

THE HIGH HOLY DAYS: *Leader, Community and Individual*

By Ron Meyers

The High Holy Days appear on the horizon of the calendar just as we are reaching the last parashiot of Bamidbar, the book of Numbers, the story of our wanderings in the wilderness. Neither enslaved nor yet quite free, the nation struggles to develop leadership, to function as a community, and to discover how individuals can serve the community.

At each of these levels, Bamidbar recounts success and failure. We see Moses's heroic, but fraught, labors of leadership. We see the individual moral powers of

Caleb, standing apart from the spies in his optimism; of Pinchas, rushing forward to right a wrong; and of Eldad and Medad, uttering words of prophecy—impressive, but none wholly successful or beyond controversy. Finally, a new generation grows and comes together as a community to fight the battles that will forge its future.

At the Holy Days, we reflect on our continued wanderings, and we do so at each of these levels. We rely on the leadership of the hazan, though in the Hineni prayer he questions his

worthiness. We speak as a community in confession, in yearning and in trepidation. And we each remain responsible, and empowered, to make our own amends. How much sharper the feelings in this season of democracy, when we bear the individual burden of advancing the community by selecting its leaders.

As we gather on the Holy Days to recall the year past, we remember that individual, community and leader are inseparable. We are all responsible, and each able, to build a new and a better year.

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Don't Miss Meals in the OZ Sukkah!

DINNER IN THE OZ SUKKAH

Erev Sukkot, Wednesday, September 29

Services begin at 6:15 p.m., Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

SHABBAT LUNCH IN THE OZ SUKKAH

Saturday, October 2

Immediately following services

Reservations for either event are essential.

\$25 adults; \$15 children (ages 5-12); under 5, no charge

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YOUTH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

By *Ilana Burgess*

It was a year ago that I came to Or Zarua, with excitement and a little bit of fear. Now I can say that the past year was a great year for me. I found among the Congregants a community of individuals who opened their hearts to me. When I walk with the kids into the sanctuary toward the end of the Shabbat service, I feel welcomed and part of a family. I am surrounded by the Hebrew School children's parents, who are ready to help with holiday celebrations and with many other activities around the school.

Now let me tell you about our preparations and plans for the new school year:

- We painted the classrooms with beautiful child-friendly colors. During long winter afternoons, these colors will bring light into the kids' hearts.
- We hired new teachers who will be great additions to our school.
- We presented the curricula to the Board of Trustees.
- The sixth grade will participate

in a special program, "The Jewish Lens: Exploring Values and Community Through Photography," based on the photography of Zion Ozeri.

■ I also developed some new programs for the Middle and High School curricula. We will study the different communities that immigrated to Israel. We will visit various New York City communities and their synagogues. We will invite Congregants whose origins are from the countries we are studying to speak with their children. We will arrange for students to volunteer once every two months in a homeless shelter or in a retirement home. I want the students to learn and realize that we are responsible for each other and for our community as a whole.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about the Hebrew School, please call me at extension 15.

I wish you a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year. L'shana Tovah Tekatevu Utechatemu.

Editor's Note

The Congregation Or Zarua Newsletter welcomes articles submitted by Congregants. Please email your text and/or images to the office at admin@orzarua.org, both as an attachment and as part of the message. We may edit your article for length and clarity. If possible, digital images should be high-resolution files at 300 dpi.

Please submit your text and/or images for the November/December 2004 issue by Monday, September 20.

MAZAL TOV
to Hannah Leah Friedland-Wechsler and Bezalel Esterson on their August 17 wedding!

Hebrew School Events

SEPTEMBER 2004

Monday, September 13 First Day of Hebrew School
Wednesday/Thursday, September 15 & 16 No classes
Wednesday, September 29 No classes

OCTOBER 2004

Monday, October 4 Dinner in the Sukkah, 6:00 p.m. (*late dismissal*)
Tuesday, October 5 Dinner in the Sukkah, 6:00 p.m. (*late dismissal*)
Wednesday, October 6 Student Sukkot Program and Lunch
Saturday, October 9 Hebrew School Shabbat Class, 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 27 Hebrew School Open House, 7:00 p.m.

OR ZARUA YOUTH HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES 5765/2004

Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 16
10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Friday, September 17
10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

2-4 years old
(accompanied by an adult)

Kindergarten-Grade 2

Grades 3-6

Grades 7-9

Kol Nidre

Friday, September 24
6:15 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Grades 1-3

Grades 4-6

Yom Kippur

Saturday, September 25
11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

2-4 years old
(accompanied by an adult)

Kindergarten-Grade 2

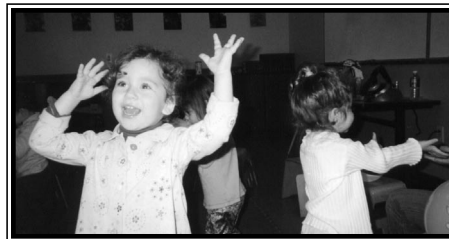
Grades 3-6

Grades 7-9

A playroom will be open during all services for very young children who are accompanied and supervised by an adult. Children may not be left alone in this room.

Kalanit

This fall, Or Zarua's class for toddlers—Kalanit—will be held for children aged 18 months to three years. Tania Goldreich, an experienced early childhood educator, will again teach the class. She will introduce the holidays, Shabbat, Israel, and some Hebrew vocabulary through music, games, art, and stories. Cassette tapes of the songs and vocabulary used in class will be given to pupils to share with their parents.



Tania Goldreich (center) provides Kalanit students a beginning Jewish education.

In addition to providing beginning Jewish education, an important goal of the program is for the children to become comfortable in the synagogue space and familiar with the role of the rabbi.

Classes will be held on nine Tuesdays, October 19 through December 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The fee for the class is \$240. Children must be accompanied by a parent, grandparent, or caregiver. For more information and an application form, please contact Ilana Burgess at extension 15.

ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR SERVICES 5765/2004

Wednesday, September 15

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Evening 6:15 pm–7:15 pm

Candlelighting 6:45 pm

Thursday, September 16

First Day of Rosh Hashanah

Shaharit 8:30 am–1:00 pm

Tashlikh 5:45 pm–6:30 pm
(Central Park)

Evening 6:45 pm–7:30 pm

Candlelighting 7:43 pm

Friday, September 17

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

Shaharit 8:30 am–1:00 pm

Kabbalat 6:15 pm–7:15 pm

Shabbat at OZ

Candlelighting 6:41 pm

Friday, September 24

Erev Yom Kippur

Minhah at OZ 1:00 pm

Kol Nidre 6:15 pm–9:15 pm

Candlelighting 6:29 pm

Saturday, September 25

Yom Kippur 9:00 am–7:34 pm

HESED COMMITTEE

BOOKS FOR ISRAEL DRIVE STARTS SEPTEMBER 1 WITH NEW PARTNER SCHOOL

The Books for Israel Drive held last year was a great success, so the Hesed Committee was delighted to learn that Or Zarua has been partnered with a school new to the Books for Israel Project—the High School for Environmental Studies, located in Midreshet Ben-Gurion, a small but vibrant desert community south of Beersheva in the Negev. The school has both local students and students from across Israel who board at the school.

According to our teacher liaison at the school: “The High School for Environmental Studies is the Israeli flagship school in this field. All students are required to take part in the four-year environmental studies program, which includes ecology, geology, geography, botany, zoology, archeology, ethnic studies and more. The highlight of the curriculum is the field workshops, which take pupils out of the classroom for on-site learning experiences.

English as a Foreign Language is a mandatory subject for all pupils and they sit for matriculation examinations in this subject. In our school, we do our utmost to discuss and read about environmental issues during English lessons. Extensive reading is also an integral part of the EFL curriculum and students are required to read library books and keep reading files.

Unfortunately, due to severe budget cuts, there are no funds for purchasing new titles and our

English section in the school library is quite limited. We are in need of up-to-date and interesting novels as well as reference books for project work. Our present offerings aren't too exciting and they are limited. The students do not have access to other libraries. Since we are a remote community, we have virtually no access to a large city library and the pupils are totally dependent on local facilities for all their needs. I sincerely look forward to joining Books for Israel and hope both sides will gain from this partnership.”

To learn more about the fascinating community of Midreshet Sde Boker, go to www.boker.org.il or www.boker.org.il/English.

Please take some time to donate some books, both fiction and non-fiction, that will be of use to junior and senior high school students. Of particular interest are books with a nature or science theme. Or Zarua collection boxes will be located in the social hall and on the sixth floor during the months of September and October. For more information, contact Lesley Palmer at Lesley@nyc.rr.com or 212-772-9673, or Ilana Burgess at ilana@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, extension 15.

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH DOROT

For our fifth consecutive year, Congregation Or Zarua will participate in DOROT's annual Rosh Hashanah package delivery to the homebound elderly. Please join other volunteers on Sunday,

September 12 at 11:00 a.m. (meeting location: 92nd Street Y) and help bring the taste of a sweet New Year and the joy of friendship to those who are often alone during the High Holy Days.

All volunteers will first receive a short orientation about DOROT and the visit in which they will participate. Then, each volunteer unit will visit an assigned senior for about an hour. (A volunteer unit consists of one to three individuals.)

If you would like to volunteer for this wonderful act of hesed, please contact Aaron Shelden, coordinator for this Or Zarua Hesed Committee project, at 212-734-4004 (day), 212-734-2888 (evening), or ashelden@aol.com. Families are encouraged to participate—all ages are welcome. It's a truly lovely experience.

MONDAY NIGHT MEAL SERVING NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Monday night is Pizza Night for residents of the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter's supportive housing residence on East 81st Street. The dinner is hosted by Or Zarua and served by synagogue volunteers. For the past year the shelter's building has been undergoing renovations, so Or Zarua volunteers have been serving dinner to residents at a local pizza restaurant. In September, our meal serving will move back into the shelter building. Volunteers are needed from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Richard Stadin at 212-879-0448.

Hesed Events 2004-2005

ONGOING

Monday Night Meal Serving

Monday nights, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Or Zarua-sponsored program for residents at the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter residence on East 81st Street.

Program Contact: Richard Stadin at 212-879-0448.

SEPTEMBER 2004

DOROT Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery

Sunday, September 12 at 11:00 a.m.

Coordinator: Aaron Shelden

Location: Meet at 92nd Street Y

Books for Israel Drive II

benefiting High School for Environmental Studies in the Negev

September 1-October 31

Coordinators: Lesley Palmer and Ilana Burgess, with shipping assistance from Ran Eisenbruch and Richard Stadin.

Collection sites: Social Hall and Sixth Floor

DECEMBER 2004

DOROT Hanukkah Package Delivery

Sunday, December 12 at 11:00 a.m.

Coordinators: Laurie Pauker and Aaron Shelden

Location: Meet at 92nd Street Y

Second Annual Hanukkah Toy Drive

December 1-15

Coordinator: Susan Sussman

JANUARY 2005

Ronald McDonald House Tu B'Shevat Dinner

Thursday, January 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Coordinator: Stephanie Failla

FEBRUARY 2005

Third Annual Blood Drive and Bone Marrow Registry

Sunday, February 13 after morning minyan; blood drive begins at 9:30 a.m.

Will include minyan, brunch, and children's activities

Coordinators: James Rothman and Lesley Palmer

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Our new website is a great resource both for existing and prospective members.

Use www.orzarua.org to:

- View our calendar and check service times
- Sign up for events
- Make donations on-line
- Learn about educational programs for adults and for children
- Keep informed about our Congregation

High Holy Day Learners' Services

After last year's success, we are continuing to offer High Holy Day Learners' Services for the first day of Rosh Hashanah and for Kol Nidre. We are very fortunate that two mainstays of our Congregation have agreed to lead the services again this year—Dr. Sam Klagsbrun on Rosh Hashanah and Dr. Terry Krulwich on Kol Nidre.

The Learners' Services are oriented toward Congregants who want to learn about the basics of the Yomim Noraim. These services include more English, more expanded explanations, and more discussions about the structure and

content of the liturgy than do our main High Holy Day Services.

The Learners' Services will be held in the Ramaz second-floor chapel, a relatively intimate room that accommodates only about 100 people. Because space is so limited, we need to know very quickly whether you would like to attend.

As soon as possible, please call the synagogue office to indicate your choice of service or return the reservation cards that were mailed with your dues statements. Reservations for the Learners' Service will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

September Calendar

October Calendar

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

September 2004

- 1 September 1-October 31: Books for Israel Drive
- 11 Sinful Desserts and Selihot: Dessert reception followed by services, 8:30 p.m.
- 12 DOROT Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery, 92nd Street Y, 11:00 a.m.
Book Discussion: *The Pity of it All* by Amos Elon, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Erev Rosh Hashanah
- 16-17 Rosh Hashanah
- 24 Kol Nidre
- 25 Yom Kippur
- 29 Erev Sukkot: Services at 6:15 p.m., followed by dinner in the sukkah at 7:30 p.m.

October 2004

- 1 Brown Bag Dinner in the Sukkah (Oz Zarua will supply hallah and dessert)
- 2 Sukkot Lunch
- 4-6 Brown Bag Dinners in the Sukkah
- 4-5 Hebrew School Dinners in the Sukkah (parents welcome), 6:00 p.m.
- 6 Hol Hamoed: Children's Sukkot Party
- 24 Book Discussion: *Triangle: The Fire that Changed America* by David Von Drehle, 7:30 p.m.

November 2004

- 5-6 Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton: Rabbi David Golinkin will speak on *Jewish Law and the Jewish State* at dinner on Friday evening, Saturday during services, and at lunch on Saturday.
- 15 New Members Reception at the home of Rabbi Wechsler and Naomi Friedland-Wechsler

December 2004

- 1 December 1-15: Second Annual Hanukkah Toy Drive
- 10 Congregational Shabbat Hanukkah Dinner: Special Hebrew School Program
- 11 Andy Statman and the Klezmatics Concert
- 12 DOROT Hanukkah Package Delivery

January 2005

- 14 Congregational Shabbat Dinner: Barry Feldman on *Jews in Colonial America*.
Watch this newsletter for further details.
- 27 Ronald McDonald House Tu B'Shevat Dinner

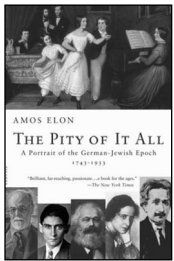
February 2005

- 13 Third Annual Blood Drive and Bone Marrow Registry

Or Zarua Book Discussions

When we read a good Jewish book and discuss it with other Congregants, it's win-win-win. There is enjoyment and learning in just reading a good book. We gain insights from each other in our discussions. And we have a great time while noshing and sharing ideas.

All Congregants and their guests are invited to join any or all of our book discussions, which are held in the Or Zarua library on Sunday evenings at 7:30. Mark your calendar with the following dates for fall 2004 and winter 2005:



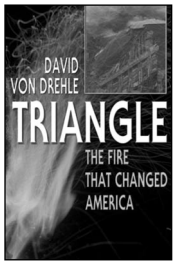
September 12

The Pity of It All:

A History of the Jews in Germany from 1743 to 1933

by Amos Elon

Elon looks at the German Jews as they saw themselves: as an integral part of German culture. Phyllis Brochstein will lead this discussion.



October 24

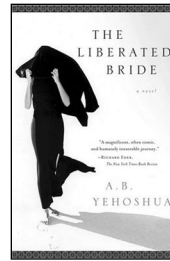
Triangle:

The Fire that Changed America

by David Von Drehle

A fast-paced analysis of the context, events, and impact of the deadly fire in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory.

Bernie Tolpin will lead this discussion.

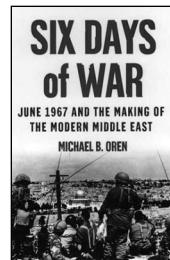


December 5

The Liberated Bride

by A. B. Yehoshua

An Israeli professor studying the Algerian civil war begins a quest for the truth about his son's mysteriously failed marriage. Pat Davidson will lead this discussion.



January 23

Six Days of War:

June 1967 and the Making of the Modern Middle East

by Michael B. Oren

Mark Somerstein will lead this discussion.



March 6

In the Image

by Dara Horn

The two stories of a young woman and a grandfather converge in this exploration of past and present, tradition and change. Martha Mendelsohn will lead this discussion.

April 10, May 22, and June 26 will be our dates for spring 2005. Book selections are to be determined. If you would like to be included in our email roster to receive updates on book discussions, send your email address to arlm1199@aol.com or call Reed Schneider at 212-860-8611.

ETROGIM AND LULAVIM FOR SUKKOT

The joyous holiday of Sukkot begins Wednesday evening, September 29. Congregation Or Zarua will arrange for the purchase of etrogim and lulavim. All orders are delivered in complete sets with the four minim: etrog in box, bagged lulav with hadassim and aravot. Three different sets, each certified for use on Sukkot, are available:

- Standard Sets, \$40.00 each
- Muvchar (Choice) Sets, \$52.00 each
- Mehudar (Gorgeous) Sets, \$65.00 each

If you wish to purchase a set, please be sure that your order is received at the Or Zarua office by noon of Friday, September 24.

There are three convenient ways to order:

- On-line: www.orzarua.org
- By fax: 212-452-2301
- By phone: 212-452-2310, x10

Etrogim and lulavim sets may be picked up at the Or Zarua office on Tuesday, September 28 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, September 29 from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

THE OR ZARUA COMMUNITY

MAZAL TOV

Alexander Dembitzer, for being honored at the Ezer Mizion Silver Anniversary Gala Dinner
 Jared Greisman, on his engagement to Beth Goldstein
 Nina and Max Karpel, on the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Nava, and their son, Leo Nathan
 Andrea Rothman-Khazzam and Larry Khazzam, on the birth of their daughter, Natasha Saud, and their son, Alexander Nissim
 Ayala and John Podhoretz, on the birth of their daughter, Shayna Julianne
 Naomi Friedland-Wechsler and Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler on the marriage of their daughter, Hannah Leah, to Bezalel Esterson
 Faith Weinberg, on the engagement of her daughter, Jill, to Lyle Wilpon

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to:
 Lynne Galler
 Susan Lorin and Martin Kupferberg
 Laraine and Peter Rothenberg

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to:
 Lynne Galler, on the death of her mother, Beatrice Galler
 Pearl Pell, on the death of her mother, Lillian Seril
 Susan Shapiro, on the death of her father, Sol Cohen
 Susan Zilberman, on the death of her father, Stephen Weinstock
May they and their loved ones be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions listed were received between June 1, 2004 and July 31, 2004. Capital Campaign contributions are not listed.

KIDDUSH FUND

Anna and Ben Charkow, in honor of their second wedding anniversary
 Sally and Joe Dwek, in honor of the aufruf of David Dwek and Jamie Morris
 Susan and Brian Engel, in honor of Shira's Bat Mitzvah
 Elizabeth Goldberg, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Jacob Olipsky

Lesley, Michaela and Jordanna Palmer, in honor Jay Palmer's birthday
 Diane Okrent and Aaron Shelden, in honor of the 50th anniversary of Aaron's Bar Mitzvah and in memory of Meyer Okrent's *yahrzeit*
 Anne and Reed Schneider, in honor of Mariel's Bat Mitzvah
 Linda and Jerome Spitzer, in memory of Linda's mother, Rose Kirsten, on her first *yahrzeit*
 Audrey and Richard Stadin, in memory of Richard's parents, Ceil and Harry Stadin
 Elaine and James Wolfensohn, in honor of the wedding of Sara Wolfensohn and Neil Mayle

MINYAN FUND

Elaine and Howard Brownstein

GENERAL FUND

Susan and Stanley Alt
 Phyllis Brochstein, in appreciation of sharing the trip to Israel with Rabbi Wechsler and the wonderful members of OZ
 Mechele and Sander Flaum
 Edith and Michael Gelfand, in honor of Barry Collier's induction to the National

TWOFOLD TAX SAVINGS *Gifts of Stock and the Kol Nidre Appeal*

Shortly you will be thinking about our annual Kol Nidre Appeal. Last year, while we were pleased that over 70% of Congregants participated in the Appeal, we did not reach our goal of 100% participation. With the hope of increasing participation, this year we are offering Congregants the ability to donate gifts of stock as payment for dues and other contributions. This is a wonderful way for you to make good use of the income tax

charitable deduction while providing meaningful support for Congregation Or Zarua.

A gift of appreciated stock generally offers a twofold tax savings. First, you avoid paying any capital gains on the increase in the value of the stock. Second, you receive an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock for a "long term" period of time (generally more than one year). Gifts of appreciated stock

are tax deductible.

For information about the transfer of securities, please call Executive Director Barbara Bolshon at extension 14. We can facilitate your transfer and confirm the transaction. The valuation of your gift will be established on the basis of the transfer date.

By making a stock gift, you will help to build our community and secure a strong future for Congregation Or Zarua.

THE OR ZARUA COMMUNITY

Academy of Sciences and Bobbi Collier's receiving her doctorate
 Karen and Henry Glanternik, in appreciation of another year of Talmud study
 Isadora and Jesse Hecht, in honor of Mark Somerstein and Sam Klagsbrun
 Ruth Hochberger and Martin Flumenbaum, in honor of the marriage of Barbara Bluestone and Alan Heller
 Doris Katz and Stefanie Katz Rothman, in memory of the yahrzeits of Eva and Rubin Spector
 Rosalyn and Bruce Nussman, in honor of Arthur Rosenbloom
 Jacob Oberman, in honor of his mother's yahrzeit
 Diane Okrent and Aaron Shelden, for Pesah Yizkor, Shavuot Yizkor, and in honor of the wedding of Stephanie Failla and David Pine
 Lorraine and Herbert Shapiro, in memory of Barry Weintraub's mother, Anna Weintraub
 Elyse and Edward Siegel
 Vicky Stein, in memory of Ted Stein and in honor of Mariel Schneider's Bat Mitzvah
 Linda and Douglas Weintraub, in memory of Barry Weintraub's mother, Anna Weintraub
 Elaine and James Wolfensohn, in honor of the wedding of Sara Wolfensohn and Neil Mayle
 Esther Zacker, in memory of Barry Weintraub's mother, Anna Weintraub
 Cathy and Seymour Zises, in honor of Bobbi Collier's completion of her doctorate in art history

HESED FUND

Lesley and Jay Palmer, in honor of Jenna Doctoroff's Bat Mitzvah, Mariel Schneider's Bat Mitzvah, and Hannah Leah Friedland-Wechsler's engagement; in honor of Gwen and Brett Cohen, on the birth of Benjamin Moses Cohen; and in appreciation of Sarah Klagsbrun and Eric Weinstein and their commitment to the Or Zarua community
 Joy and Bruce Roberts, in honor of Barry Alperin's election as President of the Jewish Museum
 Suzan and Daniel Rosen
 Judith and Barry Schneider

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Wendy Cornell Levin and Mikhail Levin, in honor of the engagement of Hannah Leah Friedland-Wechsler
 Jan Cornell and Matt Neuman, in honor of the engagement of Hannah Leah Friedland-Wechsler
 Laurie Dien and Allen Yaillen
 Susan Engel, in honor of Shira's Bat Mitzvah
 Mechele and Sander Flaum
 Rachell Gober
 Isadora and Jesse Hecht, a small token of appreciation to the rabbi; and Mazal Tov on Hannah Leah Friedland-Wechsler's engagement

Andrew Plevin
 Anne and Reed Schneider, in honor of Mariel's Bat Mitzvah
 Gloria and Burton Schulman
 Cynthia and Joel Singer, in honor of Phyllis and Gerry Solomon's 40th anniversary
 Stadin Family, in honor of the engagement of Hannah Leah Friedland-Wechsler
 Faith Weinberg, in honor of Jill's engagement to Lyle Wilpon

LIBRARY FUND

Mechele and Sander Flaum
 Barbara and Brad Simon, in memory of Anna Weintraub, mother of Barry Weintraub

KOL NIDRE APPEAL

Pat and Alan Davidson
 Mechele and Sander Flaum
 Rachell Maidenbaum Gober

PURIM SPIEL FUND

Evelyn Kenvin and Arthur Rosenbloom

PHYLLIS CORNELL MEMORIAL FUND

Wendy Cornell Levin and Mikhail Levin, in honor of Rabbi Wechsler and in memory of Phyllis L. Cornell

THERE ARE NOW TWO EASY WAYS TO MAKE DONATIONS TO OR ZARUA

1. Use the on-line donation form on our web site:
<http://www.orzarua.org/donations1.html>
2. Mail your donation to the synagogue office.

OZY SERVICES

Each Shabbat, we have three different grade-level services:

Infant through Kindergarten
 11:00 a.m. to noon

Alef Bet Corner
 1st through 3rd grades
 10:00 a.m. to noon

Junior Congregation
 4th through 6th grades
 10:00 a.m. to noon

Each month during the school year, we have a special Hebrew School Shabbat service, which all Hebrew School students in the 3rd through 6th grades are encouraged to attend. Students from other schools are welcome as well.

The next Hebrew School Shabbat service will take place on Saturday, October 9.

OR ZARUA FAMILY TREASURES

Fall Exhibition and Oral History Project

More than thirty members of the Or Zarua community have been working together on an exhibition of objects, photographs, documents, and memorabilia that tell a rich story of Jewish continuity in America through the particular experiences of our members' families. The exhibition will highlight objects of Jewish significance that have been preserved, valued, and handed down through the families of our Congregants. Vintage photographs will help convey the personal stories of relatives who acquired and shared these precious symbols of Jewish identity.

This exhibition project is planned as part of the year-long

350th anniversary celebration of the first arrival of Jewish settlers in America. In the spirit of that celebration, we will include oral histories along with the visual presentation.

More than twenty lenders have been paired with volunteers who are recording interviews and writing brief individual family histories for a booklet to accompany the displays. We have discovered that within our own relatively small synagogue, the varied and fascinating stories of immigration and determination mirror the larger Jewish experience in America. Watch for announcements about exhibition dates and times.

SINFUL DESSERTS AND... REPENTANCE

An evening of community will usher in the Yomim Noraim for Congregation Or Zarua. Beginning at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 11, members will gather for a dessert reception, followed by Rabbi Wechsler's Selihot lecture on Rabbi Kook's mystical ideas of repentance. A special Selihot program for teens will be held at the same time. At 10:00 p.m., Selihot services will be held in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited.

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