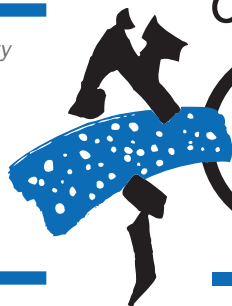


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Shanah Tovah!

For a Year of Peace, Good Health, and Connection

Rabbi Bolton and the Board of Or Zarua



GERRY SOLOMON



EVERY LETTER COUNTS. Rabbi Bolton (right) meeting with the Sofer who repaired an Or Zarua Torah. A complete photo essay on the repair appears on page 10.

CONGREGATION OR ZARUA GUEST SPEAKERS September/October 2013

Mark your calendars with the following five programs to be presented by Or Zarua over the next two months. More information can be found inside on the pages noted below.

High Holy Day Tshuvah

Eric Goldman

"RATED R: REPENTANCE IN AMERICAN
FILM AND JEWISH CINEMA"

Tuesday, September 10, 7:30 p.m.

See page 5 for details.

Hol Hamoed Sukkot Program

Abraham Foxman

"ADDRESSING TODAY'S HOT TOPICS"

Tuesday, September 24, 7:30 p.m.

See page 7 for details.

Author Speaks Series

Eric Kandel

"THE AGE OF INSIGHT"

Sunday, October 20, 7:30 p.m.

See page 11 for details.

Shirley Graetz

"SHE WROTE ON CLAY"

Sunday, October 27, 7:30 p.m.

See page 11 for details.

Ruth Wisse

"NO JOKE"

Sunday, November 3, 7:30 p.m.

See page 11 for details.



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President's Message

by Diane Okrent



Hadeish
Yameinu
K'Kedem
—Renew
Our Days!

We say these words from Lamentations (5:21) after every Torah

reading as we put the Torah back in the Ark. We pray that our relationship with the Torah and with God be constantly refreshed. These words are especially apt as we approach Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. In fact, these same words are in Sh'ma Koleinu, which we say every day from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur. "Hear our voice....Help us return to You, and we shall return; Renew our lives as when we were young." We pray that we will be renewed and rejuvenated in the new year—given new energy to live our lives to the fullest, to embrace the future as we honor our past. We pray to be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life so we can truly live another year.

At Congregation Or Zarua, we are indeed renewing our days. We are at a significant milestone in our history: These High Holy Days will be our 25th as a congregation. January 2014 will mark 25 years since our founding—and we will celebrate for the entire year—commemorating our past and energizing our future!

As part of our 25th anniversary recognition, we are renewing our commitment to being a learning community! In addition to Talmud Class, Siddur Class, and Context, the Adult Education Committee has created a more robust program of adult learning. The excitement begins on Tuesday, September 10, between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, with a lecture by Dr. Eric Goldman, "Rated R: Repentance in American Film and Jewish Cinema." In addition, three authors will come to speak in October, and classes and lectures will continue throughout the year. Please check the *Newsletter*, the website, and your email for details about upcoming events, and renew your commitment to Jewish learning at Or Zarua.

Our Youth Education Committee has

also planned an exciting year filled with learning opportunities for our children from toddlers to teens. This year, for the first time, we will have a Family Learning Experience on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. We are fortunate to have Rabbi Amy Bolton lead these experiences in our library. All are welcome!

Hebrew School begins right after Rosh Hashanah, on September 9. The sukkah sleepover for all children will be on September 22, and PJ Library will begin again with a gathering in the sukkah on September 23. We are also refreshing our Shabbat morning children's services. And we have just hired a team of youth advisors to reenergize our programs for pre-teens and teens. So bring your children and grandchildren—and invite friends—to join us for youth activities.

We are renewing our joy in praying together—every day, every Shabbat, and every Yom Tov. We will usher in our High Holy Days with Selihot on Saturday, August 31, and continue through Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Hoshanah Rabbah, Shemini Atzeret, and Simhat Torah! Our Readers and Leaders Committee has been preparing for meaningful and melodic services. We look forward to davening together during the High Holy Days and throughout the year. Please renew your commitment to join the minyan whenever you can.

We are renewing opportunities to participate in activities together. Visit our current art exhibit, "Today I Am," to learn about the history of Bar and Bat Mitzvah rituals and see what some of our members looked like years ago. Join us at Book Club discussions, and participate in our varied Hesed projects. Renew your participation in Or Zarua activities.

We are renewing our connections with one another. Eating together is a traditional way to connect. Come and eat in the sukkah! There are many opportunities to eat lunch or dinner, and even sushi, in the sukkah. You also can eat with Abe Foxman, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League, on September 24, and hear his thoughts on important topics of the day.

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Introducing Helene Santo

New Executive Director of Congregation Or Zarua

JONATHAN ELLENBERG



Helene Santo is thrilled to be joining Congregation Or Zarua as

Executive Director. She comes to OZ after 13 years with the Academy

for Jewish Religion, a rabbinical and cantorial school now located in Yonkers, New York. As Director of Operations, Helene managed the academic records and financial operations of the Academy, along with the website, the physical facility, and the computer network.

Helene grew up in a Conservative

family in St. Louis, where she was active in Jewish youth groups and synagogue activities. After earning a B.A. in Spanish from Drake University, she received her M.B.A. from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

In 1981, she moved to 82nd Street on the Upper East Side to begin a 16-year career at Chase Manhattan Bank (now JPMorgan Chase), where she had credit and lending responsibility for various industries.

In the early 1980s, before Congregation Or Zarua existed, she moved to Brooklyn and joined Park Slope Jewish Center. At PSJC, a small, participatory,

egalitarian Conservative congregation, she has served on the Board, tutored children for Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and led Junior Congregation and Teen Torah for many years. She met her husband, Matthew Ellenberg, at Park Slope Jewish Center, and together they have raised three children, two sons and a daughter who are now 26, 22, and 19. She and her beagle, Maxwell, are a therapy dog team with the Good Dog Foundation.

She looks forward to meeting everyone. Please stop by and say hello. You may contact Helene by email at hsanto@orzarua.org or phone 212-452-2310, extension 14.

TALMUD CLASS

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Talmud class will resume on Wednesday, October 9 at 7:30 p.m. with Rabbi Bolton. This year, we will be studying Chapter 16 of Masekhet Shabbat (Artscroll Shabbat Vol. 4 or Koren Steinsaltz Shabbat Vol. 2).

Anyone may join the class at any time; it is not necessary to have participated in Talmud class previously to join the class now.

Please note the new start time for the class of 7:30 p.m.

No prior knowledge of Talmud, Hebrew, or Aramaic is required.

SIDDUR CLASS:

History, Meaning, and Commentaries on the Jewish Prayer Book

Thursdays, 8:30–9:30 a.m., beginning October 10, in the OZ social hall

Congregation Or Zarua's siddur class, taught by Rabbi Bolton, studies the history of laws about teachings and approaches to Jewish prayer. Prior knowledge is not required.

President's Message

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Connect with us throughout the year at breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. And connect by joining us to celebrate our love of Israel with new programs that bring to life the culture, food, arts, sciences, and bounty of Israel.

The coming year will be a highlight in Or Zarua's history—our silver anniversary! Join us as we celebrate our past and plan for our future.

Hadeish Yameinu! Renew our days!
I wish you and your family a happy, healthy, peaceful, and prosperous New Year!
L'Shanah Tovah!



HELENE SANTO

EAST SIDE TORAH LEARNING COALITION. On Rosh Hodesh Elul, Or Zarua hosted over 80 people for the second of two panel discussions in preparation for the High Holy Days. The panel—moderated by Rabbi Scott Bolton (Or Zarua) and consisting of Rabbis Rachel Ain (Sutton Place), Jonathan Stein (Shaaray Tefila), and Benjamin Skydell (Orach Chaim)—dealt with the question “Apples, Honey and Sin: Does God Love Us or Judge Us on the High Holy Days?” Save the date for the next East Side Torah Learning Coalition event, on the seventh night of Hanukkah, Tuesday, December 3.

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES 5774/2013

Wednesday, September 4

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Evening 6:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m.
Congregation Or Zarua

Thursday, September 5

First Day Rosh Hashanah

Morning 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Wallace Hall

Tashlikh 6:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.
Central Park, south end of Reservoir

Evening 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Congregation Or Zarua

Friday, September 6

Second Day Rosh Hashanah

Morning 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Wallace Hall

Minhah/ Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m.
Congregation Or Zarua

Saturday, September 7

Shabbat Shuvah

Shaharit 9:00 a.m.
Congregation Or Zarua

Friday, September 13

Erev Yom Kippur

Minhah 1:30 p.m.–1:55 p.m.
Congregation Or Zarua

Kol Nidre 6:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
Wallace Hall

Saturday, September 14

Yom Kippur/Yizkor

Services 9:00 a.m.–7:57 p.m.
Wallace Hall

• **Service Locations** •

Congregation Or Zarua
127 East 82nd Street
between Lexington and Park Avenues

Wallace Hall
west side of Park Avenue
between 83rd and 84th Streets

Tickets are required for all services.

High Holy Days 5774/2013

Information regarding tickets, service schedules, and locations



For our High Holy Day services, we will again use Wallace Hall, located on the lower level of St. Ignatius Loyola Church, on the west side of Park Avenue between 83rd and 84th Streets. Last year, we found that Wallace Hall held all of us comfortably, with a central bimah and unassigned seating on three sides. Wallace Hall is also conveniently located close to our building on East 82nd Street.

This year, Or Zarua will be offering three types of services for the High Holy Days: our main service, led by Rabbi Scott Bolton; children’s services, divided by age; and a Family Learning Experience, led by Rabbi Amy Bolton. Children’s services will be held on both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. There will also be a children’s service on Kol Nidre for children ages 5–12. Please note that children ages 2–4 years old must be accompanied by no more than one parent. Teenagers are encouraged to attend the main

service. Please review the High Holy Day schedules, shown on pages 6 and 7, for all service times and locations.

The Family Learning Experience, led by Rabbi Amy Bolton, is designed for the entire family: children of all ages and their parents. The Family Learning Experience is not a drop-off service for children. It will be held in the Or Zarua library on East 82nd Street on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Grandparents are also invited. Times and locations are shown on the schedule on page 7.

The schedule for all main services for the High Holy Days will be printed on the reverse side of your ticket. Remember to bring your ticket with you to all services.

Membership bills have been mailed to each household. Tickets were mailed to all members in good standing in August. Please call the synagogue office with questions regarding your membership. Note that all children through the age of 22 are included in family membership; children ages 23 and above are required to have guest tickets. To purchase guest tickets, please call the synagogue office.

High Holy Day Family Learning Experience

with Rabbi Amy Bolton, for families with children of all ages, in the Or Zarua library at East 82nd Street

Added something different to your High Holy Days by attending the Family Learning Experience with Rabbi Amy Bolton on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur morning. Join with other families for prayer, music, interactive discussion, and parent-child learning. In these interactive groups, you will have the opportunity to:

- Learn new tunes and explanations for key holiday prayers.
- Explore the central themes and

stories of the Torah and Haftarah readings.

- Engage in group discussion and parent-child learning on themes of the High Holy Day season.

The Family Learning Experience will provide parents the opportunity to share these special days with their children in a new way. Grandparents are also invited. Please note this is not a drop-off group. Families with children of diverse ages are welcome. For more information, please contact Rabbi Amy Bolton at rabamy@gmail.com.

High Holy Day Tshuvah

“Rated R: Repentance in American Film and Jewish Cinema”

with Dr. Eric Goldman on Tuesday, September 10, 7:30 p.m.



Eric Goldman

Eric Goldman, Ph.D., will be discussing his recent book, *The American Jewish Story Through Cinema*, on Tuesday, September 10, at 7:30 p.m.



Dr. Goldman, who received his doctorate in cinema studies from New York University, is founder and president of Ergo Media, a publishing company that specializes in Jewish and Israeli video.

An adjunct professor of film studies at Yeshiva University and a film reviewer for *The Jewish Standard*, he specializes in Yiddish, Israeli, and Jewish film. His past experiences include serving as director of the Jewish Media Service and curator of film at YIVO, the Center for Jewish History, and Yeshiva University. He was a member of the Educational Advisory Committee of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Goldman's latest book discusses the relationship of American Jews with the cinema. American film production has been strongly influenced by Jews and has portrayed Jews in a variety of ways since the first half of the 20th century. An interview with Dr. Goldman appears in the April 2013 issue of *YUNews* of Yeshiva University. The link is blogs.yu.edu/news/2013/04/23/from-al-jolson-to-woody-allen/#more-13599.

The title of Dr. Goldman's presentation, “Rated R: Repentance in American Film and Jewish Cinema” is in keeping with the theme of the Days of Awe.

For your convenience, Or Zarua, in collaboration with the East 86th Street Barnes and Noble, will be selling Dr. Goldman's text book for the publisher's list price. The book will be available in the synagogue office two weeks prior to the event and at the event itself. Please contact Helene Santo at 212-452-2310, extension 14, or hsanto@orzarua.org to reserve a copy.

Or Zarua invites everyone to this High Holy Day Tshuvah program. Members are encouraged to invite non-members to this event.

OR ZARUA YOUTH HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES 5774/2013

Rosh Hashanah • Choice of Services

Family Learning Experience with Rabbi Amy Bolton

Friday, September 6 (Second Day)
10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Congregation Or Zarua

For children of all ages and their parents. Grandparents welcome.

Children's Services

Thursday, September 5 (First Day)

Friday, September 6 (Second Day)
10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Wallace Hall

First Day: Ages 2–4, 5–8, and 9–12

Second Day: Ages 2–6 and 7–12

Children ages 2–4 must be accompanied by no more than one parent.

Kol Nidre

Friday, September 13
6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

Ages 5–12: **Wallace Hall**

Yom Kippur • Choice of Services

Family Learning Experience with Rabbi Amy Bolton

Saturday, September 14
10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Congregation Or Zarua

For children of all ages and their parents. Grandparents welcome.

Children's Services

Saturday, September 14
10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Wallace Hall

Two groups: Ages 2–6 and 7–12

Children ages 2–4 must be accompanied by no more than one parent.

• Service Locations •

Congregation Or Zarua

127 East 82nd Street
between Lexington and Park Avenues

Wallace Hall

west side of Park Avenue
between 83rd and 84th Streets

Tickets are required for all services.

Children not participating in the Children's Services or the Family Learning Experience are welcome to join their parents in the main service. Youth of Bar and Bat Mitzvah age and above should attend the main service.

SHANAH TOVAH KIDDUSH LUNCH ON SHABBAT SHUVAH

Congregation Or Zarua welcomes everyone back to our sanctuary for the High Holy Days with a Happy New Year Kiddush lunch, immediately after services on Shabbat Shuvah, Saturday, September 7.

RABBI SILBER WITH OZ AT PESAH

Rabbi David Silber, who has traditionally led a study session at OZ during the Days of Awe, will instead be joining us at Pesah. He will discuss his new book, *A Passover Haggadah: Go Forth and Learn*. More details will be available in the March/April issue of the *Or Zarua Newsletter*.

ADDITIONAL HIGH HOLY DAY TICKETS Guest tickets for all High Holy Day services are \$360 each for ages 13 and up, and \$180 for ages 5-12. To order, contact Luisa Paulino at lpaulino@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, extension 10.

Eating in the Sukkah

Reserved dinner, free kiddush lunches, and “bring your own” events

It is a mitzvah to eat in the sukkah during the Festival of Sukkot. Or Zarua is offering congregants several opportunities to have lunch or dinner in the sukkah on the roof of our building.

Dinner on Erev Sukkot

Wednesday, September 18
7:15 p.m. promptly

This meal requires reservations.

\$40 for adults, \$20 for children ages 5–12, no charge for children under 5.

RSVP by Wednesday, September 11.

Three Free Kiddush Lunches

Thursday, September 19

Friday, September 20

Saturday, September 21

Immediately after services

No reservation required for free lunches.

Hol Hamoed Sukkot Dinner

Tuesday, September 24

6:00 p.m. promptly

This meal requires reservations, and is for

Or Zarua members only.

RSVP by Tuesday, September 17.

There is no charge for the meal.

Generously sponsored by Steve Rayport and Marcia Kalin.

“Bring Your Own” Dinner

You bring dinner and all service items, including beverages, plates, cups, napkins, and utensils. For Shabbat dinner on Friday, September 20, Or Zarua will provide challah and dessert. All food brought to the sukkah must be kosher. Congregants must call the Or Zarua office in advance if they plan to eat in the sukkah, and include the number of people in your group when you make the reservation for “Bring Your Own” Dinner.

To dine in the sukkah at times other than those listed above, please notify the synagogue office and conclude your evening meal by 9:00 p.m. To make reservations for any event, call the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 39, or email Deborah Wenger at dwenger@orzarua.org.

ETROGIM AND LULAVIM FOR SUKKOT

The joyous holiday of Sukkot begins Wednesday evening, September 18. Congregation Or Zarua will again arrange for the purchase of etrogim and lulavim. All orders are delivered in complete sets: etrog in a box, lulav with hadassim, and aravot in a bag.

Three sets, each certified for use on Sukkot, are available:

- Special Set (Aleph), \$75.00 each
- Choice Set (Bet), \$65.00 each
- Standard Set (Gimmel), \$55.00 each
- Extra set of Hoshanot-Hadassim-Aravot, \$7.50 each

If you wish to purchase a set, contact Deborah Wenger at 212-452-2310, extension 12, or dwenger@orzarua.org, by noon on Monday, September 9. We cannot accept any orders without payment. Sets will be available for pickup between Yom Kippur and Sukkot on a date to be determined.

SLEEP IN THE SUKKAH

Saturday, September 21

All Or Zarua children are invited to participate in the mitzvah of sleeping in the sukkah starting after Shabbat at 7:45 p.m. A pizza dinner will be served, followed by a “make your own ice cream sundae” for dessert. There will also be Ping-Pong, pool, foosball, board games, and a movie.

RSVP to Ilana Burgess at iburgess@orzarua.org by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12.

SUKKOT SERVICES 5774/2013

Wednesday, September 18

Erev Sukkot

Evening 6:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m.

Thursday, September 19

First Day Sukkot

Morning 9:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Evening 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Friday, September 20

Second Day Sukkot

Morning 9:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Evening 6:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m.

Saturday, September 21

Shabbat Hol Hamoed

Shaharit 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday, September 25

Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning 7:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Erev Shemini Atzeret

Evening 6:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m.

Thursday, September 26

Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor

Morning 9:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Erev Simhat Torah

Evening 7:00 p.m.–8:15 p.m.

Friday, September 27

Simhat Torah

Morning 9:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

DINNER IN THE SUKKAH

**Erev Sukkot,
Wednesday, September 18**

Services begin at 6:15 p.m.

Dinner promptly at 7:15 p.m.

Please make dinner reservations by 5:00 p.m. on

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, at 212-452-2310, extension 39, or www.orzarua.org

\$40 adults, \$20 children ages 5–12, no charge for children under 5.

Sushi in the Sukkah

OZ's young members to gather on Sunday, September 22, 4:00 p.m.

Kugels, briskets, and harvest vegetables might be a more familiar menu at a traditional Sukkot meal, but convention has been shaken since Or Zarua began hosting its annual "Sushi in the Sukkah" event. Young members and their friends gather in the rooftop sukkah on a Sunday afternoon to enjoy pleasant conversation and munch on various culinary treats while lounging in the shade of the schach.

"Sushi in the Sukkah" attracts young families, couples, and singles. Although the majority of participants are Or Zarua members, many attendees are first-time visitors to the synagogue, who later join our community for other events and holiday celebrations. In this way, we hope to make Congregation Or Zarua known as a vibrant center among the young Jewish



Young families, couples, and singles socialized on a beautiful Hol Hamoed Sunday in Or Zarua's rooftop sukkah.

professionals of the Upper East Side.

We are looking forward to our fourth annual "Sushi in the Sukkah" event on Sunday, September 22, at 4:00 p.m. Please spread the word and help us make this year's event another success.

HOL HAMOED SUKKAH DINNER

Tuesday, September 24
6:00 p.m.

Please make dinner reservations by **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**, 5:00 p.m., at 212-452-2310, extension 39, or www.orzarua.org.

This dinner is for OZ members only, and there is no charge.

Generously sponsored by Steve Rayort and Marcia Kalin.

SIMHAT TORAH KIDDUSH LUNCH

Friday, September 27
Immediately following services

Please join us as we approach the end of a meaningful holiday season.

No reservation is required.

Hol Hamoed Sukkot with Abraham Foxman

"Addressing Today's Hot Topics," Tuesday, September 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the OZ sanctuary

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE



Abraham Foxman, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League, will be speaking at Or Zarua during Hol Hamoed

Sukkot on Tuesday, September 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the OZ sanctuary. A lawyer, he is well known in the fight against anti-Semitism. He has challenged—with rea-

son, speech, writing, and endless energy—government leaders, entertainers, and other people of note around the world who have been involved in acts, policies, and words of anti-Semitism.

Born in Poland, and raised Catholic by his nursemaid while his parents were forced to live in a ghetto, Mr. Foxman moved with his parents to Brooklyn in 1950. He graduated from Yeshiva of Flatbush and City University (B.S. in political science), and received a J.D. from the

NYU School of Law. He did graduate work at JTS in Judaic studies and at the New School in international economics. He is fluent in several languages.

Mr. Foxman has won many awards; had numerous audiences with three Popes, most recently with the newly installed Pope Francis; and met and consulted with many world leaders, including U.S. presidents.

His presentation, "Addressing Today's Hot Topics," is open to all.

ADDITIONAL YOUTH SUKOT EVENTS

PJ Library in the Sukkah

Sunday, September 22 • noon

Arts, crafts, dancing, singing, pizza, and a story read by Rabbi Bolton. RSVP to Ilana Burgess at iburgess@orzarua.org by noon, Wednesday, September 18.

Hebrew School Dinner in the Sukkah

Monday, September 23 • 5:30 p.m.

RSVP to Ilana Burgess at iburgess@orzarua.org by noon, Wednesday, September 18.

Children's Simhat Torah Celebration

Thursday, September 26 • 6:00 p.m.

Prior to Minhah

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 • 26 Elul 8:45 am Selihot and Minyan	2 • 27 Labor Day 8:45 am Selihot and Minyan <i>Office closed</i>	3 • 28 7:00 am Selihot and Minyan	4 • 29 Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:00 am Selihot and Minyan 1:00 pm Office closes 6:15 pm Evening Service (Or Zarua) 7:07 Candlelighting	5 • 1 Tishri Rosh Hashanah I 8:30 am Shaharit (Wallace Hall) 6:00 pm Tashlikh (in Central Park) 7:00 pm Evening Service (Or Zarua) Light candles after 8:05 pm	6 • 2 Rosh Hashanah II 8:30 am Shaharit (Wallace Hall) 6:15 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat (Or Zarua) 7:03 pm Candlelighting	7 • 3 Shabbat Shuvah 9:00 am Shaharit Shanah Tovah Kiddush Lunch Ha'azinu 8:08 pm Shabbat ends
8 • 4 Fast of Gedaliah 8:45 am Selihot and Minyan	9 • 5 7:00 am Selihot and Minyan Hebrew School begins	10 • 6 7:00 am Selihot and Minyan 7:30 pm High Holy Day Tshuvah Lecture with Eric Goldman	11 • 7 7:00 am Selihot and Minyan	12 • 8 7:00 am Selihot and Minyan	13 • 9 Erev Yom Kippur 7:00 am Selihot and Minyan 1:30 pm Minhah 6:30 pm Kol Nidre (Wallace Hall) 6:52 pm Candlelighting	14 • 10 Yom Kippur/Yizkor 9:00 am –7:57 pm Yom Kippur Services Yizkor (Wallace Hall) 7:57 pm Shabbat/ Yom Kippur ends
15 • 11 8:45 am Minyan 7:30 pm Bir'nana rehearsal	16 • 12 7:15 am Minyan	17 • 13 7:15 am Minyan	18 • 14 Erev Sukkot 7:15 am Minyan <i>Hebrew School closed</i> 1:00 pm Office closes 6:15 pm Minhah/Ma'ariv 6:43 pm Candlelighting 7:15 pm Dinner in Sukkah	19 • 15 Sukkot First Day 9:00 am Shaharit Kiddush in Sukkah 7:00 pm Minhah/Ma'ariv Light candles after 7:40 pm <i>Office closed</i>	20 • 16 Sukkot Second Day 9:00 am Shaharit Kiddush in the Sukkah 6:15 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:40 pm Candlelighting "Bring Your Own" Dinner <i>Office closed</i>	21 • 17 Shabbat Hol Hamoed 8:45 am Shaharit Kiddush in the Sukkah 7:45 pm Shabbat ends 7:45 pm Hebrew School Sleep in the Sukkah
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29 • 25 8:45 am Minyan 7:30 pm Bir'nana rehearsal	30 • 26 7:15 am Minyan					

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 • 27 Tishri 7:15 am Minyan 7:00 pm Context Seminar	2 • 28 7:15 am Minyan	3 • 29 7:15 am Minyan	4 • 30 Rosh Hodesh Heshvan 7:00 am Minyan 6:00 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:16 pm Candlelighting	5 • 1 Rosh Hodesh Heshvan 9:00 am Shaharit Noah Bat Mitzvah of Esther Katz 7:21 pm Shabbat ends
6 • 2 8:45 am Minyan 7:30 pm Bir'nana rehearsal	7 • 3 7:15 am Minyan	8 • 4 7:15 am Minyan 7:00 pm Context Seminar	9 • 5 7:15 am Minyan 7:30 pm Talmud Class	10 • 6 7:15 am Minyan 8:30 am Siddur Class	11 • 7 7:15 am Minyan 6:00 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:05 pm Candlelighting	12 • 8 9:00 am Shaharit Lekh-Lekha 7:10 pm Shabbat ends
13 • 9 8:45 am Minyan 7:30 pm Bir'nana rehearsal	14 • 10 Columbus Day 8:45 am Minyan <i>Hebrew School closed</i>	15 • 11 7:15 am Minyan 7:00 pm Context Seminar	16 • 12 7:15 am Minyan 7:30 pm Talmud Class	17 • 13 7:15 am Minyan 8:30 am Siddur Class	18 • 14 7:15 am Minyan 5:54 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm Oseh Shabbat Dinner for Hebrew School Families	19 • 15 9:00 am Shaharit Vayera 6:59 pm Shabbat ends
20 • 16 8:45 am Minyan 10:00 am Tahara Training 7:30 pm Author Speaks with Eric Kandel	21 • 17 7:15 am Minyan	22 • 18 7:15 am Minyan 7:00 pm Context Seminar	23 • 19 7:15 am Minyan 7:30 pm Talmud Class	25 • 20 7:15 am Minyan 8:30 am Siddur Class	26 • 21 7:15 am Minyan 5:44 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	27 • 22 9:00 am Shaharit Haye Sarah 6:49 pm Shabbat ends
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OR ZARUA ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

The Oral History committee, chaired by Mimi Alperin, continues to collect materials, such as memories and artifacts, from the early days of Congregation Or Zarua. If you have a submission for the Oral History Project, please contact Caroline Golden at caroline@carolinegolden.com or Gerry Solomon at gsolomon2@aol.com. Questions should be directed to Meredith Katz at mekatz@jtsa.edu.

Bir'nana

OZ's a cappella group

You may have heard members of Or Zarua practicing songs quietly to themselves over the past several months. Soon you will have the pleasure of hearing the fruits of their labor, as a group of congregants comes together to sing robustly in unison, bereft of musical accompaniment but rich in spirit.

Or Zarua's first a cappella group—aptly named Bir'nana (“with joyous song”)—was launched several months ago, and has been hard at work ever since preparing for its initial performance in the near future. Bound by a common love of vibrant Jewish music and by a desire to animate congregational events with joyous singing, the group has met regularly on Sunday evenings, including during the summer, to rehearse its repertoire. With inspiring musical leadership provided by fellow congregants, Bir'nana participants have enjoyed developing their singing skills and enthusiasm, and look forward to sharing their collective efforts with the Or Zarua community. Stay tuned for announcements of Bir'nana's inaugural performance, which hopefully will be followed by subsequent singing sessions throughout the year.

If you are interested in joining Bir'nana, please contact Marc Ashley at mashley@chadbourne.com. We look forward to singing for and with you.

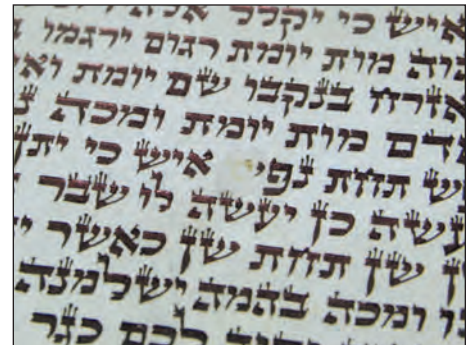
Every Letter Counts

Replacing a missing vav in a Torah

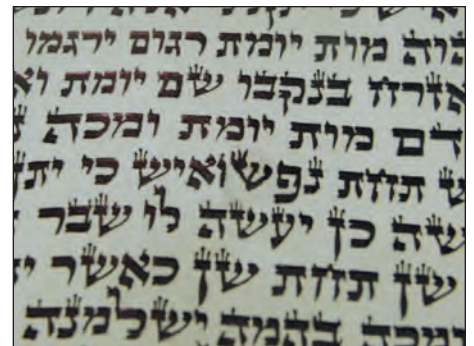


GERRY SOLOMON

One of our Torah Scrolls was declared passul. The letter vav was missing from a word in Vayikra 24:19 (Parshat Emor). Rabbi Bolton (left) is shown identifying the problem to the Sofer, Rabbi Aaron Lichter.



Pinpointing the location of the missing vav (left). Space was made for the missing vav by removing part of a shin (right). A slightly smaller shin will take its place.



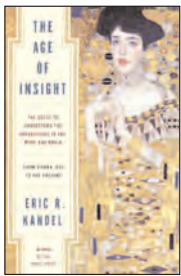
The Sofer at work with a quill (left). The end result is the word with all its letters (right). Since the verse was fixed, the Torah Scroll was made kosher.

Author Speaks Series

New program inviting authors to discuss their recent books

Or Zarua's Author Speaks Series is a new program inviting authors of recently published and well-received books of note to discuss their works. This series is open to all, both members and non-members.

Eric Kandel, *The Age of Insight*, Sunday, October 20, 7:30 p.m.



The series will begin on October 20 with Columbia University Professor Eric Kandel, co-winner of the 2000 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, director of the Center for Neurobiology and Behavior at Columbia, and senior investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Dr. Kandel will be discussing his latest book, *The Age of Insight*, which presents his thoughts on the relationship between art and the human mind. Dr. Kandel discusses how both the Vienna School of Medicine and the Vienna School of Art were influenced, beginning at the turn of the 20th century, by the artists Gustav Klimt, Oskar Kokoschka, and Egon Schiele; the writer Arthur Schnitzler; and the father of psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud. The journey in this book takes the reader to modern-day concepts of how the mind works.

A review of Dr. Kandel's book can be found in the Summer 2012 issue of *Columbia Magazine* using the link magazine.columbia.edu/features/summer-2012/your-brain-klimt.

Shirley Graetz, *She Wrote on Clay*, Sunday, October 27, 7:30 p.m.

On October 27, newly minted Ph.D. Shirley Graetz (2013, Ben Gurion University of the Negev) will present her novel, *She Wrote in Clay*, which is to be published this October. It is about Ittani, a female scribe who lived in Mesopotamia 3,800 years ago. Although a novel, the book is based on Assyrian history and culture, and uses original Akkadian



material to develop the story. Dr. Graetz, an expert on the lives of women in Mesopotamia, teaches history of Ancient Israel and the Ancient Near East. She will be making her presentation with visual material of archaeological artifacts and reading of ancient texts.

Ruth Wisse, *No Joke*, Sunday, November 3, 7:30 p.m.



Our third author, Dr. Ruth Wisse, is well known to Congregation Or Zarua; she has presented two Lucy Dawidowicz lectures. On November 3, Dr. Wisse, Martin Peretz Professor of Yiddish Literature and Professor of Comparative Literature at Harvard University and winner of a National Jewish Book Award, will be discussing her latest book, *No Joke*. This book is a scholarly approach to the role of humor and satire in Jewish history, culture, and political life. Although you will be thinking of many Jewish jokes and Jewish comedians during the presentation, the role of stereotype and anti-Semitism will be part of the discussion.

You can read Daniel Klein's review of *No Joke* in the July-August, 2013 issue of *Harvard Magazine* at harvardmagazine.com/2013/07/jewish-jokes-theoretically.

For your convenience, OZ, in collaboration with the East 86th Street Barnes and Noble, will be selling each book in the Author Speaks Series for the publisher's list price. This price includes a donation to Or Zarua. The books will be available in the synagogue office two weeks prior to each event and at the event itself. Please contact Helene Santo at 212-452-2310, extension 14, or hsanto@orzarua.org to reserve a copy.

Please invite non-members to each of these events. We hope to see you there.



CHARLIE SPIELHOLZ

NOW SHOWING IN THE OZ GALLERY. The ice sculpture from the June 6 exhibit opening has melted. However, you can still enjoy viewing "Today I Am: Jewish Coming of Age Rituals" by visiting the Or Zarua Gallery.

THE FORGOTTEN PEOPLE FUND



Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of an anonymous congregant, Or Zarua has raised \$10,000 to help impoverished Ethiopian olim (immigrants) in Israel. OZ donors matched a \$5,000 challenge grant dollar for dollar to benefit The Forgotten People Fund (FPF), a nonprofit agency set up in 1998 in Israel to help Ethiopian families in Netanya. Led by volunteers, FPF has provided support to hundreds of people in need of food, housing, and educational assistance. For additional information about ways you can help, please visit www.fpf.org.il.

EDITOR'S NOTE

If you have an idea or article that is suitable for publication in the *OZ Newsletter*, please contact Charlie Spielholz at cssrs@earthlink.net. All copy for the November/December 2013 issue is due by Monday, October 5.

Hesed Events and Programs

“The world exists for the sake of kindness.”—Rashi

Salvation Deliverance Church

● “Pre-owned” adult and children’s clothing, toys, dolls, games, and related items can be put to good use by the many transitional homeless residents in the South Bronx, including single, jobless mothers and their children, as well as unemployed men. OZ partners with Salvation Deliverance Church, whose members are housekeepers caring for their own local needy.

Butterfly and Hummingbird Garden

● “Green thumbs” are needed from spring through fall to help care for Ronald McDonald House’s 7th Floor Terrace Butterfly and Hummingbird Garden.

Home Visit Volunteers

● Volunteer to visit and cheer ill or home-bound Or Zarua congregants.

Monday Night Pasta and Salad at NCS

● Or Zarua congregants serve hot food

and good cheer to men and women with a range of mental health and addiction issues at the Neighborhood Coalition Shelter’s East 81st Street Residence on the last two Mondays of each month from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m., when the residents’ government checks are depleted.

Ronald McDonald House

● Children come from across the U.S. and around the world to undergo serious medical treatment at New York City hospitals. Many reside with their families at Ronald McDonald House and have no local support system of friends or relatives. The chaplain at Ronald McDonald House alerts us when OZ may be of service to Jewish families who may require kosher meals, synagogue services, and other assistance.

To participate in any of these Hesed programs, please contact Richard Stadin at stadin1@aol.com or 212-879-0448.

RABBI WECHSLER TEACHES ON SIRIUS XM RADIO

Sundays at 5:00 a.m, 7:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m.



Rabbi Wechsler can be heard on SiriusXM Stars Channel three times each Sunday. Subscribers to SiriusXM Satellite Radio can access “Rabbi Wechsler Teaches” on Channel 107. Nonsubscribers can obtain a free, three-day trial at www.siriusxm.com.



Wini Cudjoe, Director of Operations, Ronald McDonald House, sent a thank you note (left) for the donation of chemo caps (right). These caps, knitted in a range of sizes by the OZ Crafts Club, fit children of all ages, including babies and teenagers. For information about the Crafts Club, please call the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 12. For information about ongoing Hesed activities, please see the column above.

WWW.ORZARUA.ORG

Keep up to date with Congregation Or Zarua by checking out our website, www.orzarua.org. All current and future events and synagogue activities are posted.

Some of the many resources on the Or Zarua website include upcoming events, service schedules, current art gallery shows, minyan sign-up, guest speaker presentations, and much more. So take a moment to explore www.orzarua.org!

TORAH READERS NEEDED

If you are able to read Torah or haftarah and would like to do so on a Shabbat, please contact Marc Ashley at mashley@chadbourne.com or Jay Palmer at jpalmer@nyc.rr.com. You may also sign up online at www.orzarua.org by clicking “Reading Torah” under the “Pray” heading.

OZ MINYAN Contact Sheldon Adler at sadler@skadden.com or choose “Daily Minyan” under the “Pray” menu on www.orzarua.org to sign up for a day or two each month.

Tahara Training at Or Zarua

with Rabbi Zohn, a leading authority, October 20, 10:00 a.m.

One of the most solemn—some say “awesome”—rituals performed by the Hevra Kadisha is Tahara, the purification of the body before burial. It is usually performed shortly before the funeral. The deceased is washed, cleansed, ritually purified, and then dressed in shrouds—linen garments, modeled on those worn by the High Priest in Temple times on Yom Kippur. Prayers asking for the forgiveness of the deceased and soul’s eternal peace are offered. In a symbolic way, the deceased leaves the world in the same condition as he or she entered it.

Or Zarua’s Hevra Kadisha has been called upon to perform this mitzvah several times in the past few years, usually with assistance from Hevra members at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun (KJ). Only those who have been trained in the proper

procedures to be followed are permitted to perform Tahara. The need to increase the number of qualified participants is urgent.

Rabbi Elchonon Zohn, the head of the Hevra Kadisha in Queens and Long Island, under the auspices of the Vaad Harabonim of Queens, and Director of The National Association of Chevra Kadisha, is a leading authority on the principles and practice of Tahara. On Sunday, October 20, at 10:00 a.m., Rabbi Zohn will conduct a training session and demonstration at Or Zarua.

All Or Zarua congregants—whether members of the Hevra Kadisha or not—are encouraged to attend. We are also inviting members of Manhattan synagogues with whom we have had a cooperative relationship in regard to Tahara training and support to join us on October 20. Further details may be found at www.orzarua.org. —GERRY SOLOMON



HARVEY BRENNER

A view of the Or Zarua cemetery section.

OZ Cemetery Gravesites for members

The Or Zarua section of Beth El Cemetery is located in Washington Township (Bergen County), New Jersey, just 10 miles away from the George Washington Bridge. Beth El Cemetery is well maintained and landscaped with trees and shrubs. The cemetery’s design provides a serene and beautiful final resting place that reflects the values and aesthetics of Congregation Or Zarua. Gravesites within the Or Zarua section are available for sale solely to members of our congregation. Burial is limited to persons of the Jewish faith. For information concerning gravesite purchases, please contact the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 14.

LIFE EVENTS AT OR ZARUA

A community such as ours shares good times and bad with its members. When something good happens in your family—birth, graduation, engagement, or marriage—let us share your joy. When something bad happens—illness, hospitalization, or a death in your family—let us share your burden.

Sometimes people are reluctant to communicate these issues on their own. If you know of a member who is coping with illness or loss, please contact the OZ office at 212-452-2310, extension 12, so that Rabbi Bolton can be informed.

WELCOMING GUESTS AT OR ZARUA

As a community, it is important for us to make guests and new members at our services and kiddushim feel comfortable and welcome. If you are seated next to someone whom you do not know or see a new face at kiddush, please reach out and introduce yourself. Making this effort is consistent with our culture and will repay dividends.



CHARLIE SPIELHOLZ

WHITE BASEBALL CAPS emblazoned with Or Zarua’s name and logo are available for an \$18 donation. Supply is limited. Call the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 12, to obtain one.

CONGREGATION OR ZARUA OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

The Or Zarua office is closed Saturday and Sunday, as well as on Jewish and federal holidays.

Hebrew Language Class

by Mark Somerstein

Mark Somerstein will teach a class on the siddur, establishing a lexicon of prayer, ritual, and ceremony. In addition to exploring deriva-

tions, the class will ultimately lead to modern Hebrew.

Beginning on Thursday, January 16, the class will meet on consecutive Thursdays (with the exception of January

23), for a total of seven sessions.

For additional information or to sign up for the class, please contact Mark at 646-303-1076 or the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 12.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK. Please look for Congregation Or Zarua on Facebook and "Like" us. It will help spread the word about us!

Family and Youth Activities

September 2012

Tuesday, September 10 • 7:30 p.m.

HIGH HOLY DAY TSHUVAH

Eric Goldman, Ph.D., "Rated R:

Repentance in American Film and Jewish Cinema." See page 5 for details.

Wednesday, September 18 • after services

DINNER IN THE SUKKAH

RSVP required. See page 6 for details.

All other nights of Sukkot, you may bring your own dinner. See page 6 for details.

Thursday, September 19 • 12:30 p.m.

Friday, September 20 • 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 21 • 12:30 p.m.

FREE KIDDUSH LUNCH IN THE SUKKAH

See page 6 for details.

Saturday, September 21 • 7:45 p.m.

SLEEP IN THE SUKKAH

RSVP required. See page 6 for details.

Sunday, September 22 • noon

PJ LIBRARY IN THE SUKKAH

Arts, crafts, dancing, singing, pizza, and a story read by Rabbi Bolton.

RSVP required. See page 7 for details.

Monday, September 23 • 5:30 p.m.

HEBREW SCHOOL DINNER

IN THE SUKKAH

RSVP required. See page 7 for details.

Tuesday, September 24 • 7:30- p.m.

SUKKOT WITH ABRAHAM FOXMAN

"Addressing Today's Hot Topics"

See page 7 for details.

Thursday, September 26 • 6:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

See page 7 for details.

Friday, September 27 • 12:30 p.m.

SIMCHAT TORAH KIDDUSH LUNCH

See page 7 for details.

October 2012

Friday, October 18 • 6:00 p.m.

OSEH SHABBAT: LET'S DO SHABBAT

Dinner for Hebrew School Families

See below for details.

Sunday, October 27 • 3:00 p.m.

PJ LIBRARY

Visit Abraham and Sarah's tent with a reading of "Why Sarah Laughed."

HEBREW SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 2013

Mon 9 First day of school

Wed 11 Classes in session

Mon 16 Classes in session
B'nai Jeshurun

Wed 18 Erev Sukkot
(no classes)

Mon 23 School in session
Dinner in the Sukkah,
5:30 p.m.

Wed 25 Erev Shemini Atzeret
(no classes)

Mon 30 Classes in session

October 2013

Wed 2 Classes in session

Mon 7 Classes in session

Wed 9 Classes in session

Mon 14 Columbus Day
(no classes)

Wed 16 Classes in session

Mon 21 Classes in session

Wed 23 Classes in session

Mon 28 Classes in session

Wed 30 Classes in session
Visiting the Elderly

November 2013

Mon 4 Classes in session

Wed 6 Classes in session

Mon 11 Veterans Day
(no classes)

Wed 13 Classes in session

Mon 18 Classes in session

Wed 20 Classes in session

Mon 25 Classes in session

Wed 17 Erev Thanksgiving
(no classes)

OSEH SHABBAT: LET'S DO SHABBAT

Program for OZ Hebrew School Families

Friday, October 18, 6:00 p.m

Rabbi Bolton and Youth Education Director Ilana Burgess will be leading a unique program for Hebrew School families, beginning with a casual Shabbat dinner at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be intermingled with prayers, stories, and songs familiar to Or Zarua Hebrew School students. The cost will be \$18 per adult or child above age 6. Please contact Ilana Burgess at 212-452-2310, extension 15, or iburgess@orzarua.org to make reservations.



CONGREGATION OR ZARUA

127 East 82nd Street
New York, NY 10028-0807

September/October Checklist

- Remember to bring your tickets to all High Holy Day services. Tickets cannot be held at the door.
- Review the High Holy Day Service information on pages 4 and 5.
- Shanah Tovah Kiddush Lunch on Shabbat Shuvah, Saturday, September 7, following services (page 5).
- Lulav and etrog orders for Sukkot must be made by noon on Monday, September 9 (page 6).
- Hebrew School begins on Monday, September 9 (page 14).
- “Rated R: Repentance in American Film and Jewish Cinema,” High Holy Day Tshuvah presentation with Dr. Eric Goldman, Tuesday, September 10, 7:30 p.m. (page 5).
- RSVP by Wednesday, September 11, for dinner in the sukkah on Erev Sukkot, Wednesday, September 18 (page 6).
- RSVP by Wednesday, September 17, for an OZ members-only dinner in the sukkah on Hol Hamoed Sukkot, Tuesday, September 24 (page 6).
- Or Zarua children are invited to sleep in the sukkah, Saturday night, September 21. RSVP by Thursday, September 12 (page 6).
- Bir’nana, OZ’s a cappella group, will meet at 7:30 p.m. on four Sundays, September 15 and 29, and October 6 and 13 (page 10).
- Three kiddush lunches will be held in OZ’s rooftop sukkah, following services, on Thursday, September 19; Friday, September 20; and Saturday, September 21 (page 6).
- PJ Library in the Sukkah with Rabbi Bolton, Sunday, September 22, noon. RSVP by noon, Wednesday, September 18 (page 7).
- Hebrew School Dinner in the Sukkah, Monday, September 23, 5:30 p.m. RSVP by noon, Wednesday, September 18 (page 7).
- Sushi in the Sukkah for OZ’s young members, Sunday, September 22, 4:00 p.m. (page 7).
- “Bring Your Own” Dinner to the sukkah: information on page 6.
- “Addressing Today’s Hot Topics,” Hol Hamoed Sukkot presentation with Abraham Foxman, Tuesday, September 24, 7:30 p.m. (page 7).
- Children’s Simhat Torah Celebration, Thursday, September 26, 6:00 p.m. (page 7).
- Kiddush lunch after services on Simhat Torah, Friday, September 27 (page 7).
- Talmud Class begins on Wednesday, October 9, 7:30 p.m. (page 3).
- Siddur Class with Rabbi Bolton, Thursday mornings, 8:30 a.m. beginning October 10 (page 3).
- Oseh Shabbat: Let’s Do Shabbat. Dinner for Hebrew School families with Rabbi Bolton and Youth Education Director Ilana Burgess, Friday, October 18, 6:00 p.m. Contact Ilana Burgess (page 14).
- Tahara Training with Rabbi Zohn, Sunday, October 20, 10:00 a.m. (page 13).
- “The Age of Insight” Author Speaks Series with Dr. Eric Kandel, Sunday, October 20, 7:30 p.m. (page 11).
- PJ Library, Sunday, October 27, 3:00 p.m. (page 14).
- “She Wrote on Clay” Author Speaks Series with Dr. Shirley Graetz, Sunday, October 27, 7:30 p.m. (page 11).
- “No Joke” Author Speaks Series with Dr. Ruth Wisse, Sunday, November 3, 7:30 p.m. (page 11).