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## Barnert Welcomes Our Next Senior Rabbi

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The theme of this issue is inclusion. We were close to printing when the news came about the selection of Rabbi Rachel Steiner as our new senior rabbi. We chose to feature her on our cover. The 170th year of Barnert Temple continues from strength to strength. More information will be included in the next issue.

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

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# A Message from Rabbi Don Rossoff

## Audacious hospitality



As you may remember, last *Yom Kippur* we invited Barnert members from other faith backgrounds up to the *bima* for a blessing in gratitude for the special role that they play in Jewish life. Later that day, we were addressed by two members: one sharing what he thought we needed to know about the experience of intermarried couples, and the other sharing what he thought

we needed to know about having Jews of color in our community. These were part of our efforts to explore how Barnert can be even more inclusive as a diverse sacred community.

I believe this exploration is so very important, especially now. The face of American Judaism and the faces of American Jews have been changing for decades, causing us to broaden our minds and open our hearts and challenging our preconceived notions of what it means to be Jewishly “normal.” At a Biennial Convention of the Reform Movement back in the 1970s, our president, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, challenged temple communities to be more welcoming to the intermarried and to Jews by choice. While our work is not yet done in that regard, interfaith families and Jews by choice feel more welcome in Reform synagogues than ever before. Last month, at our latest URJ Biennial Convention in Boston, I and others in our great Barnert delegation had our eyes opened even wider as to what inclusivity really means.

In the words of URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs, synagogues need to be places of “audacious hospitality.” Audacious hospitality, as defined on the URJ website, is a “transformative spiritual practice rooted in the belief that we will be a stronger, more vibrant Jewish community when we fully welcome and incorporate the diversity that is the reality of modern Jewish life.”

The Biennial was a microcosm of today’s Jewish world and a model of what audacious hospitality looks like. Jews of color — i.e., Jews of non-European lineage, Jews in wheelchairs and on crutches, transgendered Jews, gay Jews and lesbian Jews and gender non-conforming Jews and so many more “diverse” Jews — walked, or wheeled, among the over-5,000 attendees without turning a head. Why? Because they knew that Jewish life belonged to them as much as it belonged to anyone else — and so did we all.

The Biennial was a microcosm of today’s Jewish world. The convention offered so many workshops focused on audacious hospitality — too many for any one person to go to. I heard a rabbi who had had a stroke in her early 30s, and is bipolar, speak about her difficulties being seen as

competent. Parents of transgendered children spoke about how their synagogue supported them and their children as the latter were transitioning. Temple professionals spoke about the importance of using a person’s preferred name and pronoun. Rabbis spoke about programs in their temples aimed at making sure that persons with mental illnesses or who had mental or physical disabilities knew they were welcome and they and their families had a place to go and speak with other families in like situations. We were also aware of other populations within our communities who may not always feel they fit in — for instance single adults (of any age), people who hold more conservative political views than others, people who think the temple is too traditional, people who feel that the temple is not traditional enough.

We are starting to have conversations as to what audacious hospitality can and should mean at Barnert Temple. If you are interested in the inclusion conversation, we would love to hear your perspective and ideas. To join the exploration, please let me know of your interest.

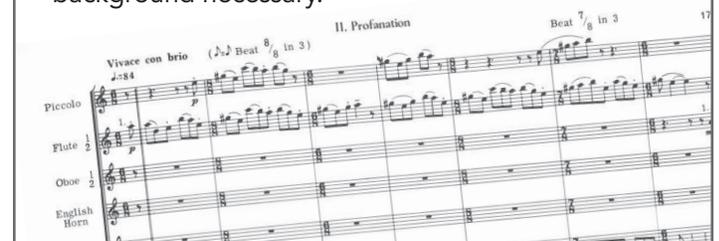
I do not know exactly where our conversations will lead us. What I do know is that as we enfranchise those who currently feel at the margins, we will indeed be “a stronger, more vibrant Jewish community” for having embraced “the diversity that is the reality of modern Jewish life!”

*Shalom uv'racha* – with peace and blessing,  
Rabbi Don Rossoff

### Sacred Symphonies: Music As Midrash Rabbi Don Rossoff

Thursdays, January 4, 11 and 18, at 7:30 pm

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



# A Message From Rabbi Rachel Steiner

## Why inclusion?



This year we are celebrating the 170th anniversary of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, our beloved Barnert Temple.

Our congregation was founded in 1847, around the same time that the original founders of Reform Judaism in Germany were coming to America and establishing the American Reform Movement. Much has changed about Reform Judaism and the

Barnert community during these years, but one principle that has remained constant is our emphasis on inclusion. Although we have chosen to focus on inclusion in this magazine issue and will continue to do so in the months ahead, I think it is important to highlight that inclusion and breaking down barriers — while maintaining our Jewish identity — is at the essence of what Barnert has been about for 170 years.

At its core, Reform Judaism is about ensuring that Jews are able to enjoy lives consistent with both our Jewish tradition and modernity. For the original Reformers, who had received a traditional Jewish education, that meant selecting the Jewish practices that allowed Reform Jews to participate fully in the broader, non-Jewish community while retaining the core Jewish rituals and teachings that shaped their souls, their families, and their sense of purpose. The vision of Reform Judaism has always been about inclusion, providing a way for us to maintain our Jewish identities while actively engaging with the wider community as citizens and neighbors.

Of course, inclusion is important for other reasons. Let me address three. The first is that the diversity that comes from inclusion makes our community stronger. We need classrooms and discussions filled with individuals bringing different experiences to our study, sharing different opinions or interpretations, and asking different kinds of questions. We know that what we do at Barnert has to support our lives everywhere, not just when we are in the building. The more we push each other to think big and dig deep, the more effective we will find we are able to be as we work to live full lives of impact and connection. This is what Reform Judaism has always been about. This continues to be one of our pillars. When new people feel welcome and join us and share their stories, we are able to see the ways in which our community makes room for everyone and also has room to grow.

A second reason to focus on inclusion here at Barnert is that the *Torah* tells us, thirty-six times, to welcome the stranger. Love the stranger. Be kind to the stranger. Why? Because, we are taught over and over again, you were

once a stranger in a strange place. It's simply what we do. Who is "the stranger"? In our case, we welcome those who might otherwise feel like outsiders, like they don't belong. And it's not simply about saying "hello" when someone new knocks at our door. We have the obligation and the privilege to go out of our way to ensure that Barnert is a place where anyone in a Jewish family can find a home, so that the feeling of being an outsider becomes a true sense of belonging. So many people have walked into our Reform congregation and told me that they felt like they had found their first, real Jewish home.

A final reason (not the final reason — there are myriad others we will explore in the coming months) to focus on inclusion in our community right now is, perhaps, a combination of the first two: each of us wants to feel accepted and find a home, a Jewish home. If we do not offer the same for others seeking connection, we are not doing right by our Reform Jewish tradition. Each of us can recall experiences where meeting someone who helped us to learn or experience something new helped us to change and to grow. We help each other stretch for new ways to practice Judaism, to try articulating new sentences about our belief and about faith, to make sense of what is happening in the world through our Jewish lenses. We come imperfectly whole, in search of a place to incubate new ideas, beliefs, melodies and friendships. We want to be included just the way we are. We can do an even better job to create a Barnert that is open and safe for those in our communities who have not yet found their Jewish home.

Reform Judaism and Barnert Temple have always adapted to ensure that our communities are inclusive of Jewish families who are seeking their spiritual home. We continue to work to become a place where even more Jewish individuals and families feel welcome and energized and inspired. As we engage in this holy work, we heed our calls to welcome the stranger, to ensure our Judaism is relevant and woven into our contemporary lives, and to create a community we are proud to call home.

**SAVE THE DATE**

A Shabbat Together...

with food for the body, mind & spirit

**Shabbat Shira**  
**January 27, 2018**

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# 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, January 5  
7 pm Service including  
4th Grade Siddur  
Presentation  
8 pm Potluck Supper

Saturday, January 6  
9:30 am *Shabbat* Yoga

Friday, January 12  
7 pm Service  
8 pm Potluck Supper with  
Interfaith Conversation

Saturday, January 13  
9:30 am *Torah* Study,  
*Parshat Vayera*

Friday, January 19  
5 pm *Tot Shabbat* and  
Pizza Dinner  
8 pm Service

Saturday, January 20  
9:30 am *Rosh Chodesh*

Friday, January 26  
8 pm *Shabbat Shirah*

Saturday, January 27  
9:30 am *Torah* Study,  
*Parshat Beshallah*

Friday, February 2  
7 pm Service  
8 pm Potluck Supper

Saturday, February 3  
9:30 am *Shabbat* Yoga

Friday, February 9  
5 pm *Tot Shabbat* and  
Pizza Dinner  
8 pm Service

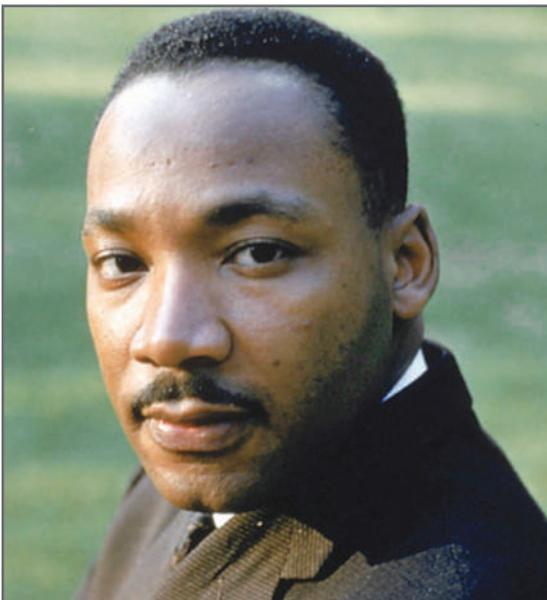
Saturday, February 10  
9:30 am *Torah* Study,  
*Parshat Mishpatim*

Friday, February 16  
8 pm Service

Saturday, February 17  
9:30 am *Rosh Chodesh*

Friday, February 23  
8 pm Service

Saturday, February 24  
9:30 am *Torah* Study,  
*Parshat*  
*Tetzaveh*



## INTERFAITH SHABBAT

Join your Barnert Community as we celebrate *Shabbat* with our Interfaith Community.

On this *Shabbat* during which we honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we will welcome the Reverend Chris McCloud, who will speak during services about issues around race and privilege.

Our friends and neighbors from local Christian and Muslim communities will be joining us for this service and potluck supper on Friday, January 12.

Our *Shabbat* service will begin at 7 pm, followed by our multi-cultural potluck supper.

# Shabbat Shalom שבת שלום

## Blessing before Giving Tzedakah

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לִרְדוֹף צְדָקָה.



*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

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת.

*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

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגָּפֶן.

*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

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ.

*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

יְבָרְכֶךָ יי וְיִשְׁמְרֶךָ.  
יְאֵר יי פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וְיַחֲנֶנֶךָ.  
יִשָּׂא יי פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וְיִשֵּׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם.

*Y'varechcha 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.



# Important New Procedure Regarding Friday Evening Mi Shebeirach (Healing) List

As time has gone on, sadly, more and more names have been added to the *Mi Shebeirach* (Healing) list to be read during our *Shabbat* service. The challenge before us is that names which no longer need our prayers often remain on the list, resulting in an exceptionally long list to be read during Friday-evening services. The list has not been updated for a very long time and it is time to do so.

## As of January 1, 2018, we are going to begin a new list.

If you would like the name of a dear one to be mentioned publicly during our Healing Prayer, or read silently by one of the rabbis, please send an email (preferred) to [loris1847@barnerttemple.org](mailto:loris1847@barnerttemple.org) or call Lori in the Temple Office at (201) 848-1800.

Once a name is placed on the list, it will remain there for two (2) months and then be removed. If you wish the name to remain on the *Mi Shebeirach* list for more than two months, you will need to contact Lori again. (You may want to put a two-month reminder on your calendar about resubmitting the name.) Please do not assume that a name will be on the list if you do not request it to be so.

Prayers for healing, whether offered by a community in prayer or by an individual in prayerful moments, can be very powerful. Of course, the most powerful and meaningful prayer is the one you offer on Friday evenings surrounded by your Temple community. But when that is not possible, in a moment of need praying by yourself is also helpful.

Remember, even when being cured is no longer an option, healing can take place in the heart and in the spirit which strive for *shalom*, wholeness. This can be true both for those who are prayed for as well as for those who pray for them.

I pray that you and yours are well and remain well. Know that, with your assistance, your Barnert family will continue to offer prayers for the complete restoration of body, mind, and spirit for your loved ones in need of healing.

With thoughts of *b'reeut, r'fuah, v'shalom* — health, healing, and peace,

Rabbi Don Rossoff

I have provided here a copy of the *Mi Shebeirach* prayer should you ever want to recite it on your own. You can also listen and/or sing along by going to this website: [https://www.ritualwell.org/sites/default/files/imce\\_uploads/image.2005-07-25.6708517725.mp3](https://www.ritualwell.org/sites/default/files/imce_uploads/image.2005-07-25.6708517725.mp3).

## Mi Shebeirach - Lyrics by Debbie Friedman, z"l and Drorah Setel

מי שברך אבותנו מקור הברכה לאמותנו

*Mi shebeirach avoteinu*

*M'kor habracha l'imoteinu*

May the source of strength who blessed the ones before us,  
Help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing  
And let us say: Amen.

מי שברך אמותנו מקור הברכה לאבותנו

*Mi shebeirach imoteinu*

*M'kor habracha l'avoteinu*

Bless those in need of healing with *refuah sh'leimah*  
The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit  
And let us say: Amen.\*

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# Still Rock 'n Roll to Me!

Megillah Reading and Purim Shpiel  
Wednesday, February 28, 7 pm

Wear your costumes!

Hear the Megillah and shake those groggers!

Actors Wanted!

Have you ever wanted to be in a Purim Shpiel?

Here's your chance!

Contact Rabbi Steiner and Sara Losch in January.  
And find your place in the Purim Shpiel!

## Preschool Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 4, 4 pm

For children 5 and under.

Games! Prizes! Refreshments!



# A Message From the President

## Our homeland



By the time this issue of our magazine arrives in your home, my daughter Caroline will have returned from spending the fall semester of her sophomore year in Israel with the URJ Heller High Program (formerly known as NFTY EIE). I had the opportunity to visit her on the Parent's Pilgrimage and was encouraged by some Barnert friends to share the experience here.

First off, a little background on the program.

URJ Heller High is a semester-long program in Israel for high school students in grades 10 through 12. Heller High is based on *Kibbutz Tzuba*, nestled in the Judean Hills, approximately 15 minutes outside of Jerusalem, where the students live in dorm-style housing. With very small class sizes, students take an advanced Jewish History class, Conversational Hebrew, and their regular General Studies courses to fulfill the requirements of their home high schools. While at Heller High, students become immersed in the study of the history, culture, and land of Israel.

Experiential learning is at the core of the curriculum. On average, one to two days per week are spent outside the classroom on field trips. There are also a number of weeklong trips throughout the semester, including a pilgrimage to Poland to study the Holocaust; a week in Gadna, a simulated Israeli army-training experience (Caroline's favorite!); and a weeklong hike in the north, from sea to sea.

We had traveled as a family to Israel for the first time two years ago with Rabbi Frishman. That trip was life-changing for all of us. In addition to being introduced to our homeland and its history, we were also able to understand first-hand just how complicated the politics are, within the state of Israel in addition to the broader political landscape of the Middle East.

So, why go back such a short time later and visit many of the same sites? The obvious answer, of course, is to see my daughter. Beyond that, I wasn't sure what to expect. The Parent's Pilgrimage invites us to experience Israel exactly the way our kids experience it. The focus is on the history of the Jewish people as seen through the lens of our children, who deepen their own Jewish identities during this unique living and learning opportunity.

One of my favorite excursions was our Crusader *Tiyul* (field trip). Together, we "stormed" the Belvoir Crusader Fortress, which still stands today. To learn about the Crusader period and the impact it had on Jews at the time, while sitting on the floor of what was the main room where the soldiers ate, strategized and rested, was

incredible. We visited Tzfat and learned about the history of *Kabbalah*. We walked through the Orthodox quarter of the Old City after learning about Orthodox sects and why so many variations exist. We ate, shopped, explored and experienced what it's like to live on a *kibbutz*.

For most of my life, I never understood why I was supposed to care so deeply about Israel. As a Reform Jew, I knew it was something our movement supported but I had no personal connection to it. Now, I do. For me, these trips to Israel strengthened my own Jewish identity in a way I hadn't anticipated. Walking the streets of Jerusalem offered a deeper and more tangible connection to this holy city and our people's history. I felt for the first time that I really am a child of Israel and that feeling alone was nothing short of amazing.

I feel blessed to have been able to visit our homeland twice in my lifetime. If you've never been before, I hope you'll have the opportunity at some point to visit; and if you have children who are or will be eligible for the URJ Heller High program in Israel, that you'll consider sending them. It truly is an experience of a lifetime.

I hope 2018 brings you good health, great adventure, happiness, and peace.

*L'Shalom.*

Rebecca McKinnon

## TU BISHVAT, THE FESTIVAL OF TREES

Join your Barnert Community for a special *Tu Bishvat* program: Focus on the Environment.

Tuesday, January 30, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

We will use our Jewish New Year of the Trees to engage with our natural world. And, of course, enjoy our delicious fruits, juices and treats!

Look beyond the cold to the budding of the trees!



# A Message From Sara Losch

## Opening doors to inclusive education



When studying Jewish texts, we parse sentences, looking deeply into meanings of operative words. I've been particularly drawn to this *Pirkei Avot* (Sayings of Our Fathers), text, from the great sage, Hillel: *Do not separate yourself from the community.*

What constitutes "separating"? What if separating is a result of feeling unwelcome? What if

I FEEL separate? And, what is "the" community? Is it all Jews? All people?

Barnert leaders and clergy are and have always been committed to creating an inclusive community, one that assures that everyone can feel included. We also understand that it is not always easy. It takes work. People often do feel separate.

In the Preschool, the teaching has two players: "yourself" is the person wanting to be part of something; "the" community is anyone whose child participates in Barnert Temple Preschool programs. Until now, "the" community included families with at least one Jewish parent.

I am very excited to announce that "the" Preschool community—Friday-morning baby classes through Kindergarten and Day Camp—will now be open to, and include children and families from other cultures and faith backgrounds. Unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees, this change in policy came about in large part because our preschool families wanted to see it happen.

Our program will remain completely Jewish in design and curriculum, with all Jewish holidays, *mitzvot*, and *Torah* continuing to guide us and be our foundation.

We see the following positive outcomes:

- An open-enrollment policy resonates with our mission as an inviting and open community. Families from other faiths and cultures will learn about Judaism, providing significant and meaningful opportunities for positive interfaith dialog, understanding and acceptance.
- Increased student enrollment will benefit the congregation financially, ensuring maximum use of our physical space and more cost-effective staffing ratios.
- People of other faiths or backgrounds who are extended families of current preschool families can join our preschool community alongside their Jewish family.

We began the 2017–18 temple year with this tag line: Come Home to Barnert.

Now, we are honored to welcome home those who wish to join our preschool, as Hillel's teaching continues to guide us as we all come together in our sacred community. We look forward to your participation and to helping you feel fully part of our community.

Registration is now open for Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Day Camp 2018. Spread the word.

Sara Losch

## A VERY REFORM SHABBAT SHIRAH!

Did you know that Barnert Temple was founded not long after Reform Judaism began to grow in Germany and North America?

This marks Barnert's 170th Anniversary. In celebration of our rich heritage, we will dedicate *Shabbat Shirah*, our most special musical service, to the amazing legacy of Reform liturgical music from the 1800s until today.

We will be led in song by the rich, in-house talent at Barnert for our service on Friday, January 26, at 8 pm. It will be an unforgettable musical journey!

# Barnert Temple's Preschool and Kindergarten Announce Registration for the Upcoming 2018–2019 Year

Tell your friends and family! Registration is opening for Barnert Temple Preschool & Family Center on January 22, for their 2018–2019 preschool and kindergarten classes. The preschool offers a variety of flexible half- and full-day preschool schedules. Part-time hours are 9 am–12:30 pm, full day is 9 am–3 pm, and extended hours are 8 am–4 pm. Barnert is open to families of all faiths and cultural backgrounds.

## Little Sprouts: 15 months

Whether you are a working parent or simply feel that your child would benefit from socialization and exposure to early learning, the Little Sprouts toddler class encourages language and cognitive development through play and exploration.

## Rising Stars: 2 to 3 years old

Parents and teachers work closely together for a positive first-time school experience. Children are enriched with music, art, cooking, and yoga. Cognitive skills are built using a diverse curriculum which covers the early basics of science, math and literacy.

## Big Shots: 3 to 4 years old

A rich curriculum enhances language development and literary expression. Hands-on learning activities in science, social studies, social action, and beginning math concepts are offered.

## Fantastics: 4 to 5 years old

Our highly rated Fantastics' Pre-Kindergarten program revolves around an emergent curriculum. Students have the freedom to learn at different rates and in different ways. Our goal is to graduate children who love learning and are ready for kindergarten.

## Transitional Kindergarten: 4 to 6 years old

We are known for our individualized attention, a creative curriculum, outdoor programming, academic challenges, and sensitivity to each child's unique learning style. This could be that extra year a child needs to mature emotionally before traditional kindergarten or a chance to benefit from the extra support, guidance and warmth our staff provides that will lead to a successful first-grade experience.

## Kindergarten Explorations: 5 to 6 years old

Barnert's Kindergarten Explorations program offers students who only attend kindergarten in the morning, an opportunity for the much-needed time to explore topics beyond reading, writing and math. Our days include fun and educational activities such as cooking, Judaic studies, health, social studies, science, and outdoor play. Afternoon timing depends on school schedules. Call for information.

Tours of the school are available immediately. For more information call our Preschool Office at (201) 848-1027 or email us at [schooloffice@barnerttemple.org](mailto:schooloffice@barnerttemple.org).

## Preschool Celebrates Chanukah!

Our Barnert preschoolers had fun learning about *Chanukah*! They used finger-painting to explore the *menorah*, made their own *menorah*, shared in a festive school celebration, and lit the Barnert *menorah*!



# Adult Education: Find Your Place!



**Sacred Symphonies – Music As Midrash.**  
**Rabbi Don Rossoff.**  
**Thursdays, January 4, 11 and 18, at 7:30 pm.**

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



**Shabbat Yoga.**  
**Saturdays, January 6 and February 3, 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.**  
**Sunday, January 28, 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, January 9, 16, 23 and 30; February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 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, January 25; February 8 and 22, 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, January 13 and 27; February 10 and 24, 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, January 20 and February 17, 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.

## Help Us Help!

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



# BarTY MIDNIGHT RUN

“Midnight Run is a volunteer organization dedicated to finding common ground between the housed and the homeless.”

BarTY will host our annual Midnight Run on January 27, a night of *tikkun olam* and fun that begins at Barnert Temple at 5 pm. We will enjoy food, Humans of New York-based programming, and will pack up hundreds of articles of clothing and many boxes of food that have been collected throughout January. Then, at 9 pm we head into New York City and make periodic stops throughout Manhattan to distribute our collected supplies to homeless and under-resourced individuals. We arrive home tired and fulfilled after a long night of volunteering and service in the early morning hours! Midnight Run is the most popular BarTY event of the year; all of BarTY is super excited for to engage in *tikkun olam* while having a ton of fun at the same time!

We need your help to collect the clothing and supplies for our trip. Please drop off anything you can donate to Barnert by January 26.

- Warm coats – Large and Extra Large sizes
- Durable pants – Men’s Large are preferred (but you can bring sizes between 32 through 40). We will bring a few women’s pants, as well.
- Tube Socks
- Underpants – Sizes 32 through 42
- Sweaters, sweatshirts (especially hooded sweatshirts) and long-sleeve shirts – Large and Extra Large – dark colors preferred
- T-shirts (Medium, Large, Extra Large)
- Winter Hats
- Gloves
- Shoes – Sizes 9 through 12 and above. Lightly worn sneakers or athletic shoes (no spikes), soft-soled shoes and work boots are preferred.
- Long underwear – Large sizes
- Belts
- Backpacks and other reusable bags
- Individual sized toiletries
- Very large plastic storage bins for transporting and distributing clothing

If you are interested in attending this event, RSVP by January 22 to [rabbisteiner@barnerttemple.org](mailto:rabbisteiner@barnerttemple.org)

**Thank you for helping BarTY bring  
warmth in the bitter cold of winter to the people we will meet!  
We hope to see you there!!**

# We are delighted to share this special Thanksgiving D'var Torah by former BarTY President Alex Brover



*Shabbat Shalom*, everyone, and Happy Thanksgiving. My name is Alex Brover and I am currently a senior at Emory University, studying accounting. As some of you may know, I have always been quite active in Barnert, ultimately serving as the president of BarTY during my senior year of high school in 2014. Though I would be remised if I did not give Sara

Losch a shout-out in saying that I also am an alumni of Barnert Preschool and Religious School. And for those of you that are having the same *déjà vu* as I am, almost nine years ago to the day, I stood on this very *bima* talking about the exact same *Torah* portion. Why that day my mother let me walk around with the Justin Bieber-esque haircut and wear an orange shirt, orange tie, and matching orange braces I will never quite understand... Nonetheless, here I stand today, slightly less awkward and hopefully slightly more insightful to talk about this week's portion of *Vayeitzei*.

This week's portion begins with the well-known story of Jacob's ladder. In the story, Jacob has just left Beer Sheva running from his brother Esau, whom he has just stolen his father's birthright and blessing from. One night along his journey, he stops in an unsuspecting place for the night that some scholars argue was actually the future home to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. While he is sleeping, a ladder appears in his dreams reaching from the ground to the heavens. Angels were climbing up and down the ladder and God appears to Jacob. God tells Jacob that his descendants will conquer the land of Israel, and the *parshah* concludes with the birth of the 12 tribes of Israel. The ladder appears to Jacob in a dream seemingly out of nowhere. God proves to Jacob that he is there with him, even in the middle of the desert while he is running from his Esau than many people believe is trying to kill him.

I have been very fortunate in that there is a very strong Jewish population on Emory's campus. We hear stories of religious intolerance on college campuses and almost train young adults not to be surprised when things like that happen. During my freshman year at Emory, someone spray-painted a swastika on the side of the house of one of the Jewish fraternities on campus. Within hours there was an outpouring of support as this story came to news headlines. Rabbi Frishman reached out asking how the community was reacting to this act. Though it did feel a bit scary at the time, the stupid actions of one person did not seem threatening. The university as well as all of the other Jewish organizations on campus reacted swiftly and strongly to denounce this act of hatred.

Just one year later, hours after *Yom Kippur* ended,

a student group on campus erected a wall to protest the state of Israel. They called it the Apartheid wall and put it right in the center of campus for everyone to see and pass by. On it were testaments to how this group believed Israel was acting unjustly toward Palestinians. The protest claimed not to be anti-Semitic but rather just anti-Israel, but the gross misrepresentation of facts along with the timing being right after *Yom Kippur* made it difficult to personally separate those two sentiments. It made me angry every time I was forced to walk past it because this was not the act of one student acting like an idiot with a can of spray paint the year before. This group had meticulously sought out permission to do this. This was premeditated and nobody agreed on how to react. Some people wanted the school to force them to take it down, which for obvious reasons was certainly not a good idea. Others wanted to just ignore it because bringing any more attention to the provocative protest was exactly what these students wanted. Ultimately, a student group put up a Wall of Truth beside it to respond to most of the groundless claims that the students were making.

I'm not sure I know what the best action is, but I do know for certain that it does not get any easier each year when that wall goes up. I'm not sure if it was subconscious or not but right around this time, I began to attend *Shabbat* dinners at Chabad and Hillel much more regularly. It's not that I felt compelled to go, but it just seemed like the right thing to do. *Shabbat* dinners were something to look forward to after a long week and there's something to be said about being surrounded by like-minded people. It was in this time after the first protest that I could imagine how Jacob was feeling running from his brother Esau. Though nobody feared for their lives, the Jewish community at Emory was at a crossroads and it was comforting to see the community engage in discussions on how best to handle the situation, just as while Jacob is alone in the desert he is surrounded by angels. Even when things were not going his way, he realized angels surrounded him and were there to protect him.

I wish that I had understood this sentiment from the beginning of college though. During my senior year of high school, two kids in the grade above me during their freshman years of college took their own lives each within a month or two of each other. These were two individuals who were checking all of the boxes: they had tons of friends, a great school. If they had difficult handling the pressures of college, how was anybody else supposed to succeed? Our small community was going through testing times. We had been raised all of our lives to hear that college is the best time of your life. Enjoy it while you can. Nobody wants to talk about the times when college sucks. Being completely taken out of your comfort zone of 18 years and thrown into a new environment with new people is

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# Special Thanksgiving D'var Torah *(From previous page)*

not easy. In high school, I graduated toward the top of my class. Guess what?, so did everyone else. You were the captain of a sports team? The kid living two doors was for two teams. The pressure can at times be insurmountable and yet everyone says college is so amazing. It felt like if I wasn't happy I was doing something wrong.

My biggest regret has been not embracing these angels that surround us during the hard times. Feeling like I had to keep in my feelings because I didn't want to worry my parents 900 miles away was not healthy. Everything turned out great but in case nobody has told you before, let me do the honors. I don't know a single person that absolutely 100% loved their freshman year of college. It can be miserable. Don't forget to look for those angels that surround you. Whether it is your friends at school,

friends from home, family, whomever. Surround yourself with people that care and are there to support you through good and bad and it will all work out.

I am proud to say that I will be graduating this May and taking on the real world thereafter. It would be naïve of me to think that I would be where I am today without the support of the Barnert community. They say it takes a community to raise a child and that has certainly held true for me. Thank you Zack and Melissa for helping teach what it meant to be a leader while I was in BarTY. Thank you so much Rabbi Steiner for inviting me to speak here tonight. Thank you to the Barnert community for being there for me. Always.

*Shabbat Shalom.*



Neither cold, nor wind,  
nor snow will  
stop our  
Men's Club  
from putting  
up the  
Chanukah  
Menorah!



# Chanukah-In-Shabbat Friday, December 15

The Barnert Community gathered together to celebrate *Chanukah* and *Shabbat* on Friday, December 15. The Junior and Adult Choirs sang, and the Brass Band played *Chanukah* favorites. Rabbi Don shared his *Chanukah* socks! Rabbi Rachel Steiner spoke with Emma Goldstein as she became *Bat Mitzvah*. *Chanukiot* were lit and *latkes* were enjoyed!

(Photos by Len Diamond)





# Sweet Tastes of Torah

Sponsored by the North Jersey Board of Rabbis

**Saturday, February 3**

Registration opens at 6:30 pm

Havdalah at 6:50 pm

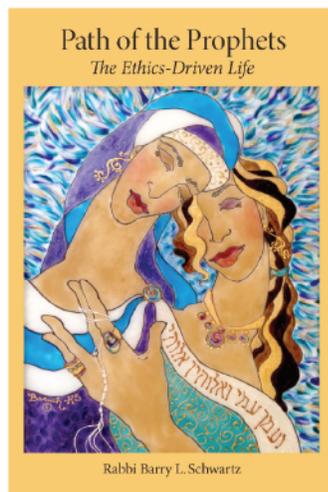
Host congregation:

**Fair Lawn Jewish Center**

**10-10 Norma Avenue, Fair Lawn**

**Keynote:**

**Truth to Power: Prophetic Ethics in Troubled Times**



In an age of scandal, the words and examples of the prophets of Israel offer us an alternative — the ethics-driven life. What lessons can we learn from our ancestors and how can we apply them today? Breakouts will focus on such topics as the ethics of faith, healing, forgiveness, civil disobedience, equality, repentance, forgiveness. Based on his new book, *Path of the Prophets: The Ethics-Driven Life*, Rabbi Barry L. Schwartz will bring this ancient wisdom to life in a new way.

Sweet Tastes of Torah, an evening of community learning, is excited about our new format, which will begin with our keynote, followed by breakouts around the theme presented, as well as our every-dynamic range of classes.

Enjoy 2 one-hour sessions of your choice, followed by delicious desserts, socializing, and Israeli folk dancing.

**\$15 per person pre-registered by January 31; \$20 at door**

**Register online at [www.sweettastesoftorah.weebly.com](http://www.sweettastesoftorah.weebly.com)**

**Or register by check, made payable to:**

**North Jersey Board of Rabbis**

32 Franklin Place, Glen Rock, NJ 07452

**For security reasons, please include names of all attendees when registering.**

**Questions? Contact Nickie Falk at [sweettastesoftorah@gmail.com](mailto:sweettastesoftorah@gmail.com) or (201) 652-1687**

# Men's Club

On November 19 we had a networking breakfast, which connected people both professionally and personally, and was a lot of fun! This was led by Men's Club Past President Stephen Becker. What a great turnout we had!

On December 10, psychologist and Men's Club member Michael Kirshner spoke to both the Men's Club and Women of Barnert about the signs, symptoms and treatment of opioid addiction. The opioid crisis has been growing steadily in New Jersey. This was both informational and insightful.

On December 16, the Men's Club, Women of Barnert, and the Barnert Social Committee sponsored this year's *Chanukah* party, Latkes and Vodkas, which was

a celebration of music, cocktails and food. What a great turnout to put up the temple's *menorah*. Thank you to all our helpers.

The super colossal event of the year, The Gourmet Tasting, is scheduled for March 10. Planning for this is underway. Please be on the lookout for more information as we get closer to the date.

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  
[rkuller@optonline.net](mailto:rkuller@optonline.net); (201) 615-4989

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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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George and Ilene Wolff  
Morris and Gail Yamner  
Robert and Roberta Yeshion

## Barnert at the Biennial!

The Union for Reform Judaism held its 74th Biennial in Boston in December. More than 6,000 Jewish leaders from across the US, Canada, and around the world came together to learn, pray, share ideas, and hear from inspiring speakers. Barnert's rabbis, professional staff, and temple leaders were part of this amazing experience. Here's some of your Barnert Biennial Team working for



# Social Action Launches Happiness Initiative

## It Starts With Volunteering and Includes Faith, Family, Friends, and You!

A message from Elizabeth Resnick, Social Action Chair, with Jackie Packman and Felicia Halpert

The National Geographic Society recently commissioned a study on the happiest people. Their findings focused on what constitutes happiness, and why some people are happier than others. Two of the top key indicators of happier people: people of faith and people who volunteer. It's wonderful to know the work of Barnert Temple's Social Action group is right up there on the happiness quotient! (FYI: some of the other happiness factors include having a dog, having a front porch, living with good lighting, and having at least three really close friends...)

On behalf of the 2017–2018 Social Action Steering Committee, I want to express our gratitude for the very active participation at the Social Action kick-off brunch meeting in October. Participants told us the energy and enthusiasm in the room was palpable. Our theme, emphasizing the "Action" in Social Action, received a very positive response as well.

Special gratitude to Rabbi Rachel Steiner and Barnert Temple President Rebecca McKinnon, who help drive our efforts and embody the importance of Social

Justice/Social Action in so many ways.

Whether or not you came to the meeting the question is simple: How can you TAKE ACTION and make a difference in the world?

The answer: do one thing, take one step — and see the changes you set in motion.

Making a positive impact on people's lives doesn't require a lot of time or money. All it takes is a willingness to step outside of yourself.

There are many ways for you to BE INCLUDED. If you haven't filled out a Barnert Social Action Ongoing Initiatives form already, take a few moments to review the information on the following pages. Then decide what inspires you to take action and turn the form in to the Temple Office.

Act NOW! Let us know how you would like to get involved.

We look forward to you joining us. And who knows? Maybe taking that one step will increase your level of happiness!



## Barnert Social Action: Get Involved!



*"It is not for you to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it."*

– Pirket Avot, 2:21

Social Action is at the core of Barnert Temple. It's central to the life of our congregation.

Making a positive impact on people's lives doesn't require lots of time or money.

All it takes is a willingness to step outside yourself.

To act.

Do one thing, take one step — and see the change that results.

Did you know that Barnert is involved in several social action initiatives? We welcome your volunteer commitment. It can be brief, periodic, or ongoing. Whether you like to cook, chat, drive, or hammer, there's something available for everyone.

Consider getting involved. Start by joining an email list.

Check off any or all the initiatives that interest you. We'll then add you to an email list, and you'll be able to stay in touch with what's going on.

Have questions? Contact Jackie Packman at [japackman@yahoo.com](mailto:japackman@yahoo.com) or email the respective Barnert Temple Chairperson(s) for information about the initiatives on the following page.

# Social Action Key Initiatives

**Barnert Caring Community:** When Barnert Temple members experience loss, adversity, or just need a helping hand, we are here to help, including cooking; sending cards, flowers, etc; and driving members to and from services, temple events, and doctor appointments.

Chairs: Laurie Hamilton and Ronnie Kauder - [lhamilton415@gmail.com](mailto:lhamilton415@gmail.com); [ronniekauder@gmail.com](mailto:ronniekauder@gmail.com).

**Barnert Garden:** Come work in the garden and help with Barnert's weekly Friday Farmer's Market. Raise money and awareness to help support the Center for Food Action in Mahwah.

Chair: Eileen Roman - [jdroman@verizon.net](mailto:jdroman@verizon.net).

**Barnert's Mitzvah-Plex:** Join the team and support grassroots organizations in our community and around the world. The next Mitzvah-Plex takes place Sunday, March 25, 2018.

Co-Chair: Sue Klein - [sueklein0319@gmail.com](mailto:sueklein0319@gmail.com).

**CUMAC:** This Paterson-based organization provides food and support for a community in need. Volunteer to sort and pack groceries or contact us to discuss other ways you can make a difference.

Chair: Donna Meyer - [meymail121@gmail.com](mailto:meymail121@gmail.com).

**Family Promise:** Spend a few hours chatting and playing with the Day Shelter parents and children.

Chair: Donna Meyer - [meymail121@gmail.com](mailto:meymail121@gmail.com).

**Habitat for Humanity:** Help to build energy-efficient, affordable homes for qualified low-income first-time home buyers in Paterson, NJ.

Chair: Rich Edelman - [edelmanr@optonline.net](mailto:edelmanr@optonline.net).

**Interfaith Initiatives:** Participate in an interfaith potluck. Visit a mosque or church to learn about other religions and cultures. Help someone in need.

Chair: Isaac Hart - [isaac.hart35@gmail.com](mailto:isaac.hart35@gmail.com).

**Roots and Wings:** Be a mentor or tutor for young adults who age out of the NJ foster-care system and need safe housing, education, and life skills. Help fill the food pantry, furnish a new apartment, or solicit donations.

Chair: Roberta Hong - [robertahong26@gmail.com](mailto:robertahong26@gmail.com).

**St. Paul's Men's Shelter Monthly Dinner:** Contribute either a portion of the meal—for example, meatloaf, starch, salad, or dessert—or warm, transport, or serve meals to residents.

Chair: Judy Halle - [judith.sharon62@gmail.com](mailto:judith.sharon62@gmail.com).

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Tear off and return this bottom portion to the Temple Office, or leave in the Social Action mailbox:



Yes! I'd like to receive information about the following initiatives:

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# Mitzvah-Plex 2018

## Deepening Connections: Individuals, Families, Communities

Sunday, March 25, 2018, 9 am-Noon

Every year at Mitzvah Mall, and now Mitzvah-Plex, we learn about grassroots organizations addressing urgent issues. We meet social justice leaders and innovators, work on projects, raise funds, and find out how we can continue to help.

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

### Honoring the Elderly (*Kibud Zekaynim*) Music and Memory

[www.musicandmemory.org](http://www.musicandmemory.org)

First-time Mitzvah Mall or Mitzvah-Plex charity. They are associated with In Their Shoes, a Good People Fund charity we supported at the 2014 Mitzvah Mall.

### Youth - Keeping One's Word (*Nedarim*) Connections

[www.goodpeoplefund.org/program/connections](http://www.goodpeoplefund.org/program/connections)

This is a new Mitzvah-Plex charity, supported by our longtime partner, The Good People Fund.

### Support for Veterans - Not Placing a Stumbling Block (*Lo Titeyn Michshol*)

#### Final Salute

[www.finalsaluteinc.org](http://www.finalsaluteinc.org)

Women of Barnert chaired this charity in 2015.

### Crisis Management - Supporting and Healing (*Somei-ach Noflim v'Rofei Cholim*)

#### Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (BVMI)

[www.bvmi.org](http://www.bvmi.org)

This charity, founded and run by Barnert member Sam Cassell, has been supported at Mitzvah Mall.



Charities we learn about at Mitzvah-Plex benefit from our time, attention and funds.

### Refugee - Welcoming the Stranger (*Hachnasat Orchim*) HIAS (formerly Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society)

[www.hias.org](http://www.hias.org)

This is the first time we will be supporting HIAS at Mitzvah-Plex.

### Disaster Relief - Doing Righteous Acts (*Tzedakah*) Temple Beth El of Fort Meyers, FL, Hurricane Irma Relief

<https://www.gofundme.com/tbefortmeyers>

The Rabbi at Temple Beth El reached out to Rabbi Steiner about the extent of their damage and their need to rebuild and refurbish so they can serve their community. The funds we raise will go toward replacing their commercial freezer and ice maker, which is utilized by their Preschool, Sisterhood, Religious School, *Oneg* sponsors — virtually every area of their Temple!

### *Tikkun Olam* in Action

Would you like to contribute time, talents, and energy to help shape this evolving social justice endeavor, which is expanding to a weekend full of worship, education and hands-on activities?

There are many ways to contribute. We'll help you find the best fit for you!

Mitzvah-Plex 2018 Planning Committee meets:

Sunday, January 14, 9 – 11 am

Sunday, February 4, 9 – 11 am

Sunday, March 4, 9 – 11 am

Contact Sue Klein at [sueklein0319@gmail.com](mailto:sueklein0319@gmail.com).

Join the Conversation. All Are Welcome!



Hands-on activities benefit people in need of food, shelter and warmth.

# SHALACH MANOT

*Share the Purim Sweetness With Others!*

Purim! Who doesn't love the fun and joy of Purim? We read the megillah, dress up in costumes and celebrate the triumph of good over evil. It's also a Purim tradition to send sweet treats and warm wishes - *shalach manot* - to friends and family and those whose spirits would simply be uplifted by this Purim tradition.

**The Women of Barnert (WOB) Makes it Easy to Share Shalach Manot With Family and Friends!**

**ORDER THROUGH US!**

Shalach manot boxes can be picked up at Barnert from Monday, Feb. 26 to Monday, Mar. 5. A personalized list of those who have sent them Purim greetings will be mailed separately to each Barnert family.



**Sending Purim Shalach Manot is Simple!**

1. Select your recipients on the order form.\*
2. Return your order form & payment by February 9.
3. The WOB will assemble the Shalach Manot boxes and send your Purim greetings!

**It couldn't be easier to spread Purim joy with those in our community!**

*\* Order form in the BT magazine and website.*

*Proceeds from the sale of shalach manot will support WOB programming and WOB tikkun olam efforts at Barnert Temple and the surrounding community.*

# SHALACH MANOT

*ORDER DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9*

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

Phone (in case we have a question): \_\_\_\_\_

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

**I/We Would Like to Send Shalach Manot Purim Greetings To:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ All Barnert Temple Members, Teachers, Staff & Clergy ..... \$180
- \_\_\_\_\_ JJPBT & Preschool Teachers, Barnert Temple Staff & Clergy ..... \$54
- \_\_\_\_\_ All Preschool Families ..... \$54

*Every Barnert family may pick up their shalach manot box at the Temple between Feb. 26 and Mar. 5.  
A personalized list of those who have sent them Purim greetings will be mailed to each family.*

**I Would Like to Purchase Additional Shalach Manot Boxes (\$10/Each)**

# Boxes \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Checks payable to "Barnert Temple Sisterhood")*

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you'd like to help assemble the shalach manot boxes; we'll contact you with details.

**Return This Form & Your Payment to:**  
**Women of Barnert (WOB)**  
c/o Lauren Krauss  
714 Jenny Trail  
Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

## 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 groups' 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, January 22 and Monday, February 26.

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

## Renaissance News

### Year In Review

2017 found Renaissance members participating in a number of activities — some here at Barnert, including Mitzvah-Plex, our lay-led *Shabbat*, and cooking/serving at the Men's Shelter in Paterson.

We had a big theater year. First up in July, the group took in "Come From Away," followed by December's performances of "The Band's Visit" and our annual Christmas Day outing to the Yiddish Theatre which presented "The Sorceress."

On December 10, our annual Renaissance Chanukah Party was hosted by Carole and Pete Brodie, where a record 28 members gathered to enjoy traditional *latkes* and a coordinated potluck supper and dessert. Temple President Rebecca McKinnon joined us for a "meet and greet."

Joan Cowlan

## Book Club

Our next meeting in January is on the 15th, a Monday night, when we will meet to discuss *An Odyssey: A Father, A Son, and an Epic*, by Daniel Mendelsohn. We will gather at the home of Eileen Manheimer in Allendale. So let's get reading!

Benita Herman

## We Welcome These New Friends!

Michelle, Jason, and Cal Birnbaum,  
residing in Franklin Lakes

Teran, James, Nila, and Grayson Chartier,  
residing in Glen Rock

Save the Date for  
Men's Club's Delicious Evening of



## GOURMET TASTING March 10

Bigger and Better than Ever!



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

[ReinTeenTours.com](http://ReinTeenTours.com)  
[ReinCommunityService.com](http://ReinCommunityService.com)

# October-November 2017 Donations

## Associate Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Anonymous  
Harvey Feldman

Ree Adler  
Davidene Alpart  
Enid and Paul Avenius

Douglas Barnert  
Deb and Jay Breslow

Joan Cowlan

Elaine and Dan Gold  
Barbara and Steven Kiel  
Ronnie and Bob Powers  
Amy and Joseph Rattner

Anonymous  
Rachel and Arjun Dewan  
Karen and Todd Galinko

Lynn and Arnold Kaston

Nussbaum family

## Barnert Garden Fund

Susan Toron and  
Charles Troyanovski

## Barnert Temple Endowment Fund

Janet and Ted Lobsenz  
Eileen and Wally Manheimer

## Director of Lifelong Learning Discretionary Fund

Emily Kraus and  
Mark Friedberg

## Gutenstein Youth Community Service Fund

Joan Cowlan  
Robert Gutenstein  
Barbara and Steven Kiel

### In Memory of

Richard Adler  
Glenn Greenberg  
Toby Rosenberger  
Martin Baer Pearlman  
Nathan and Miriam Barnert  
David Miller  
Christine Miller  
Frances Kates  
Richard Cowlan  
Leonard Gold  
Estelle Mandel  
Florence Powers  
Russell Chapman

### In Honor of

Thanksgiving and *Chanukah*  
Zev's *Bar Mitzvah*  
Birth of Debbie Zlotowitz  
and Rick Greenberg's  
granddaughter,  
Chava Bracha  
Marriage of Reggie and  
Peter Gross's son,  
Michael, to Kate Seaver  
Max's *Bar Mitzvah*

### In Memory of

Bert Toron

### In Memory of

Florence and Arthur Lobsenz  
Meyer Lobsenz  
Rose Steinberg  
Wallace P. Manheimer

### In Honor of

Sara Losch's Work with Sammy

### In Memory of

Matthew Kates  
Ruth Gutenstein  
Lucille Salomon  
Marc Seigerman

## Helen Lee Mitzvah Fund

Jeffrey Lee

Judy Lee Gulko

## Jacob Cohn Library Fund

Marilyn Schotz

## Jed Haubensack BarTY Fund

Schotz/von Halle family

Amy and Stephen Ellman

## Lifelong Learning Fund

Barbara Miller  
Ruth Sorkin Summers  
Susan Toron and  
Charles Troyanovski

## Mount Nebo Cemetery Beautification Fund

Susan and Jay Cohen  
Shansky family

Neil Share, M.D.

## Oneg Shabbat Fund

Rachel and Arjun Dewan  
Goldstein family  
Karen and Neil Hart  
Tracey and James Sinoway

## Prayer Book Fund

Beth and David Greenwald

## Pulpit Flower Fund

Barbara and Bill Blanchard  
Robin and Robert Gonzalez  
Reggie and Peter Gross  
Shansky family

### In Memory of

Mildred Lefkowitz  
Helen Lee  
Monroe Levine  
William Lee  
Helen and William Lee

### In Memory of

Abraham Resnik

### In Memory of

Louis Schotz  
Edward Schotz

### In Honor of

Jane Weiss and Jared von  
Halle's wedding

### In Memory of

William Altshuler  
Louis Sorkin

Sylvia Troyanovski

### In Memory of

Irene R. and Paul Freimark  
Morris Shansky  
Milly Gichner  
Robert Allinson

### In Honor of

Zev's *Bar Mitzvah*  
Emma's *Bat Mitzvah*  
Clara's *Bat Mitzvah*  
Giselle's *Bat Mitzvah*

### In Memory of

Rieva Greenwald

### In Memory of

Milly Gichner  
Maria Gonzalez  
Nathalie Gross Denberg  
Morris Shansky  
Milly Gichner

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# October-November 2017 Donations (From previous page)

Rachel and Arjun Dewan  
Goldstein family  
Karen and Neil Hart  
Barbara and Steven Kiel  
Tracey and James Sinoway

**In Honor of**  
Zev's *Bar Mitzvah*  
Emma's *Bat Mitzvah*  
Clara's *Bat Mitzvah*  
Paul and Ann Shansky  
Giselle's *Bat Mitzvah*

**Rabbi Martin Freedman URJ Camp Scholarship Fund**  
**In Memory of**

Sidney and Stanley Baritz  
and family  
Arlene and Howard Lemelson

Florence Rosenthal  
George D. Rosenthal  
Larry Rosenthal  
Millie Adler

Cipora Schwartz

**In Honor of**  
Marriage of Sherie and  
Arnie Reiter's son,  
D. J., to Jocelyn Orloff  
Engagement of Sherie and  
Arnie Reiter's daughter,  
Dara, to Garrett Henricksen

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Beverly and Michael Blum  
Carol and Samuel Cassell  
Roberta and Peter Hong  
Barbara Miller  
Gail and Morris Yamner

**In Memory of**  
Fred Heisman  
Lenore Felix  
Ben Cohen  
Mildred Schiller  
Rebecca Altshuler  
Julius Garber  
Bessie Garber  
Sam Yamner  
Edna Yamner

Miki Gurman

**In Honor of**  
Giving Tuesday

**Social Action Fund**

Jill Edelson  
Susan and Richard Nashel  
Ronnie and Bob Powers  
Resnick family

**In Memory of**  
Walter M. Holdstein  
Harry Blindman  
Florence and Arthur Klein  
Glenn Greenberg

**Women of Barnert**

Barbara Sacks

**In Memory of**  
Louis Kaplan

**Tree of Life**

Amy and Joseph Rattner

**In Honor of**  
Zoey Jill (Ester Ziva) Rattner's  
naming ceremony

**Yahrzeit Fund**

Susan Adleman  
Margie and Mike Buckweitz  
Sheri and Greg Cutler  
Sylvia and Dick Ellin  
Philip and Dale Greenberg  
Carolyn and Nelson Hasson  
Carolyn Kessler  
Elaine and Stuart Kramer  
Raymond Metzger  
Barbara and Allan Peller

**In Memory of**  
Peter Green  
Anne Green  
Joseph Buckweitz  
Donna Lipkin  
Dr. Paul Ellin  
Lt. Marvin Brawer  
Barney J. Brawer  
Mary Prince  
Sheldon Kessler  
Gladys Kramer  
Nathan Metzger  
Evelyn Feit

## Military Casualty Names

October–November 2017

**U.S. Military killed in Iraq:**

Spc. Alexander W. Missildine  
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Lee M. Smith  
Cpl. Todd L. McGurn

**Total U.S. casualties in Iraq to date: 4,499**

**U.S. Military killed in Afghanistan:**

Chief Warrant Officer Jacob M. Sims  
Sgt. First Class Stephen B. Cribben

**Total U.S. casualties in Afghanistan to date: 2,410**

**U.S. Military killed in Niger:**

Staff Sgt. Bryan C. Black  
Staff Sgt. Jeremiah W. Johnson  
Staff Sgt. Dustin M. Wright  
Sgt. La David T. Johnson



# Israeli Speaker Series

## Shalva Hessel

Author of

## *Married to the Mossad*

January 10, 2018 | 7:30 PM

Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey

50 Eisenhower Drive, Paramus



Shalva Hessel tells her incredible true story drawing from events she experienced and operations she took part in.

When her husband who served in the Mossad, was deployed on secret missions, she joined him as part of his cover. To that end, she underwent intense operational training.

RSVP to

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For more information contact JCRC Director Ariella Noveck at [AriellaN@jfnnj.org](mailto:AriellaN@jfnnj.org) or (201) 820-3944.

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# January 2018 14 Tevet 5778 – 15 Shevat 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><b>1</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY                      No Preschool                      Office Closed</p>	<p><b>2</b>                      9:15 am Making Sense in                      Confusing Times♦                      3:30 pm Junior Choir                      JJPBT                      8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan                      Confirmation</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b>                      7:30 pm                      Sacred Symphonies -                      Music As <i>Midrash</i>*</p>	<p><b>5</b> ♦4:25 pm                      7 pm Shabbat Service                      including 4<sup>th</sup> Grade                      Siddur Presentation and                      Potluck Supper</p>	<p><b>6</b> Shemot                      Exod. 1:1-6:1                      Celebrate Shabbat with us!                      9:30 am Shabbat Yoga</p>
<p><b>7</b>                      8:30 am                      2020 Bar/Bat Mitzvah                      Date Distribution Meeting                      9 am Junior Choir                      JJPBT                      LEV Class —                      Gemilut Chasidim                      9 am Men's Club Breakfast                      and Take Down Menorah</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      Post Confirmation</p>	<p><b>9</b>                      9:15 am Making Sense in                      Confusing Times♦                      3:30 pm Junior Choir                      JJPBT                      8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan                      Confirmation</p>	<p><b>10</b>                      3:30 pm Junior Choir                      JJPBT</p>	<p><b>11</b>                      7:30 pm                      Sacred Symphonies -                      Music As <i>Midrash</i>*</p>	<p><b>12</b> ♦4:32 pm                      7 pm Shabbat Service and                      Potluck Supper with                      Interfaith Conversation</p>	<p><b>13</b> Vayera                      Exod. 6:2-9:35                      Celebrate Shabbat with us!                      9:30 am Torah Study*</p>
<p><b>14</b>                      JJPBT                      9 am Mitzvah-Plex 2018                      Planning                      11 am                      Women of Barnert Board                      Family Promise</p>	<p><b>15</b>                      MARTIN LUTHER                      KING, JR. DAY                      No Preschool                      Office Closed                      7:30 pm Board of Trustees</p>	<p><b>16</b>                      9:15 am Making Sense in                      Confusing Times♦                      3:30 pm Junior Choir                      JJPBT                      Confirmation</p>	<p><b>17</b>                      3:30 pm Junior Choir                      JJPBT</p>	<p><b>18</b>                      7 pm WOB Mah Jongg                      7:30 pm                      Sacred Symphonies -                      Music As <i>Midrash</i>*</p>	<p><b>19</b> ♦4:40 pm                      5 pm Tot Shabbat and                      Pizza Dinner                      8 pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p><b>20</b> Bo                      Exod. 10:1-13:16                      Celebrate Shabbat with us!                      9:30 am Rosh Chodesh ^</p>
<p><b>21</b>                      9 am Junior Choir                      JJPBT                      9 am Women of Barnert:                      Audrey Zona</p>	<p><b>22</b>                      6:30 pm Networking                      7:30 pm WOB Knif Night</p>	<p><b>23</b>                      9:15 am Making Sense in                      Confusing Times♦                      3:30 pm Junior Choir                      JJPBT                      8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan                      Confirmation                      7:30 pm Ritual                      Men's Shelter</p>	<p><b>24</b>                      3:30 pm Junior Choir                      JJPBT                      7:30 pm                      Executive Committee</p>	<p><b>25</b>                      7:30 pm                      Sacred Symphonies -                      Music As <i>Midrash</i>*</p>	<p><b>26</b> ♦4:49 pm                      Preschool                      PJ &amp; Hot Chocolate Day                      8 pm Shabbat Shirah</p>	<p><b>27</b> Beshalach                      Exod. 13:17-17:16                      Celebrate Shabbat with us!                      9:30 am Torah Study*                      5 pm BarTY Midnight Run</p>
<p><b>28</b>                      9 am Junior Choir                      JJPBT                      9:30 am Mussar Class♦</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b>                      9:15 am Making Sense in                      Confusing Times♦                      3:30 pm Junior Choir                      JJPBT                      8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan                      Confirmation                      6:30 pm Tu Bishvat Seder                      EREV TU BISHVAT</p>	<p><b>31</b> TU BISHVAT                      Preschool                      Fantastiks Art Show                      3:30 pm Junior Choir                      JJPBT                      Purim Rehearsal</p>			

# February 2018 16 Shevat 5778 – 13 Adar 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>				1	2	3 Yitro Exod. 18:1-20:23 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Shabbat Yoga
4 9 am Junior Choir JJPBT 9 am Mitzvah-Plex 2018 Planning	5 7:30 pm Women of Barnert Board	6 9:15 am Making Sense in Confusing Times♦ 3:30 pm Junior Choir JJPBT 8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation	7 3:30 pm Junior Choir JJPBT Purim Rehearsal	8 7:30 pm Talmud Study§	9 5 pm Tot Shabbat and Pizza Dinner 8 pm Shabbat Service	10 Mishpatim Exod. 21:1-24:18 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study*
11 9 am Junior Choir JJPBT 9 am Men's Club Breakfast 9 am Women of Barnert Family Promise	12 Post Confirmation 7:30 pm Board of Trustees	13 9:15 am Making Sense in Confusing Times♦ 3:30 pm Junior Choir JJPBT 8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation	14 3:30 pm Junior Choir JJPBT Purim Rehearsal	15 7 pm Membership (off-site)	16 8 pm Shabbat Service	17 Terumah Exod. 25:1-27:19 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh^
18	19 PRESIDENTS' DAY No Preschool Office Closed	20 No Preschool 9:15 am Making Sense in Confusing Times♦	21 No Preschool 7:30 pm Executive Committee	22 No Preschool 7:30 pm Talmud Study§	23 No Preschool 8 pm Shabbat Service	24 Tetzaveh Exod. 27:20-30:10 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Torah Study*
25	26 6:30 pm Networking Purim Dress Rehearsal 7:30 pm WOBNat Night	27 9:15 am Making Sense in Confusing Times♦ 3:30 pm Junior Choir JJPBT 8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation Men's Shelter	28 7 pm Purim Shpiel EREV PURIM			

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## Mark Your Calendars

January 1  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
No preschool  
Office closed

Friday, January 5  
**Shabbat service,**  
including 4th grade *Siddur*  
Presentation and potluck supper  
7 pm

Sunday, January 7  
**JJPBT: LEV Class —**  
*Gemilut Chasidim*

Friday, January 12  
**Shabbat service and potluck supper**  
with interfaith conversation  
7 pm

Monday, January 15  
**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**  
No preschool  
Office closed

Friday, January 19  
**Tot Shabbat and pizza dinner**  
5 pm

Friday, January 26  
**Shabbat Shirah**  
8 pm

Saturday, January 27  
**BarTY Midnight Run**  
5 pm

Tuesday, January 30  
**EREV TU BISHVAT**  
*Tu Bishvat Seder*  
6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 31  
**TU BISHVAT**

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

Friday, February 9  
**Tot Shabbat and pizza dinner**  
5 pm

Monday, February 19  
**PRESIDENTS' DAY**  
No preschool through February 23  
Office closed

Wednesday, February 28  
**EREV PURIM**  
*Purim shpiel*  
7 pm