



## Scholars at Shul: JTS at OZ

Rabbi Robert Harris, Wednesday, September 30, 7:30 p.m.

Dr. David G. Roskies, Saturday, October 24, during and after services

This fall OZ will be hosting the first two of three presentations by faculty members from the Jewish Theological Seminary in the “Scholars at Shul” series.

The first presentation, “A Sukkot Like None Ever Celebrated Before: Ezra, the



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Torah Book, and the Return from Exile,” will be given by Rabbi Robert Harris, Associate Professor of Bible. Rabbi Harris will speak after a “Bring your Own” Dinner event

in the OZ Sukkah during Hol Hamoed on Wednesday, September 30, at 7:30 p.m.

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The second presentation, “Jewspeak: How We Became the People of the Spoken Word,” will be given on Shabbat Lekh-Lekha, Saturday, October 24, by Dr. David Roskies, Sol and Evelyn

Henkind Chair in Yiddish Literature and Culture. Dr. Roskies will speak between Shaharit and Musaf on Saturday, October 24, and will lead a discussion after kiddush.

The Scholars at Shul program is free of charge and all are welcome. However, please make reservations with Deborah Wenger at 212-452-2310, extension 12, by noon on September 30.



### High Holy Day Tshuvah Talk with Adam Gopnik

Staff writer, *The New Yorker*

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

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## FALL TALMUD CLASS

For the Sake of the Community: The Talmudic Backstory of Tikkun Olam, “Repairing the World,” Chapter 4 of Masekhet Gittin Starts Wednesday, October 28, 7:30 p.m., with Rabbi Bolton



Modern times have seen the use of the term Tikkun Olam for social action. The term originates in the Talmud and has been repurposed. This fall, we will study the pages that introduce the concept of Tikkun Olam. We will also learn the interesting tale of how this term has been repurposed.

Talmud class meets on most Wednesdays in the OZ Library from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with Rabbi Bolton. Anyone may join the class at any time; previous participation is not necessary. No prior knowledge of Talmud, Hebrew, or Aramaic is required. You can also begin to build your own Jewish library by ordering Volume I of Tractate Gittin (Artscroll). If you can't make every class, please join when you can; it's easier than you think to be a Talmud learner and to enjoy the material. Contact Rabbi Bolton directly with any questions. All you need to bring is your life experience.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Hebrew School 2.0

#### Open House

Monday, September 21

5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

On Monday, September 21, we will be hosting a Welcome to Hebrew School 2.0 evening of learning, connecting, and light refreshments! Enrolled, prospective families, and nonmembers with children of all ages are invited to come meet one another while learning more about our new program and meeting our faculty. We hope to see you there!



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# President's Message

by Marc D. Ashley



**R**osh Hashanah is almost upon us. Yet how much novelty does the Jewish new year actually bring in its wake?

The High Holy Days are a time of reflection, remembrance, and repentance—all words employing a prefix that highlights doing something over again or focusing on the past. Indeed, tshuvah—the fundamental religious activity of this holiday season—is more accurately translated as “return” rather than repentance, which underscores a primary mandate that we be retrospective and thereby attentive to the deficiencies of our past conduct. Our recurring confessional prayers during Yom Kippur are framed in the past tense—“Forgive us, our father, for we have sinned; pardon us, our king, for we have transgressed”—as we then proceed to catalog in alphabetical format the sins in which the community has engaged over the prior year.

Surely, during the High Holy Days we must make a proper accounting of our past shortcomings to engage in a genuine return to ideals from which we deviated over the prior year. We must come to grips with how far we have fallen short of our goals since last Rosh Hashanah. The past must become our reliable source of instruction and edification. As we start a new year, we must examine the one just ended to assess where we have traveled.

Yet, as with so much else about Judaism, our past is inextricably tied to our future. Our perspective during the High Holy Days, paradoxically, must be both retrospective and prospective, with a concurrent focus on what has already transpired and on what is yet to come. Our future conduct in this world is inevitably informed and shaped by our prior experiences. Taking account of where we have been can help us determine where we want to go from here.

If Rosh Hashanah encompasses a thoughtful focus on the past, it certainly is

also about new beginnings. According to Jewish tradition, human beings were created on Rosh Hashanah. The holiday and its liturgy explicitly celebrate God’s kingship over the world that He created from nothing, in the grandest and most miraculous beginning of all time. Similarly, sincere tshuvah can lead each of us to become effectively a new person and not merely a stale variant of our old self. Judaism generally is a religion of hopeful new beginnings, in which we start each day expressing appreciation to God for allowing us to awaken to a fresh start. That tangible sense of daily renewal is amplified on Rosh Hashanah.

The compelling blend of past and future, of old and new perspectives, that characterizes the High Holy Days can hopefully inspire our actions during the remainder of the year to follow. We can aspire during the coming year to find comfort in familiar patterns yet also be invigorated by productive change. That is indeed my hope for the year 5776 and beyond at Or Zarua.

Over the past year, we have both honored our remarkable past and planned strategically for our vibrant future. Our 25th Anniversary Gala expressed fitting appreciation to our founders even as we have built on the enduring foundations they established. We continue to experience the energizing transition from our founding rabbi to his successor, and have embarked on an important initiative to revitalize our youth education programs.

At Or Zarua, we must be inspired by our past but work vigorously to secure our future. My goal is that we continue to integrate the past and future authentically and prudently so that our present emerges, just as on Rosh Hashanah, with the fresh hope of new beginnings. I pray that Or Zarua will remain grounded in its core principles, yet also experience a sense of renewal each day and from one Shabbat to the next.

May we all have a sweet year, filled with health, happiness, and fulfillment.

# Or Zarua Programs

2015-2016 schedule

- Annual High Holy Day Tshuvah Talk, with Adam Gopnik, Sunday, September 20, 2015, 7:30 p.m.
- Rabbi Robert Harris, Associate Professor of Bible, JTS, "A Sukkot Like None Ever Celebrated Before: Ezra, the Torah Book, and the Return from Exile," Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 7:30 p.m.
- Dr. David G. Roskies, Sol and Evelyn Henkind Chair in Yiddish Literature and Culture, JTS, "Jewspeak: How We Became the People of the Spoken Word," Shabbat, October 24, 2015.
- Dr. Benjamin D. Sommer, Professor of Bible at JTS, "Seeing a Sound: Revelation and Command at Sinai," Shabbaton, November 13 and 14, 2015.
- Loren Schoenberg, Artistic Director, Jazz Museum of Harlem, "Jews and Jazz," Sunday, January 10, 2016.

- Dr. Jeremy Dauber, Atran Professor of Yiddish Language, Literature, and Culture, Columbia University, "Stop Me If You've Heard This One Before: Some New Thoughts on Jewish Comedy," OZ's Annual Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture, Thursday, February 4, 2016.
- Dr. Andrea Bayer, Jayne Wrightsman Curator in the Department of European Paintings, Metropolitan Museum of Art, "Unfinished: Thoughts Left Visible," an exhibit that examines the question of when a work of art is finished, Sunday, March 13, 2016.
- Dr. Alan Mintz, Chana Kekst Professor of Jewish Literature, JTS, "It's Not About Eternity: Rosh Hodesh and the Shape of Jewish Time," Shabbat, April 9, 2016.

*Additional information will be available in the OZ Newsletter, eblasts, postcards, and flyers.*

# Or Zarua Hesed 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](mailto:lesleypalmer123@gmail.com) to sign up for September 2, October 7, and November 4.

## Home Visit Volunteers

● Volunteer to visit and cheer ill or homebound Or Zarua Congregants. Please contact Roberta Hufnagel at [robertahufnagel@gmail.com](mailto: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 are donations to the Hesed Fund. Please contact Richard Stadin at [stadin1@aol.com](mailto:stadin1@aol.com) or 212-879-0448.

## Rosh Hashanah with Dorot

● Or Zarua is participating in Dorot's annual Rosh Hashanah package delivery on Sunday, September 20. Bring holiday joy and goodies to a senior living on the East Side. Volunteers will meet at Sutton Place Synagogue at 11:00 a.m. Allow two to three hours for the project, a perfect activity for the whole family. Please contact Lesley Palmer at [lesleypalmer123@gmail.com](mailto:lesleypalmer123@gmail.com) with any questions or to register.

## Ronald McDonald House

● When Jewish families residing at Ronald

## OZ GALLERY

"Greetings from the Golden Age of Jewish Post Cards!"

Opening Sunday, November 1

In this age of instant communications—Instagram, IM, and Twitter—it's worth remembering that the greeting card or post card was once the most reliable and favored way to convey personal messages and share images of familiar scenes. So popular



were these cards, especially from 1898 to 1918, people wrote of a "post card" craze. Jews in Europe and America enthusiastically took part in this fad.

The next show in the OZ Gallery, opening November 1, is "Greetings from the Golden Age of Jewish Post Cards!" It will consist of more than 140 charming and delightful post cards and greeting cards with Jewish themes, part of the Judaica collection of Dr. Ira Rezak of Stony Brook, Long Island. The cards, spanning the years 1890-1920, fall into different categories such as holiday cards, courtship and romance, Early Palestine, and Zionist images. They offer a charming glimpse into our parents' and grandparents' way of celebrating and connecting.

So save the date and watch for the announcement of the Gallery opening on Sunday, November 1. How will you receive it? By post card, of course!

—GERRY SOLOMON

McDonald House require kosher meals, synagogue services, and other assistance, the chaplain calls on OZ to be of service. Please contact Richard Stadin at [stadin1@aol.com](mailto:stadin1@aol.com) or 212-879-0448.

*For additional information about any of these programs, please contact Susan J. Lorin, Hesed Committee Chair, at [lorin@sewkis.com](mailto:lorin@sewkis.com) or 212-717-4647.*

## HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES 5776/2015

### Sunday, September 13

#### Erev Rosh Hashanah

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

### Monday, September 14

#### 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*

### Tuesday, September 15

#### Second Day Rosh Hashanah

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

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

### Saturday, September 19

#### Shabbat Shuvah

Shaharit 9:00 a.m.  
*Congregation Or Zarua*

### Tuesday, September 22

#### Erev Yom Kippur

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

Kol Nidre 6:15 p.m.–8:45 p.m.  
*Wallace Hall*

### Wednesday, September 23

#### Yom Kippur/Yizkor

Services 9:00 a.m.–7:41 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 at both locations.*

# High Holy Days 5776/2015

Tickets, service schedules, and locations

Our High Holy Day services will be held in Wallace Hall, on the west side of Park Avenue between 83rd and 84th Streets, not far from our synagogue building on East 82nd Street.

OZ will again be offering three types of services for the High Holy Days: a main service, led by Rabbi Scott Bolton; youth services, divided by age; and a Family Learning Experience, led by Rabbi Amy Bolton. Youth services will be held on both days of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur. Please note that children 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 services schedules for times and locations.

The Family Learning Experience, described on page 5, led by Rabbi Amy

Bolton, is designed for the entire family and is not a drop-off service. It will be held in the Or Zarua library from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. Grandparents are also invited. Times and locations are listed on the OZ Youth services schedule on page 5.

The schedule for all main services for the High Holy Days will be printed on the reverse side of your ticket. Tickets have been mailed to all members in good standing; remember to bring your ticket with you to all services. Call the synagogue office with questions regarding your membership. Note that all children through the age of 22 are included in family membership; children 23 and above are required to have guest tickets. Call the synagogue office to purchase guest tickets.

## High Holy Day Tshuvah Talk

with Adam Gopnik, Sunday, September 20, 7:30 p.m.



This year's annual Tshuvah Lecture will be given by essayist and commentator Adam Gopnik.

Well-known as a staff writer for *The New Yorker*, Gopnik's expansive range includes non-fiction, fiction, memoir, and criticism. Recent works

include a *New York Times* best seller *Paris to the Moon*, his account of five years that he, his wife Martha, and son Luke spent in the French capital. His most recent book, *The Table Comes First*, is about food, cooking, and restaurants.

Or Zarua invites everyone to this High Holy Day Tshuvah program. Members are encouraged to invite nonmembers to the event.

—OZ ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**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. Young Professionals may purchase discounted tickets for \$180. Tickets for nonmembers wishing to bring their families to the Family Learning Experience are \$180 per family. To order, contact Luisa Paulino at lpaulino@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, extension 10.

**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 Youth Programs

for the High Holy Days 5776/2015

**S**hare the High Holy Days in new, special ways with your kids at the Family Learning Experience with Rabbi Amy Bolton and our other revamped High Holy Day programs.

The Family Learning Experience with Rabbi Amy Bolton will meet on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, from 10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. at Or Zarua. Join together 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, and engage in group discussion and parent-child learning on themes of the High Holy Day season.

Please note this is not a drop-off

group. Families with children of diverse ages are welcome, as are older siblings. For more information, contact Rabbi Amy Bolton at rabamy@gmail.com.

Also be sure to check out our other revamped High Holy Day programs for youth shown on the schedule at right.

Kindergarteners or 5th graders are welcome at whichever service feels most comfortable for them. Children not participating in a Youth Service or the Family Learning Experience are encouraged to join their parents in the main service.

For more information about youth High Holy Day programming, contact Sigal Hirsch, Director of Youth Education and Programming, at shirsch@orzarua.org, or 212-452-2310, extension 15.

Nonmembers wishing to attend these youth programs should call Helene Santo at 212-452-2310, extension 14, for guest tickets.

## OR ZARUA YOUTH HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES 5776/2015

**Monday, September 14**

### First Day Rosh Hashanah

Youth Services  
10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

#### Wallace Hall

*High Holy Day Tots (age 2–Kindergarten)*  
*High Holy Day Kids (K–5th grades)*  
*Mah Zeh HHDs!?! (5th–12th grades)*

**Tuesday, September 15**

### Second Day Rosh Hashanah

Youth Services  
10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

#### Wallace Hall

*High Holy Day Tots (age 2–2nd grade)*  
*High Holy Day Kids (3rd–7th grades)*

Family Learning Experience  
with Rabbi Amy Bolton  
10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

#### Congregation Or Zarua

*For families with children through 6th grade. Older siblings are welcome.*

**Tuesday, September 22**

### Erev Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre  
6:15 p.m.–8:45 p.m.

#### Wallace Hall

*High Holy Day Tots (age 2–3rd grade)*

**Wednesday, September 23**

### Yom Kippur

Youth Services  
10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

#### Wallace Hall

*High Holy Day Tots (age 2–2nd grade)*  
*High Holy Day Kids (3rd–7th grades)*

Family Learning Experience  
with Rabbi Amy Bolton  
10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

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between 83rd and 84th Streets

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**Children ages 2-4 must be accompanied by an adult.**

## SELIHOT

**Saturday, September 5**

**8:20 p.m. “Sinful Dessert” Reception**

**9:00 p.m. Study and Communal Singing  
with Rabbi Bolton and Service Leaders**

“THE MESSAGES AND MELODIES  
OF THE MAHZOR”

An exploration of the High Holy Day liturgy and communal singing to prepare for the High Holy Days

**9:50 p.m. Selihot Service**

## “WELCOME BACK” KIDDUSH

**Saturday, September 12**

**C**ongregation Or Zarua welcomes everyone back to our sanctuary with a “Welcome Back” Kiddush immediately after services, on Saturday, September 12.

## LEV SHALEM

**Or Zarua’s New Mahzor**

**F**or Or Zarua’s first High Holy Day service held at The Jewish Museum in 1989, our founding Board selected the *Rabbinical Assembly Mahzor*, edited by Rabbi Jules Harlow and published in 1972. In the ensuing years, it served our purposes well. In 2014, the Board decided to purchase a limited number of *Mahzor Lev Shalem* as an alternative to the Harlow Mahzor. It was well received by those who used it. This year we are transitioning fully to *Lev Shalem*, edited by Rabbi Edward Feld and, like the Harlow Mahzor, published by the Rabbinical Assembly.

The service itself will vary very little from that to which we are accustomed. The page layout contains English commentary along the side of the Hebrew page. The English page, likewise, contains commentary and meditative readings from contemporary and

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1 • 17 Elul</b> 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan	<b>2 • 18</b> 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 9:00 am NYCP	<b>3 • 19</b> 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan	<b>4 • 20</b> 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 6:15 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:06 pm Candlelighting	<b>5 • 21</b> 9:00 am Shaharit Ki Tavo 10:30 am Torah Kids 11:15 am Torah Tots 8:11 pm Shabbat ends 8:20 pm Selihot Desserts, Study, and Service
<b>6 • 22</b> 8:45 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan	<b>7 • 23</b> <b>Labor Day</b> 8:45 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan <i>Office closed</i>	<b>8 • 24</b> 7:00 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan	<b>9 • 25</b> 7:00 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan	<b>10 • 26</b> 7:00 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan	<b>11 • 27</b> 7:00 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan 6:15 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:54 pm Candlelighting	<b>12 • 28</b> 9:00 am Shaharit/Nitzavim 10:30 am Shabbat & Me 10:30 am Torah Kids 10:30 am Mah Zeh Shabbat and Kickoff Kiddush "Welcome Back" Kiddush 7:59 pm Shabbat ends
<b>13 • 29</b> 8:45 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan <b>Erev Rosh Hashanah</b> 6:15 pm Minhah/Ma'ariv ( <i>Or Zarua</i> ) 6:51 pm Candlelighting	<b>14 • 1 Tishri</b> <b>Rosh Hashanah I</b> 8:30 am Shaharit ( <i>Wallace Hall</i> ) 10:45 am Youth Service ( <i>Wallace Hall</i> ) 6:00 pm Tashlikh ( <i>Central Park</i> ) 7:00 pm Minhah/Ma'ariv ( <i>Or Zarua</i> ) Light candles after 7:48 pm	<b>15 • 2</b> <b>Rosh Hashanah II</b> 8:30 am Shaharit ( <i>Wallace Hall</i> ) 10:45 am Youth Service ( <i>Wallace Hall</i> ) 10:45 am Family Learning Experience ( <i>Or Zarua</i> ) 7:00 pm Minhah/Ma'ariv ( <i>Or Zarua</i> ) 7:55 pm Rosh Hashanah ends	<b>16 • 3</b> <b>Tzom Gedaliah</b> 7:00 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan	<b>17 • 4</b> 7:00 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan 5:30 pm Sukkah Decorating	<b>18 • 5</b> 7:00 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan 6:15 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm Young Professionals Shabbat 6:42 pm Candlelighting	<b>19 • 6</b> <b>Shabbat Shuva</b> 9:00 am Shaharit Vayelech 10:30 am Torah Kids 11:15 am Torah Tots 7:47 pm Shabbat ends
<b>20 • 7</b> 8:45 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan 11:00 am Dorot Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery 1:00 pm USY Kickoff BBQ at Anshe Chesed 7:30 pm Tshuvah Lecture with Adam Gopnik	<b>21 • 8</b> 7:00 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan 5:30 pm Hebrew School 2.0 Open House	<b>22 • 9</b> <b>Erev Yom Kippur</b> 7:00 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan 1:30 pm Minhah ( <i>Or Zarua</i> ) 6:15 pm Kol Nidre ( <i>Wallace Hall</i> ) 6:15 pm Youth Service ( <i>Wallace Hall</i> ) 6:36 pm Candlelighting	<b>23 • 10</b> <b>Yom Kippur</b> 9:00 am Services begin 10:45 am Youth Service ( <i>Wallace Hall</i> ) 10:45 am Family Learning Experience ( <i>Or Zarua</i> ) Yizkor 7:41 pm Yom Kippur ends	<b>24 • 11</b> 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan	<b>25 • 12</b> 7:15 am Shaharit 6:15 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 pm Candlelighting	<b>26 • 13</b> 9:00 am Shaharit Ha'azinu 10:30 am Torah Kids 11:15 am Torah Tots 7:35 pm Shabbat ends
<b>27 • 14</b> <b>Erev Sukkot</b> 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan 6:15 pm Minhah/Ma'ariv 6:27 pm Candlelighting 7:15 pm Dinner in the Sukkah	<b>28 • 15</b> <b>Sukkot First Day</b> 9:00 am Shaharit Kiddush in the Sukkah 6:30 pm Minhah/Ma'ariv Light candles after 7:24 pm	<b>29 • 16</b> <b>Sukkot Second Day</b> 9:00 am Shaharit Kiddush in the Sukkah 7:31 pm Festival ends	<b>30 • 17</b> <b>Hol Hamoed Sukkot</b> 7:00 am Shaharit 7:30 pm Scholars at Shul with Rabbi Robert Harris			

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				<b>1 • 18 Tishri</b> <b>Hol Hamoed Sukkot</b> 7:00 am Shaharit Minyan 7:30 pm Young Professionals Sushi in the Sukkah	<b>2 • 19</b> <b>Hol Hamoed Sukkot</b> 7:00 am Shaharit Minyan 5:15 pm Sukkot and Me 6:00 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:19 pm Candlelighting	<b>3 • 20</b> <b>Hol Hamoed Sukkot</b> 8:45 am Shaharit Megillat Kohelet 10:30 am Torah Kids 10:30 am Mah Zeh Shabbat 11:15 am Torah Tots 7:24 pm Shabbat ends 7:30 pm Sukkah Sleepover
<b>4 • 21</b> <b>Hoshanah Rabbah</b> 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan <b>Erev Shemini Atzeret</b> 6:00 pm Minhah/Ma'ariv 6:15 pm Candlelighting	<b>5 • 22</b> <i>Office closed</i> <b>Shemini Atzeret</b> 9:00 am Shaharit/Yizkor <b>Erev Simhat Torah</b> 5:30 pm Early Childhood Simhat Torah Program 5:45 pm Kadima/USY Simhat Torah Dinner 6:30 pm Minhah/Ma'ariv Light candles after 7:12 pm	<b>6 • 23</b> <b>Simhat Torah</b> 9:00 am Shaharit 7:19 pm Festival ends <i>Office closed</i>	<b>7 • 24</b> 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 9:00 am NYCP	<b>8 • 25</b> 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan	<b>9 • 26</b> 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 6:00 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:07 pm Candlelighting	<b>10 • 27</b> 9:00 am Shaharit Bereshit 10:30 am Torah Kids 11:15 am Torah Tots 7:12 pm Shabbat ends
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# Eating in the Sukkah

Reserved dinner, kiddush gatherings, and "Bring your Own" dinners

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

Sunday, September 27

Minhah/Ma'ariv begins at 6:15 p.m.

Dinner begins at 7:15 p.m.

*This meal requires reservations.*

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

RSVP by Thursday, September 17

at 212-452-2310, extension 39;

[tinyurl.com/SukkotDinner-9-27-15](http://tinyurl.com/SukkotDinner-9-27-15);

or log in to your Chaverweb account and

select Sukkot Dinner in the pull-down menu.

## ETROGIM AND LULAVIM FOR SUKKOT

The joyous holiday of Sukkot begins Sunday evening, September 27. 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 options, 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

To order, contact Deborah Wenger at extension 12, [dwenger@orzarua.org](mailto:dwenger@orzarua.org), or log into your Chaverweb account at [www.tinyurl.com/OZ-Lulav-2015](http://www.tinyurl.com/OZ-Lulav-2015), by noon on Thursday, September 17. We cannot accept any orders without payment. Sets will be available for pickup between Yom Kippur and Sukkot on a date to be determined.

**EDITOR'S NOTE** For questions about the OZ Newsletter, please contact Charlie Spielholz at [cssrs@earthlink.net](mailto:cssrs@earthlink.net).

### Kiddush in the Sukkah

Monday, September 28

Tuesday, September 29

Immediately after services

### "Bring Your Own" Dinner

You bring dinner and all service items, including beverages, plates, cups, napkins, and utensils. All food brought to the sukkah must be kosher. Please conclude your evening meal by 9:00 p.m.

To bring your own dinner to the sukkah, please notify Deborah Wenger in the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 12, of the number of people in your group by noon of the day you wish to use the sukkah.

## YOUTH EVENTS FOR SUKKOT

### Sukkah Decorating

Thursday, September 17

5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

All members welcome

### Sukkot and Me

Friday, October 2, 5:15 p.m.

### Sukkah Sleepover

Saturday, October 3, 7:30 p.m.

### Early Childhood

### Simhat Torah Program

Monday, October 5, 5:30 p.m.

### Kadima/USY

### Simhat Torah Dinner

Monday, October 5, 5:45 p.m.

## SUKKOT SERVICES 5776/2015

### Sunday, September 27

#### Erev Sukkot

Evening 6:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m.

### Monday, September 28

#### First Day Sukkot

Morning 9:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Evening 6:30 p.m.–7:45 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 29

#### Second Day Sukkot

Morning 9:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

### Sunday, October 4

#### Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning 8:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

#### Erev Shemini Atzeret

Evening 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

### Monday, October 5

#### Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor

Morning 9:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

#### Erev Simhat Torah

Evening 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, October 6

#### Simhat Torah

Morning 9:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

## SUSHI IN THE SUKKAH

Thursday, October 1, 7:30 p.m.

for Young Professionals

OZ's Young Professionals will gather in our roof-top sukkah for sushi. RSVP online at <http://www.wizevents.com/register/3688>. See page 12 for additional information on OZYP events.

## SUKKAH SLEEPOVER

Saturday, October 3

All Or Zarua children aged 5 to 13 are invited to participate in the mitzvah of sleeping in the sukkah starting after Shabbat at 7:30 p.m. A pizza dinner will be served, followed by a "make your own sundaes." There will also be Ping-Pong, pool, foosball, board games, and a movie.

RSVP to Sigal Hirsch at [shirsch@orzarua.org](mailto:shirsch@orzarua.org) by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 2.



# Or L'Atid: Youth Education and Programming

Registration is now open for our new Hebrew School program. Check out our exciting offerings!

## Hebrew School 2.0

**Grades K–2: Monday, 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.**  
**Grades 3–5: Monday and Wednesday, 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.**

At Hebrew School 2.0, kids study Tanakh (Bible), Jewish history, culture and values, religious life and laws, prayer, skills for living Jewishly, Israel, and Hebrew language. 3rd-5th graders also attend our JSA Day (Jewish Science and Arts) on Wednesday afternoons, where they will engage in exciting interdisciplinary learning, incorporating science and arts into our robust curriculum.

## B'nei Mitzvah Scholars

**Grades 6–7: Monday, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.**

Study Hebrew Language and Literature (HALLEL) while engaging with a wide range of Jewish subjects, including Tanakh (Bible), Mishnah and Gemara, Jewish History, and Israel in Judaism for the Modern Mind (JAMM).

## Arts and Action

**Grades 6–12: Select Wednesdays (10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/11, 11/18, and 12/2), 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.**

EXPLORING YOUR JEWISH IDENTITY THROUGH SLAM POETRY

Using performance poetry, students will have the opportunity to explore their Jewish identities with spoken-word poet Joseph D. Robbins as their guide. Using



classic Jewish poetry as a starting point, students will delve deep into text as a way of jump-starting their own creativity. The course will provide them with creative writing and performance skills, while creating a community that extends beyond the classroom walls. The course will culminate with a Hanukkah Poetry Jam where the students will be able to join other spoken-word artists in performing the work they have created during the class and show what their Jewish Identity means to them. All students are welcome, no experience necessary!

## Teens@OZ

**Grades 8–12: Sunday OR Tuesday**  
**Sunday, 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.**

Continue on your Jewish journey in Teens@OZ. Learn Hebrew Language and Literature (HALLEL) in an immersive Hebrew language environment and participate in Judaism for the Modern Mind (JAMM), which features semester-long, college-style Judaic studies courses. Learners of all backgrounds—public school, private school, or day school—can participate in either program, or ideally, in both!

## Judaism for the Modern Mind

EXPULSION AND EMANCIPATION, RUIN AND RECOVERY

In this semester's JAMM course, taught by Dr. Rachel Mincer, we will study how Jews and Judaism came to look the way they did at the beginning of the twentieth century. We will learn about the experience of Jews in individual nations and about international trends across Europe, which will help us understand the emergence of many different forms of Jewish identity in the modern age. We'll study European Jewish civilization, using primary sources and maps. Together, we will explore the highs and lows of the Jewish experience in Europe, developing a deeper understanding of contemporary Judaism—both the decimation that occurred and the bright spots that emerged.

## Early Bird Tuition

Receive our Early Bird Tuition when you register and pay by September 8. To register, log in to your Chaverweb account and click "School Registration." Nonmembers will be given the option to create a Chaverweb Guest Account at the initial screen.

If you need help logging in to your account, or if the School Registration option is not on your screen, please call Helene Santo or Luisa Paulino at 212-452-2310.

For all other inquiries regarding registration, please contact Sigal Hirsch, Director of Youth Education and Programming, at 212-452-2310, extension 15; shirsch@orzarua.org; orzarua.org/OrLatid, or our new website, orzarua-ortalid.org.

## LEV SHALEM

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earlier sources reflective of the text. Our founding member Francine Klagsbrun served on the mahzor committee and her work will be found among the inspirational English readings.

We will be using *Lev Shalem* on Saturday, September 5, after a dessert reception at 8:20 p.m. "The Messages and Melodies of the Mahzor," a study ses-

sion at 9:00 p.m., will include using the new mahzor and communal singing. Our Selihot service will follow at 9:50 p.m. Please join us for this traditional service and for a preview of our new mahzor.

Rabbi Bolton, the service leaders, the Officers and Board hope that you will find new insights that will enhance and deepen the experience and meaning of once again reflecting on the year that has passed and our hopes and aspirations for the year to come.

## KADIMA AND USY EVENTS

### USY Kickoff BBQ

**Sunday, September 20, 1:00 p.m.**  
at Anshe Chesed

### Kadima/USY

### Simhat Torah Dinner

**Monday, October 5, 5:45 p.m.**  
at Congregation Or Zarua

# Fall Context Course at OZ

“Hebrew Poetry of the Golden Age” with Dr. Raymond Scheindlin

**P**lease join us for a six-lecture Context series titled “Hebrew Poetry of the Golden Age,” taught by Dr. Raymond Scheindlin, Professor of Medieval Jewish Literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Context is an academically oriented adult learning program taught in English with English text readings, run by JTS in partnership with synagogues and other communal organizations.

Focusing on Arabic-speaking medieval Spain, where Jewish literature and culture flourished, the class will explore secular poetry on love, wine, nature, friendship, and philosophy, and religious poetry on God, the soul, exile, and redemption, produced by masters such as Samuel the Nagid, Ibn Gabirol, Moses Ibn Ezra, Judah Halevi, and Judah al-Harizi. The course will address subjects as such as the role of poets and poetry during the period, the impact of Arabic and its literary traditions on their poetry, how they dealt with biblical imagery,

and erotic and homoerotic themes, all as part of the larger picture of how Jews have integrated the values and styles of the communities in which they lived while nonetheless creating distinctly Jewish cultures.

Author of *Wine, Women and Death: Medieval Hebrew Poems on the Good Life; The Gazelle: Medieval Poems on God, Israel and the Soul;* and *Judah Halevi’s Pilgrimage*, Professor Scheindlin received the Cultural Achievement Award of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture and Guggenheim and Cullman Fellowships.

The course meets at Or Zarua from 7:00–9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, November 10, 17, and 24, and December 1, 8, and 15. Tuition is \$325 per person. Should you be interested, please contact Art Rosenbloom at arosenbloom@crai.com.

## RABBI WECHSLER TEACHES ON SIRIUS XM RADIO

Sundays at 4:00 a.m., 8 a.m., and 8:00 p.m.



**R**abbi Wechsler can be heard on SiriusXM Stars Channel three 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](http://www.siriusxm.com).

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

# Or Zarua Book Discussions

### Sunday, October 11, 2015

*Bromley Girls* by Martha Mendelsohn

“While *Bromley Girls* (Texas Tech) is published as a young adult novel, readers of all ages will be drawn to her New York story, set at a prestigious girls’ school, with themes of identity, family, and friendship, with shadows of prejudice in the background. Mendelsohn has a great ear for the way young women speak and maneuver through the cliques and dramas of coming of age.” —Sandee Brawarsky, Book Editor, *The Jewish Week*

This book discussion will be led by the author and OZ member Martha Mendelsohn.

### Sunday, November 22, 2015

*Little Failure* by Gary Shteyngart

Provocative, hilarious, and inventive, *Little Failure* reveals a deeper vein of emotion in Gary Shteyngart’s prose. It is a memoir of an immigrant family coming to America, as told by a lifelong misfit who forged from his imagination an essential literary voice and, against all odds, a place in the world.

### Sunday, January 24, 2016

*The Last Flight of Poxl West* by Daniel Torday

“A stunning, award-winning novel in which a young man recounts his idealization of his uncle Poxl, a Jewish, former RAF pilot, exploring fame, memory, and storytelling. *The Last Flight of Poxl West* examines what it means to be a family in the shadow of war—to love, to lose, and to heal.” —*Good Reads*

### Sunday, March 6, 2016

*To Rise Again at a Decent Hour* by Joshua Ferris

“With the help of a somewhat petulant, loner dentist, the book takes on existential dread, what it means to be a Jew, and Red Sox fandom in a mix of the absurd, the droll, and the profound. It’s an eminently worthy nominee for the Booker Prize or any other.” —*Tablet Magazine*

### Sunday, May 22, 2016

Book title to be announced.

OZ Book Discussions meets in the OZ library on select Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. All are invited. For additional information, contact Reed Schneider or Deborah Wenger, 212-452-2310, extension 12.



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## RABBI BOLTON'S SIDDIR CLASS

**The Amidah: Central Prayer,  
Center Ourselves**

**Thursdays, 8:30–9:30 a.m., Social Hall**

**T**his year Rabbi Bolton's Siddur Class begins on October 29, but you may join at any time. Our exploration of the Amidah continues with both liturgy studies and personal meaning. Analysis of the prose and poetry with comparison of various versions of each section of the Amidah inspire a deeper understanding of this central part of our liturgy.

Prior knowledge is not required. As each class is independent of the others, you may attend any or all of the classes.

## OZ's Young Professionals

by Liora Avitan Seltzer

**T**he Or Zarua Young Professionals (OZYP) are gearing up for fall. Upcoming events include Shabbat dinner and services on September 18 and October 10.

On both dates we will meet at 7:00 p.m. for an OZYP-led service in the social hall, followed by a full dinner and plenty of drinks. Please sign up through the link

on our Facebook page, or online at <http://www.wizevents.com/register/3381>, or by calling the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 12.

Excitement is building for our annual Sushi in the Sukkah on October 1 at 7:30 p.m. The 50 OZYP who gathered in the beautiful OZ sukkah last year made it one of our favorite events! Great sushi, drinks, and company—what could be better? RSVP for Sushi in the Sukkah online at <http://www.wizevents.com/register/3688>.

We encourage everyone to invite any and all young professionals to the OZYP events. We welcome singles and couples to join the vibrant and growing group.

For more information about OZYP, email us at [ozyoungpros@gmail.com](mailto:ozyoungpros@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook: Or Zarua Young Professionals.

We are looking forward to a great 5776 at OZ, full of wonderful events, collaborations, and spirit.



OZ YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Last year's Sushi in the Sukkah dinner.

## HEBREW SCHOOL REGISTRATION

**Early Bird Tuition**

**Sign up by Tuesday, September 8**

**C**heck out all of our amazing opportunities for this year, including Hebrew School 2.0, B'nei Mitzvah Scholars, Teens@OZ, and Arts and Action!

To read more about registration options, see page 9.

## SHANAH TOVAH!

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