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Hesed at Or Zarua

By Stephanie Failla

How do we define hesed at Congregation Or Zarua? Hesed is the tradition of our special relationships with non-profits such as DOROT, Ronald McDonald House, and the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter—organizations that have come to appreciate and depend on our good work and donations. It is the community of Or Zarua volunteers who rise to the occasion day after day to share their efforts, good will, camaraderie and friendship, working towards common goals while lending a helping hand. It is the leadership of OZ members who donate their expertise, bring together and inspire OZ volunteers, and organize the projects that express our concern and caring for others. And not least, it is the connection

to our Jewish heritage, not only because hesed is good, and not only because it makes us feel good, but because as Jews it is our personal and community obligation. It is the expression of loving kindness—*gemilut hasadim*—which, according to *Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers)*, is one of the pillars on which the world stands. It is incumbent upon all Jews to participate, as we strive towards the goal of *tikkun olam*, or perfecting the world.

The Or Zarua Hesed Committee works to promote hesed through various projects within our local community, in Israel and around the world. We take our hesed seriously, and understand the importance of introducing our children early to the idea of hesed and *tzedakah*, in order to

incorporate volunteering and contributing as an integral part of their lives. Below we describe some of our projects, and we invite all members of OZ to participate. If you have an idea for a hesed project, or other questions, we can help with organizational, promotional, volunteer and other assistance. Please contact Stephanie Failla at civilib@aol.com, or 212-472-7506. No idea is too large or too small!

For over 8 years we have partnered with the **Upper East Side Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter**. Since its founding in 1982, NCS has helped more than 25,000 homeless and formerly homeless individuals find food, shelter, counseling, employment, and in many cases, a home

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THE SYLVIA AND ALEXANDER L. BARIS MEMORIAL SHABBATON

Sponsored by their children, Pat and Alan Davidson

JOEY WEISENBERG
will lead our Shabbat Shirah Shabbaton.

FRIDAY EVENING DINNER, FEBRUARY 6
\$18 adults; no charge for children under 12


SATURDAY LUNCH, FEBRUARY 7
\$18 adults; no charge for children under 12

Reservations are required; seating is limited!

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DANIEL LIBESKIND WILL DELIVER THE LUCY DAWIDOWICZ LECTURE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 AT 8 PM. See page 11.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Andrew J. Frackman

The Board would like to thank again all of the congregants who contributed generously to the Kol Nidre appeal. We are still in the process of this fundraising effort, but the response was very encouraging, especially given the financial times. As I am writing this letter in early December, it is too early to say where we will end up at the end of the calendar year. I believe that we should strive for 100 percent congregant participation in the Kol Nidre appeal. As you all know, we depend on this appeal for a significant proportion of our revenue. If you have not pledged, it is not too late to do so. Our financial year continues until June 30, so contributions after January 1 are as valuable as those before.

We have finished two months of wonderful programming and now are preparing for the upcoming events in January and February. We had a superb new members' reception at the home of Ruth Horowitz and Michael Nachman. The venue was delightful and the crowd large and enthusiastic. We were all pleased to see the number of new younger members in attendance. By the time of this newsletter, we will have completed our eight sessions of singing with Joey Weisenberg, which has already had an impact on our Shabbat davening. Our success with Joey has led to our inviting him to lead our congregational Shabbaton on Shabbat Shirah, February 6-7. This Shabbaton is the Sylvia and Alexander L. Baris Memorial Shabbaton, generously sponsored by Pat and Alan Davidson. We will have Shabbat dinner on Friday night and a lunch on Shabbat. Joey will lead us in singing, and we will

try to disseminate through the larger Congregation some of what we have been learning with him in the sessions during the autumn. Please see the accompanying article by Marc Ashley describing the Shabbaton in greater detail. Also, please sign up early for the meals to ensure that you have a space. On Sunday, February 1, we have our annual Super Bowl Party. Rehearsals and preparation for the Purim Spiel are in full swing. We all look forward to Purim, on the evening of March 9. Our learning continues with the Talmud class on Wednesday evenings. We have meetings of the Crafts Club and Book Club, classes for the Me'ah program, and pizza nights for our high school students. We use the synagogue virtually every day for these and other activities, in addition to services.

The short point of this is that we have a very active and vibrant Congregation. We encourage you all to participate energetically in our varied activities. Please also consider whether any of your friends would be interested in participating as well. And, also, remember that all of these activities need financial support. If you would like to support or endow an event, please contact me or Vicky Stein.

KADIMA PARTY TIME!
Saturday Night, January 24
7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
SOCIAL HALL AT OR ZARUA

USY ICE IS NICE!
Sunday, January 25
Time TBA
BRYANT PARK SKATING RINK

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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.

MEET, GREET & SEAT Ushers are needed for Shabbat services throughout the year. Please email Janet Katz at jmkatz@nyc.rr.com to add your name to our list of volunteers. You will be contacted by email only. Your help is greatly appreciated.

PURIM SPIEL REHEARSALS BEGIN JANUARY 18

Everyone is invited to take part in the annual Or Zarua Purim Spiel. Singers, dancers, actors, artists, stage crew members and production assistants are needed. No experience necessary! Even people who have never before participated in Purim Spiel, including children, are welcome.

Come to the first rehearsal to learn the name of our new show and hear all the songs.

Rehearsals are held every Sunday beginning January 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. and every Thursday beginning January 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the OZ social hall, unless otherwise advised.

The Purim Spiel will be performed in the auditorium of the Lycée Français, 505 East 75th Street, on Monday evening, March 9, following Minhah/Ma'ariv and the Megillah reading.

There will also be a special celebration for young children in the school's cafeteria on the ground floor.

(Parents, please note that school letters can be prepared for students who wish to use this activity as part of their community service. For the most part, kids will only have to attend rehearsals on Sundays.)

For further information, please email Barbara Sassoon at barbdee@mac.com.

Annual OZ Super Bowl Party Helps Feed the Poor

Come and watch the Super Bowl with your friends at our seventh annual Or Zarua Super Bowl Party, to be held in the synagogue on February 1. 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 large-screen TV in the social hall.

In connection with this year's Super Bowl Party, we are once again encouraging everyone to make a donation to help fund kosher food pantries. Last year, Or Zarua raised over \$4,000 for kosher food pantries and we are hoping to raise even more this year. As you are probably aware,

kosher food pantries in our area are struggling to provide kosher food for the poor. As a result of the current economic downturn and cuts in federal funding, the kosher food pantries are in desperate need for additional funds to feed hungry Jewish families.

Please consider making a generous contribution to our food pantry fund. Checks payable to Congregation Or Zarua should be designated "Kosher Food Pantry Fund" on the memo line. All monies raised will be contributed to the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty Food Pantry Network. Please contact the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 39 or use the website to let us know that you plan to attend the Super Bowl Party.

OZY SHABBAT CLASSES

By Ilana Burgess

Beginning January 2009, big changes are in store for our monthly Hebrew School Shabbat class, which will now be known as the Junior Congregation. As the name Junior Congregation implies, there will be a prayer service for students grade 2 and up, Tefilah will be student lead. Mirroring Or Zarua services in the Main Sanctuary, service leaders of the Junior Congregation will have the opportunity to choose different melodies as well as to teach new melodies. Of course, all student prayer services will be supervised by Or Zarua Hebrew School teachers.

The Junior Congregation will also learn about the Parashah, commentaries, the Haftorah, and the holidays through discussions. Parents are welcome to join their children, to listen, to participate in the discussion, and to learn together.

A special Kiddush will be held for the Junior Congregation. When appropriate, snacks will be holiday specific, such as *sufganiyot* (jelly doughnuts) for Hanukkah.

We believe that the Junior Congregation will be a great preparation for Bar and Bat Mitzvah. By leading the Junior Congregation service, students will become more familiar with the Or Zarua service and more confident when they are standing at the Bimah.

The monthly Junior Congregation will be held in the Or Zarua library, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Please note that on these days, our younger students will still have their Shabbat classes on the seventh floor as before. If you have any questions, please contact Ilana Burgess at 212-452-2310, extension 15 or iburgess@orzarua.org.

WWW.ORZARUA.ORG

Use our award-winning website to:

- View calendar and service times
- Register for meals and events
- Make donations online
- Sign up for morning minyan
- Learn about educational programs

Me'ah Offering for Spring 2009

Beginning this January, Or Zarua will once again be the site of a Me'ah Graduate Institute course offering: "The Limits of Dissent in the Traditional Jewish Community," taught by Benjamin Gampel of the Jewish Theological Seminary. This course will discuss the time when membership within the Jewish community was compulsory, kahal organization was rigidly articulated, and individuals and groups often engaged in fierce conflict over social and ideological issues such as the nature of Jewish identity and the boundaries of the Jewish faith. At times, sectarian and messianic groups emerged from these protracted struggles which challenged the norms of

the established Jewish community. In tracing the limits of tolerable dissent over the course of Jewish history, we will also confront incidences when Jews have sought willingly, or have been compelled, to abandon their faith and redefine their sense of religion and peoplehood.

The class will meet for ten sessions on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on January 27; February 3, 10, and 24; March 10, 17, 24, and 31; and April 21 and 28.

For additional information, please contact Jacqueline Goldberg, Hebrew College, Northeast Region and National Me'ah Initiative, at 646-472-5390 or email jgoldberg@hebrewcollege.edu.

TALMUD CLASS

Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.

First chapter of *Masekhet Kiddushin*, this year focusing on women and their mitzvot, as well as treatment of parents and the elderly.

conducted by
RABBI WECHSLER

Classes are taught in English; familiarity with Hebrew or Aramaic or previous study of Talmud is not necessary.

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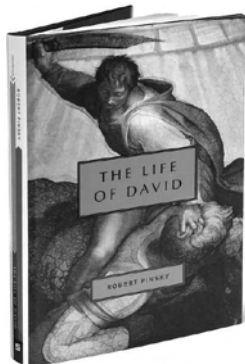
Or Zarua Book Discussions

Please join us for our next Or Zarua book discussion on Sunday, January 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Or Zarua's library. Ira Glauber will lead us in discussing Robert Pinsky's *The Life of David*. Pinsky is former poet laureate of the United States.

Drawing on the biblical chronicle of King David's life as well as on later commentaries and the Psalms—traditionally considered to be David's own words—Pinsky teases apart the many strands of David's story and reweaves an imaginative, insightful narrative.

William Deresiewicz wrote in *The New York Times*:

The Life of David grows increasingly strong as it moves from David's early years to the years of his reign. Pinsky's



reading of David's mystifyingly disastrous attempt to take a census as the embodiment of everything threatening about his revolutionary transformation of the Jewish people "from a masked, uncataloged, exclusionary, taboo-ridden culture of tribes to a visible, enumerated, inclusive civilization," is a tour de force of historical imagining.

Pinsky's fresh take on King David is part of the Jewish Encounters series by well-known Jewish authors, and is available in paperback and hardcover.

The following book discussion will be held on March 15. If you would like more information about Or Zarua book discussions or have a book suggestion, please contact Reed Schneider at arlm1199@aol.com.

Youth Education Calendar

JANUARY 2009

- Mon 5** Classes resume
- Mon 12** B'nai Jeshurun, 6 p.m.
- Mon 19** MLK, Jr. Day (*no classes*)
- Sat 24** Junior Congregation, 10:30 a.m.
- Sat 24** Kadima Hanging and playing in the Temple, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Sun 25** USY Ice is Nice Skating at Bryant Park, (*time tbd*)

FEBRUARY 2009

- Sat 7** Junior Congregation, 10:30 a.m.
- Mon 12** B'nai Jeshurun, 6 p.m.
- Mon 16** Spring Break (*no classes*)
- Mon 23** Classes resume
- Thu 26** Social Event for Parents with School-age Children

Shabbat Shirah Shabbaton with Joey Weisenberg

By Marc Ashley



Have you noticed fresh melodies and more spirited congregational singing lately during our Shabbat services? Have you heard that several congregants recently have pooled their musical talents to form Or Zaru'a's first klezmer band? Perhaps you have received the favorable reports spreading about

Joey Weisenberg, the musician and music teacher extraordinaire who has been leading those efforts that have enlivened our shul over the last year. From lively and harmonious Shabbat musaf services, to beautiful *zemirot* and *nigunim* sung during our communal Shabbat meals, to classical and professional-sounding klezmer music emanating from our social hall, Joey's impact on the rhythms of our Congregation has been felt in numerous ways. Now you have another exciting opportunity to experience firsthand Joey's enthusiastic teaching of and about Jewish music.

On Shabbat Shirah (Shabbat of Song), February 6 and 7—which celebrates the joyful poem sung by Moses and the Israelites upon their miraculous redemption from Egypt—Joey will lead a Shabbaton that, very appropriately for the day, will highlight Jewish music. The Shabbaton will feature Joey discussing Jewish musical history, including *nusach* (liturgical

melodies), *nigunim* and other diverse forms of Jewish musical expression, as well as teaching selected melodies and leading services. Joey's charismatic teaching will permeate a series of meals, discussions, and services on Friday evening and Shabbat afternoon. The Sylvia and Alexander L. Baris Memorial Shabbaton will be generously sponsored by Pat and Alan Davidson. The lingering spirit of this festive and educational Shabbaton will surely nourish our congregational life in meaningful ways for a long time to follow.

Joey, a mandolinist and guitarist who performs nationally and internationally in numerous bands, including klezmer revival ensembles, is imbued with a deep and contagious love of Jewish music and a genuine passion for teaching traditional Jewish melodies. Joey advocates spirited singing as a potent tool to enhance congregants' spiritual experience. By attending the Shabbaton, you will inevitably be touched and inspired by his teaching. Reservations are required and seating is limited, so please register for the Shabbaton through the synagogue website or office; Friday evening dinner and Saturday lunch are each \$18 for adults and free for children under 12. Please join us for what promises to be a vibrant and fascinating Shabbat experience—religiously, spiritually and musically.

Israeli Night at Ronald McDonald House

On Thursday, February 5, Congregation Or Zaru'a will host its seventh annual dinner at the Ronald McDonald House, a residence for children with serious illnesses who are in treatment at local hospitals. This joyous evening features entertainment by OZ members and the opportunity to interact with young patients and their families from around the globe. OZ provides the residents with an Israeli buffet and a welcome distraction from illness through song, dance and friendship.

The Hesed Committee needs up to 15 volunteers to help set-up, serve, sing and schmooze. We are also seeking donations of kosher desserts for the evening—just drop them off at the House at 405 East 73rd Street by 5:30 p.m. on February 5.

Please note that volunteers must be at least 18 years old. Space is limited, so only the first 15 people to call will join us.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Stephanie Failla at 917-941-3199 (cell) or 212-472-7506 (day).

Please help by:

- Donating a kosher dessert (such as cupcakes, cookies, pastry, etc.) and dropping it off at the House on Thursday, February 5 by 5:30 p.m.
- Assisting with set-up and decorations (from 5:15 p.m.)
- Serving food (from 6:00 p.m.)
- Cleaning up (from 7:00 p.m.)
- Leading singing and/or folk dancing (from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

This has been a wonderful, rewarding and festive event for both facility residents and OZ volunteers. We look forward to seeing you there!

OZ CRAFTS CLUB Do you like to knit or crochet? Join the OZ Crafts Club and knit or crochet squares for a blanket we are making for a child in need, crochet kippot for a Hebrew school in S'derot, or work on a project of your own. All ages and skill levels are welcome. We meet the second Sunday of every month from 10:15-11:45 am in the library. **Our next meetings will take place on January 11th and February 8th.** For more information, contact Carrie Fox at cfox@aya.yale.edu.

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to call their own. NCS provides a full continuum of services, aimed at helping people move from the streets to housing and independence. OZ projects at NCS have been numerous and on-going. Monday nights are Pizza Night at the NCS 81st Street Residence; Or Zarua provides pizza, salad and drinks. OZ volunteers set up, serve, and schmooze with the residents. Many of the residents have become long-standing friends! On Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve our volunteers box-up entrees and desserts and deliver them to the NCS residence (as well as to Ronald McDonald House). Other joint NCS projects included a "Dignity Drive" during which OZ's Hebrew School students collected undergarments and toiletries for distribution to the former 77th Street Shelter, and Purim Mitzvah projects which have entailed making sandwiches for NCS residents and collecting canned goods for donation.

Would it be a surprise to you to learn that in New York City more than 1 in every 5 Jews lives at or below the federal poverty level? **Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty** is a leader in advocating for and meeting the multiple needs of New York City's Jewish poor. While they specialize in serving neighborhoods with large pockets of Jewish poverty, Met Council serves all individuals regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation,

age, physical ability, language or religion. Or Zarua holds annual Hanukkah drives for gifts, books and/or warm clothing for distribution through Met Council.

DOROT's mission is to enhance the lives of Jewish and other elderly in the greater New York metropolitan area through a dynamic partnership of volunteers, professionals, and elders; to foster

mutually beneficial interaction between the generations; and to provide education, guidance, and leadership in developing volunteer-based programs for the elderly, nationally and internationally. DOROT's programs address basic needs of the elderly, such as food and housing, health and wellness services, and life management skills; provide social, cultural, religious, and educational activities to alleviate isolation and to bring the generations together; promote an ethic of volunteerism; and foster respect for human dignity among people of all ages in accordance with Jewish values.

For many years, Or Zarua volunteers have participated in the DOROT Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah and Pesah package deliveries. Participants meet for a brief orientation at a central Upper East Side location, and are provided bags of holiday goodies to brighten the day of our homebound seniors. Visits last generally for under an hour. This is a great project for the entire family, but adult volunteers are especially needed since many seniors cannot accommodate children. This is such a beautiful mitzvah, as volunteers learn about the interesting lives of elders in our community, share stories, and create friendships. Many volunteers find themselves volunteering over and over again to visit the same seniors who have become special friends.

One of our favorite OZ hesed projects is the Annual Israeli Night event at **Ronald McDonald House** (pictured above).

RMDH is a residence for young cancer patients and their families who travel from around the world to receive medical treatment at New York hospitals. Or Zarua provides a kosher Israeli buffet and desserts, our own Or Zarua singers and pick-up band, and much joy and friendship to the children who are going through such difficult times. As a special treat, professional folk dancer Danny Pollack has been a

Two Special Thank You Notes

Your Erev Thanksgiving mitzvahs permitted us to glean and deliver food donated by Eli Zabar (Eli's Bread and the Vinegar Factory) to:

1. Ronald McDonald House
2. Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter (NCS) East 81st Street Residence
3. A church in the South Bronx with a congregation of New York City housekeepers who regularly prepare and give food to their own local homeless.

Huge thanks to all for your generous giving!!!

Dick Stadin

OZ Hesed Committee

On behalf of all of us at the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter, thank you so much for this wonderful gift of your time and enthusiasm and caring spirit.

Having this food, and knowing how it comes to us, means a great deal to the residents and to the staff during these difficult times.

Thank you. Hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving.

Best,

Anne Teicher

Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter

BLUE AND PURPLE AND SCARLET: The Colorful Handwork of Lorraine Shapiro

By Bobbi Coller

Each new exhibition in the Or Zarua gallery/social hall changes the look of the entire room. The current exhibition of beautiful, handmade quilts and mosaics by our own congregant Lorraine Shapiro, transforms the space with vibrant colors and charming patterns.

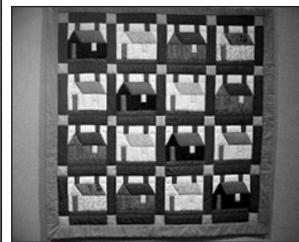
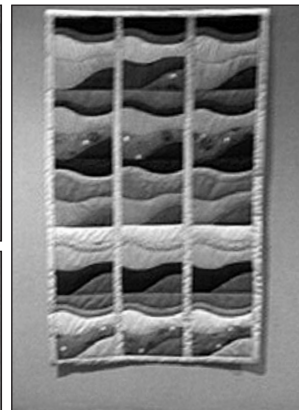
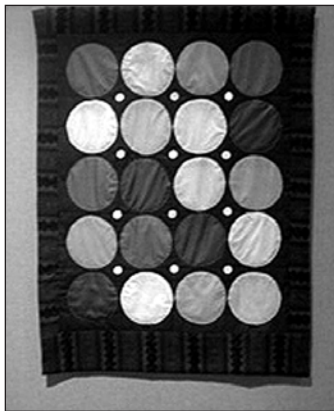
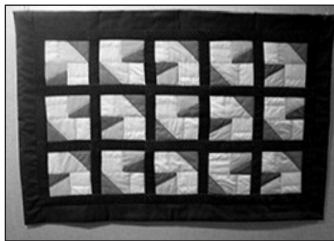
Lorraine is a longtime member of Or Zarua and an accomplished quilter. She uses both traditional patterns such as fans, baskets, and coffee cups (a Depression-era motif), as well as her own designs such

as free-form pinwheels and floating circles.

The Gallery Committee of Or Zarua organizes changing exhibitions with either Jewish content or that relate to the Or Zarua community. We are delighted to highlight the work

of one of our congregants and most grateful to Lorraine for sharing her exquisite quilts with us.

Please stop by the library to see how the Creation Series prints of Rudi Wolf have enriched that space as well.



PHOTOS BY HERB SHAPIRO

regular participant, performing Israeli dances and teaching the children songs and dance steps. This event is rewarding



for both children and OZ volunteers, and many OZ members show up year after year to help.

Or Zarua volunteers have participated in many other projects over the years. We've built homes with **Habitat for Humanity in Harlem**, collected books for Israel, knitted garments for those in need, and conducted blood drives in partnership

with **New York Blood Center**.

Here are the websites for some of the organizations listed above for further information and ways that you can help:

- Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter—
www.ncsinc.org
 - DOROT—www.dorotusa.org
 - Habitat for Humanity—
www.habitat.org
 - Ronald McDonald House—
www.rmdh.org
 - Metropolitan Jewish Council for Poverty—
www.metcouncil.org
 - New York Blood Center—
www.nybloodcenter.org
- Parashah Vayera speaks of Abraham's hospitality to three passing strangers. Despite the

heat of the day, his advanced age, and weakness from his recent bris, Abraham "runs" from the entrance of his tent to ask the visitors to stay and rest awhile, offering to bring water and food. Then he "hurries" to tell Sarah to prepare bread, and "ran" to fetch a calf for a servant to prepare. He puts together a lavish feast, waits on the visitors, and then escorts them off to continue their journey. We consider Abraham a model of hesed, in his generosity, graciousness and love of mankind. Let us also "run" to do hesed, and with the same love, that Abraham demonstrated.



JANUARY/FEBRUARY CHECKLIST

- Think Spring! Purim Spiel Rehearsals begin on January 18.
- Kadima Party Time on January 24 and USY Ice is Nice on January 25.
- Schedule yourself for the book discussion group on Sunday, January 25, 7:30 PM.
- Attend the Lucy Dawidowicz Lecture on Wednesday, January 28, 8 PM featuring renowned architect Daniel Libeskind.
- Party and feed the hungry at the same time by attending the Annual Congregation Or Zarua Superbowl party, Sunday, February 1, 6:00 PM.
- RSVP by noon, Monday, February 2 for the Sylvia and Alexander I. Baris Memorial Shabbaton with Joey Weisenberg on Shabbat Shirah, Friday night and Saturday afternoon, February 6-7.
- Participate in Israeli Night at Ronald McDonald House on Thursday, February 5.
- Remember that the OZ crafts club meets on January 11 and February 8.
- Participate in the Social Event for Parents with School-age children on Thursday, February 26.
- Mark your calendars for 8:00 PM Wednesday nights for Talmud Class with Rabbi Wechsler.
- Sign up for the Spring Me'ah class.
- Do you have an idea that is appropriate for publication in the Or Zarua newsletter? Is there an Or Zarua program that is being overlooked by the editor? Please contact Charlie Spielholz (cssrs@earthlink.net).

OR ZARUA'S COLLEGE CONNECTION

Holiday Gift Packages for College Students

We are once again collecting the school addresses of all congregants' children who are away at college in order to mail gift packages of food to the students on Purim.

To help us remain in contact with these family members while they are away from home, please send your child's name, school address, and email address to the synagogue office by email to Melissa Plush (mplush@orzarua.org) or mail the information to the synagogue office, attention "College."



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