration of New Religious**  
**School Students and Honoring**  
**the Generations** 7 pm

Thursday, October 12  
**SIMCHAT TORAH**  
**No Preschool**  
**Office Closed**  
**Young Children's Program** 10 am

Friday, October 20  
**Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner**  
**5 pm**

Sunday, October 22  
**Geniza Program** 12 pm

Thursday, October 26  
**Women of Barnert Girls Night Out**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>* Rabbi Rosoff's Class ♦ Rabbi Steiner's Class § Rabbi Soffin's Class ^ Sara Losch's Class</p>					<p><b>1</b>      *7:10 pm</p> <p>7 pm Shabbat Service and Potluck Supper</p>	<p><b>2</b> Ki Tetze Deut. 21:10-25:19</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>4</b> LABOR DAY Office Closed</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm Executive Committee</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b>      *6:58 pm</p> <p>9 am PS Orientation and Shabbat Celebration</p> <p>6:30 Meet &amp; Greet 8 pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p><b>9</b> Ki Tavo Deut. 26:1-29:8 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study* 10 am Zachary Engel B/M</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>8:30 am Junior Choir JJPBT LEV Class - Avodah 9:30 am - 12:30 pm HHD Ticket Pick-Up Community Day BBQ Family Promise</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>First Day Preschool</p> <p>8 pm Board of Trustees</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>JJPBT 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation 6 - 8 pm HHD Ticket Pick-Up</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>JJPBT</p> <p>7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>8:30 - 10 am HHD Ticket Pick-Up</p> <p>7:30 pm Talmud Study§</p>	<p><b>15</b>      *6:46 pm</p> <p>First Day Olam Baby First Day Shabbat Tot</p> <p>5 pm Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner 8 pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p><b>16</b> Nitzavim/Vayelech Deut. 29:9-31:30 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 10 am Ari Smith B/M 7 pm Reflections and Music with Special Guest Speaker SELICHOT</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>8:30 am Junior Choir JJPBT 9 am Men's Club 9 am Women of Barnert 50 Rocks: Life Lessons for Success 9:30 am - 12:30 pm HHD Ticket Pick-Up</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>12:30 pm Preschool Dismissal 1 pm Office Closes</p> <p>8 pm Evening Service EREV ROSH HASHANAH</p>	<p><b>21</b> ROSH HASHANAH No Preschool Office Closed 9:15 am TT &amp; KK 9:30 am Mng Svce &amp; Jr. Cong 12:30 pm Comm Kiddush/Picnic 1:30 pm Young Fam. Service 3 pm Tashlich Ceremony (Graydon Pool, Ridgewood)</p>	<p><b>22</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Day      *6:34 pm ROSH HASHANAH No Preschool Office Closed 10 am Morning Service and Torah Study, Informal</p> <p>8 pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p><b>23</b> Ha'Azinu Deut. 32:1-32:52 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Shabbat Yoga DC Holocaust Museum Trip</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>8:30 am Junior Choir JJPBT</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Networking: Abby Kohut</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>JJPBT 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation</p> <p>Men's Shelter</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>JJPBT</p> <p>6 - 8 pm HHD Ticket Pick-Up 7:30 pm Executive Committee 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b>      *6:22 pm</p> <p>12:30 pm Preschool Dismissal 1 pm Office Closes</p> <p>7:45 pm KOL NIDRE</p>	<p><b>30</b> YOM KIPPUR 9 am Young Family Service 10:45 am TT &amp; KK 11 am Mng Svce and Jr. Cong 2 pm Adult &amp; Teen Study Sess 3:45 pm Aft. Svce. of Renewal 4:45 pm Yizkor Service 5:30 pm Neilah, Closing Svce., Break Fast</p>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9 am Men's Club Put Up Sukkah	<b>2</b> 6 pm Meeting for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs in October and November 2018 7 pm Preschool Back To School Night	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:30 pm Pizza-In-The-Hut EREV SUKKOT	<b>5 SUKKOT</b> Bring your lunch or dinner to eat in the sukkah. No Preschool Office Closed 10:30 am Young Children's Program 7:30 pm Talmud Study§	<b>6 SUKKOT</b> *6:11 pm Bring your lunch or dinner to eat in the sukkah. 7 pm Shabbat-in-Sukkot Dinner Celebration Around The Tables Potluck Supper	<b>7 SUKKOT</b> Bring your lunch or dinner to eat in the sukkah. Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Shabbat Yoga 6 pm BarTY/JJPBT Meet-Up
<b>8 SUKKOT</b> Bring your lunch or dinner to eat in the sukkah. 8:30 am Junior Choir JJPBT 9:30 am Mussar Class* 12 pm Women of Barnert Hike Family Promise	<b>9 SUKKOT</b> COLUMBUS DAY Bring your lunch or dinner to eat in the sukkah.	<b>10</b> Bring your lunch or dinner to eat in the sukkah. 6:30 pm Yizkor 7 pm Simchat Torah Celebration and Consecration of New Religious School Students and Honoring the Generations EREV SIMCHAT TORAH	<b>11</b> Bring your lunch or dinner to eat in the sukkah. 6:30 pm Yizkor 7 pm Simchat Torah Celebration and Consecration of New Religious School Students and Honoring the Generations EREV SIMCHAT TORAH	<b>12</b> SIMCHAT TORAH No Preschool Office Closed 10 am Young Children's Program	<b>13</b> *6 pm 8 pm Shabbat Service	<b>14 Bereshit</b> Gen. 1:1-6:8 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study* 10 am Giselle Sinoway B/M
<b>15</b> 8:30 am Junior Choir JJPBT 9 am Men's Club Take Down Sukkah Women of Barnert 11 am Social Action Kick-Off Meetin	<b>16</b> Post Confirmation 7:30 pm WOB Knit Night 8 pm Board of Trustees	<b>17</b> JJPBT 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation	<b>18</b> JJPBT	<b>19</b> 7 pm Membership (off-site)	<b>20</b> *5:49 pm 5 pm Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner 8 pm Shabbat Service	<b>21 Noach</b> Gen. 6:9-11:32 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh^ 10 am Max Nussbaum B/M
<b>22</b> 8:30 am Junior Choir JJPBT 9:30 am Mussar Class* 12 pm Geniza Program	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:15 am Making Sense in Confusing Times* JJPBT 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation Men's Shelter	<b>25</b> JJPBT 7:30 pm Executive Committee	<b>26</b> 7:30 pm Talmud Study§ WOB Girls Night Out	<b>27</b> *5:40 pm 8 pm Shabbat Service	<b>28 Lech Lecha</b> Gen. 12:1-17:27 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study*
<b>29</b> 8:30 am Junior Choir JJPBT 9:30 am Mussar Class*	<b>30</b> 6:30 pm Networking	<b>31</b> 9:15 am Making Sense in Confusing Times* JJPBT 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation				* Rabbi Rossoff's Class ♦ Rabbi Steiner's Class § Rabbi Soffin's Class ^ Sara Losch's Class

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