

Non-Member Participation Policy (BOT, 3/07)

At the Executive committee meeting in December 2006, we discussed the issue of non-member participation in Temple activities. The following decisions were made regarding this issue and were presented to be approved at the March 2007 BOT meeting:

- In general, non-members, including resigned members, will not be allowed to participate in Temple programs and activities not open to the public. Sisterhood, Men's Club, Renaissance and BarTY will adopt their own participation policies.
- Prospective members will be allowed to participate in Temple programs and activities for a reasonable amount of time, at which time an appropriate Temple leader will approach them about a membership decision.
- Members who are "not in good standing" and resigned members who leave with an outstanding balance will not be allowed to attend programs or activities (including Sisterhood, Men's Club, and Renaissance activities), unless financial obligations have been met or other financial arrangements have been made. This policy does not apply to children participating in BarTY activities because we do not want to penalize children for their parent's actions.
- Any references above do not include attendance at Temple worship.

Attendance should be reserved for members who have made a spiritual and financial commitment to the Temple. Members often feel that non-members are getting something with no commitments, while members have made a commitment to the Barnert Community for the long-term. Families that want to learn about Barnert should take advantage of the whole breadth of offerings through membership, not an isolated program. However, it makes sense to allow prospective members a chance to attend some activities for a short period of time.

We are not a "pay for service" institution. Families that participate in Temple-sponsored events or programming should eventually move toward a spiritual and financial commitment to the entire Barnert Community.