



# VOLUNTEER PREFERENCES

*There is a place and a need for everyone!*

Volunteering with a committee is a great way to meet other parents, learn more about Barnert Temple Preschool and be part of our *k'hillah k'doshah* (sacred community) at Barnert Temple. Please take a look at the list below and indicate if you are interested in chairing an event or working with the committee. We hope **every** parent – new, returning, moms, dads, working parents and stay-at-home parents - will be part of at least one committee this year.  
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**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE BTPPA MAILBOXES BY TUESDAY, SEPT. 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
*If you already volunteered for an event, please check to see that your name is listed below. If it is, there is no need to submit another volunteer form.*

**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Family and Holiday Celebrations**

	Chair	Committee
<b>Preschool Chanukah Party (Wednesday, Dec. 1)</b> <i>Current Chairs: Karen Resnick, Nicole Breen</i> <i>Current Volunteers: Renee Schwartz</i>		
<b>Preschool Menorah Lighting (Friday, Dec. 3) TENTATIVE</b>		
<b>Me &amp; My Special Guy (Sunday, Jan. 30)</b> <i>Current Volunteers: Mary Rosenberg, Alyssa Weisler</i>		
<b>Special Guest Shabbat (Friday, May 7)</b> <i>Current Chairs: Shari Wolk</i> <i>Current Volunteers: Julie Johnson</i>		
<b>Teacher Appreciation Day Luncheon (Tuesday, May 17)</b> <i>Current Chairs: Mandy Rosen, Courtney Raff</i>		

**Community**

	Chair	Committee
<b>Caring Community (Year Round)</b>		
<b>Preschool Social Action Committee (Year Round)</b>		
<b>Back to School Night Social (Monday, Oct. 11)</b> <i>Current Chairs: Nicole Breen, Stacey Spiewak</i>		
<b>Chai Caring Day (Friday, Feb. 18)</b>		

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Current Chairs: Julie Johnson, Elissa Silverman		
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**Fundraisers**

	Chair	Committee
<b>Challah &amp; Challah Dough (Year Round)</b> <i>Current Chairs: Mandy Rosen, Nicole Breen</i>		
<b>Innisbrook Giftwrap &amp; Goodies Fundraiser (Sept. through Oct.)</b> <i>Current Chairs: Michelle Wickwire, Deb Tomaskovic</i>		
<b>Ladies Night Out (End of October &amp; Mid January)</b> <i>Current Volunteers: Rachel Lohman, Courtney Raff</i>		
<b>Jewish Book Sale, (November 11, 12, 14)</b> <i>Current Volunteers: Julie Johnson</i>		
<b>“Tour de Barnert” Charity Trike-a-Thon (Sunday, March 27)</b> <i>Current Chairs: Nicole Breen, Mary Rosenberg; Current Volunteers: Elissa Silverman, Renee Schwartz, Julie Johnson, Nancy Schwartz, Deb Tomaskovic</i>		

**Miscellaneous**

	Write Your Child’s Class Below
<b>Class Parent (Year Round)</b> <i>Little Sprouts: Need 1-2</i> <i>Rising Stars: Rachel Lohman, Stacy Spiewak</i> <i>Big Shots: Need 2</i> <i>Fantastics: Nicole Breen, Karen Resnick</i> <i>Kindergarten: Ivy Nazarro, Alyssa Weisler</i>	

# Barnert Temple Preschool Parents Association

## Committee List & Descriptions

Below is a brief description of the BTPPA committees for 2010-11. If you are interested in being part of any of these committees or have questions about a committee, please contact Rebecca Rund ([rcrund@yahoo.com](mailto:rcrund@yahoo.com)) or Michelle Wickwire ([mswickwire@gmail.com](mailto:mswickwire@gmail.com)). They will be happy to answer your questions!

### Family and Holiday Celebrations:

- ♦ **Preschool Chanukah Party (Wednesday, Dec. 1)**  
Chanukah is always a fun-filled holiday for our kids. Preschoolers attend the Chanukah party with their classmates during school hours. The party involves a combination of Chanukah crafts and activities to honor the holiday and its traditions.
- ♦ **Preschool Menorah Lighting (Friday, Dec. 3)**  
Honoring traditions is a great way to teach young children and create a sense of awareness and pride in their Judaism. Families gather by our outdoor menorah to sing songs, share in the blessings and enjoy hot chocolate and goodies as we share the miracle of lights together.
- ♦ **Me & My Special Guy (Sunday, Jan. 30)**  
We are always looking for ways to help the entire family create connections to our Preschool and Barnert Temple. This Sunday event is intended for the children and their special guys (father, uncle, grandfather, etc.) and provides the "big boys" a chance to experience our Preschool community and to get to know one another in an informal setting.
- ♦ **Special Guest Shabbat (Friday, May 7)**  
The *mitzvah* (commandment) and ritual of honoring Shabbat is central to our Jewish community. This event allows us to create special connections with extended family as our preschoolers share a morning of special Shabbat-related activities in their classrooms and the Sanctuary with their special guest(s) (grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.).
- ♦ **Teacher Appreciation Day Luncheon (Tuesday, May 17)**  
Our teachers and staff are an important part of the *k'hillah k'doshah* (sacred community) at Barnert Temple Preschool. Parent volunteers organize a special luncheon during school hours for the teachers to thank them for the amazing job they do with our children.

### Community

- ♦ **Caring Community (Year Round)**  
Barnert Temple and our Preschool are a *k'hillah k'doshah* (sacred community). We strive to make our community an intimate place by reaching out to families and staff during times of joy and times of sadness to let them know we care through *g'milut chassadim* (acts of loving kindness). This committee receives donations, typically in honor of special events or family losses. A note is then sent to the designated recipients letting them know that a donation has been made. The Caring Community uses the contributions to send Shabbat dinners to preschool families after the birth of a baby, the loss of a loved one or to provide support during significant illness.
- ♦ **Preschool Social Action Committee (Year Round)**  
*Tikkun olam* (repair of the world) and *tzedakah* (justice/charity) are central beliefs in Judaism and are woven into everything we do. This committee helps promote and coordinate preschool social action collections and activities (i.e., Top the Teepee Thanksgiving food drive) and aims to find ways to make helping others tangible and concrete to our young preschoolers. This committee also works with the Temple's Social Action Committee.
- ♦ **Back to School Night Social (Monday, Oct. 11)**  
We are always looking for ways to create connections between our Preschool families to reinforce our sense of community at Barnert Temple Preschool. This is an informal social gathering following back-to-school night to give parents the opportunity to mingle and socialize in a casual setting.
- ♦ **Chai Caring Day (Friday, Feb. 18)**  
*Tikkun olam* (repair of the world) and *tzedakah* (justice/charity) are central beliefs in Judaism and are woven into everything we do. This is a day dedicated to helping others in our community.

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Preschoolers bring in contributions (typically money or food) in multiples of 18 (chai). Children also participate in classroom activities and discussions related to helping others.

### **Fundraisers**

- ♦ **Challah and Challah Dough (Year Round)**  
The *mitzvah* (commandment) and ritual of honoring Shabbat is central to our Jewish community. Making it easy for families to bring home fresh-baked challah helps encourage this ritual and create wonderful memories for our families and children. This committee promotes, coordinates, and distributes weekly challah dough orders to Preschool and Temple families.
- ♦ **Innisbrook Gift Wrap & Goodies (September through October)**  
Fundraising is one way we pay for our special programs and activities. This committee promotes and coordinates sales of Innisbrook giftwrap and gifts to preschool and outside families.
- ♦ **Ladies Night Out (End of October & Mid January)**  
We are always looking for ways to create connections between our Preschool families to reinforce our sense of community at Barnert Temple Preschool. This committee organizes evening events for preschool parents to socialize in a casual setting while raising money for the BTPPA. Note: These events do not have to be exclusive to moms. This is up to the discretion of the committee and the interest of fathers.
- ♦ **Jewish Book Sale (Nov. 11, 12 & 14)**  
Learning and education are the backbone of the Jewish community. Jewish books are a great way for children and families to learn together and celebrate their faith and traditions. This committee coordinates and oversees sale of Jewish book to Preschool and Temple families during school and at the Sisterhood's Holiday Boutique on Nov. 14.
- ♦ **"Tour de Barnert" Preschool Charity Trike-a-Thon (Sunday, March 27)**  
*Tikkun olam* (repair of the world) and *tzedakah* (justice/charity) are central beliefs in Judaism and are woven into everything we do. This charity trike-a-thon raises funds for Barnert Temple Preschool and Valley Home Care's *Butterflies* Program. The committee organizes, promotes and runs the trike-a-thon, where participants raise money through pledges for riding laps on their bikes.

### **Miscellaneous:**

- ♦ **Class Parent (Year Round)**  
Serving as a class parent is a great and easy way to get involved. Class parents play a key role in the communication pipeline at Barnert. Class parents serve as extra sets of eyes, ears and mouths by helping Sara and the BTPPA communicate information with our families, and keeping Sara and the BTPPA informed about key issues and concerns our families may have. They also organize teacher gift collections (Chanukah, Teacher Appreciation, Year End) and help coordinate classroom volunteers for various events throughout the year.

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