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A Message from Rabbi Don Rossoff

The Golden Rule



I recently received a card from a future congregant on which was written eight different versions of the Golden Rule as expressed by eight of the relations of the world. Our version comes to us through Hillel the Elder who said, "Do not do to others as you would not have them do to you." Found in *Pirkei Avot*, this is one of Hillel's "greatest hits."

Of course, Hillel was known for much, much more. Living in the first century BCE and into the first century CE, Hillel was paired with Shammai as leaders of the Sanhedrin. Hillel and Shammai agreed on very little, and the disagreements extended over time in the philosophical schools that followed, the House of Hillel and the House of Shammai. Except during the heated debates surrounding the revolt against Rome, the House of Hillel and the House of Shammai lived side by side, ate together, and married off their children to each other. And because they related to each other with respect, the opinions of both were said to be the world of the living God.

How could that be? It is because their disagreements were *l'shem shamayim*, for the sake of Heaven. Their opposing opinions arose from different understandings but were all motivated by a non-self-serving, principled search for the best way to serve God, live *Torah*, and sustain the meaningful continuity of the Jewish People. And because they were arguing for the sake of a common cause, they could disagree without becoming disagreeable. Perhaps the two religious parties understood that there was more that united them than separated them and that the relationships between them were far more important than any of the issues.

Would that we have more of that spirit today in our society! Today, it appears that disagreement often leads to delegitimizing and demonization. Too often we impugn the motivations of those with whom we disagree with assumptions of stupidity and/or less than the purest of motivation. We certainly have seen that grow in our nation's political life, and more and more it is seeping down through the cracks to color our own interactions with others in our family and community. When time is tight, the task is urgent, and the pressure is on, we often see others as impediments who must move out of our way, as opposed to persons who may have a different perspective which might in fact enrich the enterprise. When you feel tenseness in your gut and hear impatience in your speech, sometimes all it takes is to step back, take a big breath and as you are breathing out, whisper to yourself, "*Savlanut* — patience, self, patience!"

I suggest that we can work better together when

we follow the dictum in *Pirkei Avot*, "*Dan et kol ha-adam l'chaf zechut*," which roughly means, "Assume positive motivation and give the other the benefit of the doubt." One way to *dan l'chaf zechut* is suggested by another of Hillel's maxims, "Do not judge another until you have stood in their place." In this regard, however, I prefer the wording of the Native American proverb which advises us not to judge others until we have walked a mile in their moccasins. Walking in the shoes of others — as opposed to standing — allows us to feel the personal pebbles they have in their shoes and the bumps they encounter while walking their particular path. Others may be at a different place in their lives, having had experiences which color how they look at things — as do we all.

Feeling the pain of the other, reminding ourselves that the right relationship is everything, looking for the positive, patiently reminding ourselves that what we do must be "*l'shem shamayim*," and treating people as we would wish to be treated, allows us to build the more sacred community for which Barnert Temple ever strives.

Rabbi Don Rossoff

Tu Bishvat – Sustainable Agriculture and Social Justice

In observance of *Tu Bishvat*, we welcomed Susan Paykin to discuss the social, environmental and moral imperatives of sustainable agriculture, and how we as a community can support a just food system through action and advocacy. Susan is a farmer and educator based in the Hudson Valley, and as a product of the Barnert Temple family, credited her Jewish education in influencing her strong social justice values. Susan discussed the need to rebuild local, community-based food systems to serve as catalysts for positive change. She has been farming for more than five years and is now an adjunct instructor in sustainable agriculture at Westchester Community College.



A Message From Rabbi Rachel Steiner

The mitzvah of comfort



What do you do when you receive an email from Barnert letting you know that a temple member has lost a loved one?

How about an email through our Caring Community when one of our members needs food or help in a difficult time?

So many members of our community speak openly about how much it meant to them to have visitors come to

visit during *shiva* following the loss of a loved one or to have people check in on them when they were recuperating from an illness. And yet, for many in our community, there is a lack of clarity about how we can best support each other in our times of need. Many people ask me about the appropriateness of making *shiva* visits if you do not have a pre-existing relationship with the mourner. And I have heard ambivalence about creating time to make food for or volunteer to help others who are not already in an immediate circle.

I want to share with you what our tradition expects of each of us when it comes to taking care of one another. I offer this as a high but reachable bar for our community to help us evolve into one that is even more caring, even more supportive of one another.

Two *mitzvot* (commandments) that are fundamental aspects of Jewish living are *bikkur cholim* and *nichum aveilim*, visiting the sick and comforting the mourner. Both of these are central to the way we live as Jews and to the way we live lives of holiness. In the *Talmud* (Sotah 14a) we learn that we are to walk in the ways of God. How do we do this? Rabbi Hama, son of Rabbi Hanina, taught that since God visited Abraham when he was recovering from his circumcision, so must we visit the sick in our midst. Just as God comforted Isaac after the death of his father Abraham, so must we offer comfort to the mourners in our community. When we engage in these *mitzvot*, we exhibit holy behavior.

Bikkur cholim (visiting the sick) can take on different forms. If you learn that someone is home and recovering, you can volunteer to bring food (or let us know so we can deliver homemade soup!) or to help with carpools, childcare or company. Not sure what you can bring? Ask! Here's some language that might help: "I am going to

bring some food to your home to make this time a little bit easier — what does your family (you/your partner/your children) like to eat?" Using this language lets the person express food preferences without forcing them to tell you that they need something. (Many of us say, "Let me know if you need anything" which places the onus on the person you are trying to help!) If someone is in the hospital, the same guidelines go for family members who are at home — offer help to the partner who is not sick wherever you see the need. And if it's safe to visit, go for a short hospital visit to show you care without staying so long that you exhaust the patient. Not sure if you should go? Ask!

Nichum aveilim (comforting the mourner) is a *mitzvah* that each of us should make part of our lives. One of the reasons we send emails out to the entire congregation when a member loses a loved one is so that temple members can pay a *shiva* call. What does this mean? Frequently, when a loved one dies, mourners open their home up to visitors. There is often a *minyan* during the *shiva*. You do not need to know the mourner to visit during *shiva*. If you are reading this article, you are part of the Barnert community and it's just what we do when someone experiences loss.

Shiva visits can be short or long in duration. When you arrive at the home, let yourself in (the door is almost always unlocked), ask anyone there who the mourner is (if you don't know each other), introduce yourself and express your condolences. (Here's what this looks like: "My name is Rachel Steiner. I am a member of Barnert and I am so sorry for your loss.") That's it.

It is a custom to bring food to a house of mourning so you can also bring cookies or cake if that practice resonates. If you can attend during the *shiva minyan* (the email from the temple will tell you if and when this is happening) this is an extra gift to the mourner. This short service of memory allows mourners to say the Mourner's *Kaddish* to honor the life of their loved one. If you've attended a *shiva minyan* with me, you likely already know

that Jews never say Mourner's *Kaddish* alone — we must be in community. When you attend a *shiva minyan*, you fulfill the *mitzvah* of *nichum aveilim* AND make it possible for the mourner to say *kaddish* (also a *mitzvah*) within their community.

There are so many ways we support each other within the Barnert Temple community. These two — visiting the sick and comforting the mourner — are accessible places

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From Rabbi Rachel Steiner (From previous page)

to begin. Everyone who has had a loss and received a visit from a Barnert member they barely knew or had never met is deeply touched by this act of support. (If they don't want visitors from within the community, we don't send emails out so you never have to worry that you're showing up to something you should not attend.) And if you've been sick and had someone drop off food or help get you to a doctor's appointment, you know how much this can help. We are strengthened by these actions. And we fulfill our obligations, our *mitzvot*, when we step up to support one another.

I hope it goes without saying that we want to know,

as well, when you could use some Barnert support. If you or a family member is working through illness or other challenges, please tell me. I want to walk with you — on the peaks and the valleys — on this journey of life.

Next time you receive an email informing you of a death or asking for help on behalf of someone who is ill, please do more than scan it to see if the name embedded within is familiar. Make time in your schedule. (I know how hard this is.) These are our opportunities to support one another, to do what Jews do in times of need and, in our times of greatest need, to extend warmth and sacred connection.

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.

Friday, March 2
7 pm Service
8 pm Potluck Supper

Saturday, March 3
9:30 am *Shabbat Yoga*
10 am Service, *Bar Mitzvah*
of Matthew Miller

Friday, March 9
8 pm Service

Saturday, March 10
9:30 am *Torah Study*,
Parshat Vayakhel/Pekude

Friday, March 16
5 pm *Tot Shabbat* and
Pizza Dinner
8 pm Service

Saturday, March 17
9:30 am *Rosh Chodesh*
10 am Service, *Bar Mitzvah*
of Kyle Zicherman

Friday, March 23
8 pm Service

Saturday, March 24
9:30 am *Torah Study*,
Parshat Tzav

Friday, April 6
7 pm *Shabbat Service* with
Yizkor and Potluck Supper

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

Friday, April 13
8 pm Service

Saturday, April 14
9:30 am *Torah Study*,
Parshat Shemini
10 am Service, *Bat Mitzvah*
of Carli Silverman

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

Saturday, April 21
9:30 am *Rosh Chodesh*

Friday, April 27
8 pm Service led by
Women of Barnert and
Men's Club

Saturday, April 28
9:30 am *Torah Study*,
Parshat Achare
Mot/Kedoshim
10 am Service,
Bat Mitzvah of
Isabella Login



Shabbat Shalom שבת שלום

Blessing before Giving Tzedakah

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם,
אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו לרדוף צדק.



Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu lirdof tzedek.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who calls us to holiness through mitzvot, commanding us to pursue justice.



Candlelighting Blessing

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם,
אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של שבת.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who hallows us with mitzvot and commands us to kindle the light of Shabbat.

Blessing for Wine or Grape Juice

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, בורא פרי הגפן.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, borei p'ri hagafen.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.



Blessing Over Bread

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם,
המוציא לחם מן הארץ.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, hamotzi lechem min haaretz.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who causes bread to come forth from the earth.

Blessing for All Children

יברכך יי וישמרך.
יאר יי פניו אליך ויחנך.
ישא יי פניו אליך וישם לך שלום.

*Y'varech'cha Adonai v'yishm'recha. Ya-eir Adonai panav eilecha vichuneka.
Yisa Adonai panav eilecha v'yascim l'cha shalom.*

May God bless you and keep you. May God look kindly upon you, and be gracious to you.
May God reach out to you in tenderness, and give you peace.



Bar/Bat Mitzvah Profiles

Matthew Miller

Date of Bar Mitzvah: March 3, 2018

Hi, I'm Matthew Miller. I live with my mom, Rebecca; my dad, David; and my sister, Sarah; along with my dog, Annie; and cat, Cocoa. I am in the 7th grade. I am a serious tennis player and I play in tournaments almost every weekend, and I spend a month in July training at the tennis academy in Port St. Lucie, Florida. In fact, part of my *Mitzvah* project is to collect and donate tennis rackets to kids who love the sport but who are underprivileged through the organization Kids Helping Kids. I also play guitar and I am about to earn my 2nd-Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwondo, which I've been studying since I was six years old. I am also helping to train my dog to become a therapy dog, so we can visit facilities where residents are happy to see and pet a dog.

Preparing to become a *Bar Mitzvah* is not easy, so I think it is important to thank the people who helped me along the way. I would like to thank Rabbi Steiner, Sara Losch, Helen Fleischmann, and Marc Chelemer, and all my Religious School teachers, from past to present. I would also like to thank my whole family for supporting me and telling me to never give up. Thank you so much! This special day wouldn't be the same without you!

Kyle Zicherman

Date of Bar Mitzvah: March 17, 2018

My name is Kyle Zicherman and I am in 7th grade. I live with my mom and dad; my two older brothers, Ryan and Trevor; and our two dogs, Donovan and Carmela. I enjoy playing soccer, lacrosse and basketball, as well as hanging out with my friends and playing video games.

For my *Mitzvah* project, I rescued a beagle puppy and named her Carmela. I am training her to be a therapy dog. She is a lot of work, but so far she has already passed her first training class and has several more to go before she becomes certified as a therapy dog. I am looking forward to bringing her to schools, hospitals and nursing homes so she can make people feel better. For my *Mitzvah* collection project, I am organizing a collection for the Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge (RBARI) in Oakland so that other animals in need can be helped.

I would like to thank all my Religious School teachers at Barnert as well as Rabbi Rossoff, Rabbi

Steiner, Mora Edith, and Helen Fleischmann for all the time they spent preparing me for this special day. A special thank you to my mom and dad and my brothers (and Carmela) for all their encouragement.

Carli Drue Silverman

Date of Bat Mitzvah: April 14, 2018

Hi, my name is Carli Drue Silverman. I am in 7th grade, and I live with my mom, Elissa; my dad, Andrew; my younger brother, Jed; and our dog Sundae. I love spending time with my friends and family. I enjoy being active whether it be with my volleyball team on the court, swimming in a pool or skiing down a mountain. I try to embrace each day with a smile!

For my *Mitzvah* project, I wanted to make a difference and help raise money for Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. My inspiration was my nine-year-old cousin who is battling leukemia for a second time. Reese is missing out on just being a regular kid and none of that is fair! Although I cannot take her cancer away, I can do my part to raise money to help find a cure. So on January 6, my family and friends donated their time and money to a cycle spin class and dined at Blue Moon restaurant that raised more than \$4,500 for leukemia research. I was blown away by the outpour of love and I am so thankful for all the support.

One of my favorite parts of my Jewish journey is reading my Hebrew and practicing with my great grandmother GG Diane. It has taught me how important the experiences of our older relatives are in helping to shape our future Jewish lives. The struggles, the triumphs, the holiday traditions and being together has ignited a flame inside me that makes me proud of where I have come from and why I wanted to become a *Bat Mitzvah*.

I am thankful for my preschool years at Barnert Temple and for Sara Losch and the amazing teachers I had along the way. I want to thank Rabbi Steiner and Mora Edith for always encouraging me to be confident and to believe in myself. I appreciate all the lessons, meetings and words of support to prepare me for my *Bat Mitzvah*. I especially would like to recognize my teacher Jennifer Goldstein. I thank you so much for helping me from the start. Of course, I love and appreciate everything my family has done for me to help me get to this day. I love them all so very much!

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Preparing for Passover

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Bar/Bat Mitzvah Profiles (From previous page)

Isabella Login

Date of Bat Mitzvah: April 28, 2018

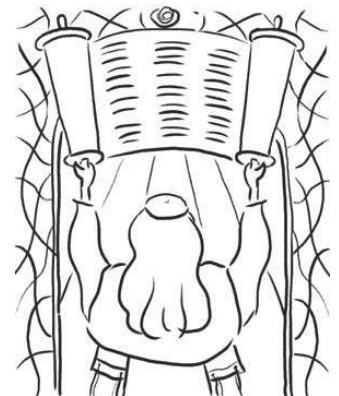
Hi, my name is Izzy Login. I am currently in 7th grade and I am 12 years old. I live at home with my parents; my younger brother, Zach; my two cats, Jagger and Rocco; and my two dogs, Archie and Hazel. Some things I like to do in my free time include horseback riding, lacrosse, and hanging out with my friends! My *Bat Mitzvah* date is April 28, and my *Torah* portion is *Achare Mot/Kedoshim*. I am very excited, but very nervous for what will be a day to remember.

My *Mitzvah* project is called "Tomorrow IZ a new day." I worked with the AFSP (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention), to spread suicide awareness, and people know every day is a new day. Suicide is not just a choice, it is a mental illness. My uncle, who was very close to me, had this illness, and sadly he did not know that every day gets better. My

motive of this project is to let people know that it is ok, and they can talk to others. Andrew was an influential person in my life, and to help people never feel the way my family did, well, there would be nothing that would make me happier.

I would like to thank my mom and dad for endlessly driving me to and from Barnert every week, and helping me with my Hebrew for last few months.

I would like to thank Mora Edith for helping me learn my *Torah* and *haftarah* portion, and I would most like to thank Rabbi Steiner for guiding me down the road to becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*.



Order Your Haggadah Now!

The first Passover seder is Friday, March 30. 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 16.

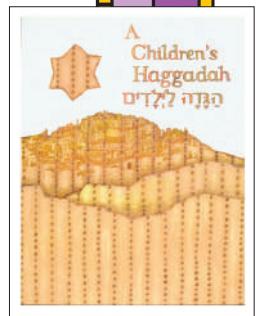
Haggadah Order Form

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 the President

Looking forward to seeing you at Mitzvah-Plex 2018!



Dear friends,

Social action at Barnert is kind of like breathing. It is not just what we do. It is part of who we are and keeps us connected to the world around us.

In Judaism, the practice of *tikkun olam* (repair of the world) is a *mitzvah* (a commandment). Barnert, through our Social Action Committee, helps us fulfill this *mitzvah* by raising awareness and educating us

about issues of social justice and the environment, both locally and globally.

One of the ways we've done this in the past was through Barnert Temple's annual Mitzvah Mall. Since its inception 17 years ago, the Mitzvah Mall has raised awareness and more than \$300,000 for grassroots organizations close to home and around the world. Our community continues to be inspired by and partner with many of these charities.

Today, based on feedback from you, we know that grassroots, hands-on engagement is a key driver for people to get involved. Last year we began addressing those needs in new, exciting ways and this year we are thrilled to be introducing Mitzvah-Plex, a full weekend of activities focused on Education, Advocacy, *Tzedakah* and Volunteerism.

Barnert's Social Action Committee is one of the largest and most active committees we have. The group represents a variety of interests, ages and geographies so if you've been thinking about getting involved, there is no reason to hesitate. Social action cuts across all groups within our community and creates special ties within our congregation. Ask anyone who is currently involved in that committee and they'll confirm just how special the group is.

Mitzvah-Plex is going to be a wonderful and meaningful weekend. I hope you will consider participating and I will look forward to seeing you then.

Warmly,
Rebecca

Transition Steering Committee

When the congregation learned at the end of December 2017 that our president Rebecca McKinnon had signed Rabbi Rachel Steiner's new contract to become Barnert Temple's Senior Rabbi, everyone was excited. Rabbi Steiner's tenure is going to see us into the next phase of our glorious 165-year history.

Then I thought about how the Transition Steering Committee would soon be springing into action but is now officially on the downswing of our work in helping to guide our Barnert Temple community during these clergy transition years.

Rabbi Rachel Steiner will be stepping into her new role as of July 1. Please feel free to wish her *mazal tov* if you are comfortable or, if you are not yet familiar with her gifts, join Rabbi Rachel at *Shabbat* services or attend one of her current classes — *Mussar* on Sundays or the Drop-in Discussions of current issues on Tuesday mornings. In fact, if there is anything on your mind or you would like to meet with Rabbi Steiner right now, call the office and set up an appointment with her. She is pretty busy but she told me that she would welcome you for any reason.

The Transition Steering Committee, Barnert's lay leaders, key staff and clergy will be setting up a calendar of transition events to first properly thank



Rabbi Don for his tenure as our interim rabbi and then begin welcoming Rabbi Steiner as she steps up on July 1 into her new role. A formal installation ceremony for Rabbi Steiner will be scheduled in fall 2018. You will receive plenty of advance notice, as you will want to attend and perhaps even be a sponsor for this special installation event.

Marian Filan

A Message From Sara Losch

The mitzvot in Mitzvah-Plex



This year, the month of March begins with *Purim* (March 1) and ends with Passover (March 30, 31). The month is bookended by two very different holidays. And just as we get ready to enter Passover, the narrative of the Jewish people, our Barnert community comes together for a weekend of *mitzvot* with Mitzvah-Plex.

As an introduction to various *mitzvot* that we perform at Mitzvah-Plex, our Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple (JJPBT, formerly the Religious School) students and families participated in a January 7 LEV class. LEV (heart) classes offer us the opportunity to explore foundational concepts of one of our school's three pillars: *Torah*, *Avodah*, and *Gemilut Chasadim*.

During the January 7th *Gemilut Chasadim* LEV program, students and parents traveled through eight engaging round-robin experiences, which opened a dialog about these *mitzvot*:

- Righteous giving of funds - *Tzedakah*
- Feeding the hungry - *L'ha-achil r'ayvim*
- Clothing people in need - *Malbeesh arumim*
- Visiting the sick - *Bikkur cholim*
- Hospitality - *Hachnasat orchim*
- Honoring the elderly - *Hiddur p'nai zaken*
- Comforting mourners - *Nichum aveilim*
- Keeping animals from harm - *Tza-ar ba-alay chayim*

Many adults and children shared with us that they felt inspired to do more, to be more conscious of and conscientious about social justice issues. In the *tzedakah* experience, some people shared that they have conflicted feelings about how to see and treat people on the street who are in need. Does it matter, one asked, how a person became homeless? Can we base our decision — to give or not to give money — on an unsubstantiated belief that the homeless person might spend the money on drugs, etc.?

Here's where Judaism is a beautiful gift, especially in this day and age. No matter your political views, Judaism points you in the right direction, telling you how to do the right thing. No, it does not matter how one became homeless. And no, it's not our business what the money will go for. A Jew gives: money, food, or of oneself. If you are uncomfortable giving money, then give a fig (food). Mitzvah-Plex will give each of us the opportunity to do all three. You will learn, you will do, you will give.

The day is set up to make it easily accessible for families and individuals. Families with children in grades K-6 will attend with their children as a LEV class, starting in the

sanctuary at 9:30. You'll then follow a schedule as you travel through the Men's Club Breakfast (yummy pancakes and eggs; all proceeds going to our charities), activities, and then learning from the charities.

Preschool families will have special times set up to do the activities and can go to the pancake breakfast any time they want.

Mitzvah-Plex is one of the most impactful days of the year. You will be transformed.

More information on the schedule will be sent out through our schools. I look forward to learning alongside you.

Warmly,
Sara Losch

Barnert Summer Camp Registration Now Happening!

Barnert is now accepting registration for Camp Barnert's Nature Explorers Program. Our camp is focused on promoting an understanding and passion for the natural world. We believe that children who are passionate about nature will grow up to protect it, fulfilling the Jewish value of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. Camp is available for ages 15 months to 4+ years and you can choose either a half-day (9 am – 2:30 pm) or full-day (9 am – 3 pm) schedule. Information is available on our website (www.barnerttemple.org) or by calling (201) 848-1027.



Rabbinic Search Update

Dear friends,

After reviewing 47 resumes for the past two years and conducting numerous Skype and on-site interviews, the Rabbinic Search Committee is pleased to reiterate our unanimous support for our new senior rabbi, Rachel Steiner. Rabbi Steiner becomes our senior rabbi as of July 1.

Rabbi Steiner will be sharing parts of her application with the congregation, but we want to share the opening paragraph of her personal statement, which spoke to us:

"I am grateful that my love for Barnert Temple has developed over time: one conversation, one hug, or one opportunity to honor a loved one's memory or name a new baby. Each day over the last seven plus years this connection has grown deeper and wider, forming the kind of love that can only come from time spent honestly and intentionally together. I feel a profound sense of appreciation for Barnert's history, warmth, diversity, and optimistic orientation toward the future. It is from this place of knowing and connection that I will serve this sacred community as your senior rabbi."

As a committee, we were privileged to spend time with Rabbi Steiner and get to know her in a different capacity than we have in our individual interactions with her. We hope you seek her out and get to know her as we have.

The search committee grew into a tight-knit team of people who passionately navigated our way through tough discussions and difficult decisions and ultimately, with complete clarity, on the right path forward for Barnert with Rabbi Steiner.

We are all very grateful for the honor and trust placed in us as we worked to reach this sacred decision. Please join us in congratulating our new senior rabbi!

Search Committee members:

Jeff Gerstel, Co-Chairperson
Julie Kagan, Co-Chairperson
Rachel Dewan
Harvey Feldman
Julie Good
Bob Gutenstein

Roberta Hong
Andy Kanter
Lauren Krauss
Beth LaForgia
Liz Louzides
Stacey Rappaport

Jan. 7 LEV Class

Gemilut chasadim participants took and emailed selfies to honor seniors in their lives.



Eli, Stacey and Audrey



Melissa and Evangeline



Kieran and Rachel

Passover 2018

Friday, March 30: 1st seder (no Shabbat Service that evening)

Saturday, March 31: 2nd seder

Friday, April 6, 7 pm: Shabbat Service with Yizkor and Potluck Supper

As each of us begins to plan for our first seder on

Friday, March 30, please take a moment to consider participating in our annual Seder Match-Up.

If you would like to join another family for the first seder, or can host another family for the first seder, please contact Lori in the Temple Office at (201) 848-1800 or loris1847@barnerttemple.org.



A Wonderful Opportunity

Trip to US Holocaust Memorial and Museum, Washington, DC

Sunday, April 29, 2018



For:

All temple adults and friends.

Parents and their 7th–12th graders (no children younger than grade 6).

Cost: \$50 per person.

With a generous donation from the Elsie and Howard Kahan Memorial Holocaust Fund toward the bus, participants pay only for food, snacks and tip. We'd be grateful if you choose to make a donation to the fund.

Details of the day:

We meet at Barnert at 6:30 am for breakfast and board the coach bus at 7. We celebrate *Shabbat* on the bus, setting the tone for the day.

Upon our arrival, we have pre-ordered lunch at the museum. We'll then have the extraordinary and important opportunity to meet with a survivor, who will share his/her personal story with us. We spend between 2.5 and 3 hours touring. This will be my sixth visit and I can tell you that I see it with different eyes (and heart) each time.

We'll stop at a rest-stop for dinner and *havdalah*. We'll be back at the temple by approximately 8 pm.

Space is limited. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please call.
Please note that students must attend with a parent.

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Registration form for Barnert Temple Trip to Washington, DC, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Name of participants:

#1: _____ [] adult [] student in grade _____ cell #: _____

#2: _____ [] adult [] student in grade _____ cell #: _____

#3: _____ [] adult [] student in grade _____ cell #: _____

Allergies (list person and allergies): _____

Lunch order (bag lunches include chips, whole fruit, a fresh-baked cookie, and a canned soda or bottled water):

_____ # of sliced turkey breast on kaiser (Names) _____

_____ # of albacore tuna salad on kaiser (Names) _____

_____ # of egg salad on kaiser (Names) _____

_____ # of peanut butter and jelly (Names) _____

_____ # of spinach tortilla vegetable wrap (Names) _____

Adult Education: Find Your Place!



Shabbat Yoga. **Saturdays, March 3 and** **April 7, 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.



Mussar Class, with **Rabbi Rachel Steiner.** **Sundays, March 4 and 11;** **April 29, 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. When we become aware of those that tend toward an extreme (whether we tend toward patience or rage, silence or agitation), we become able to focus on those that need strengthening so that we live with holiness at our center. 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.



Making Sense in Confusing Times, **with Rabbi Rachel Steiner.** **Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27;** **April 3, 10, 17 and 24, at 9:15 am.**

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.



Talmud Study. **Thursdays, March 8 and 22;** **April 12 and 26,** **at 7:30 pm.**

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.



Torah Study. **Saturdays, March 10 and 24;** **April 14 and 28, at 9:30 am.**

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. **Saturdays, March 17 and April 21,** **at 9:30 am.**

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.

Experience *Rosh Chodesh* at Barnert. *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.

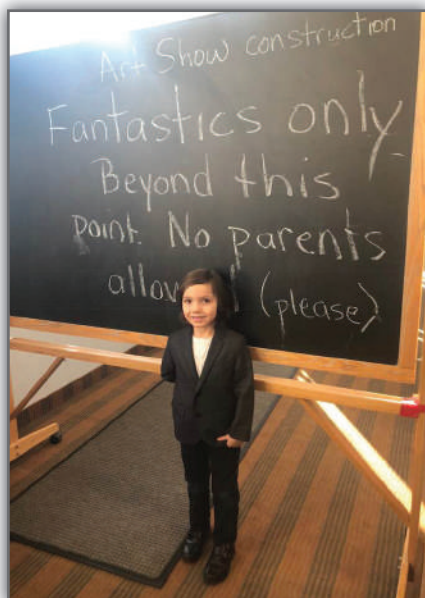


The Rein Family is proud to have a Big Shot at Barnert Temple Preschool

ReinTeenTours.com
ReinCommunityService.com

Fantastics' Art Show Featuring Jackson Pollock!

On January 31, we honored our Pre-K class of artists with the 15th Annual Art Show! The Jackson Pollock-inspired canvas is just a small sampling of the artists the children played with this month. On the day of the show, the children became docents for their families showcasing their work. It was with great pride and joy to watch these children rise up and show off their art and knowledge to their families. Excitement was in the air as parents, grandparents and guests viewed the colorful and inspiring work.



The Preschool Parents' Association Volunteers at CUMAC!

We are so blessed by our ongoing relationship with CUMAC in Paterson. We support this wonderful organization through ongoing emergency donations of food, clothing, furniture and money.

On February 14, members of the Barnert Temple Preschool Parents' Association went to show their gratitude and love for CUMAC's devotion to those who need them most. These young moms toured the facilities, helped package meals, and learned why Barnert is so needed. For information on how you can help out, contact CUMAC.



Barnert Temple Preschool
Parents' Association Presents:

Purim Carnival 2018

**SUNDAY,
MARCH 4
4 - 6 PM**



- Bounce House
- Gaga Pit
- Costume Parade
- Music/DJ
- Games
- Arts & Crafts

- Food
- Face Painting
- Bubble Machine
- Dunk Tank
- Raffle Tickets
- Amazing Prizes

Fun for children up to 6 years old

*Price per family (food included)
\$40 at the door*

Raffle tickets additional \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20

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Open to families of all faiths

A Mitzvah in the Making: How Mitzvah Mall is Evolving into a Mitzvah-Plex

By Sue Klein, Mitzvah-Plex Team Lead
Chair, Social Action Education, Inspiration and Action

A *mitzvah* is a divine commandment, a moral deed performed with religious duty. There are 613 *mitzvot* in the *Torah*. How can we possibly do them all?

Since its inception 17 years ago, Barnert Temple's annual Mitzvah Mall has raised awareness and more than \$320,000 for grassroots organizations close to home and around the world. Every year, we choose charities that address *mitzvot* that resonate with us. Charity representatives speak with us and engage us in activities that help us understand their needs and how we can help. Our community continues to be inspired by, and partner with many of these charities.

Last year we began addressing grassroots needs in new, exciting ways. Mitzvah Mall is now a Mitzvah-Plex with educational, spiritual, fund-raising, and hands-on project components that reach beyond fund-raising to cultivate a community of caring that exemplifies *chesed* (loving kindness), and provides distinct opportunities for pursuing *tzedeck* (social justice), and performing *gemilut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness) together.

This year we will raise funds and awareness for six charities — some old friends, some new — in the social hall, and have four hands-on projects going on throughout the temple that will benefit local organizations.

There will be spiritual, educational and inspirational opportunities for everyone all weekend, March 23–25: a social action-oriented *Shabbat* service Friday night with our scholar-in-residence Rabbi Joel Soffin; a social action-themed *Torah* study Saturday morning with Rabbi Soffin and Rabbi Don Rossoff; and a Saturday-night *havdalah* service and social action discussion with Rabbi Rachel Steiner. (See Mitzvah-Plex weekend schedule, page 19.)

MITZVAH-PLEX

The Mitzvah-Plex Event on Sunday, March 25, from 9 am to noon, is a LEV study day for all Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple (JJPBT) students and their families, and the Barnert Temple Preschool will have a major presence as well. And of course, the Men's Club will be serving their annual Pancake Breakfast, starting at 8:30 am, with all proceeds benefitting Mitzvah-Plex charities.

We encourage Barnert Temple members of all ages to show up, participate, roll up their sleeves and get to work to help make a difference. Bring friends and family, too!

Focus on Education, Advocacy, Tzedakah and Volunteerism

We are asking for:

- Money – Collected during Mitzvah-Plex, the week before, and the week after.
- Goods – Things a charity needs. (Watch for information in temple e-blasts and on the Barnert website and Facebook page.)
- Work – Projects completed during Mitzvah-Plex will benefit local people in need.
- Ongoing support – Sign up, volunteer, advocate and educate others.

Deepening Connections: Meet our 2018 Charities

Thanks to all of the Barnert Temple members who participated in the November 12, 2017, charity-choosing session, we have a slate of six charities for Mitzvah-Plex 2018 that will truly move us forward on our path of pursuing *mitzvot* that deepen connections with individuals, families and communities in need.

1. Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (BVMI)

www.bvmi.org

Mitzvah: Crisis Management - Supporting and Healing (*Somei-ach Noflim v'Rofei Cholim*). BVMI provides free primary and preventive health care to low-income working adults in Bergen County who don't have insurance or the means to pay for care.
Barnert Chair: Joan Cowlan.

2. Connections

www.goodpeoplefund.org/program/connections

Mitzvah: Youth - Keeping One's Word (*Nedarim*). Connections mentors work with teenagers to help ensure a positive, confident transition from a protected foster-care environment into independent adulthood.
Barnert Chairs: Jan Mason and Debby Birrer.

3. Final Salute

www.finalsaluteinc.org

Mitzvah: Support for Veterans - Not Placing a Stumbling Block (*Lo Titeyn Michshol*). Final Salute provides homeless women Veterans and their families with safe, suitable housing and helps them work towards achieving independence.
Women of Barnert Chairs: Leila Nosrati and Toby Robinson.

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A Mitzvah in the Making *(From previous page)*

4. **HIAS (formerly Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society)**

www.hias.org

Mitzvah: Welcoming the Stranger
(*Hachnasat Orchim*).

HIAS rescues people whose lives are in danger and protects the most vulnerable refugees by helping them build new lives and reuniting them with families in safety and freedom.

BarTY Chairs: Isaac Hart and Livvy Pincus.

5. **Music and Memory**

www.musicandmemory.org

Mitzvah: Honoring the Elderly (*Kibud Zekaynim*).

Music and Memory uses digital technology to bring personalized music into the lives of people with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and other cognitive and physical challenges. If you have any iPods or iPod Shuffles you'd like to donate, please bring them to Mitzvah-Plex.

Barnert Chair: Barbara Kiel.

6. **Temple Beth El of Fort Myers Hurricane Irma Recovery**

www.gofundme.com/tbefortmyers

Mitzvah: Disaster Relief - Doing Righteous Acts
(*Tzedakah*).

The funds we raise will go toward replacing their commercial freezer and ice maker, which is utilized by their Preschool, Sisterhood, Religious School, and *Oneg* sponsors — virtually every area of their Temple!

Barnert Chairs: Rich Edelman and Mitch Hausman.

Hands-On Projects: Doing our part to help repair the world

In his book, *Sparks of Mussar*, Rabbi Chaim Zaitchik writes: "The cornerstone of Rabbi Nosson Zvi's service of God was *chesed* (loving-kindness). This, to him, meant being careful of another's honor and dignity, helping others, having one's heart overflow with love and kindness, utilizing every opportunity to benefit others. It meant that older students should learn with younger ones... Above all, it meant that one should greet his fellow with pleasant countenance, because it makes the other feel good and binds people together in friendship."

Four hands-on Mitzvah-Plex projects designed for all ages to work on together will directly benefit people in our community:

1. **Make Macaroons with Ilene Kandler**

Ilene, our wonderful Barnert Preschool teacher and an amazing cook, will teach us how to make macaroons — just in time for Passover! We will deliver them to a men's shelter and a local mosque.

2. **Learn to Knit with Patti Cantor**

Patti, a longtime Barnert Preschool teacher and Mitzvah Mall/Mitzvah-Plex volunteer, will show children and adults how to make simple preemie hats that will be greatly appreciated by babies and their families at The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood.

3. **Wake up Our Garden**

Join Seth Haubenstock and other Barnert Temple volunteers in the important work of waking up our community garden, which provides food for us and for local food banks. We will also dig up horseradish to purchase, with instructions for preparing the freshest possible *maror* for your *seder* plate. Donations will benefit the Center for Food Action in Mahwah.

4. **Assemble a Birthday Bag**

We are so excited to have our preschoolers and their families leading a Mitzvah-Plex activity for the first time. Anyone can join Jodi Fader, Meredith Riss, and Karen Rein in decorating and assembling bags filled with cake mix and other festive items to help children at Hogar Infantil, a preschool in Paterson; and the Center for Hope and Safety, a shelter for women and children, celebrate their birthdays. Preschool-only hour: 10 – 11 am. BarTY babysitting will be available from 11 am to noon to allow preschool parents to visit Mitzvah-Plex charities.

Mitzvah-Plex will continue to evolve and transition along with Barnert Temple to meet the needs of our spiritual community and those we serve, because serving others is a *mitzvah*, an obligation. It's what we do and we are always looking for ways to grow.

If you are interested in being part of the Mitzvah-Plex team, please contact Sue Klein at sueklein0319@gmail.com. To learn more about other social action initiatives revolving around food and shelter and interfaith/intercultural friendships, contact Social Action Chair Elizabeth Resnick at elizabethresnick1@gmail.com.



Meet some of the team that makes Mitzvah-Plex happen. Join them to pursue social justice together, March 23 – 25.

MITZVAH-PLEX

Educate. Inspire. Act.

Mitzvah-Plex 2018 – Weekend Schedule March 23–25

Deepening Connections: Individuals, Families, Communities

Mitzvah-Plex, formerly known as Mitzvah Mall, is addressing grassroots needs in new, exciting ways to cultivate a culture of caring where everyone can contribute.

We'll learn about charities tackling urgent issues, meet social-justice leaders and innovators, work on projects, raise funds, and find out how to continue helping people in our community and around the world. Get ready for a weekend full of opportunities to worship, learn, discuss, and do acts of loving kindness. Invite friends and family and experience Mitzvah-Plex together.

Mitzvah-Plex Weekend Schedule of Activities **Educate. Inspire. Act.**

Friday, March 23, 8 pm – Shabbat Worship with Social Action Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Joel Soffin.

Saturday, March 24, 9:30 am – Social Action-themed Torah Study with Rabbi Soffin and Rabbi Don Rossoff.

Saturday, March 24, 7:15 pm – Havdalah Service with Rabbi Rachel Steiner.

Sunday, March 25, 8:30 am – noon – Mitzvah-Plex Event and Men's Club Pancake Breakfast.

Meet Charities, Donate Tzedakah, Engage in Activities, Complete Projects, Eat Breakfast

8:30 am – noon – Men's Club Pancake Breakfast in lobby. All proceeds will benefit Mitzvah-Plex charities.

9 am – noon – Interact with, and raise funds for six charities. Social hall.

1. Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative

www.bvmi.org

Mitzvah: Crisis Management - Supporting and Healing

2. Connections

www.goodpeoplefund.org/program/connections

Mitzvah: Youth - Keeping One's Word

3. Final Salute

www.finalsaluteinc.org

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4. HIAS (formerly Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society)

www.hias.org

Mitzvah: Welcoming the Stranger

5. Music and Memory

www.musicandmemory.org

Mitzvah: Honoring the Elderly

6. Temple Beth El of Fort Myers Hurricane Irma Recovery

www.gofundme.com/tbefortmyers

Mitzvah: Doing Righteous Acts

9:15 – noon – Hands-On Projects for Everyone in Multiple Locations

1. Make macaroons with Ilene Kandler

Beneficiaries: A local mosque and a Paterson men's shelter.

2. Learn to knit simple preemie hats with Patti Cantor

Beneficiaries: Premature babies at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood.

3. Wake up our garden/dig up horseradish with Seth Haubenstock

Beneficiaries: Money from the sale of fresh horseradish to prepare for Passover, and funds donated for summer and fall vegetables harvested from our garden will benefit the Center for Food Action in Mahwah.

4. Assemble a birthday bag with preschoolers and their families

Beneficiaries: Preschoolers at Hogar Infantil in Paterson and the Center for Hope and Safety Shelter for women and children.

Dedicated preschool-only hour: 10 – 11 am.

BarTY babysitting: 11 am – noon to allow preschool parents to visit Mitzvah-Plex charity booths.

9:30 – 11 am – Jewish Journeys Project Barnert Temple LEV Participation starting in sanctuary.

Students in K–6th grade and their families will follow a schedule that guides them through the Men's Club Breakfast, hands-on activities and charity booths.

BarTY's Midnight Run

On a Saturday in late January, BarTY members led a meaningful Midnight Run, our signature social-action event of the year. We began on a Saturday afternoon at Barnert, where BarTYites organized and sorted the dozens of bags of gently used clothes that had been donated by temple members. Over the next few hours, half the group sorted clothing into labeled bins to be given out in the evening, while others prepared sandwiches and warm drinks to be served to the homeless.

After dinner, we celebrated the end of *Shabbat* with a *havdalah* service, during which Social Action Vice President Olivia Pincus led a program on the lives of homeless people living in New York City based on the best-selling book *Humans of New York*. We then packed up our bus and traveled into New York, making stops across Midtown where we quickly set up our bins and distributed food and clothing to homeless or home- and food-insecure adults, many of whom had lined up to wait for us before we arrived at each stop.

The night ended when we donated extra clothes to a shelter in Lower Manhattan. The BarTYites returned to Barnert around 2 am, reminded of the importance of social action and for helping the stranger. We must know, as it is transcribed in Exodus 23:9, "the feelings of the stranger, for [we] were strangers in the land of Egypt." BarTY's participation in Midnight Run ensures that we store in our collective memory the importance of caring for the forgotten and engaging in *tikkun olam*. Midnight Run is an essential to exposing our BarTY members to the real difficulties faced by so many around us. BarTY members know it as a stimulus of creating our own change.

Isaac Hart



A Special Interfaith Gathering

By Rebecca Holland, Social Action Communications Chairperson, and Elizabeth Resnick, Chairperson of Social Action

"Such a warm place." "A warm wonderful evening." This was the common theme voiced by people who attended the *Shabbat* service on the evening of January 12, when Barnert welcomed our Christian and Muslim friends to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Reverend Chris McCloud delivered the sermon, during which she spoke about race and privilege, the need to listen to each other, hear each other's stories, and be thoughtful about the language we use.

Reverend McCloud is African-American and a lesbian, and she spoke about how she knows firsthand what it's like to feel invisible and how she herself often felt literally and figuratively overlooked. It was a powerful message, spoken from the heart.

The evening was not an interfaith service, as some of the interfaith/intercultural get-togethers at Barnert have been. As Rabbi Steiner noted, she likes the idea of inviting communities to our particular version of faith and worship, and our attending the services of other faiths, to understand and respect how we worship differently. She was struck by the comments of Pastor Alison Philip, who marveled at the portion of the service when we recite *Kaddish* and ask people to stand if they are mourning a recent passing. Pastor Philip had lost

her father in the past year, and, as she rose, she was so moved by this tradition.

After the service, everyone gathered around tables to enjoy the delicious potluck supper everyone had brought, and the different dishes were enjoyed and recipes exchanged. We look forward to future interfaith get-togethers, including an event on April 22 (date to be confirmed) to celebrate Earth Day at the Franklin Lakes United Methodist Church with a service followed by working in their garden.

If you would like to know more or be more involved please feel free to contact: Elizabeth Resnick (elizabethresnick1@gmail.com) Isaac Hart (Isaac.hart35@gmail.com) or Rebecca Holland (rholland1129@gmail.com)



Barnert Members Business Initiative (BMBI) Kickoff Meeting Sunday, March 11, at 11 am

Are you:

- an entrepreneur?

Do you:

- own a business?
- work for a business you want others to know about?
- want to discuss business issues and topics?

If so, then join with other members of the Barnert community to discuss the possibility of forming a **Barnert Members Business Initiative (BMBI)**.

We're meeting on Sunday, March 11, at 11am, at Barnert.

There's no commitment required; just come and see if this is something of interest and value to you.

Be part of the discussion to determine next steps with this group.

Contact Felicia Halpert at felicia@bergenit.net if you have any questions.

Can't make the meeting but want to join the mailing list for future events? Let Felicia know!



Men's Club

On February 11, Kurt Rossi, MBA, Certified Financial Planner and President of Independent Wealth Management, spoke to the Men's Club about Redefining Your Financial Plan. Kurt discussed what retirement looks like today; roadblocks; tax planning and what tax reform means for each of us; health care; vocation vs. vacation; and how should we adjust our plan.

The super-colossal event of the year, the Gourmet Tasting, occurs on March 10. What a tremendous turnout! A great time was had by all. As always, our own member, Arjun Dewan, will donate terrific wines from his company, The Winebow Group. Brian Morris from Ridgewood Cheese, is bringing another 20 lbs. of gourmet cheeses. New this year is a *chocolatier* from Ramsey with plenty of samples. Also new is Austin Felas, of Dorset Maple Reserve, with his barrel-aged specialty maple syrups. Two new local craft-beer companies are also represented. There will be a scrumptious buffet dinner, mostly prepared

by Men's Club members, as well as desserts, passed *hors d'oeuvres* and live jazz music. This year's private pre-class is on Rosé wines. Thank you to the Gourmet Tasting Committee: David Shapiro, Rich Brookler, Ron Levy, Charlie Troyanovski, Bob Males, Michael Kirshner, Len Diamond and Harvey Feldman.

On March 25, the Men's Club will don their chef hats and aprons to cook pancakes, scrambled eggs and turkey sausage at Mitzvah-Plex. Special thank you to Charlie Troyanovski and Len Diamond for their help in coordinating the event.

We are always looking for new ideas for events.

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
rich.kuller@gmail.com; (201) 615-4989

Men's Club Gourmet Tasting! An Evening of WINE - CHOCOLATE - FOOD - FUN!

Admission \$70/person
Official "Tasting" begins at 7 pm

On March 10, Men's Club will once again host an amazing evening of FUN. Our own Arjun Dewan returns with an eclectic selection of wine tastings from his company The Winebow Group. Also returning, the Ridgewood Cheese Shop's Brian Morris brings another great selection of international cheeses. We're excited to introduce a sophisticated variety of chocolates. We're introducing Austin Felas of Dorset Maple Reserve and his barrel-aged specialty maple syrups. If you've never tried a bourbon-flavored syrup, you're in for quite a treat.

We continue to offer a selection of craft-beer companies to provide a wide range of craft-beer tasting. There will be a scrumptious buffet dinner as well as desserts, passed *hors d'oeuvres* and live jazz music.

Rosé Wine Pre-Class – RSVP Only

We continue our tradition of offering a private pre-class at 6 pm for the first 50 people to sign up (free with admission). We had to turn away quite a few people last year for the Port class. This year's class will be on the hottest sensation: Rosé wines. Smardar Berlingeri, who led last year's Port tasting, will be leading this class, which matches Rosé wines with different foods.

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 the next Networking Group events on March 26 and April 23. More details will be featured in the Weekly Chronicle.

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

Bob Levin



GOURMET TASTING

MARCH 10, 2018 7-10PM \$70/PERSON



New for 2018

- WE ARE PROUD TO FEATURE WINES FROM THE WINEBOW GROUP
- SPECIAL 6 PM CLASS ON ROSÉ WINES TO THE FIRST 50 TO SIGN UP!
- VERMONT SYRUPS, CHOCOLATES, CHEESES
- JAZZ GUITARIST VINNIE VALENTINO AND ACCOMPANIST WILL ENTERTAIN

REGISTER/PAY:

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THE WOMEN OF BARNERT (WOB) INVITES YOU TO

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"IT IS TIME TO FALL IN LOVE AGAIN!
One of the most ravishing musicals
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After a mix-up at the border, an Egyptian Police Band is sent to a remote village in the middle of the Israeli desert. With no bus until morning and no hotel in sight, these unlikely travelers are taken in by the locals. Under the spell of the desert sky, their lives become intertwined in the most unexpected ways. **THE BAND'S VISIT** celebrates the deeply human ways music, longing and laughter can connect us all.

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All Are Welcome!

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Questions? Contact Jennifer Sauer @ 917-417-0675.

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BROADWAY *Night*



Disney FROZEN THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

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Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018 - 7 PM

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FROZEN is intended for children at least 8 years old. All guests require a ticket regardless of age.

For younger children, consider one of these exciting Disney touring productions: Disney On Ice or Disney Live.

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FROZEN the musical at
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Save the Date!

Saturday, May 5
7 pm

**Good Food, Good Music, Live Entertainment,
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Have fun with your Barnert Family!



Calling All High School Sophomores & Juniors!

It's Time to Write the
Uncommon
COMMON APPLICATION

Tuesday, March 6 @ 7:30 PM
Barnert Temple
747 Route 208 South, Franklin Lakes

DB Deborah Breslow

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Deb Breslow is a freelance writer from Wyckoff, NJ. She is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University with a B.S. in Individual and Family Studies. Her published work includes articles focusing on home, parenting, medical advocacy, and the importance of the college essay. For the past 7 years, Breslow has coached over 100 students in composing personal statements for the Common Application and college-specific supplements.

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Impressive grade point averages, high SAT/ACT scores, and a myriad of extra-curricular activities have created fierce competition among students.

The essay is the one tool that can elevate one student over another.

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It's That Time of Year Again for Our Constitutionally Mandated Nominating Committee to Propose a Slate of Lay Leaders for Our Sacred Community.

The Committee's charge is to nominate a group of proactive, energetic, talented and inspirational individuals to lead Barnert in a responsible and visionary way to preserve all that we have come to appreciate as the "Barnert Difference," and to move us forward into an ever-better future. The Nominating Committee's proposed slate will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval in April and voted on by the congregation at our Annual Congregational Meeting in June.

We invite your nominations for individuals to lead our congregation on our Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, and Advisory Board. We are always seeking new leaders to bring innovative and relevant thought to what we do. Self-nominations are welcome, too!

With the privilege of leadership comes responsibility. All officers and Trustees sign a Covenant of Service, a *Brit Avodah*, to bring their wisdom, vision and dedication to their responsibilities. Officers, Trustees and Advisory Board members are expected to actively engage in organizational and communal life. They serve as role models and positive spokespersons for Barnert, its personnel, programs and policies. They work in collaboration with the Rabbi, the professional staff, and the Board of Trustees. Most importantly, our congregational leaders provide oversight and fiscal responsibility to secure the enduring future of Barnert.

If you wish to nominate a congregant, or yourself, for Barnert's Executive Committee, Board of Trustees or Advisory Board, contact the Co-Chairs of the Nominating Committee and communicate your interest and expertise no later than March 1.

All names are confidentially considered by the Nominating Committee, whose ultimate responsibility is to propose a slate that moves Barnert forward, represents congregants in different stages of life, and brings a range of skill sets and expertise to our lay leadership. All nominations will be considered by the Committee; however, the final decision regarding the slate presented to the Board lies with the Nominating Committee.

If you have questions about the nominating process, feel free to contact any member of the Nominating Committee. We hope to hear from you!

With warm wishes,
Joan Lipkowitz and Charlie Troyanovski
Co-Chairs, 2018 Nominating Committee

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Free Will 5778

We thank the following Barnert congregants for their generous donation to Free Will and appreciation of what Barnert Community brings to the American Jewish experience.

If you haven't yet had an opportunity to make your Free Will donation we would welcome and value your gift.

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Your Tzedakah Money At Work

Tzedakah. It's what we do at Barnert Temple. Every dollar collected in a can during a class, at a meeting, or as part of a Men's Club or Women of Barnert program adds up to make a difference in the lives of the people we support. Social Action alone collected more than \$770 in 2016–2017. During the fall Social Action kick-off meeting, participants voted to distribute those funds to three grassroots organizations:



- **CUMAC** – A longtime Paterson partner and two-time Mitzvah Mall/Mitzvah-Plex beneficiary that works tirelessly to feed people and change lives.

- **Roots + Wings** – A two-time Mitzvah Mall/Mitzvah-Plex beneficiary that provides young adults who age out of the foster-care system in New Jersey with safe housing, educational support, counseling, and life skills in order to become self-sufficient.
- **San Juan Jewish Community Center** – Funds distributed through longtime Barnert partner and Mitzvah Mall beneficiary, The Good People Fund, helped people in Loíza, a small town on Puerto Rico's northeastern coast devastated by Hurricane María, recover from the storm's aftermath.

How much will we be able to contribute next fall?

This email was received from Mark Dinglasan, Executive Director of CUMAC.

Dear Sue,

Happy holidays! I hope my email finds you well. I wanted to thank you for the Tzedakah money that CUMAC received. We're so grateful to have such a growing and inspiring relationship with Barnert Temple, thank you for the support.

In case you needed it, here's the link to the video from our gala that you can show to friends and family: <http://bit.ly/beapartofusvid>

Best,

Mark Dinglasan
Executive Director
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Date: December 06, 2017

Receipt #: 4613

Barnert Temple Congregation B'nai Jeshurun
747 Rt. 208 S.
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Dear Barnert Temple Congregation B'nai Jeshurun,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$257.32 to Roots & Wings. Your support enables aged out foster youth in our community to receive intensive, life-changing programming that empowers them toward independence and self-sufficiency.

Your kind gift is changing the lives of vulnerable young people who will now have the opportunity to succeed. Through responsive, customized services, Roots & Wings addresses social, education, and financial challenges in a comprehensive manner. The attention and resources that your support provides forever transforms their lives, making a demonstrable difference to them and the community at-large.

Young adults graduate Roots & Wings with a solid foundation of knowledge, skills and emotional strength on which they can build and replace dependency with self-sufficiency. Roots & Wings graduates are overcoming the odds and doing what do many of us take for granted: living independent lives, integrated into their communities. Your support makes their success possible and we thank you for it.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at (973) 453-6668 or Emily.Marchese@rootsandwingsnj.org.

With best wishes and our sincere gratitude,

Emily Marchese
Executive Director

P.S. Be sure to visit www.rootsandwingsnj.org to learn more about aged out foster youth in our community.

No goods or services were provided to you in return for your gift, therefore, the full amount of your gift is deductible for Federal income tax purposes. Please retain this receipt for your records. Roots & Wings' tax ID number is 22-3683539.

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Everyone at Barnert has been a critical participant in GPF's success.

We are deeply grateful for the trust you have extended to us as we go about our Tikkun Olam. It is personally very meaningful & helps us to help even more people in so many ways!

Thank you. Thank you.

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747 Rte 208 S
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December 4, 2017

Rescuing young women from forced marriages...

Giving a profoundly disabled adult the chance to find love and companionship...

Or, even the seemingly simple act of offering a nutritious meal to someone without the resources to provide themselves with sustenance...

These are some of the things that your recent donation of \$386.00 (check #7419, Date October 26, 2017) has made possible. *(if you have designated these funds for a specific program, please know that we have passed them on to that program.)*

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Shalom,

Naomi
Naomi K. Eisenberger
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P.S. I invite you to visit our website at www.goodpeoplefund.org where you can be further inspired by the men and women you're helping. Again, my thanks to you.

Please save this letter as a receipt for your tax records. Since you received no goods or services in exchange for this gift, it may be considered a charitable contribution to the extent allowed by IRS regulations.

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Sue Klein
Barnert Temple Social Action Committee
747 Route 208 South
Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417

December 19, 2017

Dear Sue,

Once again the Barnert community has honored us with their collective *tzedakah*. You are extraordinary partners in our work and we are grateful.

The situation in Puerto Rico is still very precarious and we know there will be additional needs for us to address, but I can proudly state that at this point we have provided, among other things, nearly 150 battery-powered nebulizers which went to children and adults suffering from respiratory diseases, many that have been negatively impacted by their damp surroundings. We have also provided 100's of mosquito nets which were especially helpful for those who were living in homes that had lost roofs and windows and doors.

There is a long road ahead for the citizens of Puerto Rico but we are excited to be able to continue to help with the assistance of our own dedicated donors.

Thank you all!

Shalom,

Naomi

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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*

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Everyone Loves Them!

Support Women of Barnert!

Always the right size, always the right color! Gift cards are always the perfect gift!

Gift cards are the perfect gift for grab bags, babysitters, teachers, bus drivers, mail carriers, hair & nail professionals, cleaning services, and long distance gifts. Most cards can be used online.

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

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Bonefish/Outback/Carrabba's	\$25
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Panera Bread	\$10
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Starbucks	\$25
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Target	\$25
Toys R Us/Babies R Us	\$25
Walmart	\$25 & \$100
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Whole Foods	\$25
Zappos	\$25

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	In Honor of
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Silvia and Michael Zicherman	Kyle's Bar Mitzvah

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	In Memory of
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	In Memory of
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Helen L. Mayer

We Welcome These New Friends!

Marilyn and Arnold Fish, residing in Wanaque

Noa Ledany-Cohen, Binyamin, Daniel, Dori, Liam,
and Lena Cohen, residing in Fair Lawn

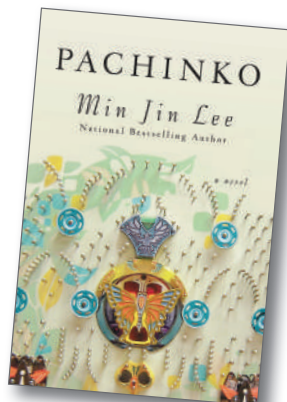
Julie, Evan, and Maddigan Wolff,
residing in Franklin Lakes

Book Club

For our March Book Club, we are reading *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee.

For date and time, please call Benita Herman at (201) 891-2509.

All Temple members are welcome.



WOMEN'S SEDER

Monday, March 19, 7 pm

This is always a special event for the women in our community as we gather to celebrate our individual and collective voices — in history and today. This is truly a unique time for women to gather together to celebrate our collective voices.

The seder is open to all Barnert women (including girls in 6th grade and up). Stay tuned for details regarding the evening, but be sure to mark your calendars today!!



Military Casualty Names

December 2017–January 2018

U.S. Military killed in Iraq:

Spc. Avadon A. Chaves

Spc. Javion Shavonte Sullivan

Total U.S. casualties in Iraq to date: 4,501

U.S. Military killed in Afghanistan:

Staff Sgt. David Thomas Brabander

Sgt. 1st Class Mihail Golin

Total U.S. casualties in Afghanistan to date: 2,412



March 2018 14 Adar 5778 – 15 Nisan 5778

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>* Rabbi Rossoff's Class ♦ Rabbi Steiner's Class § Rabbi Soffin's Class ^ Sara Losch's Class</p>				<p>1 PURIM</p>	<p>2 #5:31 pm</p> <p>7 pm Shabbat Service and Potluck Supper</p>	<p>3 Ki Tissa Exod. 30:11-34:35 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Shabbat Yoga 10 am Matthew Miller B/M</p>
<p>4</p> <p>9 am Junior Choir JJPBT 9:30 am Mussar Class♦ 11 am Mitzvah-Plex 2018 Planning 4 pm Preschool Purim Carnival</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30 pm Women of Barnert Board</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:15 am Making Sense in Confusing Times♦ JJPBT 8th/9th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation 730 pm Writing An Essay</p>	<p>7</p> <p>JJPBT</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7 pm WOB Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Talmud Study§</p>	<p>9 #5:39 pm</p> <p>8 pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p>10 Vayakhel/Pekude Exod. 35:1-40:38 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study*</p> <p>7 pm Gourmet Tasting</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Begins 9 am Junior Choir JJPBT 9:30 am Mussar Class♦ Family Promise</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Post Confirmation 7:30 pm Board of Trustees</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:15 am Making Sense in Confusing Times♦ JJPBT 8th/9th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation</p>	<p>14</p> <p>JJPBT</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 #6:47 pm</p> <p>5 pm Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner 8 pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p>17 Vayikra Lev. 1:1-5:26 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh ^ 10 am Kyle Zicherman B/M</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9 am Junior Choir JJPBT 9 am Men's Club Breakfast</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7 pm Women Of Barnert Women's Seder</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:15 am Making Sense in Confusing Times♦ JJPBT 8th/9th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation</p>	<p>21</p> <p>JJPBT</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30 pm Talmud Study§</p>	<p>23 #6:54 pm</p> <p>8 pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p>24 Tzav Lev. 6:1-8:36 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study*</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9 am Junior Choir JJPBT 9 am Mitzvah-Plex and fast Eli Amdur</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 pm Networking: Eli Amdur 7:30 pm WOB Knit Night</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:15 am Making Sense in Confusing Times♦ JJPBT Confirmation Men's Shelter</p>	<p>28</p> <p>JJPBT 7:30 pm Executive Committee</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 #7:02 pm</p> <p>12:30 pm Preschool Dismissal 1 pm Office Closes Passover Begins 1st Seder No Shabbat Service</p>	<p>31 PASSOVER 2nd Seder</p>

April 2018 16 Nisan 5778 – 15 Iyar 5778

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 PASSOVER Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Shabbat Yoga	2 PASSOVER Post Confirmation	3 PASSOVER 9:15 am Making Sense in Confusing Times [♦] JJPBT 8 th /9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation	4 PASSOVER JJPBT	5 PASSOVER 7:30 pm Shoah Class	6 PASSOVER #7:09 pm No Preschool Office Closed 7 pm Shabbat Service with Yizkor and Potluck Supper	7 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Shabbat Yoga
8 Family Promise	9 No Preschool 7:30 pm Board of Trustees	10 No Preschool 9:15 am Making Sense in Confusing Times [♦]	11 No Preschool Yom Hashoah Service	12 YOM HASHOAH No Preschool 7:30 pm Talmud Study§	13 No Preschool 8 pm Shabbat Service	14 Shemini Lev. 9:1-11:47 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study* 10 am Carli Silverman B/M
15 9 am Junior Choir JJPBT 9 am Men's Club Breakfast 9 am Women of Barnert	16 7:30 pm Women of Barnert Board	17 9:15 am Making Sense in Confusing Times [♦] JJPBT 8 th /9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation 7:30 pm Ritual	18 YOM HAZIKARON JJPBT	19 YOM HAAITZMAUT 7 pm WOB Mah Jongg 7 pm WOB Theater Night - "The Band's Visit"	20 #7:24 pm 5 pm Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner 8 pm Shabbat Service	21 Tazria/Metzora Lev. 12:1-15:33 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh^ BarTY Shul-In
22 9 am Junior Choir JJPBT	23 6:30 pm Networking 7:30 pm WOB Knit Night	24 9:15 am Making Sense in Confusing Times [♦] JJPBT 8 th /9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation Men's Shelter	25 JJPBT 7:30 pm Executive Committee	26 7 pm Membership (off-site) 7:30 pm Talmud Study§	27 #7:31 pm 8 pm Shabbat Service led by Men's Club and Women of Barnert	28 Achare Mot/Kedoshim Lev. 16:1-20:27 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study* 10 am Isabella Login B/M
29 9 am Junior Choir JJPBT 9:30 am Mussar Class [♦]	30					* Rabbi Rosoff's Class ♦ Rabbi Steiner's Class § Rabbi Soffin's Class ^ Sara Losch's Class

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Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, March 1
PURIM

Friday, March 2
**Shabbat service and
potluck supper** 7 pm

Sunday, March 4
Preschool Purim Carnival 4 pm

Saturday, March 10
Men's Club Gourmet Tasting
7 pm

Sunday, March 11
Daylight Saving Time begins

Friday, March 16
Tot Shabbat and pizza dinner
5 pm

Monday, March 19
Women of Barnert Seder 7 pm

Sunday, March 25
**Mitzvah-Plex and
pancake breakfast** 9 am

Friday, March 30
PASSOVER BEGINS
Preschool dismissal 12:30 pm
Office closes 1 pm
1st seder
No Shabbat service

Saturday, March 31
PASSOVER
2nd seder

Friday, April 6
7th Day PASSOVER
No preschool
Office closed
Shabbat service with yizkor
and potluck supper 7 pm

Wednesday, April 11
Yom HaShoah service

Thursday, April 12
YOM HASHOAH

Friday, April 20
Tot Shabbat and pizza dinner
5 pm

Friday, April 27
Shabbat service led by
Women of Barnert and
Men's Club 8 pm