

The Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture

with Nancy Sinkoff and Francine Klagsbrun, Thursday, January 22, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

The annual Lucy S. Dawidowicz lecture honors the memory of a great historian of the Holocaust and member of Or Zarua. The author of many books, including *The War Against the Jews* (1975), *A Holocaust Reader* (1976), and *The Holocaust and the Historians* (1981), Lucy Dawidowicz is widely regarded as one of the must-read writers about the Nazi destruction of the Jews and the Holocaust. This year, the lecture will examine the life and work of Lucy Dawidowicz (1915–1990).

The speakers will be Nancy Sinkoff and Francine Klagsbrun. Dr. Sinkoff, professor and chair of the Department of Jewish Studies at Rutgers University, is writing the first complete biography of Dawidowicz.

She will discuss Dawidowicz's contribution to the genesis of Holocaust research in a presentation entitled "Dubnow's Other Daughter: Lucy S. Dawidowicz and the Beginnings of 'Khurbn Forshung' (Holocaust Research) in the United States." Dubnow (1860–1941), a leading Jewish historian and activist in Russia during the first half of the 20th century, wrote a 10-volume magnum opus of the history of the Jews. Dubnow's work played a significant role in inspiring Dawidowicz's work.

As a complement to Dr. Sinkoff's lecture, Or Zarua member Francine Klagsbrun will give a presentation entitled "Personal Reflections on Lucy." Francine Klagsbrun and Lucy Dawidowicz were close friends and fellow Congregants during

Or Zarua's first years. Francine, the author of numerous books and presently at work on a biography of Golda Meir, teaches annually at our Yom Kippur services.

For those who wish to do background reading, Neal Kozodoy's 1992 essay describing Lucy Dawidowicz and her life's work, "In Memoriam: Lucy S. Dawidowicz," is recommended. It can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/OZLucyD2015>.

After this dual presentation, dessert and birthday cake will be served in honor of Congregation Or Zarua's 26th birthday. Please help us to plan by contacting the office at 212-452-2310, extension 39, with a reservation for the lecture by Tuesday, January 20.

—ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

TALMUD CLASS with Rabbi Wechsler

Rabbi Wechsler will teach Talmud class on Wednesdays, January 14, 21, and 28, at 7:30 p.m. The topic is "Paradise and Heresy."

Among the paradoxes of religion is the possibility that profound experience can lead to heresy. How is that possible and to whom can it happen? To you and to me? Perhaps. But to the rabbis of the Talmud? Indeed. We shall continue with the study of the second chapter of Tractate Hagigah, seeing the way in which religion and its heretical opposite coexist.

No prior knowledge of Talmud is necessary. You may attend any or all of the three sessions.



DARA SHAPIRO

A HANUKKAH HAVDALAH, enjoyed by Or Zarua's youngest members, included the lighting of the hanukkah, stories read by Rabbis Amy and Scott Bolton, games, and songs. The next Young Families Havdalah is scheduled for January 10, at 5:45 p.m. (see page 12). It is a place for our youngest members to meet and have a great time.



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President's Message

by Marc D. Ashley



The upcoming winter months reflect a relative lull in the Jewish calendar. At this time of the year, when days are short and darkness seems to envelop many of our waking and working hours, there are no major Jewish holidays on the immediate horizon to brighten our days. But especially now, when the outside world is at its coldest, Or Zarua can warm your heart.

If you spend time at Or Zarua over the coming months, your days will surely feel more lively and enlightened. Attending one or more of our many compelling services and programs—from week to week during the seemingly endless and mundane span of the severe winter months—will stoke the fire of your communal attachment and animate your spiritual imagination. Step inside our elegant building and you will feel at home, cozy and content, embraced by a warm and caring community.

With the excitement of Hanukkah, the festival of lights, already behind us on the calendar, and the merriment of Purim, the holiday of festive celebration, still far in the distance, we need to manufacture our own enthusiasm as we make our way through the next two months. Indeed, on a daily and weekly basis at Or Zarua, we will achieve precisely that needed community spirit to transcend the winter and create our own light and warmth out of darkness.

The very name of our synagogue intimates the religious agenda we fulfill for ourselves at this darkest time of the year. The name “Or Zarua” is culled from Psalm 97:11: “Light is sown for the righteous and joy for the upright of heart” (“*or zarua la-tzadik, u-le-yishrei lev simcha*”). Traditionally chanted in energetic fashion on Kol Nidre evening, as we introduce the solemnity of Yom Kippur by carrying Torah scrolls through our synagogue family, this majestic biblical verse is literally a preface to the annual Jewish calendrical story. Inaugurating the end of our period of renewal, this verse beckons us toward a year of brightness, sweeping us in a luminous arc from the

High Holy Days to Hanukkah and beyond.

Metaphorically, within the verse from which we took our name, Hanukkah may be suggested by the word “light” and Purim by “joy”; we must strive to fashion a life for our community that moves between the light and joy of those holidays as we brave the winter cold. Yet it is not haphazardly that the verse asserts that light will be “sown” for—rather than granted to—the righteous. Light is akin to a seedling that requires attention and supervision to grow, and that must be nurtured to thrive. Only dedicated commitment can sustain and enhance our light, which is continually developed for ongoing use rather than being merely stored or used up.

At Or Zarua, we labor very hard to create light and joy throughout the year. Our roster of events in January is long and lively, filling the calendar with communal ruah and sharing. Among numerous other upcoming special events, enjoy delicious cuisine and wonderful company at our Jewish food-related Shabbaton; entertain your intellect at Talmud classes and our annual Lucy Dawidowicz lecture; and participate in joyous singing at our Shabbat Shirah program with a guest cantor. Winter is certainly no time to deprive your heart, mind, and soul.

This is the challenge in our Or Zarua community: to continue, each and every day, to sustain, grow, and expand the light sown by our founders, so that we can collectively experience joy in the present and future, no matter how cold or dark it may be outside our walls. The recent success of our 25th Anniversary Gala event demonstrates that, with thoughtful planning, preparation, and participation, we can happily bridge time and link generations, sowing light for ourselves and those around us. We must work steadily to recreate on an ongoing basis the sense of communal unity and prosperity achieved during the Gala. That ambitious goal requires intelligence, commitment, and diligence, but we are a community blessed with those traits.

May we join with each other to create a winter filled with warmth, light and joy!

Marc

Zayin Adar Dinner

Thursday, February 26, 7:00 p.m.

One response to the Holocaust is *zakhor*—remember. What does Jewish remembering look like when it comes to our loved ones and when we extend that concept to the people who were murdered in Auschwitz? How does genocide-prevention work by nation-states and how do officials from world-governing and policing agencies sanctify the memory of those systematically killed?

Attorney and OZ Congregant Owen Pell and Rabbi Bolton recently traveled to Poland to participate in a seminar on genocide prevention organized by the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation. Along with government officials from over 25 nations, they walked the camps, discussed the processes at work that could lead to genocide and mass atrocity in some nations—and the processes of healing at work in still other states trying to learn from the

Holocaust—and considered the power of place. Not only did they remember, but as Rabbi Bolton explained, “It was *Zakhor v’Shamor*—remember and guard their memories, and guard life, sustain it.”

Owen Pell and Rabbi Bolton will be discussing their experiences at the Zayin Adar Dinner, Thursday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. The program is entitled “Honoring Their Memories and Considering the Lessons of Genocide: A Report After Auschwitz.”

Zayin Adar, recognized as the birth date and *yahrzeit* of Moses, is the occasion for the Congregation to join in celebrating the work of the *Hevra Kadisha*. The Zayin Adar dinner is sponsored by Phyllis and Gerry Solomon in memory of their parents, but donations to the Or Zarua *Hevra Kadisha* are welcomed. All are invited, but please contact the office at 212-452-2310, extension 39, or email dwenger@orzarua.org to make reservations.



SIGAL HIRSCH

USY MEMBERS after a night of bowling. Or Zarua has a vibrant and active Kadima and USY program. Learn more about Kadima and USY programs on page 9.

Shabbat Shirah Shabbaton

“The Joy of Singing” with Hazzan Jen Rolnick, January 30 and 31



Hazzan Jen Rolnick will join Or Zarua for Shabbat

Shirah on January 30 and 31. She will participate in our Kabbalat

Shabbat and Shabbat morning services, teach us about Jewish song, and help us make beautiful music together.

Jen Rolnick, a student at the Miller School of Cantorial Music at JTS, has long had an interest in Judaism and Jewish music, but her path to becoming a cantor was not a direct one. There was a slight detour to law school and a few years of practicing law. But even in her lawyer years, she continued to study music and perform. Now, in addition to studying at JTS, she is the cantorial intern at Congregation Beth El in New London, Connecticut, and returns to her native Texas each fall to be a hazzan for the High Holy Days.

On Friday night, in addition to leading us in prayer, Cantorial Intern Rolnick will sing a unique setting of *Mi Khamokha* just before the service ends with *Yigdal*. At the Shabbat Shirah dinner following the service, our guest cantor will present “The History and Evolution of the *Niggun*.” After explaining how *niggunim* evolved and why they have no words, Cantorial Intern Rolnick will guide us in singing *niggunim*.

Cantorial Intern Rolnick will lead *mussaf* on Shabbat morning and then speak to us from the *bimah* on “Moments of Song in the Jewish Narrative.” She will explore points in the Torah where songs are sung and explain the unique aspects of those events. After services, we will gather for *Kiddush* and then enjoy singing together with Cantorial Intern Rolnick.

Please join us for this joyful Shabbat. RSVP required for dinner; please see the box at right for details.

—JOANNE FEIERMAN

SHABBAT SHIRAH SHABBATON

“The Joy of Singing”
with Hazzan Jen Rolnick

Friday, January 30

4:52 p.m. *Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat*

6:30 p.m. Dinner

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

Nonmembers: \$50 for adults,
\$25 for children ages 5–12,
no charge for children under 5.

RSVP required for dinner by

Monday, January 26

at 212-452-2310, extension 39,
or [http://www.wizevents.com/
register/3154](http://www.wizevents.com/register/3154)

Saturday, January 31

after *Kiddush*

Zimriyah with Hazzan Jen Rolnick
All are invited.

OZ 25+ Silver Lights Gala

A Grand Evening

“A nd a grand time was had by all!” That was the unanimous conclusion of the more than 200 attendees at OZ’s 25+ Silver Lights Gala, held at The Pierre on November 12, 2014. Congregants and rabbis from around the community filled elegantly dressed tables in the hotel’s grand ballroom.

It was a night to remember the pioneering work of the shul’s founders, whose names are emblazoned on a plaque to be placed in the entrance to the sanctuary. Their names were announced by founder Steve Solender, whose contributions to the betterment of Jews in this country and Israel as CEO of UJA-Federation of New York and its parent organization, Jewish Federations of North America, were also hailed.

Rabbi Wechsler paid a special tribute to founders Mimi and Barry Alperin and Francine and Sam Klagsbrun. But for Or Zarua, the past is only a prologue. Rabbi Bolton then feted Dara Shapiro and Eric Schmutter for their roles as young leaders of the Congregation.



FRED KENNIN

The Andy Statman Trio inspired gala guests to rounds of Yiddish and Israeli dancing.

The evening was about more than the honors bestowed, cherished as those moments were. It was also about great food, plentiful drink, a fun-inducing raffle, and the incomparable klezmer-bluegrass fusion music of the Andy Statman Trio that inspired members of the crowd to rounds of Yiddish and Israeli dancing.

To top it off, proceeds from the sale of

tables, tickets, raffle items, and other gifts will net the Congregation well over \$350,000.

Yes, it was a grand night indeed. Sincere thanks are owed for the work of Andrew Plevin and Naomi Smook, the leaders of an all-star cast of OZ members, whose efforts were crowned by a night that will be remembered by all.

SHABBAT DINNER Jews and Jazz Friday, February 20

5:18 p.m. Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat

6:30 p.m. Dinner

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

Nonmembers: \$50 for adults,
\$25 for children ages 5–12,
no charge for children under 5.

RSVP required for dinner by
Tuesday, February 17
at 212-452-2310, extension 39,
or [http://www.wizevents.com/
register/3175](http://www.wizevents.com/register/3175)

7:30 p.m. Dinner Talk

“Jews and Jazz” with Loren Schoenberg
RSVP is not required for Dinner Talk.

“Jews and Jazz”

with Loren Schoenberg, February 20, dinner and presentation

Jazz is a genre of music that originated in African-American communities in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The extensive list of African-Americans who have contributed to the development of jazz includes such eminent musicians as Scott Joplin, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, and Charlie Parker.

However, a wide variety of people from other ethnic groups have also influenced the development of jazz. Among them are the celebrated Jewish composers Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, George Gershwin, and Harold Arlen, and the

talented musicians Benny Goodman and Artie Shaw.



Loren Schoenberg, a jazz saxophonist and conductor, teacher, lecturer, and jazz historian, is the artistic director of the Jazz Museum of Harlem. He will be discussing the Jewish role in the history of jazz at a Dinner Talk on Friday, February 20. Dinner requires an RSVP but the presentation is open to all. Please see scheduling information box at left.

—ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

OZ SOCIAL HALL The Or Zarua social hall is available to rent for appropriate functions. Contact Helene Santo, 212-452-2310, extension 14, for information.

Or Zarua Hessed Programs

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

A Solution to Hunger

● Help feed the hungry in our community by donating to or volunteering with the New York Common Pantry. Each month collection bins are placed in the social hall for food donations of healthy (low-sodium, whole wheat, low-fat or nonfat), packaged grocery items. Volunteers from OZ are needed the first Wednesday of each month, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the pantry’s distribution center, located off Fifth Avenue at 8 East 109th Street. Contact Lesley Palmer at lesleypalmer123@gmail.com to sign up for January 7, February 4, and March 11.

Bring Purim to Project ORE

● On Purim, Or Zarua will be teaming up with Project ORE to bring the celebration to others. See page 8 for details.

Home Visit Volunteers

● Volunteer to visit and cheer ill or homebound Or Zarua Congregants. Please contact Roberta Hufnagel at robertahufnagel@gmail.com, 212-744-6572 (home), or 978-835-5445 (cell), if you are interested.

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 from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. on the last two Mondays of each month. Volunteers are needed as



LESLEY PALMER

well as donations to the Hessed Fund.

Ronald McDonald House

● Children from across the U.S. and from around the world come to New York City hospitals for cancer treatment. 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 programs, please contact Susan J. Lorin, Hessed Committee Chair, at lorin@sewkis.com or 212-717-4647.



COURTESY OF DANE OKRENT

On Erev Thanksgiving and Erev Christmas, several dozen members of Or Zarua gleaned The Vinegar Factory and Eli’s and shipped the food to Ronald McDonald House, the NY Common Pantry, Neighborhood Coalition for the Homeless, and Salvation Deliverance Church in the Bronx.

PEOPLE OF THE COOKBOOK SHABBATON

Friday, January 9

4:28 p.m. Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat

New Members Cocktail Reception, after services

6:15 p.m. Dinner

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

Nonmembers: \$50 for adults, \$25 for children ages 5–12, no charge for children under 5.

RSVP required for dinner by

Monday, January 5

at 212-452-2310, extension 39, or <http://www.wizevents.com/register/3042>

7:30 p.m. Dinner Talk

OZ Congregant Helen Nash will discuss her latest cookbook, *New Kosher Cuisine: Healthy, Simple and Stylish*.

RSVP is not required for Dinner Talk.

Saturday, January 10

Scholarly Sabbath

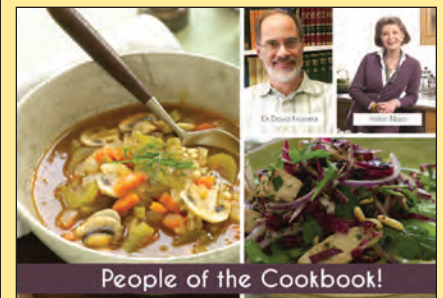
with Dr. David Kraemer

“Jewish Eating and Jewish Identity: What’s the Relationship?”

See <http://www.orzarua.org/kraemer.pdf>

5:45 p.m. Young Families Havdalah

For families with children up to 7 years old; older siblings are welcome.



People of the Cookbook!

Helen Nash discusses her latest cookbook, *New Kosher Cuisine: Healthy, Simple and Stylish*, on Friday, January 9. Return the next day for a Scholarly Sabbath with Dr. David Kraemer, author and head librarian at JTS. Enjoy historical food for thought and contemplation on “Jewish Eating and Jewish Identity.”

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 • 10 Tevet Fast of Tevet New Year's Day 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan <i>No Siddur Class</i> <i>Office closed</i>	2 • 11 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 4:22 pm Candlelighting. Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	3 • 12 9:00 am Shaharit/Vayehi 10:30 am Torah Kids 10:30 am Torah Tots 5:27 pm Shabbat ends
4 • 13 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan	5 • 14 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan OZ Hebrew School resumes 7:00 pm Talmud Hevruta Seminar	6 • 15 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 7:15 pm Torah Reading Class	7 • 16 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 9:00 am New York Common Pantry OZ Hebrew School <i>No Talmud Class</i>	8 • 17 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 8:30 am Siddur Class	9 • 18 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 4:28 pm Candlelighting. Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 pm New Members Cocktail Reception 6:15 Dinner (RSVP) 7:30 pm Cookbook Talk with Helen Nash	10 • 19 9:00 am Shaharit/Shemot Scholarly Shabbat with Dr. David Kraemer 10:30 am Torah Kids, Torah Tots, and Mah Zeh Shabbat 5:45 pm Family Havdalah 5:33 pm Shabbat ends TBA pm USY Event
11 • 20 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan	12 • 21 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan OZ Hebrew School <i>No Talmud Hevruta Seminar</i>	13 • 22 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 7:15 pm Torah Reading Class	14 • 23 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan OZ Hebrew School 7:30 pm Talmud Class with Rabbi Wechsler	15 • 24 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 8:30 am Siddur Class	16 • 25 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 4:36 pm Candlelighting. Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat TBA pm USY Dinner hosted by Ansche Heses	17 • 26 9:00 am Shaharit/Vaera 10:30 am Torah Kids 10:30 am Torah Tots 5:41 pm Shabbat ends
18 • 27 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan	19 • 28 Martin Luther King, Jr., Day 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan 7:00 pm Talmud Hevruta Seminar <i>OZ Hebrew School closed</i> <i>Office closed</i>	20 • 29 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 7:15 pm Torah Reading Class	21 • 1 Shevat Rosh Hodesh Shevat 7:00 am Shaharit Minyan OZ Hebrew School 7:30 pm Talmud Class with Rabbi Wechsler	22 • 2 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 8:30 am Siddur Class 7:30 pm The Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture with Dr. Nancy Sinkoff and Francine Klagsbrun	23 • 3 7:15 am Shaharit 4:44 pm Candlelighting. Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	24 • 4 9:00 am Shaharit/Bo 10:30 am Torah Kids, Torah Tots, and Mah Zeh Shabbat 10:30 am Family Service 5:49 pm Shabbat ends TBA pm Kadima Event
25 • 5 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan 7:00 pm Book Discussion	26 • 6 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan OZ Hebrew School 7:00 pm Talmud Hevruta Seminar	27 • 7 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 7:15 pm Torah Reading Class	28 • 8 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan OZ Hebrew School 7:30 pm Talmud Class with Rabbi Wechsler	29 • 9 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 8:30 am Siddur Class	30 • 10 7:15 am Shaharit 4:52 pm Candlelighting. Minhah 5:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 pm Dinner with Guest Hazzan Jen Rolnick (RSVP)	31 • 11 Shabbat Shirah 9:00 am Shaharit/Beshallah Guest Hazzan Jen Rolnick OZ Birthday Kiddush 10:30 am Torah Tots 10:30 am Torah Kids 1:00 pm Hazzan Zimriyah 5:57 pm Shabbat ends

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 • 12 Shevat 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan 5:00 pm Minhah/Ma'ariv 5:30 pm Superbowl Party	2 • 13 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan OZ Hebrew School 7:00 pm Talmud Hevruta Seminar	3 • 14 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 7:15 pm Torah Reading Class	4 • 15 Tu B'Shevat 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 9:00 am New York Common Pantry OZ Hebrew School 7:30 pm Talmud Class	5 • 16 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 8:30 am Siddur Class	6 • 17 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 5:01 pm Candlelighting. Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm Family Dinner	7 • 18 9:00 am Shaharit/Yitro 10:30 am Torah Kids, Torah Tots, and Mah Zeh Shabbat 10:30 am Tween and Teen Lunch 'n' Learn 6:06 pm Shabbat ends
8 • 19 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan	9 • 20 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan OZ Hebrew School 7:00 pm Talmud Hevruta Seminar	10 • 21 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 7:15 pm Torah Reading Class	11 • 22 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan OZ Hebrew School 7:30 pm Talmud Class	12 • 23 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 8:30 am Siddur Class	13 • 24 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 5:09 pm Candlelighting. Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	14 • 25 Shabbat Shekalim 9:00 am Shaharit Mishpatim 10:30 am Torah Kids 10:30 am Torah Tots 6:14 pm Shabbat ends
15 • 26 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan	16 • 27 Presidents' Day 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan <i>No Talmud Hevruta Seminar OZ Hebrew School closed Office closed</i>	17 • 28 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan <i>No Torah Reading Class</i>	18 • 29 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan OZ Hebrew School 7:30 pm Talmud Class	19 • 30 Rosh Hodesh Adar 7:00 am Shaharit Minyan 8:30 am Siddur Class	20 • 1 Adar Rosh Hodesh Adar 7:00 am Shaharit Minyan 5:18 pm Candlelighting. Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 pm Dinner (RSVP) 7:30 pm "Jews and Jazz" with Loren Schoenberg	21 • 2 9:00 am Shaharit/Terumah Bar Mitzvah of Jeremy Yarden 10:30 am Torah Kids 10:30 am Torah Tots 6:23 pm Shabbat ends
22 • 3 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan	23 • 4 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan OZ Hebrew School <i>No Talmud Hevruta Seminar</i>	24 • 5 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 7:15 pm Torah Reading Class	25 • 6 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan OZ Hebrew School 7:30 pm Talmud Class	26 • 7 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 8:30 am Siddur Class 7:00 pm Zayin Adar Dinner	27 • 8 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 5:26 pm Candlelighting. Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm OZYP Davening and Dinner	28 • 9 Shabbat Zachor 9:00 am Shaharit Tetzaveh 10:30 am Torah Kids, Torah Tots, and Mah Zeh Shabbat 10:30 am Family Learning Experience with Rabbi Amy Bolton 6:31 pm Shabbat ends

BRINGING PURIM TO PROJECT ORE

A Hesed Program for Purim

Join us as we celebrate Purim with the participants of Project ORE on Sunday morning, March 1, at 331 East 12th Street. We will hear part of the Megillah, learn with Rabbi Bolton, sing, eat (of course), and participate in skits, grogger making, and other activities with our teens and the members of Project ORE.

Since 1987, Project ORE has served emergency kosher meals and provided counseling, case management, social activities (including a weekly Oneg Shabbat), as well as support services to isolated, poor, homeless, and mentally ill Jews. It is the only program of its kind in New York City.

Purim is the happiest of all Jewish holidays, when having fun is not only permitted, it is commanded. We hope that OZ members and their families will join us in creating a fun and meaningful celebration with the Project ORE community.

To help us organize the day, contact the office at 212-452-2310, extension 39, or email dwenger@orzarua.org.

BE A COLLECTOR AND SUPPORT THE OZ GALLERY!

CHARLIE SPIELHOLZ



The stunning and historical photographs by Rudi Weissenstein in our current exhibition "A Young and Hopeful Land," are available, framed, for purchase. The medium-sized photographs are \$500 each, and the large photographs are \$1,000 each. Several works have

already been reserved or sold, indicated by a red dot near the photograph.

When purchasing the works, please make out your check to Congregation Or Zarua; the proceeds from the sales will go to the Or Zarua Gallery Fund.

All the photographs will remain on view until the close of the exhibition in April, at which time the new owners can take them home. Please contact Helene Santo (212-452-2310, extension 14) or Bobbi Collier, if you are interested.

Shabbat Programs at OZ

For youth of all ages

- **Shabbat and Me**, for the youngest OZ'ers, returns in March.
- **Torah Tots and Torah Kids**, Shabbat mornings, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Weekly Saturday morning Shabbat programs.
- **Discover Shabbat**, Saturdays, March 21 and April 25, 10:30 a.m. A supplemental program to the weekly Shabbat morning programs that offers enhanced activities to connect the weekly Torah portion to our everyday lives. Snacks are served.
- **Mah Zeh Shabbat** welcomes students in grades 4 to 8 to meaningful and exciting Shabbat services, featuring Breakfast Club and Torah Talk, on select Shabbatot

at 10:30 a.m. in the OZ Library. Upcoming dates are January 10, January 24, February 7, and February 28.

- **Tween and Teen Lunch 'n' Learn** will meet on Saturday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.
- **Teen-led Minyan**, including Torah reading, Haftarah, and a special Kiddush, meets on select Shabbatot at 10:30 a.m. in the OZ Library. For 4th grade and up; teens are encouraged to participate.
- **Family Shabbat Dinner and Young Families Havdalah**, see page 12.

Check the weekly OZ eBlast and messages from orzaruayouth@gmail.com for updates about these and other youth events.

The OZ Community

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Ellen Wetter-Brenner and Mark Brenner
Elaine and James Wolfensohn
Ingvor and Daniel Wurmbrand
Nora and Barry Yood

L'Chaim Fund

Alan Nadel, in memory of Isadore and Clara Zaleon

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Ellen Wetter-Brenner and Mark Brenner
Randi Epstein, in honor of Tom Tisch's 60th birthday
Roberta Hufnagle
Caroline Golden Ilberman and Alan Ilberman, in memory of Mel Ilberman, on his first yearzeit
Aliza Kaplan, in honor of Shiya Bolton's becoming Bar Mitzvah
Joy and Benno Kimmelman, in memory of Joy's father, Solomon Noveck
Emilya and Brian Sahn, in memory of Michael Katz's father, Seymour Katz
Brad and Diana Stoler

UJA-Israel Emergency Fund

Judith and Barry Schneider

Youth Calendar Fundraiser

Marilyn Butler
Pam and Mark Gold, in honor of Ilana Burgess
Sue Katz
Allison Elliott-Yarden and Nir Yarden



OZ HEBREW SCHOOL

Or Zarua Hebrew School students celebrated Hanukkah with Ilana Burgess, the school director, by making latkes and dancing the hora.

Family Learning Experience

with Rabbi Amy Bolton, Saturday, February 28, 10:30 a.m.



Rabbi Amy Bolton will lead a Shabbat Family Learning Experience on Saturday, February 28, at 10:30 a.m. Join with other families for prayer, music, interactive

discussion, and parent-child learning. The Shabbat Family Learning Experience is an opportunity for families with children to learn new tunes and explanations for key Shabbat morning prayers, and to explore themes and stories related to the Torah portion of the week and Shabbat rituals. Come with your children or grandchildren, but please note this is not a drop-off group.

KADIMA AND USY EVENTS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

USY Evening Event

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

USY Shabbat Dinner, hosted by Anshe Chesed

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

Kadima Evening Event

Please contact Sigal Hirsch and Elana Mendelowitz at orzaruayouth@gmail.com for additional information about Kadima or USY, or to be added to the OZ Youth email list.



LESLIE PALMER

ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY

Supporting Jewish Charities

OZ members and their guests are invited to our 12th annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 1, beginning at 5:00 p.m. with Minhah. Viewing on a large-screen TV and eating kosher food from Dougie's BBQ in Teaneck in a family-friendly atmosphere is a great way to enjoy the game.

Please make reservations at 212-452-2310, extension 39, or email dwenger@orzarua.org, by noon on Tuesday, January 20.

As is our tradition, the OZ Super Bowl Party raises badly needed funds for charities that serve the Jewish poor and elderly. This year, our target charities are Project ORE and Met Council on Jewish Poverty. Donors will be able to designate whether they want to give to one charity or split their donation. Charitable organizations are struggling and are in desperate need of additional funds. Please consider making a generous contribution for this event. Checks should be made payable to Congregation Or Zarua and should be designated "Super Bowl Charity Fund" on the memo line.

—SHELDON ADLER



HANUKKAH HESED PROJECT. On Sunday, December 14, USY made sandwiches, sorted clothing, and created holiday cards to include in gift bags given to people on the spectrum of poverty via Urban Pathways. Ilene Scholnick Ausubel of The Educational Alliance and Project ORE offered an engaging educational program which explored Jewish texts that discuss poverty and allowed attendees to share personal experiences that they have had with those who suffer from poverty and homelessness. We thank Park East Kosher Butcher for supplying the food needed to prepare the sandwiches.

Upcoming Or Zarua Events

Programs from the Adult Education Committee

- Scholarly Sabbath with Rabbi David Hoffman, "21st-Century Talmud," Saturday, March 28, during and after services.
- "To See Jerusalem Before I Die: Abraham Lincoln and the Jews," curator tour of exhibit at the New-York Historical Society, Thursday, April 16, 4:45 p.m., \$22 per person, limit 30 people.
- "Baseball!," with Ivy Weingram, Associate Curator, National Museum of American Jewish History, Philadelphia, Sunday, April 26.
- Scholarly Sabbath with Rabbi Judith Hauptman, "Protest or You're Guilty," Saturday, May 30, during and after services.

Zionist Congress Elections

MERCAZ campaign

On January 13, the Zionist Congress elections will begin. The MERCAZ campaign is underway and includes three members of OZ: Rabbi Scott Bolton, Dr. Sam Klagsbrun, and Rabbi Bob Golub.

MERCAZ is part of the Conservative Movement. We are encouraging you to register and vote for MERCAZ and strengthen representation of the Conservative Movement in the Zionist Congress.

For additional information, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/MercazIsrael2015>.

RABBI WECHSLER TEACHES ON SIRIUS XM RADIO

Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.



Rabbi Wechsler can be heard on SiriusXM Stars Channel two times each Sunday. Subscribers to SiriusXM Satellite Radio can access "Rabbi Wechsler Teaches" on Channel 106. Nonsubscribers can obtain a free, three-day trial at www.siriusxm.com.

TALMUD CLASS

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Talmud class meets on most Wednesdays in the OZ Library from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with Rabbi Bolton. This year, we are studying Masekhet Megillah, available from either Artscroll (Schottenstein) or Koren (Steinsaltz).

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

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., Social Hall

Congregation Or Zarua's siddur class, taught by Rabbi Bolton, studies the history, laws, teachings, and approaches to Jewish prayer. The topic for this year's study is the Amidah. Prior knowledge is not required; you may attend any or all of the classes.



THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY and CONGREGATION OR ZARUA are proud to present

Scholarly Sabbaths

JTS at OZ

OCTOBER 25, 2014
Rabbi Daniel Nevins
 Part Resnick, Dean of The Rabbinical School and Dean of the Division of Religious Leadership, JTS
 "Biotech and the Bible: Are Transgenic Organisms Kosher?"

JANUARY 10, 2015
Dr. David Kraemer
 Joseph J. and Sara Abigail Librarian and Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics, JTS
 "Jewish Eating and Jewish Identity: What's the Relationship?"

MARCH 28, 2015
Rabbi David Hoffman
 Assistant Professor in the Department of Talmud and Rabbinics, JTS
 "21st-Century Talmud—1,900 Years Young"

MAY 30, 2015
Rabbi Judith Hauptman
 S. Steiner Professor of Talmud and Rabbinic Culture, JTS
 "Protest or You're Guilty: An Exploration of a Talmudic Principle"

Learn with JTS's outstanding faculty on four Shabbat mornings at Congregation Or Zarua throughout 2014-2015. Each scholar will speak during services. The conversation will continue after kiddush for those who wish to delve further into the topic.

This program is free of charge, and no advance registration is required. For more information, please contact Deborah Klee Winger at dwinger@orzarua.org.

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The Jewish Theological Seminary

SCHOLARLY SABBATHS

Jewish Theological Seminary at Congregation Or Zarua

On select Shabbatot, visiting scholars from the Jewish Theological Seminary will be teaching on a variety of topics on Jewish thought and practice. Each of the visiting scholars will speak for about 20 minutes between the Torah reading and Musaf and will remain for continuing discussions following kiddush.

Information and readings about the Scholarly Sabbaths series can be found on the Congregation Or Zarua website at www.orzarua.org/scholarlyShabbat.shtml.

OZ MINYAN Congregants are needed for the OZ minyan. For the weekday morning service, contact Sheldon Adler at sadler@skadden.com. For the Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service, contact Richard Stadin at stadin1@aol.com. You may also choose "Daily Minyan" under the "Pray" menu on www.orzarua.org to sign up for a day or two each month.

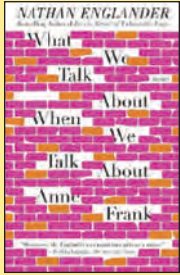


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OZ BOOK DISCUSSION

Sunday, January 25

7:00 p.m., OZ Library



What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank is a 2012 collection of eight short stories by Nathan Englander. Englander, who grew up in West Hempstead, has received many accolades for his short stories, including a Guggenheim Fellowship and the Bard Fiction Prize. The book's lead story, which is also the title story, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

OZ Young Professionals

Celebrated Hanukkah with food, learning, music, and games



The Or Zarua Young Professionals (OZYP) Hanukkah party attracted about 60 young Jewish residents of the Upper East and West Sides. The group provides a welcoming and vibrant Jewish community to those in their 20s and 30s within Congregation Or Zarua. You are invited to participate in upcoming OZ Young Professionals events by visiting our Facebook page: Or Zarua Young Professionals. You can also receive monthly email updates by contacting Susan Steinman (susan.steinman@gmail.com) or Liora Seltzer (liora.avitan@gmail.com). On January 30, we join the Congregation for Shabbat Shirah with guest Hazzan Jen Rolnick; a Young Professionals dinner will follow. And on February 27 at 7:00 p.m., the Young Professionals will gather for davening and dinner. Bring your ruah!

YOUNG FAMILIES HAVDALAH

Saturday, January 10

5:45 p.m.

Closing Shabbat and welcoming the new week is a beautiful moment in Judaism. At our Family Havdalah, our younger families join Rabbi Bolton in this meaningful service. We also read stories, sing songs, and socialize with each other. A fun, not-to-be-missed way to spend an early Saturday evening! Geared toward families with kids aged 0 to 7.

Family Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 6, 6:00 p.m.

\$25 for adults, \$10 for children ages 7–12, no charge for children under 7.

RSVP required for dinner by **Monday, February 2** at 212-452-2310, extension 39, or <http://www.wizevents.com/register/3176>