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OR ZARUA CELEBRATES 17 YEARS WITH *Shabbat Kiddush Lunch and Lucy Dawidowicz Lecture*

All Congregants are invited to attend two special events in celebration of OZ's 17th birthday:

- **A Shabbat Kiddush Lunch on January 28 following services** will celebrate the 17th anniversary of Congregation Or Zarua's very first service, held at the 92nd Street Y in 1989. From the initial service through the High Holy Days in 1989, OZ held monthly services. Weekly Shabbat services were then begun, followed by the daily Shaharit minyan once the building was complete.
- **The Lucy Dawidowicz Memorial Lecture on January 30 at 8:00 p.m.**

will honor OZ's 17th birthday. Professor Jon D. Levenson will speak about "The Conversion of Abraham in Judaism, Christianity and Islam." Dessert and coffee will be served after the lecture.



Jon D. Levenson

Dr. Levenson has been described as "the most interesting and incisive biblical exegete among contemporary Jewish thinkers." His work involves reinterpretations of biblical text, the "rewritten Bible" of Second

Temple Judaism, and rabbinic midrash, often focusing on the relationship between Judaism and Christianity. Dr. Levenson is active in Jewish-Christian dialogue, and his influence travels well beyond the bounds of Judaism. His 1993 book, *The Death and Resurrection of the Beloved Son: The Transformation of Child Sacrifice in Judaism and Christianity* (1993) has stimulated intense discussion.

Dr. Levenson earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from Harvard. He began teaching there in 1988 and is currently the Alfred A. List Professor of Jewish Studies.

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Congregational Shabbat Dinner

SHABBAT IN PRAYER AND SONG

featuring Rabbi Wechsler and Congregant Marc Ashley

On Shabbat Shirah, come and learn melodies and meanings of Shabbat prayers and zemirot to enrich your Shabbat observance, both at home and in synagogue.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2006

Following Kabbalat Shabbat, which begins at 5:05 p.m.

\$25 adults; \$15 children (ages 5-11); under age 5, no charge

RSVP at www.orzarua.org/registration.shtml or call 212-452-2310, ext. 39


PRE-PASSOVER WINE TASTING

Saturday, February 25, 7:30 p.m.

Sample and order kosher-for-Passover wines weeks before the seders!

Visit the OZ website for updated information.

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OVERNIGHT AT OZ'S SUKKAH

By *Adrianna Sisley and Ortal Isaac*

The overnight was a blast! We made friends, played games, and learned about how people keep Shabbat. During the meal in the sukkah, we were wondering how we would spend the night in sleeping bags, in the rain on the rooftop. As the night rolled in, more students decided to sleep in the sukkah and not in the library—they were excited about being able to fulfill the mitzvah of sleeping in a sukkah. We told scary stories, chatted, and had lots of fun.

Around midnight when the weather became worse, some kids decided that they'd had enough and headed downstairs to the library. The bravest of us

stayed on the roof and finally fell asleep. It was cold and windy, but we felt like pioneers and we were not ready to give up our decision to spend the whole night in the sukkah—until we woke up to the sound of raindrops falling on us. We gave up and joined the rest of the students in the library.

In the morning, we had a great breakfast and then we participated in a very relaxed service. All of us went home tired but very happy because we spent a night in our synagogue, kept Shabbat, and spent wonderful time with friends.

We hope that we will be able to do this again next year.

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If you would like to serve on a synagogue committee, please contact the office for the committee chair's email address.

Hebrew School Events

JANUARY 2006

Tuesday 3	School resumes
Monday 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (<i>no classes</i>)
Saturday 21	Hebrew School Shabbat Class, 10:00 a.m.
Monday 23	Report cards are mailed

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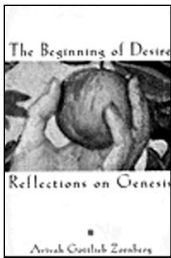
Friday 3	Shabbat Dinner (<i>Second and third grades</i>)
Thursday 9	Parent-Teacher Conferences
Saturday 11	Hebrew School Shabbat Class, 10:00 a.m.
Monday 13	Tu B'Shevat celebration
Tuesday 14	Tu B'Shevat celebration
Monday 20	President's Week (<i>no classes</i>)
Monday 27	School resumes

Shabbat Across America

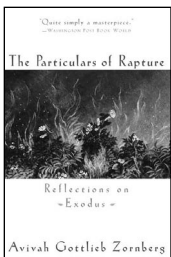
Held for the first time at Or Zarua as a
CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT DINNER
in our social hall
FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2006
Watch your e-mail for further details.

New Books in the OZ Library

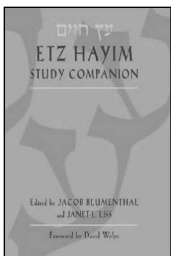
The OZ library is a welcoming place to spend some free time. Our wide selection of books includes histories, biographies, novels, encyclopedias, biblical commentaries, and more. Here are some recent acquisitions:



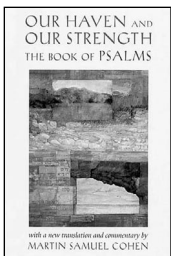
The Beginning of Desire: Reflections on Genesis
by Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg



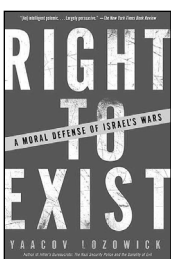
The Particulars of Rapture: Reflections on Exodus
by Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg



Etz Hayim Study Companion
Edited by Jacob Blumenthal and Janet L. Liss



Our Haven and Our Strength: The Book of Psalms
by Martin Samuel Cohen



Right to Exist: A Moral Defense of Israel's Wars
by Yaacov Lozowick

RABBI DAVID HOFFMAN, SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

January 6 and 7, 2006



Rabbi David Hoffman will join us on January 6 and 7 as Scholar-in-Residence. Rabbi Hoffman was the Rabbinics instructor for the OZ Me'ah Class

last spring. His excitement about his subject matter inspired members of the class to share their enthusiasm with the entire Congregation by requesting that he be selected as Scholar-in-Residence. The theme for our Shabbat discussions will be "The Pursuit of Meaning: Text and Ideas."

Rabbi Hoffman is a Senior Rabbinic Fellow in the Department of Institutional Advancement at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, where he was ordained. His fields of expertise include rabbinic history, theology, and law. A doctoral candidate, he now serves as the Director of the Eisenfeld-Duker Beit Midrash and is an adjunct instructor in the Department of Talmud and Rabbinics at JTS as well as a faculty member in the Me'ah program.

Following Friday night services, which will begin at 4:27 p.m., our Shabbat Dinner will feature Rabbi Hoffman discussing "The Conflict between Judaism

and Science in the Thought of Rabbi Joseph Dov Soloveitchik." Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, the leading Modern Orthodox scholar in North America for over half a century, was firmly rooted in his family's halakhic tradition. Yet he innovated a new perspective for Orthodox Judaism, synthesizing the tradition of Torah study with Western philosophical thought. Anyone, regardless of affiliation, can be inspired by Rabbi Hoffman's interpretative and magisterial reading of traditional Jewish sources as they relate to today's intellectual freedom.

During Shabbat morning services, Rabbi Hoffman will teach "Philosophic and Talmudic Reflections on *Vayigash*." During Shabbat lunch, he will present a talk on "Spirituality, Jewish Law and What It Means to be a Conservative Jew in the 21st Century."

Reservations are required for Friday night dinner and Saturday lunch at a cost of \$25 per adult for each meal. To reserve a seat for the meals, please mail a check to: Congregation Or Zarua, 127 East 82nd Street, New York, NY 10028 by January 3, 2006. For more information, please call the synagogue office at extension 10.

OZY SERVICES

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

Infant through Kindergarten

11:00 a.m. to noon

Alef Bet Corner

First through Third Grades
10:00 a.m. to noon

Junior Congregation

Fourth through Sixth Grades
10:00 a.m. to noon

Each month during the school year, we have a special Hebrew School Shabbat Class, which all Hebrew School students in the third through sixth grades are expected to attend. Students from other schools are welcome as well.

The next Hebrew School Shabbat Classes will take place on Saturday, January 21 and Saturday, February 11.

Shabbat Across Or Zarua...and America

OZ will join the rest of the nation in celebrating Shabbat Across America on Friday, March 3, 2006. All are invited to a Shabbat dinner in the synagogue's social hall. This is the first year we will observe this event in our new building!

Shabbat Across America, developed in 1997 by the National Jewish Outreach Program, is designed to introduce Jewish people across the country to the joys of Shabbat observance. Most synagogues participate by hosting a communal Friday night dinner. When the program began, we were housed in the old Or Zarua

building, which could not accommodate a large group for this kind of dinner. In order to be part of the tradition, we developed Shabbat Across Or Zarua with home hospitality.

We observed our own traditional Shabbat Across Or Zarua on November 18 to honor Parashat *Vayera*. In the parashah, Abraham welcomes strangers to his home, and Or Zarua members followed his example by welcoming other members to their homes. Again, the event was a resounding success! Nearly 50 members enjoyed the gracious hospitality of seven

host families. Guests—from toddlers to seniors—shared Shabbat joy, delicious food, and stimulating conversation with other OZ members, new and old.

Thanks again to the hosts: Joanne and Marc Ashley, Susan and Ed Kopelowitz, Sharon and Alex Mack, Suzan and Daniel Rosen, Evelyn Kenvin and Arthur Rosenbloom, Diane Okrent and Aaron Shelden, and Nora and Barry Yood.

Shabbat Across Or Zarua was chaired by Diane Okrent, Anne Schneider, and Vicky Stein.

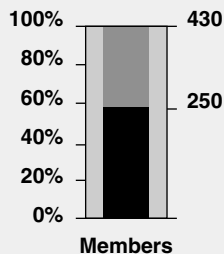
OR ZARUA'S ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE AND CHILDREN'S HESED ACTIVITIES
SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 5, 2006

Volunteers and donors needed. Please contact Lesley Palmer at lesley@nyc.rr.com or 212-772-9673.

KOL NIDRE APPEAL UPDATE

Our Goal

100% Participation
(at a level comfortable for
each Congregant)



■ Total ■ Participating

We're On The Way!

Thanks to all Congregants
who have already given.

DAVID ARNOW

will return for a discussion on
Creating Lively Passover Seders
Thursday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Tu B'Shevat: Save the Trees!

WHAT DOES "TU B'SHEVAT" MEAN?

"Tu" is the way we pronounce the Hebrew letters tet (9) and vav (6) to represent the number 15. This arithmetic combination of letters is used rather than the letters for 10 and 5 because the yud heh combination spells one of the names of God. So, Tu B'Shevat is the 15th day of the month of Shevat.

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS DATE?

It marks the new year for trees—one of four new year's days identified in the Mishnah. (The others are the first days of Tishri, Nisan, and Elul.) This new year's day pertained to the agricultural practice of tithing, when one-tenth of a farmer's produce was donated to the Temple. The 15th of Shevat was considered the cutoff for calculating the annual fruit-tree yield because by that date, most of the year's rain in Israel would have fallen and the sap would have begun to flow inside the trees.

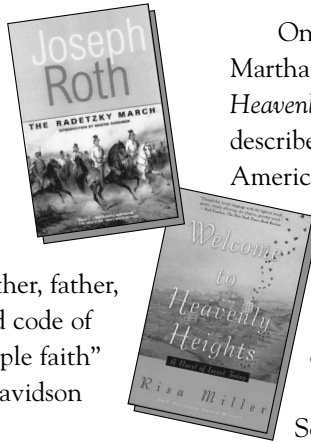
HOW HAS THE DAY BEEN CELEBRATED WITHOUT THE TEMPLE?

The Tu B'Shevat seder was created in 16th-century Tzfat. At these mystical gatherings, the menu included foods from the seven main crops mentioned in the Torah: grapes, barley, figs, dates, wheat, olives, and pomegranates. Haggadot for Tu B'Shevat seders held today may incorporate the theme of *bal tashhit*—the prohibition against wanton destruction pertaining to trees (Deuteronomy 20:19-20). Traditions vary for which fruits to eat. Some have a custom of eating one fruit with a peel, one with a pit, and one completely edible to represent the mystical levels of creation; some eat a new fruit to include the *Sheheheyanu* blessing in the ceremony. In keeping with the spirit of preserving natural resources, some communities here dedicate the day to an environmental conservation project. In Israel today, tree-planting is a typical Tu B'Shevat activity. But it is also easy for Jews in the Diaspora to plant trees in Israel through the Jewish National Fund website, www.jnf.org—just select "Click here to plant trees."

Or Zarua Book Discussions

Please join our book discussions in the OZ library on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

On January 22, we will discuss the distinguished writer Joseph Roth's classic 1932 novel, *The Radetzky March*. Roth (1894-1939) traces the demise of the Trotta barony in tandem with that of Austro-Hungarian Emperor Franz-Joseph and his empire. A Trotta grandfather, father, and son serve their country according to a rigid code of honor and duty, even after "the paradise of simple faith" in a well-ordered European world is lost. Pat Davidson will lead the discussion.



On February 26, Jewish Week writer and Congregant Martha Mendelsohn will lead us in discussing *Welcome to Heavenly Heights*, a contemporary novel by Risa Miller. Miller describes the ups and downs of a year in the lives of several American women who have made aliyah to the same small town outside Jerusalem. Miller paints an intimate cameo of the tensions within, and the hopes shared by, the families in this committed community. Are these families "heroes or just plain crazy," as one character muses?

For further information, please contact Reed Schneider at 212-860-8611 or arlm1199@aol.com.

THE KABBALISTIC MEANING OF *Lekha Dodi*: LEARNING AT KABBALAT SHABBAT *January 20 through March 31*



Milgrom-Elcott and for Jews as well as non-Jews (some of them quite famous!).

A favorite worship service has always been the beautiful Friday night collection of psalms and songs known as Kabbalat Shabbat—welcoming Shabbat. That service is a direct bequest of the Kabbalists of Tzfat, who prepared for the Shabbat Arvit service by going out to the fields of that beautiful city in Israel's north. *Lekha Dodi* is sung during the service to welcome Shabbat. It was written in the mid-16th century in Tzfat, a major center for the study of Kabbalah, by the poet and kabbalist Solomon Alkabetz.

What most people don't know, though, is that *Lekha Dodi* is a kabbalistic, mystical poem.

From January 20 through March 31, we will learn about the Kabbalistic imagery and theosophical import of *Lekha Dodi* at our Friday evening service, between Minhah and Kabbalat Shabbat. We will study the critical themes, images, and theurgic ramifications of *Lekha Dodi*.

Our teacher will be Yaron Milgrom-Elcott, a second-year doctoral student with a focus in medieval Kabbalah in the Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University. Yaron majored in religion at Syracuse University. He also taught adult education at Kol Ami in White Plains and Temple Har Shalom in Park City, Utah. Yaron lives on the Upper East Side with his wife, Miriam, a medical student. He attends Kabbalat Shabbat at Or Zarua.

TWO MONDAY EVENING CLASSES TAUGHT BY MARK SOMERSTEIN

Starting February 6, 2006
(no classes on February 20)

TORAH READING CLASS: INTERGENERATIONAL

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: OZ, 7th Floor, Room 3

All ages are invited. The only requirements are patience, persistence, and a reading knowledge of Hebrew. Bear in mind: our current Torah readers are breathlessly awaiting a new group of readers to share the Shabbat portions with them.

HEBREW CONVERSATION: ADVANCED BEGINNERS

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: OZ, 7th Floor, Room 3

This is a continuation of the course in Hebrew Conversation. We work primarily on the oral aspects of language learning and explore the etymology of modern Hebrew words, based so often on the Torah and on classical texts. The text used in class is *Modern Hebrew* by Blumberg and Lewittes, available from J. Levine (5 West 30th Street, 212-695-6888). L'hitraot!

Please use the OZ website to reserve your place for Congregational meals and events:
<http://www.orzarua.org/registration.shtml>

January Calendar

February Calendar

HESED COMMITTEE EVENTS

ISRAELI NIGHT AT RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Or Zarua will host its annual Israeli Night at the Ronald McDonald House (405 East 73rd Street), a residence for children in treatment for serious illnesses at local hospitals. This joyous evening features entertainment by OZ members and provides an opportunity to interact with young patients and their families from around the globe. Israeli Night offers these families a catered dinner and a welcome distraction from illness through song and laughter. The Hesed Committee needs up to 15 volunteers. Please help by:

- donating kosher desserts and dropping them off at the House on February 2 by 5:30 p.m. (pickup may be arranged)
- assisting with setup and decorations (from 5:15 p.m.)
- serving food (from 6:00 p.m.)
- cleaning up (from 7:00 p.m.)
- helping to lead singing and/or folk dancing (from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

To volunteer or for more information, contact Stephanie Failla at 212-480-3111 (days) or 917-941-3199. Note that

volunteers must be at least 18 years old. Space is limited, so please call as soon as possible.

Please also consider a donation to the Or Zarua Hesed Fund to help defray the cost of this and other Hesed Committee events.

UNWANTED COMPUTERS NEEDED FOR THE FORMERLY HOMELESS

Don't toss that computer into the landfill! Help disadvantaged adults in our neighborhood to join the digital mainstream. The Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter (NCS), one of our community partners on the Upper East Side, welcomes donations of used computers for its formerly homeless clients who are now in permanent housing. If you would like to donate an IBM-compatible PC with keyboard and monitor (and even better, a printer!), that is no more than five years old, contact Richard Stadin at 212-879-0448 or stadin1@aol.com. Or Zarua volunteers will help arrange delivery, delete your data, and install the computer for NCS clients. If you know about computers and would like to volunteer for any or all of these tasks, please also contact Richard. This project, in addition to being environmentally responsible, is a great community service opportunity for student volunteers.

MAKE LAUGHTER AND FRIENDS AT PURIM SPIEL

Minhah, Megillah Reading and
PURIM SPIEL
Monday, March 13, 5:30 p.m.
Kay Playhouse, Hunter College

FIRST REHEARSAL
Sunday, January 22, 3 p.m.
Or Zarua Social Hall

OTHER REHEARSALS
Thursdays at 7 p.m.
and Sundays at 3 p.m.

We are seeking all:
actors • singers • narrators
schleppers • directors • producers
designers • stage hands • ushers
• fun-loving kids and adults •

To participate, please contact
Barbara Sassoon at barbdee@aol.com.

The Beat Goes On

By Ron Meyers

Midwinter is a dormant period in the Jewish calendar. January and February come and go with no major observances. But in the regular rhythms of seasons and readings, the full range of Jewish experience remains fully on display.

In the second week of February, we will read about the Exodus from Egypt, in Parashat *Beshalah*. The day is named Shabbat Shirah, the Sabbath of Song, in honor of the songs that the Israelites sang in celebration after crossing through the parted sea. These songs are the first collective expression of the Jewish nation, and they follow the nation's first collective acts, those of the Passover feast and of marking the doorposts in preparation for the Exodus. The preparations show the people at their most obe-

dient, adhering to the details of God's command; the songs show the people at their most exultant, connecting to God in all their spontaneity.

In the very same week that we read this most vivid account of God's action in history, we will observe Tu B'Shevat, the new year of the trees, which highlights God's action in nature. In this single week, we contemplate God's specific and direct relationship with the people of Israel and also God's universal presence in the order of the world.

As the sap begins to rise in the trees around Tu B'Shevat, all the great themes of Jewish observance run quietly through the dark days of winter.

SOURCES: Exodus 15

DATES: Shabbat Shirah, February 11, 2006;
Tu B'Shevat, February 13, 2006

THE OR ZARUA COMMUNITY

MAZAL TOV

Clara and Eduardo Blinder, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Maximillian
Lynn Galler and Hezzy Dattner, on the birth of their granddaughter, Roni
Blanca and David Goldman, on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Raquel
Dina Markson and Andrew Seidman, on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rachel
Allyn Maultasch, on the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Ethan
Chaya Moskowitz and Ed Manning, on the birth of their son, Daniel Adin
Elaine Schattner and Paul Glasserman, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ethan
Susan and David Shapiro, on the birth of their granddaughter, Peri Leda Goldberg
Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler and Naomi Friedland-Wechsler, on the birth of their grandson, Eden Yiftach Dror, born to Hannah Leah and Betzalel Yaakov Dror in Israel
Joyce and Marc Yassky, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, David

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to:
Bess and Leor Landa
Ellen and Ira Roxland
Emilya and Brian Sahn, and their children, Chloe and Annie
Bonnie Schertz, and her daughter, Blanca Andrei
Allan Shapiro
Jamila and Philip Weintraub, and their children, Joseph, Allegra, Steffen, Loren and Theodore

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to:
Bonnie Maslin, on the death of her mother, Frieda Maslin
Joseph Rose, on the death of his mother, Edna Levitt
Jane Salmon, on the death of her father, Tom Salmon
Dora Silagy, on the death of her mother, Esther Bergman
May they and their loved ones be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

CONTRIBUTIONS

*All contributions listed were received between October 1, 2005 and November 30, 2005.
Capital Campaign contributions are not listed.*

GENERAL FUND

Robin and Julia Blumenthal, with thanks to Charlie Spielholz and his family for Shabbat luncheon in the "virtual" sukkah

Marilyn Braunstein, for Rabbi Wechsler's saying a *Misheberach* for her husband, Perry Braunstein
Gwendolyn and Brett Cohen
Bobbi and Barry Collier, in honor of James Shapiro's new book
Martha and Neal Cooper
Rosalind Devon, in memory of Frieda Maslin
Faye and David Dorfman
Linda Eidelberg, in memory of Albert Eidelberg, Rose and Benjamin Basch, and Frieda Maslin
Helen Ferszt, in memory of her mother, Frances Karp
Cheryl Fishbein and Philip Schatten, in memory of Cheryl's mother, Adele, on her *yahrzeit*
Mirele Goldsmith and Richard Marker
Diana and Jay Goldin, for the honor of receiving *Maftir*
Beth and Jared Greisman, in honor of the birth of Carrie and David Schechter's son, Jacob
Isadora and Jesse Hecht, in memory of Isadora's parents, Hannah and Jack Silverman
Susan and Edward Kopelowitz, in memory of Frieda Maslin
Leona and Alexander Leon, in honor of Rabbi Wechsler
Judith and David Lewittes, in memory of Israel Lewittes, on his *yahrzeit*
Martha and Fred Mendelsohn, in honor of the birth of Eden Yiftach Dror, grandson of Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler and Naomi Friedland-Wechsler, and in memory of Frieda Maslin
Dara Murray, in memory of her dear parents, Anita and George Prisant, on their *yahrzeits*
Judith and David Lewittes, in honor of Barry Collier's election to the National Academy of Arts and Sciences
Jacob Oberman, in memory of Martha Rosenberg and Myron Dubin
Diane Okrent and Aaron Shelden, for Sukkot Yizkor
Laura Resnikoff, in appreciation of the Kenvin/Rosenbloom family and Alain Roizen; Mazal Tov to Sara and David Stone on the birth of their grandson; and in honor of Susan and Ed Kopelowitz's Shabbat hospitality
Caren and Barry Roseman, in honor of the birth of Susan and David Shapiro's granddaughter, Peri Leda Goldberg
Shira and Allen Rubinstein, in honor of the birth of their daughter, Rachel Hannah
Charlotte Schwartz, in honor of receiving an *aliyah* on Yom Kippur
Sharon Seiler and Charlie Spielholz, in honor of Jeff Cymet and his presentation at the Shabbat dinner; in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Philip Haines; and in honor of the Bat Mitzvahs of Julia Blumenthal and Maude Tisch

Lorraine and Herbert Shapiro, in honor of Barry Collier's election to the National Academy of Arts and Sciences
Marilyn Shapiro, in memory of Victor Nerfin, on his *yahrzeit*; in memory of Frieda Maslin; and in honor of the birth of Eden Yiftach Dror, grandson of Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler and Naomi Friedland-Wechsler
Roanna Shorofsky, in honor of Rabbi Wechsler
Vera and Robert Silver, for Yom Kippur Yizkor and Shemini Atzeret Yizkor
Natalie Sobel and Rafael Kleiman, in honor of the birth of Eden Yiftach Dror, grandson of Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler and Naomi Friedland-Wechsler
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Marcia Kalin and Stephen Rayport

HESED FUND

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Judith and Barry Schneider
Judith and Jeffrey Siegel
Lorraine and Herbert Shapiro, for Jerry Josepher's complete recovery
Abby, Philip, and Lev Thomas, in honor of Sam Klagsbrun's help with Lev's Bar Mitzvah
Miriam Wallerstein, in honor of Maude Tisch's Bat Mitzvah

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Sylvia Adelman, in honor of Steve and Elsa Solender
Robin and Julia Blumenthal, in memory of Frieda Maslin
Aliza Kaplan, in memory of Varda Jupiter
Evelyn Kenvin and Arthur Rosenbloom, in memory of Frieda Maslin
Linda and Jerry Spitzer, in memory of Frieda Maslin

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 Allyn Maultasch, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Ethan Lowens
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 Laura Resnikoff, in memory of her mother, Joy Hellman Resnikoff, on her yahrzeit
 Debbie and Scott Rosen, in honor of the baby naming of their daughter, Eliana Hannah Libby Saypol, for Yizkor
 Charlotte Schwartz, in honor of Debbie and Jim Breznay for hosting a dinner in the sukkah for the OZ Israel travelers
 Lorraine and Herb Shapiro, in honor of the publication of a new book by their son, James
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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sylvia Adelman, in honor of Sam Perelson
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 Jacqueline and Yitzchak Frank, in honor of the birth of Eden Yiftach Dror, grandson of Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler and Naomi Friedland-Wechsler, and in memory of Chaim and Rivka Frank
 Suzanne Goldstein, in memory of Jennie Simon
 Caroline and Alan Ilberman, in honor of the birth of Eden Yiftach Dror, grandson of Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler and Naomi Friedland-Wechsler
 Susan and Edward Kopelowitz, in honor of the birth of Eden Yiftach Dror, grandson of Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler and Naomi Friedland-Wechsler
 Diane Okrent and Aaron Shelden, in honor of the birth of Eden Yiftach Dror, grandson of Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler and Naomi Friedland-Wechsler
 Lesley and Jay Palmer, in honor of the birth of Eden Yiftach Dror, grandson of Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler and Naomi Friedland-Wechsler
 Abby, Philip and Lev Thomas, in honor of Rabbi Wechsler's help with Lev's Bar Mitzvah
 Miriam Wallerstein, in honor of the birth of Eden Yiftach Dror, grandson of Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler and Naomi Friedland-Wechsler

Or Zarua Super Bowl Party, February 5

Come and watch the Super Bowl with your friends at our fourth annual Or Zarua Super Bowl Party, to be held in the synagogue on February 5. Enjoy a family atmosphere and great kosher food from Dougie's, including ribs, chili, giant "sub" sandwiches, buffalo wings, dessert, and much more.

Minhah/Ma'ariv starts at 5:00 p.m.



in the sanctuary. The game should begin about 6:00 p.m. and will be shown on a big-screen TV in the social hall. All are welcome. Voluntary contributions may be made to the Congregation's Hesed Fund or Minyan Fund.

Please contact Sheldon Adler (212-735-2136 or sadler@skadden.com) to let us know that you plan to attend.

AMERICAN-JEWISH MUSIC COMES OF AGE

Sunday, February 12

On the day after Shabbat Shirah, Sunday, February 12, 2006, OZ will celebrate American-Jewish music. Renowned musicologist Robert Cohen will join us for a lecture on the topic “American-Jewish Music Comes of Age.”

Come to minyan at 8:45 a.m., stay for breakfast, and at 10:00 a.m., enjoy listening to and learning about contemporary Jewish music. This program will appeal to adults and teens.

Jewish music always reflects its time and place—spiritually, culturally, and even sociologically. American-Jewish music in this generation, therefore, incorporates the eclectic vitality of American musical styles, resonates with the joy and spiritual searching characteristic of this era of Jewish renewal, and

conveys our need for both intimacy and participation. We’ll listen to contemporary American-Jewish music in an exhilarating range of styles and consider the key sources and influences—especially Hassidic music and American folk music—behind this musical renaissance.

Robert Cohen has produced and hosted over 100 radio programs on Jewish identity and culture, including “Yedid Nefesh” on WEVD and National Public Radio’s “One People, Many Voices: American-Jewish Music Comes of Age.” He has taught contemporary Jewish arts and American folk music at the New School for Social Research and has lectured on Jewish music at the New York Public Library, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the New England

Conservatory of Music, the American Jewish Historical Society, and the Cantors Assembly.

You’ll be able to take this wonderful experience home with you—after the lecture, you will be able to purchase Robert Cohen’s compilation CD, *Open the Gates! New American-Jewish Music for Prayer*.

If you plan to attend, please notify the synagogue office through the website or by calling extension 39.

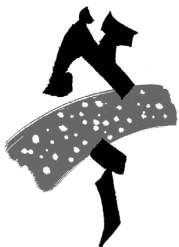
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