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Ein kol-chadash tachat ha-shemesh.

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There is nothing new under the sun.

(Ecclesiastes 1:9)



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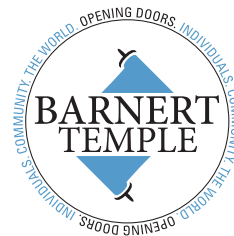
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Correction: On page 12 of the Sept-Oct issue of the Barnert Magazine, we omitted to give proper credit to the photographer that captured the spirit of the temple's Mid-Summer Fun Night. All the photos on that page were taken by Len Diamond.

Please recycle this magazine.



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

Turn it and Turn it: The Genius of Rabbi ben Bag Bag



Rabbi ben Bag Bag said it best: “Turn it, and turn it, for everything is in it. Reflect on it and grow old and gray with it.” (*Pirkei Avot* 5.) This rabbi with an unforgettable name — the son of Bag Bag — offers an equally timeless teaching about our sacred *Torah*. *Torah* is the place where we continue to turn with questions; for answers; and in our pursuit of connected, meaningful and

impactful Jewish living. The *Torah*, and our tradition that grows out of it, continue to give us life in this way; we return to our foundation to build for our future.

This is one way we understand this piece of the verse from Ecclesiastes 1:9, *Ein kol-chadash tachat ha-shemesh* — there is nothing totally new under the sun. As long as we continue to turn back to communal study of *Torah*, we will find direction for our growth in the texts to study and partners who enliven them.

This is why we study *Torah* again and again. I hope you’ll join me for *Torah* Study each month this year. We learn together. It’s the reason *Shabbat* worship can be deepened and expanded, with music or study or a change of environment. Jewish ritual also does this — returning to what we have as guidance for the good stuff — a new baby, a marriage, overcoming a challenge — or the more challenging moments — when someone we love is sick or has died. We are renewed through these returns, in friendship and community.

In this light I want to ensure you know about two such endeavors I am leading this year.

The first is what I have called our “extra-family-friendly” *Shabbat* experiences. These 6:30 pm services are for people of all ages. Rather than segment *Shabbat* worship by age or stage, we are bringing everyone into one multi-generational *Shabbat* experience with music, a little *Torah*, and the joy of *Shabbat*. Come with kids, come without kids, come for *Shabbat*! Make sure you read Sara’s article which explains our new TGIS offering for 3–6th graders in JJP, which will complement this service, opening up new doorways for our elementary-school-age students. I am excited to celebrate *Shabbat* in our full multi-generational Barnert community!

My adult education offerings this year will also be structured a bit differently than in years past. Building on the newer initiatives of the Reform movement’s book publications, I will be teaching 3-session classes on a particular book, assigning short essays from the book to be read before attending each session. The first book I selected is called *The Sacred Exchange: Creating a Jewish*

Money Ethic, edited by Rabbi Mary Zamore. There is more information about my class on the Adult Education page in this magazine. Please take a look!

I hope that in choosing focused, time- and topic-bound discussions, our circle of learners will grow and our practical application of these ancient traditions on contemporary living will bring to life Rabbi ben Bag Bag’s teaching: turn to *Torah*, turn *Torah* over and again. Engaging with it gives meaning to the way we grow.

Please note that this year I am not printing my High Holy Days’ sermons here in this magazine in order to be more conscious of waste and care for the natural world. They are posted online, but if you would like us to send you a copy of any or all of the sermons, please call the office and we will put them in the mail.

I look forward to the year ahead, and wish you and your families good health, peace, and so much love.

We Welcome These New Friends!

Liz, Shawn, Hudson, and Rhys Campbell,
residing in Glen Rock

Debra, Erik, Sarina, and Daniella DeLine,
residing in Pompton Lakes

Mark, Kimberly, Brianna, and Sadie Falow,
residing in Franklin Lakes

Danielle, Phillip, and Isabella Kushner, residing in Fair Lawn

Jaclyn, Jonathan, Ethan, and Madison Leitner,
residing in Glen Rock

Suzanne Lippe, Jessica Paige Lippe, and Mikki Lippe-
Stephans, residing in Mahwah

Alyse, Scott, Luke, Jared, and Bryce Meltzer,
residing in Glen Rock

Sara, Tal, Julia, Jacob, and Joshua Mizrahi,
residing in Wyckoff

Naomi, Jonathan, Sela, and Asher Rogin,
residing in Ridgewood

Nicholas, Ashley, Aubrey, Mila, and Nori Rosa,
residing in Fair Lawn

Ann Marie and David Schwartz, residing in Blairstown

Lauren, Jeffrey, Samuel, and Nathaniel Spodak,
residing in Glen Rock

Ira Sugarman, residing in Pompton Plains

Mayya, Benjamin, Lauren, Brian, and Joshua Tesker,
residing in Fair Lawn

Tracy, Jeff, Ryan, and Alexandra Willner,
residing in Wyckoff

A Message From the President

My Barnert Goals



Dear Friends,
What a wonderful, impactful holy days' season we celebrated! The camaraderie of our multi-generational community and the opportunity to be truly reflective and grateful were palpable.

For this New Year, let us consider together what each of us can do to be more intentional in this New Year, 5780. Here are the questions

I suggested we ask ourselves at this meaningful time of the year: What will you do to live an even more purposeful life? What mistakes have you made, and how can you learn from them? How can you derive even more satisfaction from your Barnert affiliation?

In response to this final question, there is tremendous opportunity for a mutually rewarding solution! We have so many options for you to select, like serving as an "Office Angel"; becoming a leader or L-I-T (that is "leader in training"); or serving as a committee member, event planner, and/or social action "doer."

The point is we need you, and you may need us to help foster an even deeper bond of connection, friendship

and impact.

One way to move the dial forward for both you and Barnert is to share our goals. Here are my Barnert goals for this coming year:

- To listen and learn... especially about what makes you happy here, and what you might like to change.
- To shift our culture to one that engages more people in more ways, across generations, including as many new members as possible; and to model an even more welcoming, warm, efficient and well-run temple.
- To demonstrate the importance of Communication, with a capital C, across many dimensions. Examples include: internal and external connections, open and transparent communication, and an eye to the future with a progressive approach to marketing to the broader community.
- To maintain positive fiscal health and build toward a clearer mindset about the need for a culture of philanthropy that will sustain us and move us forward.

I invite you to speak with Joan Lipkowitz, our Executive Vice President; Rabbi Steiner; or me if there is any area you would like to help us enrich. Feel free to contact any of us with your ideas and offers!

With much gratitude for you,
Elizabeth

Shabbat and Holy Days 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.

Friday, November 1
7 pm Service
8 pm Potluck Supper

Friday, November 8
7:30 pm Service

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

Friday, November 15
7:30 pm Service

Saturday, November 16
9:30 am *Torah* Study

Friday, November 22
7:30 pm Service

Saturday, November 23
9:30 am *Rosh Chodesh*

Friday, November 29
7:30 pm Service

Saturday, November 30
10 am Service, *Bat Mitzvah* of Ella Smith

Friday, December 6
7 pm Service
8 pm Potluck Supper

Saturday, December 7
9:30 am *Torah* Study

Friday, December 13
7:30 pm Service

Saturday, December 14
9:30 am *Shabbat* Yoga

Friday, December 20
6:30 pm "Extra" Family-Friendly *Shabbat* Service

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

Friday, December 27
7:30 pm *Shabbat-In-Chanukah*

A Message From Sara Losch

The Old and the New



*Ein kol-chadash tachat
ha-shemesh*

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There is nothing new under
the sun

Ecclesiastes 1:9

“‘Cause everything old is new
again”

Peter Allen, *All That Jazz*

Yup. That about sums up

Jewish education today!

As Barnert’s Director of Lifelong Learning, running our Preschool and our innovative Jewish Journey Project (JJP), I know my counterparts around the globe would agree that the job of a Jewish educator is to make the old new again, while also making it relevant to modern Jews.

What is the old? Jewish texts which still (and will always) direct us, guide us, and instill in us a Jewish *neshama* — a Jewish soul.

What is the new? We are — us and our relationship to the old.

Today’s Reform Jew is so different from Reform Jews of just a few years ago. Expectations differ, needs differ, reality is different. The world is so changed. The tools we need today are many. Good news: Judaism offers them.

At Barnert, we focus on finding ways for our community to embrace Jewish history and Jewish experiences, to use our sacred texts and unique Jewish experiences to bring our children and new Jews in, and to welcome back those who have left their Jewish connections behind. Though this can sound – and even at times feel – daunting, this is the Barnert ideal, our very core, our values, our mission, our joy.

For children, JJP is now in its fourth year and our numbers are rapidly increasing! Parents and children articulate to Jennifer and me that the children want to come, that they talk at home about their Barnert experiences and about their new friends. We are thrilled. AND we are doing more to build on our success!

We have started a new group, called TGIS: Totally Groovy It’s *Shabbat*! Third- through sixth-graders are invited to come to Barnert at 5 pm, before the four new, 6:30 pm Early *Shabbats*. The next one is December 20 (see calendar for future dates). They have fun as they cook, bake, and eat *Shabbat* dinner together. They’ll design and create a special, beautiful *Shabbat* tablecloth; recite all the *Shabbat* prayers; and when parents come, the family will attend *Shabbat* services together. What’s the old? *Shabbat*. The new? *Shabbat*! Most of our children will not have experienced washing before the meal, reciting the

birkat hamazon — the blessing after the meal. We know that by doing, by being together, by actively engaging with Judaism, children experience *Shabbat* more fully than by being taught about *Shabbat* in a classroom. Doing and believing lead to belonging.

Emily Adler, Chair of Lifelong Learning and a mom with children in both the preschool and JJP, is beginning to gather a small group of JJP parents to create more social activities for all JJP students (grades K-8). Reach out to Emily if you’d like to help! The first event is a Nov. 16 Gaga experience for kindergarten through 5th graders, which will include Kilwins ice cream sundaes and will culminate with a lovely *havdalah* service. Future events include family Bingo and game nights. And remember: coming to *Shabbat* is the best way to meet and spend time with other Barnert families! I promise, you will feel welcome and will leave feeling renewed!

For parents, I’ve started a new Parenting AP Class (formerly known as Cawfy Tawk!), where we will identify the challenges of parenting from many perspectives, including a Jewish one. I’ve chosen three books that will help guide our discussions. I hope moms and dads will find dates that will work for them. See box below for upcoming dates.

For adults, our team of educators offers you multiple pathways with varied topics that we hope you’ll find engaging and motivating. Look for our regularly occurring courses (*Torah* Study with Rabbi Steiner, *Talmud* with Rabbi Soffin, *Rosh Chodesh* with me, *Torah* Yoga with Rachel Dewan), as well as one time or series. There is information on all of these throughout the magazine. Our BeTA (Barnert Temple Adults) will also be offering a “Retirement Institute” and other sessions for those of us whose primary connection to Barnert is not through children. If you’d like to participate in planning BeTA, please let me know.

A final thought: over my 30+ years at Barnert, I stopped thinking of “old” as belonging to the past. I have seen through my own adult learning that the past is what propels me forwards and that I can — we can — make Judaism relevant by living it. Our children are remarkable. They will lead us and Judaism into the future. A future where everything old will, certainly, be new and relevant again. I hope you will join us whenever and in whatever area moves you. We’ll be waiting to share your Jewish journey with you.

Parenting AP Classes

Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, at 7 pm

Monday, May 4, 2020, at 7 pm



Come Home to Barnert and Learn with Your Community!

Barnert Temple 5780 Adult Education



Learning with Rabbi Steiner: Book Discussion.

**Sundays, November 17 and 24;
December 8, at 9:30 am.**

We will be reading and discussing selections from *The Sacred Exchange: Creating a Jewish Money Ethic*. Edited by Rabbi Mary L. Zamore, this anthology creates a rich and varied discussion about the ethics

of money. Our use of and relationship with money must reflect our religious values; this book aims to start a comprehensive conversation about how Judaism can guide us in this multi-faceted relationship. The book is available from CCAR Press for \$23.95. Feel free to check your local library and other sources.

Ongoing Adult Education Classes



Torah Study.

Rabbi Rachel Steiner.

**Saturdays, November 16;
December 7, at 9:30 am.**

Have questions about navigating the world around us? Looking for an anchoring place to learn and grow? *Torah* is our primary guide, the source we return to again and again for questions and answers.

So, this class is for everyone! If you're new to *Torah*, great! We will learn together. If you've been studying forever, great! There's always more to learn — together! Join Rabbi Steiner at 9:30 am for breakfast and study; our ancient text continues to guide us in contemporary issues. And we need your voice, your questions, your insights. Hope to see you there!



Rosh Chodesh.

**Sara Losch, Director of
Lifelong Learning.**

**Saturdays, November 23;
December 21, 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.



Shabbat Yoga.

Rachel Dewan.

**Saturdays, November 9;
December 14, 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 your own mat.



Talmud Study.

Rabbi Joel Soffin.

**Thursdays, November 7 and 21;
December 5 and 19, 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.

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.



Men's Club

Tikkun Olam: Groceries or Cash?

What's new at Barnert Temple Men's Club in 5780? As we begin our periodic new leadership, we find that looking to the past can offer us great guidance for the future. It's like looking at a diamond and finding new facets.

We're planning fresh events for the year ahead, like a January night out at the Ho-Ho-Kus Inn for adult temple members. While we see events like that as shiny and fresh, we were also reminded at our October breakfast about a long-term responsibility we've taken on over the years — helping our neighbors in our ancestral home of Paterson.

Some members of Barnert will remember our *shuls* there. My family came from Paterson and Passaic, so I traveled there often as a child to visit grandparents. It was a vibrant, livable city with homes large and small, a YMHA in a spectacular building, the Meyer Brothers Department Store, the Paterson Evening News and, of course, the Great Falls.

By the late 1960s, Paterson fell on hard times. Things changed dramatically. And many people there still face hunger even today, a time with low unemployment. We heard about that from CUMAC/ECHO Executive Director Mark Dinglasan on October 6. He addressed Men's Club and told us one in six children in NJ are "food insecure." CUMAC has been a major focal point for *Tikkun*

Olam (acts of kindness to repair the world) at Barnert for as long as I've been a member. We're part of the supply line that helps them feed upwards of 4,000 people a month.

When Mark told us he can buy for about a dime the same can of soup that you and I pay a dollar for, it stirred our members to a mini-debate. One member suggested, "So, we should really be sending CUMAC cash, not groceries!" But another member, thinking about those brown paper bags we received on *Rosh Hashanah*, thought the opposite and solidly backed his point. Then Mark told us this same debate is picking up steam to the point where there is a TEDx talk on it. My personal take-away from the conversation is that it's still important to model for our children the physical act of giving, because our younger ones may best understand the boxes and cans and paper products we collect more easily than the symbolic aspect of a paper check. What's your take on this?

So, as we look ahead to the freshness of 5780, we renew our commitment to our past — our former home in Paterson — and our continuing responsibility to help the people there move forward to a better and more fulfilling life.

Bob Males, Men's Club President
bobmales@aol.com

Barnert Temple Membership Committee

by Dawn Frankl and Beth La Forgia

Have you thought about ways that you would like to get more involved in the leadership at Barnert Temple?

If you have, we have a wonderful idea for you. We would love for you to join us on the Membership Committee. Our committee has the wonderful task of welcoming prospective members, which involves reaching out to help them determine if we are a good fit.

We are also charged with getting the word out to neighboring communities to share all the wonderful things Barnert does with people that have not as yet affiliated themselves with a congregation. Our temple contributes to the URJ on the basis of the number of our members. It is important to retain our members as well as to grow. One of the many unique assets we have is JJP (Jewish Journey Project), and we are so excited about it we want to shout from the rafters! We want to share what is different about our school compared to all other religious-school programs.

Our other significant responsibility is helping our membership stay engaged. We are in the process

of considering events that we can host for prospective members so that they can get a better perspective on our community. Of course, we also invite them to all the ongoing activities that the temple offers, and would love if you would like to reach out to a new face and perhaps introduce them to other congregants. Would you like to be an ambassador, reach out to new and potential new members, deliver *Shabbat Welcome* bags with *challahs* and wine?

We have so many ideas to initiate, we hope you will join us. If you have questions please feel free to call us.

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Social Action

by Co-Chairs Donna Meyer, Sue Klein and Rebecca Holland

Find the *mitzvah* that's a match for you, then just do it!

At Barnert, we do acts of *gemilut chasadim*, or loving kindness, together to support local communities in need. There are many ways to participate. Here are just a few:

High Holy Days Food Drive

Thanks to our generous congregants, we collected a mountain of groceries to benefit local families. Our



donations helped fill the food pantries at CUMAC and the Center for Food Action.

CUMAC

CUMAC is a Paterson-based organization that provides food, clothing, career, and life support for our neighbors in need.

Jodi Fader schedules group outings to their warehouse to pitch in where needed:

"Sorting and bagging groceries to help those in need is a truly wonderful and rewarding experience, and a great



way to give back. At CUMAC, we learn the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more. Many hands make light work, and this is the best kind of work."

A new "CUMAC Marketplace" has been transformed into a grocery store with healthy

choices where clients can "shop" for what they like and what they need. Several Barnert members have trained to be shopping assistants, and you can too. To enroll in a training session, volunteer at the Marketplace, or learn more about CUMAC's many programs, contact Social Action's Co-Chair of Food & Shelter Jodi Fader at jodifader@gmail.com.

Paterson Habitat for Humanity

Rich Edelman led a Barnert group of Paterson Habitat for Humanity volunteers in August:

"I volunteer at Paterson Habitat every week for two main reasons: 1) I enjoy the camaraderie of working with other volunteers who share the goal of helping provide housing for deserving families; and 2) I get a lot of satisfaction from knowing that the housing we provide changes peoples' lives. The typical Habitat family moves from a small rental apartment, poorly maintained by an absentee landlord, into a beautiful three-bedroom house that they own. Their lives are improved in many ways (emotional, health-wise, and financial)."



Paterson Habitat for Humanity needs construction volunteers every Tuesday through Saturday. Contact Rich Edelman (edelmanr@optonline.net) for information or to sign up for the next group build.

Caring Community

The Caring Community supports Barnert members during times of loss, sickness, or adversity by making a meal, driving to a medical appointment or offering other short-term assistance.

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Social Action (From previous page)

For Barnert member Chani Getter, participating in Caring Community is an extension of the Jewish values she grew up with:

"My grandmother grew up very poor in the projects. My earliest memory of her was welcoming the stranger. Despite being very poor, she always gave what little she could. This is the bedrock of what I think about when I think about social action. Barnert has a thriving social action community. I am honored to be part of the Caring Community, and I am grateful every time Patti sends an email asking for help."



Caring Community Co-Chair Patti Bieth pulls it all together:

"I do this work to help people in our community—to make their life a little easier as they navigate through a difficult time. If I can bring cheer either by a phone call, a card, arranging rides or offering a meal, it is so worth the effort."

Simply sign up to receive emails when help is needed. There is no commitment; volunteer what and when you can. Contact Chairs Patti Bieth at pattib18@verizon.net, Debby Birrer at dabirrer@aol.com, or Aviva Sanders at avivasanders@gmail.com.

Center for Hope and Safety (CFH&S)

The Center for Hope and Safety supports women and children who are victims of domestic violence by providing emergency and transitional housing, emotional support, and a full array of social services.



For the past 15 years, Toby Robinson has collected toiletries and gift cards from the Barnert community to distribute at the annual CFH&S picnic:

"This is a local organization, serving women in Bergen and Passaic counties. They count on Barnert's support to always be there for them."

Social Action Collections & Drives Chair Amy Lynn is now leading this ongoing collection:

SOCIAL ACTION

Join us. Be present. Be involved. Serve others.

"I worked at Valley Hospital for 40 years, so social action is a natural extension of my persona. CFH&S makes you realize how lucky you are if you live in a safe environment and your home is a safe place for your children. It's a *mitzvah* to help."

Drop off your sample-size toiletries in the CFH&S collection basket in the temple atrium, and check out their wish list of additional items needed at <https://www.hopeandsafetynj.org/help-wish-list>.

Introducing Advocacy and Action

Barnert is one of 442 congregations across the country participating in the HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) Welcome Campaign, which supports welcoming refugees to the United States. Educational programs have included speakers from HIAS, and Welcome Home Jersey City, a volunteer group that supports refugees resettling in Jersey City. We have compiled "Stamp Out Despair" kits for



First Friends of New Jersey and New York, a group that organizes volunteer visitation, resettlement assistance and advocacy for detained immigrants and asylum seekers. And

several Barnert members participate in the grassroots New Jersey Jewish Coalition for Refugees.

Advocacy & Action Co-Chair Sue Klein is eager to move forward:

"You can hear the urgency in their voices. Refugees fleeing persecution in countries where they had lucrative careers struggle to get their bearings in the United States. We have so much to learn, and the legislative landscape is changing all the time. We can make a difference by urging legislators to support legislation that helps refugees build a safe, secure, productive life."

Watch for updates on the Barnert Community Facebook page and sign up for advocacy training led by local leaders in the next few months. For more information, contact Sue Klein at sueklein0319@gmail.com.

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SOCIAL ACTION CALENDAR

November

Nov. 1–Nov. 14:

Thanksgiving Food Drive. Donate fixings for a Thanksgiving meal, including the turkey. See page 11 for details.

Thursday, Nov. 21–Friday, Nov. 22:

Center for Food Action (CFA) Food Packing Event. Pack ingredients for CFA clients to make their own Thanksgiving meal. Contact Jodi Fader at jodifader@gmail.com.

Tuesday, Nov. 26:

St. Paul's Men's Shelter Meal.

Cook at home and/or serve a meal at this Paterson non-profit that provides emergency shelter, clothing, and food to as many as 50 homeless men at a time, and helps their clients find housing, employment, and health and rehabilitation services.

Shelter Chair Judy Halle sends out an email each month looking for cooks and servers. Just sign up when you can. Get on the monthly list by contacting Judy at judith.sharon62@gmail.com.

December

Dec.–Jan. Coat Drive:

Drop off your gently used coats to benefit CUMAC & BarTY's Midnight Run.

Tuesday, Dec. 24:

St. Paul's Men's Shelter Meal (see above).

TBD: CUMAC Holiday-packing event.

Save these dates in 2020:

Feb. 2:

Jewelry Swap. (Donations to benefit the Center for Hope & Safety.)

March 20:

National Refugee HIAS *Shabbat*, 6:30 pm service.

March 22:

Blood Drive/Organ Donor Sign Up

To suggest an event or activity, go to:

<https://forms.gle/muoydzgjk9x8Ptbw5>.



Book Club

Next meeting is Monday, November 11, from 3 to 5 pm, at the home of Janet Finke, 223 Barnstable Dr.,

Wyckoff. We will discuss *A Land of Permanent Goodbyes*, by Atia Abawi. This is a deeply disturbing look at the aftermath of political upheaval in Syria. It shows a family in turmoil and the resulting and heartbreaking relationships. It's timely and troubling.

RSVP to Janet at 201-652-7750 or Janetbmw@aol.com.

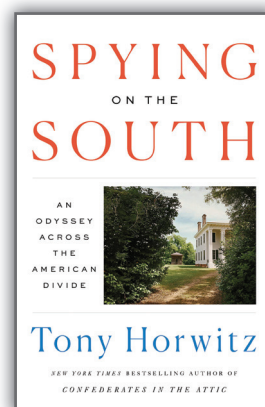
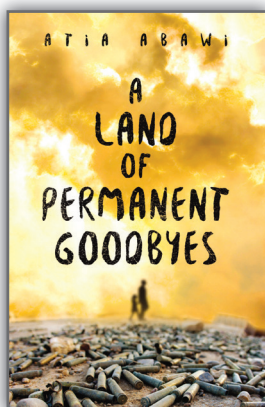
On Monday, December 16, we meet again at the new home of Cipora Schwartz, 521 Arbor View

in Pompton Plains. The book is *Spying on the South*, by Tony Horwitz.

RSVP to Cipora at 862-330-3068.

We hope some new members, who like to read, and who enjoy serious literary conversation, will visit anytime. Just RSVP to the host beforehand. Car pools can be arranged. Whatever you do, just keep reading.

Benita Herman
201-847-2183 (work) or
201-891-2509 (home) or
bherman@dt.com.



Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Center for Food Action



The Barnert Temple Social Action Committee has begun its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit The Center for Food Action.

We are asking Temple members to help us with this important drive so that **ALL FAMILIES** will be able to enjoy meals on Thanksgiving Day, including a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner.

Contributions of these or any food items will be most appreciated:

Apple or cranberry juice	Can of gravy	Flour or baking mix
Apples	Cans of sweet potatoes	Nuts, trail mix, raisins
Bag of carrots	Cans of veggies	Pie crust mix
Bag of onions	Cold cereal	Pumpkin pie filling
Box of rice	Cranberry sauce	Fruit pie filling
Stuffing mix	Sugar	Parmalat milk
Bag of potatoes	Salad dressing and Mayonnaise (plastic containers only)	

Please bring your donations to the Temple Atrium by November 15, and place the items in the teepee! **PLEASE- NO BREAKABLE OR EXPIRED ITEMS!**



If you have a frozen turkey that you would like to donate, please place it in the freezer in the Barnert Kitchen **by November 15.**

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Barnert Magazine Announces New Feature

The Barnert Magazine would like to know what you think. If you want to start a conversation, seek clarification about past articles, wish to comment about temple events, have an idea that you want to share with the congregation, or would like specific themes or subjects profiled on these pages, then our new space, **Letters to the Editors**, is the place for you.

Beginning this issue, any member who wishes to submit material to the magazine is not only welcomed but encouraged to do so. If accepted, your submission will be read by the entire temple congregation and addressed by our leadership. Consider **Letters to the Editors** a new way to communicate with Barnert members and leaders!

Submissions for the January-February issue of the magazine are due by December 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.

November 2019

Barnert Temple

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Daylight Saving Time Ends JJP 9 a.m. Sisterhood 9 a.m. Men's Club	4 7 p.m. Post-Confirmation	5 JJP Confirmation	6 12:30 p.m. Preschool Dismissal No JJP	7 No Preschool	8 No Preschool	9 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Yoga
10 No JJP	11 Veterans Day	12 JJP Confirmation	13 JJP	14	15	16 9:30 a.m. Torah Study
		7:30 p.m. BeTA Tai Chi		7:30 p.m. Talmud Study	7:30 p.m. Lay-led Shabbat Service	
17 JJP 9:30 a.m. Rabbi Steiner's Book Discussion	18	19 JJP Confirmation	20 Preschool Picture Art JJP	21 7:30 p.m. "JJP Your Turn" Parent Night of Active Learning	22 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service	23 9:30 a.m. Rosh Chodesh (off-site)
		7:30 p.m. BeTA Tai Chi		7:30 p.m. Talmud Study	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service with Musical Trio	
24 JJP 9:30 a.m. Rabbi Steiner's Book Discussion	25	26 No JJP No Confirmation	27 12:30 p.m. Preschool Dismissal No JJP	28 THANKSGIVING DAY No Preschool Office Closed	29 No Preschool Office Closed	30 10 a.m. Ella Smith Bat Mitzvah
		Men's Shelter			7 p.m. Shabbat Service - Welcome Home College Students and Thanksgiving Leftovers Potluck Supper	
		7:30 p.m. BeTA Tai Chi				

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1 No JJP	2	3 JJP Confirmation	4 JJP	5	6	7 9:30 a.m. <i>Torah</i> Study
8 JJP 9 a.m. Holiday Boutique 9:30 a.m. Rabbi Steiner's Book Discussion	9 7 p.m. Post-Confirmation	10 JJP Confirmation	11 Biennial through Dec. 15 JJP	12 7:30 p.m. <i>Talmud</i> Study	13 7 p.m. <i>Shabbat</i> Service and Potluck Supper	14 9:30 a.m. <i>Shabbat</i> Yoga
15 JJP Men's Club Special <i>Chanukah</i> JJP Event	16	17 JJP Confirmation Combined Leadership Council/Board of Trustees Holiday Social 7:30 p.m. BeTA Tai Chi	18 8 a.m. Preschool <i>Chanukah</i> Party JJP	19	20 5 p.m. JJP <i>Shabbat</i> Intensive 6:30 p.m. "Extra" Family- Friendly <i>Shabbat</i> Service with Musical Trio	21 9:30 a.m. <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> (off-site)
22 No JJP	23 <i>CHANUKAH</i> No Preschool	24 <i>CHANUKAH</i> No Preschool No JJP No Confirmation 1 p.m. Office Closes Men's Shelter 3 rd Light of <i>Chanukah</i>	25 <i>CHANUKAH</i> No Preschool No JJP Office Closed	26 <i>CHANUKAH</i> No Preschool	27 <i>CHANUKAH</i> No Preschool	28 <i>CHANUKAH</i>
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29 <i>CHANUKAH</i> No JJP 3 p.m. Renaissance Annual <i>Chanukah</i> Party (off-site)	30 <i>CHANUKAH</i> No Preschool	31 No Preschool No JJP No Confirmation 1 p.m. Office Closes				
8th Light of <i>Chanukah</i>		NEW YEAR'S EVE				

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