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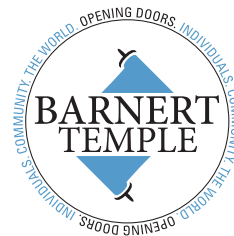
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Vision and Mission Statement The Barnert Temple Congregation B'nai Jeshurun Franklin Lakes, NJ

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

Our Vision

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

Our Mission

The mission of the Barnert Temple
is to be a sacred community, a *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*

A Message From Rabbi Rachel Steiner

It's Good to Be Home



So many new beginnings are upon us! Students and teachers are back to school, the non-summer train schedule is back in effect, and the Jewish New Year of 5779 is here. I am thrilled to be starting my ninth year at Barnert and my first year as your rabbi. I want to use this space to introduce, or reintroduce, myself to you and to share with you some exciting highlights for the beginning

of our year.

If you haven't been by Barnert in a while, you'll see that I moved down the hall into my new office. With appreciation to Sisterhood, Men's Club, Lauren Krauss, Lauren Kanter, Mike Kaplan, Jorge Losch, Justin Moss, and our dedicated custodial team, I am enjoying a bright, new study that feels like home. I hope you'll come say hello to share your summer adventures and aspirations for the New Year!

I hope that by now you saw the letter I sent in August with information about the change in our *Shabbat* service times. One of the many benefits of having spent so many years here at Barnert is that we can hit the ground running together, as we shape this sacred community. To that end, I have been thinking a great deal about how to make everything we do at Barnert more accessible to more people and the shift in *Shabbat* service times will, I hope, move us closer to this goal.

The first Friday of the month, we will continue to hold our very popular 7 pm service, followed by our delicious Barnert Potluck Suppers, a lovely, relaxed social opportunity. (Please note that due to the proximity of the first Friday in September and *Erev Rosh Hashanah*, there will be no potluck on Friday, September 7.) ***Shabbat* services on the remaining Friday nights, beginning in September, will begin at 7:30 pm** (instead of at 8 pm). I hope you will come as you are (don't worry too much about attire) and you bring your family (kids, too!). Our experience is enhanced by our being together in music, in prayer, and in study.

Throughout the year we will be welcoming some new and familiar musical faces. In addition to having our beloved Janet Montroy each week, we will enjoy our soloist Marina Voronina most Friday nights. One Friday a month we will be joined by Danielle Rodnizki, a very talented cantorial student from HUC-JIR (see pg. 4). Danielle's first *Shabbat* with us will be on September 21. Beginning in October she will join us every second Friday. Danielle will get to know our community and will come with her guitar and her distinct experience to help us expand our entry into worship with some new music and energy. We will also welcome home-grown musician Chris Mason in January for *Shabbat Shirah*.

***Shabbat* morning B'nai Mitzvah services will begin at 10:30 am** (instead of at 10 am), beginning on October 6. This will give me time to teach Adult *Torah* Study (to which ALL are welcome) before the service. It will not impact the end time of the service of approximately 12:15 pm (for families planning celebrations to follow).

I will continue to teach adults on Sunday mornings but I am guided, this year, by a new model. Rather than choose one topic for the year, we will spend one to two weeks exploring a variety of topics in which you have expressed interest. Please take a look at the Adult Education page later in this magazine for details and let me know if there is a topic you are interested in exploring together!

There are so many open doors that await you this year at Barnert. If you're not sure how to find your way in, please call me or come by. I would love to sit together in my study or go out for coffee to get to know each other and figure out how to make this year feel like a true coming home.

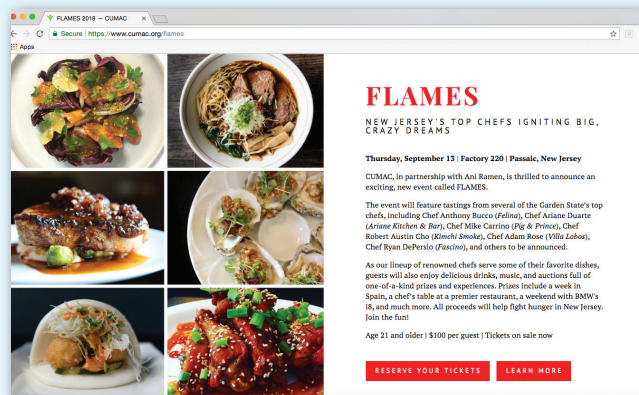
May 5779 be a year of health, learning, connection and fun for each of us. I am so grateful to be on this journey with you!

Fundraiser for CUMAC

CUMAC is hosting a new fundraiser this year called FLAMES and we're thrilled to be part of the planning committee! Join us on Thursday, September 13 for a night of food and fun with some of the Garden State's top chefs. We'll have gourmet bites, delicious drinks, music, auctions, and much more. All proceeds will help CUMAC feed people and change lives!

To learn more and get tickets visit <http://bit.ly/flames2018>.

Jodi Fader and Meredith Riss



A Message From the President

Building on a Strong Foundation



As the oldest synagogue in New Jersey, we have an incredibly strong foundation to build upon. We have been led by exceptional rabbis who have served our congregation well through the many chapters of our 170-year history.

Today, we find ourselves once again starting a new chapter of our story with the appointment of our newest rabbinic superstar, Rabbi Rachel Steiner.

We will hear more from Rabbi Steiner over the holidays about her vision for our future. I hope you'll make an effort to get to know her, not just a few times a year when you come to services but over coffee in the atrium, s'mores during a campfire *Shabbat*, learning with her, or having pizza with her and her husband Dan and beautiful little boys Ezra and Asher.

I am delighted to share with you that we also have

many new faces in lay leadership. Having a balance of leaders with past experience along with our new additions will help us strategically set the priorities for the year ahead and I couldn't be any more excited about working with this new team.

I hope you'll make a point of participating in our newly introduced Town Hall meetings this year. (Watch for dates in our monthly calendar and weekly e-blasts.) These are designed to provide us with an opportunity to share what is happening in leadership, answer your questions, discuss your concerns, and hear your ideas that will help shape our directives.

Our community exists because of the involvement of the individuals that make up our congregation. This is our community, our family, our home. How will you help shape our future? How will you get engaged and involved? We have many doors through which you can walk: social action, worship, lifelong learning, BarTY, our garden, music, and the list goes on. Your involvement reinforces our foundation so that we may go from strength to strength.

Welcome home to Barnert.

We are so glad you are here.

Cantorial Student Danielle Rodnizki

Danielle Rodnizki is a rising fourth-year cantorial student in the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at HUC-JIR. In 2013, Danielle graduated summa cum laude from Washington University in St. Louis with a BA in Spanish Literature and Psychology. While living in St. Louis, she taught religious school music, led worship, and coached teen songleaders at several local congregations. After graduating from college, Danielle spent two years working full time as the Cantorial Soloist at Temple B'nai Israel in Clearwater, Florida. During that time, Danielle studied prayer privately with Cantor Ellen Dreskin and ultimately decided that she wanted to pursue the Cantorate. She has been songleading and facilitating worship for over 10 years, and is honored to have sung with camps, synagogues, and youth group regions across the US. Most recently, Danielle served as the Cantorial Intern at Temple Israel of Boston and Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York City. She is looking forward to beginning her work as Central Synagogue's and Barnert Temple's Student Cantor in September. Danielle is passionate about crafting intentional and innovative worship, and she is thrilled to have the opportunity to continue exploring this topic through her studies at HUC-JIR and through these meaningful internship experiences. Danielle believes that something holy happens when people sit together and sing, and she is thrilled to be learning, singing, and praying with the Barnert community this year!



A Message From Sara Losch

Getting To Know You



Shalom. Thank you for finding this magazine and, in particular, my page. In case you are new to our Barnert community, or if you've decided to read this beautiful magazine for the first time, allow me to introduce myself: I am Sara Losch, known by many, if not most of our students, as "SaraLosch." This new Jewish year will be my 30th at Barnert Temple and like many of my generation, I'm

wondering just how on earth the years have flown so quickly.

I love stories. I can listen to people describe how they met their spouse or what their wedding was like. I will sit with older people, asking them to share stories of their youth. And I ask parents of incoming students to tell me

in memory of our beloved Kathie Williams. The TAG Scholarship Challenge, in its 4th year, has already awarded over \$7,000 in scholarships for Jewish programming. This year, a student in 6th, 7th or 8th grade may be awarded the first Grand Prize of up to \$3,600 towards a trip to Israel! We are so grateful for the support of John, Mollie and Samantha Williams and friends.

Empty nesters, retirees, Baby Boomers — however you may classify yourself — we are reaching out to you. Through a new focus on engagement in these years, you'll be seeing many new initiatives, courses, trips and discussion groups all designed with our (I'm personally in your sandbox too!) generation's needs in mind.

Barnert Temple is very old — at 171 years, we are the oldest congregation in the State of New Jersey. And, Barnert Temple is very young — starting 5779 with a vibrant, brilliant rabbi who is preparing to spread her wings as our leader. Rabbi Steiner and I are partners in all we do and,



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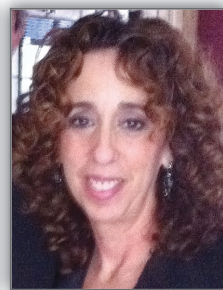
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about what they liked — or more often didn't like — about going to Religious School (Hebrew School, Sunday School) when they were kids. These are the stories that motivate me, every single day, to continue to create and define new Jewish educational experiences, not just for children, but for adults as well.

As the Director of Lifelong Learning, I get to play in all of Barnert's educational sandboxes (if you will). By day, I'm observing our preschoolers, their parents and our exemplary staff as they continue to figure out a world that is increasingly one of individual time — "me playing on my screen" — rather than one that encourages children to get out in nature and take risks in groups. (For more on our educational philosophy, I encourage you to visit in person or read about us on the Barnert Temple website: www.barnerttemple.org.)

Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays are what we call the Jewish Journey Project Barnert Temple (JJP). This carefully designed educational experience is how Barnert youth, from kindergarten through 12th grade, become engaged, active Jews. Entering our third year, the program also includes an incentivizing scholarship program named

together, we can't wait to see you, hear from you, celebrate with you, and to grow together as a *kehillah kedoshah*, a sacred community.

Welcome. Welcome back. Welcome Home!

From all of the Losches, we wish you all a year of health, fulfillment, connections and hope. *Shana Tova*.

Sara Losch

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.



Come Home to Barnert and Learn with Your Community!

Barnert Temple 5779 Adult Education

Shabbat Learning Opportunities



Torah Study – New time and new format!
Rabbi Rachel Steiner.
Begins Saturday, October 13, at 9 am.
Check calendar for specific dates.

Enjoy a highly engaging exploration of the *Torah* portion of the week. We will begin our study and discussion at 9 am. Discover the relevance of

Torah as we interpret it and bring it to life. On the weeks when we are holding a *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* service, Rabbi Steiner will leave *Torah* Study at 10 am, and the group may choose to continue the discussion. New friends are always welcome, and no prior study is necessary. Coffee, tea, and a *nosh* will be provided.



Rosh Chodesh.
Sara Losch, Director of Lifelong Learning.

Begins Saturday, September 15, at 9:30 am. Once a month.

Experience the rituals and spirituality of *Rosh Chodesh*, which marks the beginning of the new month.

A monthly Barnert experience just for women, when we celebrate and learn together, sharing joy, wisdom and camaraderie. *Rosh Chodesh* takes place most months at Sara Losch's Wyckoff home in "the cabin." We take turns bringing breakfast.



Shabbat Yoga.
Rachel Dewan.
Begins Saturday, September 29, at 9:30 am. Once a month. Check calendar for specific dates.

In *Shabbat Yoga* the physical and the spiritual meet in exhilaration. Every level of experience is welcome. Wear

comfortable clothes and bring your own mat.

Ongoing Adult Education Classes



Talmud Study.
Rabbi Joel Soffin.
Begins Thursday, September 27, at 7:30 pm. Twice monthly.

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* Study classes, no prior study or knowledge is necessary. Check the calendar for dates.



Sunday Mornings with Rabbi Rachel Steiner.
Beginning Sunday, October 7, at 9:30 am.

So many topics; so little time! Rabbi Steiner is excited to explore a variety of subjects in her Sunday Adult Education classes this year. Some topics being considered:

- Jewish views on death and the afterlife
- Caring for an aged or infirm loved one while taking care of yourself
- God: for believers, non-believers and everyone in between
- Jewish Holiday Happenings
- Parenting with a Jewish voice
- Jewish Lifecycles
- Prayer: what do our prayers mean, and to whom or what are they directed?

Do you have a topic you'd like to explore with Rabbi Steiner? Please let her know! Join for every class or just the ones you're drawn to!

We Welcome These New Friends!

Jessica, Daniel, Andrew, and Ashley Arrighi, residing in Glen Rock
Melissa, Jack, and Samara Bashe, residing in Pompton Lakes
Laura, Michael, Zachary, and Jacob Bernstein, residing in Wyckoff
Melanie, Evan and Zachary Bieber, residing in Wyckoff
Robin, Adam, Sebastian and Preston Bond, residing in Wyckoff
Maria, Matthew, Jacob, and Daniella Chubinsky, residing in Waldwick

Alicia, Adam and Ari Epstein, residing in Wayne
Bonnie Freirich, residing in Ramsey
Jessica, Andrew, Harrison, and Blake Goldman, residing in Glen Rock
Lauren, Eric and Max Reiser, residing in Franklin Lakes
Jamie, Jason, Hailey, Alex, Talia Weber, residing in Franklin Lakes

Shabbat and Holiday Worship with 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! On the first Friday of each month, the 7 pm service is followed by a potluck supper. (Please note that Friday-evening services that were at 8 pm in the past are now at 7:30 pm beginning September 14, and the Saturday morning services are now at 10:30 am beginning October 6.)

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

Saturday, September 1
10 am Service, *Bar Mitzvah* of Joshua Fishkin
7 pm *Selichot*

Friday, September 7
7 pm Service
(no potluck supper)

Sunday, September 9
7:45 pm *Erev Rosh Hashanah* evening service

Monday, September 10
9 am Young Family Service
10:15 am *Torah* Tots and *Kavanah* Kids
10:30 am Morning service, Junior Congregation, Middle School Experience
Community *Kiddush* Picnic following services
2:30 pm *Tashlich* Ceremony

Tuesday, September 11
10 am Morning service and *Torah* Study, informal

Friday, September 14
7:30 pm Service

Saturday, September 15
9:30 am *Rosh Chodesh*

Tuesday, September 18
7:45 pm *Kol Nidre*

Wednesday, September 19
9 am Young Family Service
10:15 am *Torah* Tots and *Kavanah* Kids
10:30 am Morning service, Junior Congregation, Middle School Experience
1:45 pm Adult study sessions

3 pm Afternoon Service of Renewal
4:15 pm *Yizkor* Service
5:30 pm *Neilah*, Closing Service, break fast

Friday, September 21
7:30 pm Service

Saturday, September 22
9:30 am *Shabbat* Yoga

Sunday, September 23
5:30 pm *Sukkot* BBQ

Monday, September 24
10:30 am Young Children's Program

Friday, September 28
7 pm *Shabbat-In-Sukkot* Dinner Celebration
Around The Tables
Potluck Supper

Saturday, September 29
10 am *Shabbat* Experience at Storm King Art Center

Sunday, September 30
6 pm *Yizkor*
6:30 pm *Simchat Torah* Celebration and Consecration of new Jewish Journey Project students

Friday, October 5
7 pm Service
8 pm Potluck supper

Saturday, October 6
9:30 am *Rosh Chodesh*
10:30 am Service, *Bar Mitzvah* of Joseph Tomaskovic

Friday, October 12
7:30 pm Service

Saturday, October 13
9 am *Torah* study, *Parshat Noach*
10:30 am Service, *Bat Mitzvah* of Sarah Brechner

Friday, October 19
7:30 pm Service – HIAS Refugee *Shabbat*

Saturday, October 20
9:30 am *Shabbat* Yoga

Friday, October 26
7:30 pm Service

Saturday, October 27
9 am *Torah* Study, *Parshat Vayera*
10:30 am Service, *Bar Mitzvah* of Zachary Scher



A New Chapter at Barnert

A Weekend Celebrating the Installation of Rabbi Rachel Steiner



Join Our
Barnert Community
in Worship and
Celebration as
We Install Our
New Rabbi and
Begin the Next
Chapter in
Our History!



Save the Dates!

NOVEMBER 2, 2018 - 7 PM
Installation &
Shabbat Worship

NOVEMBER 3, 2018 - 6:30 PM
"Broadway at Barnert"
Cocktail Reception & Concert

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun
Nathan Barnert
Memorial Temple
Franklin Lakes, NJ

More Details to Come...



INSTALLATION WEEKEND

A NEW CHAPTER AT BARNERT: CELEBRATING RABBI RACHEL STEINER

November 2-3, 2018

Join us in worship and celebration as Barnert Temple begins a new chapter: the formal installation of Rabbi Rachel Steiner as our rabbi.

Our celebration weekend includes:

Special Shabbat Service, Friday, Nov. 2, 7 pm

A rabbi's installation is a special service when the congregation formalizes its relationship with the rabbi. We are honored to have Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism, who will formally install Rabbi Steiner at Barnert. Our special *Oneg* is not to be missed! (There will be no potluck dinner.) Babysitting will be available, and for grades K-2, there will be a special *Shabbat* service.

Saturday evening: *Broadway at Your Doorstep* 6:30 pm

Come see Broadway's brightest stars performing Broadway's biggest hits, including *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Wicked*, *Rent*, *Jersey Boys*, and *Hamilton*! Visit www.broadwayatyourdoorstep.com for more information. Doors open at 6:30 for a pre-show *nosh* and dessert bar, and curtain goes up at 8 pm. Tickets (7th grade and up) are \$54 per person.

All proceeds will benefit Barnert Temple and Project Playground, which will expand the Temple playground area and add additional play elements.

There are several ways to support this special weekend:

- For \$36: send a *Mazel Tov* to Rabbi Steiner and have your name appear in the Installation Weekend Program.
- For \$300: sponsor the Friday Night *Shabbat* Service and have your name appear in the program as sponsoring the Flowers and *Oneg*.
- For \$540: sponsor the entire Installation Weekend. Your name will appear in the program as sponsoring the Flowers and *Oneg*, and you will receive 2 tickets.
- \$54 per person: purchase tickets for *Broadway: The Modern Era* (we welcome all guests from 7th grade and up). Early purchase price: \$46 per ticket. Check must be received at Barnert by 10/1.
- All sponsorships must be received at Barnert by 10/9.

Get in on the Action

Barnert Temple Social Action Has Something for Everyone

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

— Charles Dickens

What inspires you to act? How can you, your family, your friends, and your temple community pursue *tikkun olam* together to help repair the world?

At Barnert Temple, Social Action is about:

- Education: learning, questioning, discussing
- Inspiration: relating, personalizing, motivating
- Action: doing something to meet a need or drive change

Whether it's a two-hour shift packing meals for a food pantry, making meatloaves to feed men in a homeless shelter, hammering nails on a build, bringing a potluck dish to an interfaith gathering, delivering dinner to someone recuperating from surgery, or nurturing vegetables in Barnert's garden, the Social Action team can help guide you in the right direction.

Join the Conversation

Learn more, dig deeper, and find the best fit for your passions, your skills, your family, your time and other resources at the Annual Social Action Kick-Off Brunch.

Save the Date:
Annual Social Action Kick-Off Brunch
Sunday, October 7
9:30 – 11 am

Join Rabbi Steiner, Sara Losch, and the Social Action team for lively learning, a delicious buffet, and opportunities to help take our Food and Shelter and Interfaith/Intercultural Relationships initiatives to the next level.

Participate in a discussion about what advocacy could look (and act) like at Barnert Temple. Find out what the Social Action Squad is all about and how an hour or two of hands-on volunteering can make a difference and change a life.

What You Do Matters

As we enter a new chapter at Barnert and celebrate the installation of Rabbi Rachel Steiner, we'll be focusing our social actions even more by providing new opportunities to roll up our sleeves, be present, be involved,

and serve others.

Here are just a few ways to get started:

- Put the Annual Social Action Kick-Off Brunch, October 7, 11 am – 1 pm, in your calendar; invite others
- Watch for the next Social Action Squad event, volunteer, recruit others
- Get in the loop, learn more about our Food and Shelter, Interfaith/Intercultural Relationships and Advocacy initiatives and how you can contribute by reaching out to Rebecca Holland at rholland1129@gmail.com
- Get on the list and join Barnert's Caring Community to help temple members in need by contacting Patti Bieth at pattib18@verizon.net, Aviva Sanders at avivasanders@gmail.com, or Debby Birrer at dabirrer@aol.com
- Check out our new website at www.barnerttemple.org/social_action
- Look for a new Facebook page: Social Action at Barnert Temple (in development)

Every Action Counts. Act Now.
Let's Help Repair the World Together.

 **SOCIAL ACTION**
Join us. Be present. Be involved. Serve others.

2018–2019 Social Action Steering Committee:

Elizabeth Resnick, VP and Chairperson
Rabbi Rachel Steiner, Senior Advisor
Sue Klein, Chair of Advocacy and Head of Social Action Education, Inspiration, Action
Rebecca Holland, Chair of Social Action Communications
Donna Meyer, Chair of Social Action Squad
Jill Gordon-Layton, Advocacy
Meredith Riss and Jodi Fader, Co-Chairs of Food and Shelter
Billy Bloomberg, BarTY Rep
Felicia Halpert, Website Chair
Jackie Packman, Survey and Finance Chair,
Social Action Liason to Sisterhood

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). We have monthly Sunday morning bagels-and-lox breakfasts with interesting speakers on a variety of topics. Come join us for our first breakfast on September 23 at 9:00 am.

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

- **Sukkot BBQ** – The Men's Club barbeque hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers for the temple *Sukkot* celebration. Always fun.
- **Pancake Breakfast** – The Men's Club don their chef hats and cook pancakes (regular, blueberry and chocolate chip), scrambled eggs and turkey sausages. A gastronomical must!
- **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 Sisterhood Shabbat** – We will lead many parts of the service. An inspirational event.
- **Annual Awards Dinner** – It's all about the food, drink, getting 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!!

We are also looking to plan a Thursday-night football outing, plus other event that will include the kids. We are always looking for new ideas for events. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or ideas. I look forward to meeting you at the events.

Rich Kuller, Men's Club President
rich.kuller@gmail.com; (201) 615-4989

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Profiles

Joseph Tomaskovic

Date of Bar Mitzvah: October 6, 2018

Hi! My name is Joseph Tomaskovic and I have just started eighth grade. I live with my dog, Parker; my mom, Debra; my dad, Evan; my brother, Ben; and my sister, Hannah. I enjoy playing sports, reading, watching TV, swimming, and being at my summer camp.

For my *mitzvah* project, I am collecting used cleats and shin guards to donate to 1kCleats4Kids. This organization then gives these items to the less fortunate. I chose this as my *mitzvah* project because, ever since preschool, I have been enjoying the thrill of soccer, and I would like everyone to have the opportunity to experience that joy, too.

I would like to thank the people who were instrumental in helping me through this part of my life's journey. My parents, Rabbi Steiner, Rabbi Rossoff, Marc Chelemer, all of my Hebrew school (and preschool!) teachers over the years as well as the Barnert Temple community as a whole. Thank you all so much for your guidance, support, and getting me prepared for my special day.

Sarah Brechner

Date of Bat Mitzvah: October 13, 2018

My name is Sarah Brechner and I'm in 8th grade. I live with my 17-year-old sister, Rachel; and my mom and dad. I love music and singing, and I play volleyball. I also play tennis and I used to play basketball. I am very musical. I am in an honor choir for my school, and I play piano, guitar and flute for my school band. In my school my favorite subjects are Language Arts and Social Studies. This summer, I went to a week-long volleyball camp, and a week-long art camp, where I learned to draw realistic portraits. When I grow up, I would either like to be a designer/interior decorator, or a veterinarian because I love animals. My family describes me as generous, funny, kind, and compassionate. I am hard-working and I strive to be my very best at what I do.

For my *Bat Mitzvah* project, I joined the Meatloaf Machers at Barnert where we make meatloaves for the St. Paul's Men's Shelter. For my *mitzvah* collection, I am organizing a donation drive for animals in the Tri-Boro Animal Welfare, a local animal shelter. I am excited to help animals and people in need.

I am thankful for the love and support of my family and friends. I also want to thank Rabbi Steiner, Sara Losch, Jennifer Goldstein, Mark and Edith for all of their help preparing me for my *Bat Mitzvah*.

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 event on Monday, September 24.

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

Bob Levin

Networking for Introverts, Extroverts and In-Between-Verts

Monday, September 24

Do you attend networking meetings or company events and walk away feeling like you could have been more successful in meeting more people? Do you wait for others to approach you? Do you feel anxious when you try to start a conversation? In today's world networking isn't just for those NOT working. It's a powerful personal and professional tool we can all use to leverage relationships. To advance in your career, it's imperative that you get comfortable with networking. But why just be comfortable when it can actually be fun??? Walk away from this interactive event knowing:

- How to explain what you do so people will remember you
- Why being specific when asking for help is important
- How to identify the right networking opportunities for you
- What "paying it forward" is all about
- Why networking is simply making new friends
- How to turn your networking magic into long-term relationships

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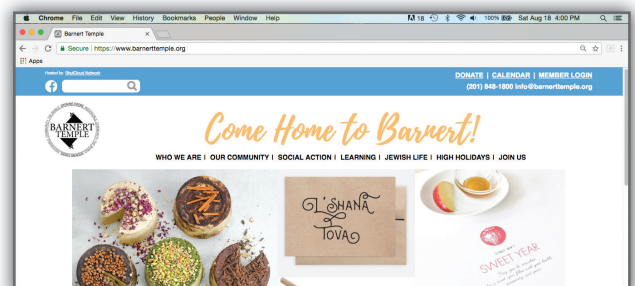


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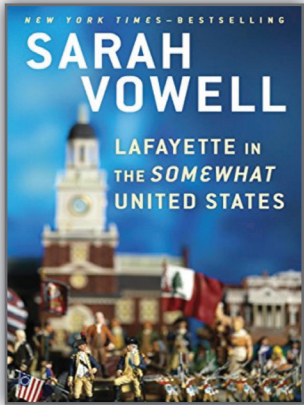
The new and engaging website will be officially launched after the High Holidays, but you can take a look at it now as its design and elements are finalized.

www.BarnertTemple.org



Book Club

After tackling Gabriel García Márquez's *One Hundred Years of Solitude* on August 20th, your temple Book Club is ready for an exciting and most stimulating season.



Our next meeting, after Márquez, takes place on Tuesday, October 2nd, at the home of Susan Nashel in Ridgewood. We meet from 8 pm 'til 10 pm, with light refreshments (pie and coffee are some of our favorites). On this evening we will discuss Sarah Vowell's *Lafayette in the Somewhat United States*.

Sarah Vowell is not exactly a historian in the scholarly sense.

She takes many liberties, adds her own take, digresses, and has been called a "narrative nonfiction wiseguy" by an NPR reviewer. *Lafayette in the Somewhat United States* is a humorous and insightful portrait of the famed Frenchman, the Marquis de Lafayette, and the impact he had on our young country and his ongoing relationship with instrumental Americans of the time, including George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, and many more.

We welcome all new readers.

Contact me if you need to carpool at (201) 847-2183 or bherman@dt.com.

Benita Herman

BarTY

by Elly Kaplan



Hi my name is Elly Kaplan and I am this year's Barnert Temple Youth Group (BarTY) president. This will be my third year on the board and my second year as president. I am so excited for the new year and to work with all of the wonderful teens at Barnert Temple. I am now entering my senior year of high school which is full of tests, college applications, and planning my

future. It is because of BarTY that I am confident in myself that I will accomplish everything that I need and wish to be done.

Our group is full of love and support, and is truly a family within itself. I am extremely excited for the year to come with all the new, fresh ideas and events we have planned. Some of these events include our *Shul-in*, where we spend the night at the temple watching movies and playing games; *Midnight Run*, where we do a clothing drive and then take a bus into Manhattan to hand-deliver clothes to the homeless, and so many other new events.

Also, we have a new advisor, Billy Bloomberg, who is so excited to be a part of the Barnert community and the BarTY family! I encourage all Barnert teens to come meet the whole BarTY board and to help us have an amazing year!

Best wishes,
Elly Kaplan

Your Barnert Magazine

The Barnert Magazine is published four times a year, and its success depends on the literary contributions of all Barnert members.

If you wish to submit a piece — whether a personal story or an article that you think will be of interest to other members — you are always welcome to send it in for consideration.

Submissions for the November/December issue of the magazine are due by October 10. Please email your articles or pieces to jorge26.2@optonline.net. If you are submitting a text-only document, please make sure it has been created in Word, Text Edit, or any other word-processing application except Publisher. If you wish to keep a specific format or style (bullets, indents, italics, etc.), please send the article along with a PDF, so that we can best match the style you want to keep.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Ki Tavo Deut. 26:1-29:8 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 10 am Joshua Fishkin B/M 7 pm Study and Music SELICHOT
2	3 LABOR DAY Office Closed	4 10 am HHD Ticket Pickup	5 9 am Preschool Orientation 1 pm HHD Ticket Pickup 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 1 st Day Preschool 6 pm HHD Ticket Pickup	7 10 am HHD Ticket Pickup 5 pm HHD Ticket Pickup 7 pm Shabbat Service	8 Nitzavim Deut. 29:9-30:2
9 7:45 pm Evening Service EREV ROSH HASHANAH	10 ROSH HASHANAH No Preschool; Office Closed 9 am Young Fam. Service 10:15 am TT & KK 10:30 am Ming Syce, Jr. Cong, MSE Community Kiddush/Pknic Following Services 2:30 Tashlich Ceremony (Indian Trail Club, Franklin Lakes)	11 2 nd Day ROSH HASHANAH No Preschool Office Closed 10 am Morning Service and Torah Study, Informal	12	13 6 pm HHD Ticket Pickup Choir Rehearsal	14 1 st Day Olam Baby 1 st Day Shabbat Tot 1 st Day Shabbat In The Forest	15 Vayeled Deut. 31:1-31:30 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh
16 JJPBT LEV Class - Fall Holidays and Sukkah Decorating 9 am HHD Ticket Pickup 10:30 am Jewish Cooking Class 11:30 am BarTY Board	17	18 12:30 pm Preschool Dismissal 1 pm Office Closes 7:45 pm KOL NIDRE EREV YOM KIPPUR	19 YOM KIPPUR No Preschool Office Closed 9 am Young Family Service 10:15 am TT & KK 10:30 am Ming Syce, Jr. Cong, MSE 1:45 pm Adult Study Session 3 pm Aft. Syce. of Renewal 4:15 pm Yizkor Service 5:30 pm Neilah, Closing Syce, Break Fast	20	21 5 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	22 Ha'Azinu Deut. 32:1-32:52 9:30 am Shabbat Yoga 6 pm BarTY Lounge Decorating, Art Party, S'mores
23 JJPBT 9 am Men's Club 9 am Sisterhood 5 pm Atrium Ribbon Cutting 5:30 pm Sukkot BBQ EREV SUKKOT	24 SUKKOT Bring your lunch or dinner to eat in the sukkah. No Preschool Office Closed 10:30 am Young Children's Program 6:30 Networking 7:30 pm Board of Trustees	25 SUKKOT Bring your lunch or dinner to eat in the sukkah. JJPBT 7 th Grade Family Orientation Confirmation 7:30 pm Meeting for B/M in Sept - Nov 2019	26 SUKKOT Bring your lunch or dinner to eat in the sukkah. JJPBT	27 SUKKOT Bring your lunch or dinner to eat in the sukkah.	28 SUKKOT Bring your lunch to eat in the sukkah. 7 pm Shabbat-in-Sukkot Dinner Celebration Around The Tables Potluck Supper	29 SUKKOT Celebrate Shabbat with us! 10 am Shabbat Experience at Storm King
30 SUKKOT Bring your lunch or dinner to eat in the sukkah. JJPBT 6 pm Yizkor 6:30 pm Simchat Torah Celebration and Consecration of new Jewish Journey Project students EREV SIMCHAT TORAH				30 pm Band Rehearsal 7:30 pm Talmud Study		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 SIMCHAT TORAH No Preschool Office Closed 10:30 am Young Children's Program	2 JJPBT 8 th /9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation 7:30 pm Executive Committee	3 JJPBT	4 7:30 pm Talmud Study	5 7 pm Shabbat Service and Potluck Supper	6 Bereshit Gen. 1:1-6:8 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh 10:30 am Joseph Tomaskovic B/M Octoberfest
7 JJPBT 9:30 am Social Action Annual Kick-Off Brunch	8 COLUMBUS DAY	9 JJPBT 8 th /9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation 7:30 pm Board of Trustees	10 JJPBT Philly Museum Trip	11 7 pm Preschool Back-To-School Night	12 5 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	13 Noach Gen. 6:9-11:32 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9 am Torah Study 10:30 am Sarah Brechner B/M
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21 JJPBT 9:30 am Community Town Hall 5 pm BarTY 6 th & 7 th Grade GAGA	22 3:30 pm 7 th –10 th Graders to HUC Soup Kitchen 6:30 Networking	23 JJPBT 8 th /9 th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation	24 JJPBT	25 7:30 pm Jewish Journey Project Parent Night	26 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	27 Vayera Gen. 18:1-22:24 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9 am Torah Study 10:30 am Zachary Scher B/M
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