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The Hills are Alive with the Sound of Purim at Barnert!

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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

#### I Already Love You



I am the luckiest rabbi in the country. To be here, at Barnert, to serve in this capacity in this community. I felt that before my Installation weekend in November. During the celebration and in the weeks since, I am sure. I am the luckiest rabbi. Everything we did together on November 2 and 3 was significant. Each person who worked to make sure the details were just right — from

set-up to *oneg* to honors. To the music, the speakers, the amazing Broadway experience. Everything was done with care and intention. And as much as I communicated my message of "I already love you," I felt your love for Barnert and, ultimately, for me, in return. Thank you!

During my remarks at the *Shabbat* service on November 2, I was remiss in not publicly thanking Alice Heffner, who lead the Self Study that began in 2016 after Rabbi Frishman announced her retirement. Alice lead a group of dedicated volunteers in shaping multiple venues for conversations with temple members to hear and clarify what is so special about Barnert, and Barnert's relationship with its rabbi. This work shaped everything that followed,

including my ultimate selection to be your next rabbi. Under the radar but steering the ship, this group helped us find our footing to move forward. Thank you, Alice!

From here my thank you's continue once more to Julie Kagan and Jeff Gerstel, our Rabbinic Search Committee co-chairs, and to those who served for two years in this sacred search. Thank you!

And Marian Filan, another public thank you is owed you. Your love, attention, and generosity leading up to and into the Installation Weekend was immeasurable. You helped create the space for honoring our past, our present, and our future. With your leadership we raised more than \$20,000, half of which went to closing the fundraising gap in the Preschool's Project Playground. To you and to your team of dedicated and tireless members, thank you!

Our time together in November was transformative, it was fun, it was inspiring. Thank you! Remember: I already love you.

And there's so much more to come! Look for details on our camp-style *Shabbat Shira* service with home-grown musical talent, Chris Mason, on January 18. We are also welcoming longtime Barnert member Dr. Alan Blumberg to

speak about his work on climate change at an event with our local interfaith community here at Barnert on January 20. This will be our *Tu B'Shvat* celebration, as we turn our attention to the environment on the Jewish Arbor Day.

And that leads me, happily, to *Purim*. Our tradition teaches us that there are four mitzvot (commandments), associated with this holiday: sending gifts to our friends, hearing the Purim story (Megilat Esther), enjoying a feast, and giving to tzedakah. In this magazine you will find information about how to support the Sisterhood's annual Mishloach Manot, the gifts we send to one another — the first mitzvah! You have, no doubt, seen that for this year's Purim shpiel we will be using the story and music of The Sound of Music. (If you're interested in joining the cast, let Sara Losch, Janet Montroy, or me know. It's SO much fun!) The same night when we experience this amazing shpiel, we will do a very fast telling of the story, as well — mitzvah number two! The feast will be our festive nosh to follow the shpiel — mitzvah number three! — and we will collect tzedakah when celebrate Purim — mitzvah number four. It's that easy to engage in each element of celebrating Purim and it's another great way to continue to build on the energy that was so palpable when we were together in early November.

In these dark winter months we are blessed with so many opportunities to create light together.



#### A Message From Sara Losch

#### Barnert's Winter Months



I don't know how many times I watched it by the time I was 12, but clearly, I was obsessed with *The Sound of Music*. It is the first movie I remember seeing with my parents on a large screen and I was entranced. In first viewings, I didn't notice Nazis and the dark truth of the story, any more than I knew what nuns were.

In sixth grade, a few devoted SoM friends and I

petitioned our very dour teacher to allow us to perform the play as a class. We put together a script and a cast, and created all of the scenery. And for one of the two performances, I got to play the heck out of Maria. (I had to have my tonsils removed the next day.) My father still talks about his shock at how I knew to genuflect and kiss the Mother Abys's ring!

And now, this universally beloved story is ready for the Barnert *Purim* treatment!

In years past, we've conflated Fiddler on the Roof with Star Wars, mangled Beauty and the Beast and the The Wizard of Oz stories. We've made Jewish Muppets and Jersey Boys, and even Hamilton was "Purim-ized."

Since clearly nothing is sacred, this year's *Purim shpiel* will be a reworking of *The Sound of Music*. You won't want to miss the fun!

Judaism offers myriad opportunities for celebration. Some are serious and contemplative — think the High Holidays. Others are home-based and need no more than food, family, and a few candles (*Chanukah*). *Purim* is our night to let loose as we gather together for wickedly funny storytelling, noise-making ("booooo Haman"), eating and singing.

And as the days slowly get longer (pitchers and catchers reporting to training camp always makes me feel like spring is on the way), so much takes place for you at Barnert. We invite you and yours to join us for *Shabbat Shira* (January 18), *Tu B'Shvat* (January 21), and *Purim* (March 20). Save the dates!

And for adults, please see notices in this bulletin and check the temple calendar for the many opportunities designed for adults — including the new BeTA (Barnert Temple Adults) activities. We are very excited to begin this initiative, created specifically for adults whose main connection to Barnert is no longer through children.

It is cold outside, so Come Home to Barnert this winter. Feel the warmth of community, reignite your passion for learning, and experience the hills coming alive with the sound of *Purim*!

Sara Losch

#### What To Do Before Help Arrives

# **CPR and First Aid for Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers**

Ruby Herman from Mediquip will offer this session on two dates to encourage parents (and whoever cares for your children) to attend one or the other.

Sunday, January 13, from 4 to 6 pm \$25 per person

We encourage you to take advantage of these sessions.

Participants will NOT take an exam or receive certification.



#### 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 April-May issue of the magazine are due by March 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.

When sending images, please follow these specs: minimum 150 dpi, preferably 300 dpi. If you go by file size, a minimum of 1.5 MB is recommended.

Any format is fine (tiff, jpg, eps, PDF). Please do not embed an image into a Word document, as it will be unusable. (The photo should come as an independent file, not as part of another document.) If you are taking photos using your iPhone or smartphone, make sure to set it to the highest resolution possible.



# Come Home to Barnert and Learn with Your Community! Barnert Temple 5779 Adult Education

#### **Shabbat Learning Opportunities**



Rabbi Rachel Steiner. Saturdays, January 12 and 26; February 9; March 9 and 23, at 9 am.

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.
Saturdays, January 5;
February 2; March 2, at 9:30 am.

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.



your own mat.

Shabbat Yoga. Rachel Dewan. Saturdays, January 19; February 23; March 16 and 30, at 9:30 am.

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

#### **Ongoing Adult Education Classes**



Talmud Study.
Rabbi Joel Soffin.
Thursdays, January 24 and
31; February 14 and 28;
March 14 and 28, 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* Study classes, no prior study or knowledge is necessary. Check the calendar for dates.



Sunday Mornings with Rabbi Rachel Steiner. Sundays, January 6 and 27; February 3; March 3, 10, and 17, 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!

#### Shabbat 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 and the Saturday morning services are now at 10:30 am.)

Friday, January 4
7 pm Service and Potluck
Supper

Saturday, January 5 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh

Friday, January 11
5 pm Tot *Shabbat*7:30 pm Service

Saturday, January 12 9:30 am Torah Study, Parshat Bo

Friday, January 18
7:30 pm *Shabbat Shirah*Interfaith/Social Justice

Saturday, January 19
9:30 am Shabbat Yoga
10:30 am Service,
Bat Mitzvah of
Leyna Greenberg

Friday, January 25 7:30 pm Service

Saturday, January 26
9:30 am Torah Study
Parshat Yitro
10:30 am Service,
Bar Mitzvah of
Elias Solomon

Friday, February 1
7 pm Service including
4th Grade Siddur
Presentation and
Potluck Supper

Saturday, February 2 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh

Friday, February 8
5 pm Tot *Shabbat*7:30 pm Service

Saturday, February 9 9:30 am Torah Study, Parshat Terumah

Friday, February 15 7:30 pm Service

Friday, February 22 7:30 pm Service

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

Friday, March 1
7 pm Service and
Potluck Supper

Saturday, March 2 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh Friday, March 8 5 pm Tot *Shabbat* 7:30 pm Service

Saturday, March 9
9:30 am *Torah* Study
Parshat Pekude
10:30 am Service,
Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Males

Friday, March 15 7:30 pm Service

Saturday, March 16 9:30 am Shabbat Yoga 10:30 am Service, Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Cohen

Friday, March 22 7:30 pm Service

Saturday, March 23 9:30 am Torah Study, Parshat Tzav

Friday, March 29 7:30 pm Service

Saturday, March 30 9:30 am *Shabbat* Yoga



#### **A New Website**

A new year. A new rabbi. A newly designed atrium. New families joining us. And now, to help keep us all informed and connected... A NEW WEBSITE!

The new and engaging website was officially launched after the High Holidays. You can take a look at its design and elements now!

www.BarnertTemple.org

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE.

# BARNERT TEMPLE SPRING GALA 04.04.19



PREAKNESS HILLS COUNTRY CLUB 1050 RATZER ROAD WAYNE, NJ

formal invitation to follow

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING CELEBRATING BARNERT TEMPLE'S EXCITING NEW FUTURE AND HONORING OUR COMMUNITY'S RICH HISTORY.

#### The Social Action Squad

#### by Rebecca Holland

- Fraulein Maria, do you mean to tell me that my children have been running around the streets of Vienna in nothing but some old DRAPES?!
- Yes, and having the time of their lives, Captain!

While the Von Trapp children lived in a mansion and their governess was appalled that they had no play clothes and therefore sewed some up for them, there are many people in our surroundings that do seriously struggle to remain clothed and fed. We at the Social Action Squad host monthly events where we can DO something for those in need. Last October, a group went over to our well-supported CUMAC in Paterson to help pack individual bags of enough groceries for a family for a week. We gathered in an assembly line in their basement and packed and told stories and made friends along the way.



With Al Battle of CUMAC, packing food bags for families.

In November, a bunch of us gathered in the Barnert kitchen and made six meatloaves and six loaves of brownies for the men at the St. Paul's Emergency Men's Shelter in Paterson. And we had a great time doing it. (Though some said they turned out just a little too lemony. We welcome a revised meatloaf recipe from anyone out there!)

This past December, a group of women hosted by the Sisterhood spent a cozy evening at a member's house knitting hats for children with cancer. And the coat drive for CUMAC is being continued through the end of January. Look for bins in the atrium.

So whether you can cook (and by



Barnert members at the CUMAC Community Closet.

cooking, we mean the most basic skills), pack, knit, wield a hammer, use a garden hoe, or offer good company and collect needed items, there is always something to do with the Social Action Committee at Barnert. Look for our upcoming events!

For more information contact: Donna Meyer, meymail121@gmail.com, or Rebecca Holland, rholland1129@gmail.com.



#### Men's Club

On November 18, the Men's Club once again donned their chef hats for the annual Holiday Boutique café. As usual, the potato *latkes* sold out (we started with 40 lbs. of potatoes!), as well as the homemade *matzah*-ball soup. As one patron remarked, she waits for this day each year so she can get her *latkes* and *matzah*-ball soup!

Special thanks goes out to: Mike Kaplan (the captain of the kitchen), Barton Schack, Joe Valenti, Charlie Troyanovski, Marty Kron, Frank Piuck, David Kroll, Dan Mason, Peter Fishkin, Arnold Fish, and Craig Solomon.

On December 16, the Men's Club and Sisterhood sponsored a breakfast program to discuss anti-Semitism

and prejudice in New Jersey. This was hosted by Rachel Wainer Apter, Director of the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights, and moderated by Michael Aron, NJTV Chief Political Correspondent. The program was both informational and insightful.

We are always looking for new ideas for events. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions. I look forward to meeting you at the events.

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

#### BarTY by Mia Lowy

Music and Judaism have always been two of my greatest passions. When I was little, my favorite musicians were Sheldon Low and Josh Nelson. (To be fair, I still listen to them guite a lot when driving on my own now!) One of my favorite parts of growing up Jewish was when I became Bat Mitzvah. I loved learning my Torah portion because of the intricate melodies to each word. Now, when High Holidays roll around, I jump at the opportunity to chant Torah because of the connection I feel to the music intertwined with that text. As I've grown up, it feels like I've unlocked a new world full of the two things I love most: music and Judaism. I'm slowly gaining confidence as a songleader, starting small with leading havdallah at BarTY events and helping to lead services this summer at Urban Mitzvah Corps. Barnert has encouraged me every step of the way to explore being Jewish through aspects of my life that I love, and that's how I've found so many wonderful opportunities.

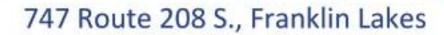


Wherever you go there's always Jewish music.



# **Barnert Temple Spring Blood Drive** Sunday, April 14th

9:30am - 2pm Bloodmobile



- 2 seconds: How often someone needs blood
  - 56 days: How often you can donate blood
- 45 min to 1 hour: How long usually takes to donate blood
  - Saving a life is priceless! Please give blood!

#### Make an appointment to donate blood at:

www.Tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS Use group code 68257

Or contact: Amy Lynn – amymlynn@optonline.net

#### WALK-INS WELCOME!

Please remember to bring ID and eat before donating blood!

1-800-933-2566 | www.nybloodcenter.org

# ▲ New Jersey Blood Services

A Division of New York Blood Center

#### Some things you need to know about...

# **DONATING BLOOD**

#### Basic Eligibility

To give blood, you must be in generally good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years of age or 16 years of age with parental consent..

#### Medication

#### Piercings/ Tattoos

Waiting time for:

- · Antibiotics-treatment complete.
- · Accutane, Proscar, Propecia-1 month.
- Avodart—6 months.
- Soriatane—3 years.
- Tegison—permanent deferral
- Most people on medications other than these are eligible to donate.

You may be accepted as a blood donor if you have had a body piercing, as long as it was done under sterile conditions.

Donors who received a tattoo within the past 12 months may donate if the procedure was performed in New Jersey in a New Jersey licensed establishment using single use disposable equipment under aseptic conditions.

#### Notes

- Most people with diabetes, and most people on medications other than those noted above, are eligible to donate blood. For specific medical eligibility guidelines, call us at 1-800-688-0900.
- Federal guidelines may exclude people who have lived in or traveled to or from certain countries outside of the United States.

#### **Before Donating**

#### -Time Needed Plan to spend at least an hour for registration, donation and a rest period after the donation.

- -Eat Well Please eat and drink something substantial within three hours prior to denating.
- -Check Medications If you are taking prescription medications, call 800-933-Blood to make certain it is OK to denote.
- -Assess Your Health If you have any cold or flu symptoms, you will be unable to donate—you will need those blood cells to help fight off any infection that may be present. If you have any questions about other medical conditions and how they affect your status as an eligible blood donor you may call 800-933-8lood to ask specific questions about your health.
- -Just Relax If you feel a little nervous about donating, that is natural. Try to focus on the patients your donation will be helping. Remember, donating blood is relatively painless, and may help save lives.

#### What to Expect When Donating

- -Registration You must use your current address and phone number.
  If you are a student who lives at school, please use your school address.
- -Health Interview To protect you and the patients receiving your blood, a trained professional will check your blood pressure, pulse and hemoglobin level and ask you some questions in a confidential manner about your health history.
- -Donation While you can expect to be at the blood drive a little more than an hour, the actual donation takes about ten minutes.
- Refreshments You will be given something to sat and drink after donating, and asked to relax while visiting with fellow donors.

#### **After Donation**

- -Drink Fluids Make sure you drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids in the hours immediately following your blood donation—at least four eightounce glasses. Increase fluid intake for the next 48 hours.
- -Avoid Strenuous Activity Plan to curtail strenuous exercise for the six hours immediately following your donation, especially any heavy use of the arm from which your blood was drawn.
- -Leave Bandage On Keep your bandage on and dry for six hours after donating.
- -Feel Good About Yourself Your donation may save up to three lives. Be very proud of your simple act of kindness!
- -Share the Good Feeling Let friends and family members know how good it feels to help save a life and how simple donating blood is. Normally, donors can give blood every 56 days; plan to bring a friend when you give again.

Contact us or learn more at

www.nybloodcenter.org

or call 800-933-Blood

▲ New Jersey Blood Services
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### **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 February 9, 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 February 8.

- · 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 February 4 to barty@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!!



SHARE THE SWEETNESS OF PURIM WITH

# Shalach Manot



#### ORDERS ACCEPTED FEB. 11 - MAR. 5

Check Your Email & the BT Website in January for details!

Purim is on March 20, 2019. It's a Purim tradition to send sweet treats and warm wishes (shalach manot) to friends, family and those whose spirits would be lifted by this sweet gesture. Continue the tradition by ordering shalach manot through us!

Easy, online ordering! We do the work, and you share the sweetness!







# TALLIT-MAKING WORKSHOP

With Rabbi Steiner and Fiber Artist, Heather G. Stoltz

# Ideal for Anyone Interested in Making His/Her Own *Tallit!*

Session 1: Learn about the ritual and history of the tallit with Rabbi Steiner. Meet Heather Stoltz, our artist and guide. See samples of Heather's work, and make material choices for your personal tallit.

Session 2: Begin creating your own tallit!

Registration details will be emailed and available on the BT website in late January. TWO-PART WORKSHOP

# **MARCH**

11:00 am to

24 9:30 to 11:30 am



#### October-November 2018 Donations

#### **David Nalven Memorial Youth Education Fund**

Margaret Mulhern and Stephen Becker Rami and Arthur Nalven

#### **Gutenstein Youth Community Service Fund**

In Memory of Ellen and Bob Gutenstein Miki Gurman and family

Miki Gurman

In Honor of Grace Chan Fayth Krause

#### **Helen Lee Caring Committee Fund**

Pam and Jeffrey Himeles Jeffrey Lee

In Memory of Helen Filan Helen Lee William Lee Monroe Levine

#### Interfaith Fund

Joan Cowlan

In Memory of Matthew James Kates

#### Jed Haubenstock BarTY Fund

Margaret Mulhern and Stephen Becker

Barbara and Steven Kiel

In Memory of Marc Seigerman

#### **Lifelong Learning Fund**

Susan and Richard Kuller

Joan Cowlan Judy and Roger Flax

#### In Memory of

Frances Kates Jane G. Heffner

#### **Mount Nebo Cemetery Beautification Fund**

Susan and Jay Cohen Nancy and Tom Garson Shansky family

In Memory of Irene R. and Paul Freimark Mannette Lieblich Morris Shansky Milly Gichner

#### **Oneg Shabbat Fund**

Karen and Todd Galinko

In Memory of Shirley Gralla

Jennifer Low Sauer and Rennie Pincus

#### In Honor of

Gabriel Sauer Pincus's Bar Mitzvah

#### **Pulpit Flower Fund**

Karen and Todd Galinko Gonzalez family Anne and Andrew Kanter Elizabeth and Larry Resnick Shansky family

#### In Memory of

Shirley Gralla Maria Gonzalez Helen Kress Beatrix Kahn Levitt Morris Shansky Milly Gichner

Sandy and Eric Weil

Elizabeth and Larry Resnick

Sherie and Arnie Reiter

Jennifer Low Sauer and Rennie Pincus

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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Carol and Sam Cassell Jill Edelson Karen and Ike Goldberg Lisa and Sheldon Margolis Barbara Miller

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#### **Social Action Fund**

Laurie and Lawrence Chalfin Jill Edelson Marsha and Neil Gewirtzman Susan and Richard Nashel

#### **Tree of Life**

Cipora Schwartz

#### Yahrzeit Donations

Susan Adleman

Margie and Michael Buckweitz Philip and Dale Greenberg Carolyn and Nelson Hasson Jacqueline and Mitch Knapp Raymond Metzger Barbara and Allan Peller Marilyn Schotz Ruth Summers Eleanor Doblin Unger

Milly and Gary Gichner

#### In Honor of

Continued intercultural friendship Dara Reiter and Garrett Henricksen's wedding

Gabriel Sauer Pincus's Bar Mitzvah

#### In Memory of

Martin Baer Pearlman Steven J. Wolther Phyllis Schiff Benjamin Cohen Walter Holdstein Benjamin Goldberg Robert Burns Eva Altshuler Rebecca Altshuler Russell Chapman Seymour Wolman Bessie and Julius Garber Edna and Sam Yamner

#### In Honor of

Rabbi Steiner's Installation Joshua's Bar Mitzvah Fiona's baby-naming Peter Gross' 80th birthday

#### In Memory of

Adria Klinger Sophie G. Holdstein Robert Burns Harry Blindman

#### In Honor of

Gabe Pincus's Bar Mitzvah

#### In Memory of

Peter Green Anne Green Joseph Buckweitz Marvin L. Brawer Mirium Prince Francine Knapp Nathan Metzger Evelyn Feit Louis E. Schotz Louis Sorkin Robert Unger Frances Thomson

# It's a gift! It's spending money!

# While supplies last!

# **Support Sisterhood!**

Your purchase of gift cards helps support Sisterhood, Barnert Temple, the Preschool, and Social Action programs. Did you know that gift card proceeds have been used for the Atrium Beautification Project? Sisterhood earns a percentage from each and every card, while you pay only the face value! It's a win-win! Most gift cards can be used online.

#### Gift cards are perfect for

- Chanukah
- Birthdays
- College Students
- Teachers
- Wedding and Shower Gifts
- Long-Distance Gifts
- Graduations

Checks made out to Barnert Temple Sisterhood or we accept cash or Venmo at Barnert-Sisterhood.

Call Susan Esserman-Schack at 201-218-5206 or barnertsisterhood@gmail.com.



Support Sisterhood by purchasing gift cards in the following denominations:

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Gap / Banana Republic / Old Navy \$25
Lowe's\$25
Outback/Bone Fish Grill / Carrabba's \$25
Panera Bread SOLD OUT \$10
Staples\$25
Starbucks\$25
Stop & Shop <b>SOLD OUT</b> \$25 & \$100
Subway\$10
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#### **Anti-Semitism and Prejudice in New Jersey**

Rachel Wainer Apter, Director of the NJ Attorney General's Division on Civil Rights, held a conversation about anti-Semitism and prejudice with a group of 85 Barnert Temple members Sunday morning, December 16.

Ms. Apter is a former law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and the former senior attorney preparing Supreme Court cases for the American Civil Liberties Union.

After hearing one member's story of hate symbols directed at her daughter in public school, Ms. Apter gave the division's website, and encouraged Barnert members to report instances of anti-Semitism to her office via: https://www.nj.gov/oag/dcr/filing.html

The discussion moderator was Michael Aron, Chief Political Correspondent for the New Jersey public television nightly newscast, NJTV News.

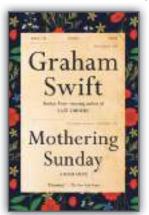


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#### **Book Club**

This month, the Barnert Book Club is reading fiction, and it is something that this Wyckoff gal can really relate to. The book is "Mothering Sunday" by Graham Swift. All of



the scintillating components are there: British author and subject; a Booker Award winner; promises of more "Downton Abbey" and "Victoria" moments; the family estate; the housemaid, Jane; and the next-door neighbor; the "Upstairs, Downstairs" crowd, circa 1924 and beyond. I can't wait to get my copy from the library. This should be really fun. Just go to www.bccls.org and place your order. There should be 44 more copies available in the system.

We will meet for this discussion on Monday, January 21, at the home of Susan Nashel, 275 South Irving St., Ridgewood, NJ, from 8 to 10 pm for coffee and dessert. Please rsvp to me or to Susan, at snashel@mac.com, or 201-745-3610. Benita can arrange carpools if necessary.

Our next book is a study and history of Jewish life in America, "The Chosen Wars," by Steven R. Weisman. It is non-fiction, and an awesome challenge. The date of this meeting is March 4, and the time is from 1:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon. We will meet at the home of Eileen Manheimer in Allendale. Address is 1108 Whitney Lane. Rsvp to Eileen at Eileenmanheimer@yahoo.com or to 201-327-2916.

All temple members most welcome.

#### Barnert Temple Preschool 2019–20 and Camp Barnert 2019

In January, we will begin to accept registration for Barnert Temple Preschool 2019–20 and Camp Barnert 2019.

The best way to understand what makes our early-childhood programming so special is to experience it.

Please contact us at schooloffice@barnerttemple.org, or call 201-848 1027, to make an appointment for a tour and conversation with Sara Losch, Director of Lifelong Learning. Meet our staff, see our children at play and "work," and ignite all of your senses.

Both Preschool and Camp Barnert

offer flexible schedule as well as EXTENDED HOURS (8–9 am and 3–4:30 pm).

Please share information with your friends.







January 2019 24 Tevet 5779 – 25 Shevat 5779

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY No Preschool Office Closed	7	3	4 7 pm Shabbat Service and Potluck Supper	5 Vayera Exod. 6:2-9:35 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh
6 9:30 am Class: Sunday Mornings with Rabbi Steiner Noon Governance Task Force	7	8 7:30 pm BeTA Tai Chi 7:30 pm Executive Committee	9 8 pm Sisterhood Blue Moon Trivia Night (Off-site)	10 4:30 pm Junior Choir 7 pm Sisterhood Knit Night (off-site)	5 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	12 Bo Exod. 10:1-13:16 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9 am Torah Study 6 pm BarTY Spa and A Movie
JJPBT 9:30 am 4th Grade Siddur Program (Farents and Students) 11:15 am Community Town Hall 3:30 pm CPR and First Aid for Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers	14 Post Confirmation	J5 JJPBT 8 <sup>th</sup> yo <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation 7:30 pm BeTA Tai Chi 7:30 pm Rifual	16 JJPBT	17	6:15 pm Junior Choir Dinner and Rehearsal 7:30 pm Shabbat Shirah - Experience URJ Camp Music	19 Beshallach Exod. 13:17-17:16 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Shabbat Yoga 10:30 am Leyna Greenberg B/M
JO  JJPBT  9 am Men's Club 9 am Sixerhood 5 pm An Evening Of Interfaith Conversation About The Environment With Potluck Supper; Guest Speaker: Dr. Alan Blumberg EREV TU BISHVAT	21 TU BISHVAT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY No Preschool Office Closed	J2BT 8th/9th Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation Men's Shelter 7:30 pm BeTA Tai Chi	23 JJPBIT	24 4:30 pm Junior Choir 7 pm Sisterhood JJPBT Mom's Night 7:30 pm Talmud Study	25 PJ & Hot Chocolate Day! 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	26 Yitro Exod. 18:1-20:23 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9 am Torah Study 10:30 am Elias Solomon B/M
J7 JJPBT J1:30 am BarTY Board 4:30 pm BeTA Reception 7 pm Israeli Movie Night	28 6:30 Networking	J9 JJPBT 8 <sup>th</sup> yth Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation 7:30 pm BeTA Tai Chi	30 JJPBT	31 4:30 pm Junior Choir 7:30 pm Talmud Study		

26 Shevat 5779 – 23 Adar I 5779 February 2019

Sun						
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Preschool Art Show	2 Mishpatim Exod. 21:1-24:18 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh
					7 pm Shabbat Service including 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Siddur Presentation and Potluck Supper	Sweet Taste of Torah (off-site)
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8:30 am 2021 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date Distribution Meeting		7:30 pm BeTA Tai Chi 7:30 pm Executive Committee		7 pm Sisterhood Knif Night (off-site)	5 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	5 pm BarTY Midnight Run
10 JJPBT 9 am Men's Club 9 am Sisterhood Brunch	11	12 J.IPBT 8 <sup>th</sup> yo <sup>th</sup> Grade Ma'ayan Confirmation	13 JJPBT	14	15	16 Tetzaveh Exod. 27:20-30:10
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		7:30 pm BeTA Tai Chi	7:30 pm Purim Rehearsal	7:30 pm Talmud Study		

# 24 Adar I 5779 – 24 Adar II 5779 **March 2019**

Sat	2 Vayakhel Exod. 35:1-38:20 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh	9 Pekude Exod. 38:21-40:38 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9 am Torah Study 10:30 am Jacob Males B/M	16 Vayikra Lev. 1:1-5:26 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Shabbat Yoga 10:30 am Daniel Cohen B/M 6 pm BarTY Bounce	23 Tzav Lev. 6:1-8:36 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9 am Torah Study	30 Shemini Lev 9:1-11:47 Celebrate Shabbat with us! 9:30 am Shabbat Yoga	
Fri	L'Taken High School Trip Exod To Washington DC Celeb Through 3/4 7 pm Shabbat Service and Potluck Supper	8 Exod  Exod  Ceeb  9 am  5 pm Tot Shabbat  7:30 pm Shabbat Service	pm Junior Choir nner and Rehearsal pm Shabbat Service	pm Shabbat Service	Y-GER p-Up Shabbat Event pm Shabbat Service	
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Mon		4	11	18 Post Confirmation Sisterhood Blue Moon Community Night	25 6:30 Networking	
Sun		3 JJPBT 9:30 am Class: Sunday Mornings with Rabbi Steiner	10 Daylight Saving Time Begins JJPBT 9:30 am Class: Sunday Mornings with Rabbi Steiner 11:30 am BarTY Board	J7 JJPBT 9:30 am Class: Sunday Mornings with Rabbi Steiner 4 pm Preschool Purim Carnival	24 JJPBT 9 am Men's Club 11:30 am BarTY Board	31 JJPBT Noon 4th & 5th Grade Family Feud 7 pm Israeli Movie Night

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