

“A Taste of Spring” with Chef Jonathan Waxman

Save the date: Thursday evening, May 12

CHEF JONATHAN WAXMAN



Or Zarua's social event and fundraiser this year, “A Taste of Spring” with Chef Jonathan Waxman, will be held on Thursday

evening, May 12.

Restaurateur, author, and mentor, Chef Waxman is the owner and chef of Barbuto in the West Village. Previous crowd-pleasers have included Jams and Washington Park. His book *Italian, My Way* contains 150 revitalized classic recipes that can be easily prepared at home. Chef Waxman is an engaging speaker; search for him on YouTube. His heshed activities include City Meals on Wheels.

“A Taste of Spring” will be a multifaceted event beginning with Chef Waxman's preparing dinner for up to 20 of OZ's most

generous donors in the home of a Congregant. The dinner will be part of the fundraising component of the evening.

Shortly after the dinner commences, “A Taste of Spring” will begin at the Asia Society, with Chef Waxman at the helm. A projected turnout of 100 to 150 people will enjoy an “Endless Smorgasbord,” wine pairings selected by Chef Waxman, and his presentation focused on cooking. All meals will be kosher. A lively auction and raffle will supplement fundraising, which will be used to support existing and novel OZ programs.

Save-the-date notices and formal invitations will be arriving by mail. The “Taste of Spring” committee will need help in a variety of areas, including donations for the auction and raffle, as well as hands-on help with logistics. Contact Naomi Smook (nsmook@nyc.rr.com) to volunteer for “A Taste of Spring.” —OZ GALA COMMITTEE

Zayin Adar Dinner

“Memories for a Blessing”

Thursday, March 17, 7:00 p.m.



Honoring the memory of loved ones may become a blessing not only for the

family, but for the entire community as well. Learn new perspectives from Congregants Sheldon Adler and Charlie Spielholz on blessings they have received and shared. This annual event, celebrating the work of OZ's Hevra Kadisha and sponsored by Phyllis and Gerry Solomon in memory of their parents, is free to all members and guests. Contributions to the Hevra Kadisha are welcomed. Sign up through your ChaverWeb account or call 212-452-2310, extension 39, by Monday, March 14.

GUEST CURATOR SERIES

Andrea Bayer

Unfinished: Thoughts Left Visible
Sunday, March 13, 7:00 p.m.



METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

Join Or Zarua in welcoming Dr. Andrea Bayer, Jayne Wrightsman Curator in the Department of European Paintings

at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, as she discusses the inaugural exhibition at the Met Breuer, “Unfinished: Thoughts Left Visible.” The exhibit examines the question of when a work of art is considered to be finished. The exhibit covers 140 works spanning the Renaissance to the present. There is no charge for this presentation; all are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

SIGAL HIRSCH



Hebrew School 2.0 celebrating Tu B'Shevat with a seder. Come to our OR L'ATID OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, April 10, for a fun and engaging program that will highlight the best of Or L'Atid. For more information about programs for youth and families, see page 10.



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If you are interested in serving on a synagogue committee, please contact the office for the committee chair's email address.

President's Message

by Marc D. Ashley



Spring is right around the corner! Purim lies ahead, and Passover is not far behind. For many, that realization is both energizing and sobering, as substantial preparation for the year's most demanding holiday is placed on our agenda.

Once Megillat Esther is read and the raucousness of Purim is over, Passover looms large. Indeed, the Rabbis enforced a link between the holidays, mandating that they always be a month apart even in leap years, and requiring that study of the laws of Passover commence on Purim. The Talmud explains that, although the holidays are dissimilar in that one is ordained by the Torah and the other by the Rabbis, Purim is always celebrated in close proximity to Passover because "it is preferable to juxtapose one redemption [Purim] to the other redemption [Passover]" (Megillah 6b). As a child I was mindful of the coupling of the two holidays because each year my mother began her grueling Passover home-cleaning project in Purim's aftermath. If we properly participate in Purim, we at the same time begin preparing ourselves for Passover.

The joyful abandon of Purim, when we are authorized to drink wine amidst our revelry, thus leads inevitably to the rigorous rules of Passover, for which preparation must be meticulous. But preparation for Passover, while surely onerous, is also comforting. As the memory of snowstorms fades and the sun strengthens, it instructs us that we are fully transitioning from winter to spring. Along with decreasing darkness and greater illumination comes a feeling of renewal and rebirth. Passover is the pivot of that physical and spiritual transition, on a temporal arc from Purim at spring's beginning to Shavuot at its end.

Our tradition emphasizes the centrality and connection of spring to Passover, expressly calling it "hag ha-Aviv" or the holiday of spring. In its fusion of agricultural and historical dimensions, Pesah

embodies the vital interaction of nature and spirit, of the material and religious worlds. Just as the earth is rejuvenated in the spring after its winter hibernation, so too are Jews reborn into a historical drama that takes us from the deliverance of Purim, to the redemption of Passover, and finally to the revelation of Shavuot. As we embrace the physical safety and warmth of spring, we also experience the spiritual elevation of these epic holidays.

Spring is a wonderful time to enjoy the natural world. The author of Song of Songs, which we read on the intermediate Shabbat of Passover, urges us to enjoy spring's bounty: "For now the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. The blossoms have appeared in the land; the time of singing has come; the song of the turtledove is heard in our land" (2:11-12). Spring is an anticipated time of new beginnings throughout our physical environment.

Yet spring is also an opportune time to enjoy vibrant Jewish life at Or Zarua. Renewal occurs both outside and inside; opportunities blossom within our own synagogue, close at hand.

Join us at Or Zarua as we celebrate Purim and Pesah in fun and meaningful ways. Participate in our pre-Purim hesed activity at Project ORE and our Matanot LaEvyonim efforts, leading up to our Purim night megillah reading followed by a music-and-barbeque-filled party. I guarantee you will experience and enjoy the spirited energy of our close-knit community, across a spectrum of ages and interests, at our Purim night celebration.

Then celebrate an authentic Passover with us, filled with joy and meaning. Join our pre-Pesah zimriyah, or singing session, as we practice tunes for use throughout the holiday. For those interested in inspiring ritual and learning, our Congregational Second Seder beckons. And our Passover services will be infused with the happiness of the Hallel liturgy.

This spring, Or Zarua will be a place of renewal and opportunity. Come enjoy its bounty.

SUPPORT OR L'ATID

by buying chocolate for Purim at Chocolate Works, 1410 Lexington Avenue (between 92nd and 93rd Streets), on March 13 or March 20. Mention that you are from Or Zarua, and 10% of your purchase price will go to Or L'Atid.

**PURIM SCHEDULE****Sunday, March 13****Hesed Purim Party at Project ORE**

11:00 a.m., see page 5 for details

Please contact Lesley Palmer at lesleypalmer123@gmail.com with any questions or to register.

Sundays, March 13 and 20**Prepare for Purim and Support Or L'Atid**

Buy your Mishloach Manot or schedule a workshop at Chocolate Works UES, 1410 Lexington Avenue (between 92nd and 93rd Streets), during store hours. Mention code "OrZarua," and 10% of proceeds go to Or L'Atid, OZ Youth Education and Programming.

Sunday, March 20**Purim Hesed with Kadima/USY**

1:00–3:00 p.m., 7th Floor

To prepare for our annual Purim fundraiser, 6th–12th graders are invited to make masks and groggers to sell to OZ Megillah Go-ers! Funds raised from the sale of Purim masks will go to Tzedakah.

Wednesday, March 23**Kids' Purim Party**

5:00–6:30 p.m., Or Zarua

Megillah, games, activities, snacks, and more (*For children birth–5th grade*)

Break your fast with a nosh

7:39 p.m., OZ Social Hall

Ma'ariv and Megillat Esther

7:45 p.m., Or Zarua Sanctuary

Purim Celebration and Bluegrass Bash

8:30 p.m., Or Zarua Social Hall

After the service, join the OZ SHINDIG with a great BLUEGRASS BAND, BIR'NANA, BBQ, and more. Get ready to feast, rejoice, and share a line dance!

There is no charge, but for planning purposes, sign up through your ChaverWeb account, or call 212-452-2310, extension 39.

Thursday, March 24**Shaharit and Megillat Esther**

7:00 a.m., Or Zarua Sanctuary

Matanot LaEvyonim—**Purim Gifts for the Needy**

At all times, Or Zarua Social Hall

Purim food drive and donations to help support the New York Common Pantry.

Matanot LaEvyonim

Purim Food Drive to help the hungry in our community

Observe the Purim mitzvah of Matanot LaEvyonim, giving gifts to the needy, by donating nonperishable food items or a check when you come to Purim services or festivities on Wednesday, March 23. See the Purim schedule at right for details. Collection baskets for the donations, which help support the New York Common Pantry, will be located in the Social Hall.

Needed food items include whole

wheat pasta; tomato sauce; 100% real fruit juice; canned soups and stew (low-sodium); brown rice; peanut butter; canned tuna, salmon, and chicken; shelf-stable milk (nonfat or 1%); coffee; and tea.

Purim is not the only time to make donations. Or Zarua supports the New York Common Pantry, as well as other organizations, throughout the year with donations and volunteers. Read about all of OZ's Hesed projects on page 5.

OZ's Young Professionals

by Liora Avitan Seltzer

Or Zarua's Young Professionals celebrated another Shabbat together on January 22, bringing new and old friends together for spirited davening followed by dinner and drinks. We were delighted to join the Or Zarua community for a special musical program with Marsha Bryan Edelman as part of our Shabbat experience.

Two weeks later, we celebrated Rosh Hodesh Adar Alef together with a beer and limud. We enjoyed delicious pizza from Cafe Viva (thanks to Rabbi Bolton's recommendation), cold beer, and great company. Rabbi Bolton prepared a limud about drinking on Purim, appropriate to the month of Adar. We explored the meaning

of the minhag of drinking, "ad lo yada" ("that he does not know"), and discussed sources from different time periods.

On February 26, we celebrated our third Board Game Shabbat, which is becoming our favorite Shabbat dinner event. Our next Shabbat dinners will be March 18, the week before Purim, and April 15, a week before Pesah.

Following the success of last year's celebration, we are all looking forward to joining Or Zarua's epic Purim festivities!

Feel free to contact us with any questions or suggestions, or just to say hi at OZYoungPros@gmail.com.

For more information about upcoming events, join our Facebook group, Or Zarua's Young Professionals.

OZ Memorial Wall Plaques

In memory of loved ones

BEN MARCUS



Those who purchase plaques during the first 90 days of this program will receive a 20% discount on the purchase price. To ensure that a plaque is installed by Rosh Hashanah 5777, place your order with the synagogue office by May 31, 2016. A digital photo of the plaque will be provided to everyone who has purchased a plaque.

Similar to the model of the Capital Campaign Donor Wall located on the second floor outside the Sanctuary, the plaques will be equal in size and prominence. To maintain this objective, the plaques will be rotated once a year. Congregants will be able to group up to four names that will move as a unit.

This is a wonderful opportunity to honor the memory of loved ones with an everlasting tribute, and for you and others to know their names fill a sacred prayer space. We will remember them in this beautiful and elegant setting.

Details describing how to order plaques will be available from the synagogue office. —AARON SHELDEN

Plaques for Congregation Or Zarua's elegant and unique Memorial Wall, honoring the memories of loved ones, are now available for purchase.

The style of the Memorial Wall, which is located on the east wall on both ends of the Sanctuary, maintains the aesthetic of the Or Zarua building. The metal plaques, produced in three different textures, will be placed in the armature spaces. The plaques will be inscribed with the loved one's name in both English and Hebrew.

The price of each plaque will be \$720.



CHARLIE SHELHOLZ

OR ZARUA'S SECURITY TASK FORCE protecting the Ark—and vice versa. The task force is reviewing security and safety procedures for the Congregation. Members shown above (from left) are Alan Ilberman; Helene Santo; Diane Okrent; Sara Stone; Pam Gold; and Henry Glanternik, Chair. Members not pictured are Marc Ashley and Rabbi Bolton, ex officio; Sigal Hirsch; Ed Kopelowitz; and Miriam Wallerstein.

OZ MINYAN Join Or Zarua's minyan for Shaharit (morning service), followed by breakfast. Start times are listed on the calendar. You will meet other Congregants and get your morning cup of coffee, OJ, bagels, yogurt, and other delicacies. You can be a minyanaire by contacting Sheldon Adler at sadler@skadden.com or just by attending.

TALMUD CLASS WITH RABBI BOLTON

For the Sake of the Community: The Talmudic Backstory of Tikkun Olam, "Repairing the World," Chapter 4 of Masekhet Gittin Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., as shown on the OZ calendar



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 spring, we will continue to 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, as shown on the OZ calendar, 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 (Artsroll). 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.

OROT

OZ's High Holy Day Journal

This year many of us missed OROT, the journal previously distributed at our High Holy Day services, so we are moving forward to be sure a new edition of OROT greets you next Rosh Hashanah. If you would like to contribute a personal recollection, essay, or poem that pertains to the High Holy Day liturgy, themes, or experiences, please contact Joanne Feierman at feierman@gmail.com or Rabbi Bolton at rabbibolton@orzarua.org. We also welcome articles that relate to our central Or Zarua values of "Learn, Pray, Participate, Connect." We hope that you will be involved in—and enriched by—our forthcoming OROT journal.

Or Zarua Hessed Programs

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

Hesed Purim Party at Project ORE

● Volunteers are needed for a pre-Purim morning of song, megillah, and fun with Project ORE, a program for elderly, vulnerable, Jewish adults living on the Lower East Side. Please join us at 331 East 12th Street on Sunday, March 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Contact Susan Lorin at lorin@sewkis.com with any questions or to register.

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 March 2, April 6, and May 4.

Home Visit Volunteers

● Volunteer to visit and cheer ill or home-bound 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 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 Jeffrey Haberman at jeff32449@verizon.net.

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

OZ VOLUNTEERS AT DOROT’S annual winter package delivery on January 31, prior to departing for their scheduled visits with seniors served by DOROT. From left to right: Lesley Palmer, Susan Katz, Charlie Spielholz, Charles Kupferberg, Susan Lorin, Marty Kupferberg, Micaela Raviv, and Laura Fisher. DOROT is a leading nonprofit agency that provides a wide range of social services to the elderly in New York City. For more information, visit www.dorotusa.org.

RABBI WECHSLER TEACHES ON SIRIUS XM RADIO

Sundays at 4:00 a.m., 8 a.m., and 8:00 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 106. Nonsubscribers can obtain a free, three-day trial at www.siriusxm.com.

RABBI BOLTON’S SIDDIR CLASS

The Amidah: Central Prayer, Centering Ourselves

Thursdays, 8:30–9:30 a.m., Library

Rabbi Bolton’s Siddur Class began on October 29, but you may join at any time. Our exploration of the Amidah continues with both liturgy studies and reflections on personal meaning. Analysis of the prose and poetry, with comparison of various versions of each section of the Amidah, inspires 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 SUPER BOWL HESSED PARTY. Sponsored annually by Sheldon Adler, this year’s large crowd enjoyed BBQ and deli sandwiches while raising funds for Project ORE, which serves kosher meals, provides counseling, case management, and other support services to elderly, vulnerable, Lower East Side Jews, the only program of its kind in New York City.

DOROT



CHARLIE SPIELHOLZ



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 • 21 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:00p Teens@OZ	2 • 22 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 9:00a NYCP 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 7:30p Talmud Class	3 • 23 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 8:30a Siddur Class	4 • 24 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 5:33p Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	5 • 25 Shabbat Shekalim 9:00a Shaharit Vayakhel 10:30a Torah Kids 10:30a Shabbat & Me Sat. Bat Mitzvah of Annie Sahn 6:38p Shabbat ends
6 • 26 8:45a Shaharit Minyan 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal 7:00p Book Discussion	7 • 27 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:00p Talmud Hevruta Seminar	8 • 28 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:00p Teens@OZ 7:15p Context	9 • 29 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 7:30p Talmud Class	10 • 30 Rosh Hodesh Adar II 7:00a Shaharit Minyan 8:30a Siddur Class	11 • 1 Adar II Rosh Hodesh Adar II 7:00a Shaharit Minyan 5:00p Shabbat & Me Friday 5:41p Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	12 • 2 9:00a Shaharit/Pekude 10:30m Teen Shabbat and Lunch 'n Learn 10:30a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots 6:46p Shabbat ends
13 • 3 Daylight Saving Time begins 8:45a Shaharit Minyan 11:00a Hesed Purim Party at Project ORE 5:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal 7:00p Dr. Andrea Bayer, Met Curator	14 • 4 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars <i>No Talmud Hevruta Seminar</i>	15 • 5 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:00p Teens@OZ 7:15p Context	16 • 6 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 <i>No Talmud Class</i>	17 • 7 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 8:30a Siddur Class 7:00p Zayin Adar Dinner	18 • 8 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:00p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:48p Candlelighting 6:30p Young Professionals Shabbat	19 • 9 Shabbat Zachor 9:00a Shaharit Vayikra 10:30a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots 7:53p Shabbat ends
20 • 10 8:45a Shaharit Minyan 1:00p Kadima/USY Purim Hesed Program 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	21 • 11 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Book Launch Party <i>No Talmud Hevruta Seminar</i>	22 • 12 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:00p Teens@OZ 7:15p Context	23 • 13 Ta'anit Esther/Erev Purim 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 5:00p Kid's Purim Party 7:39p Break Fast 7:45p Ma'ariv and Megillat Esther 8:30p Purim Celebration <i>No Talmud Class</i>	24 • 14 Purim 7:00a Shaharit Minyan and Megillat Esther <i>No Siddur Class</i>	25 • 15 Shushan Purim 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:00p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:56p Candlelighting	26 • 16 9:00a Shaharit Tzav 10:30a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots 8:01p Shabbat ends
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3 • 24 8:45a Shaharit Minyan 5:00p Teen Film Series 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	4 • 25 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:00p Talmud Hevruta Seminar	5 • 26 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:00p Teens@OZ 7:15a Context	6 • 27 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 9:00a NYCP 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 7:30p Talmud Class	7 • 28 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 8:30a Siddur Class	8 • 29 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:15p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:11p Candlelighting 7:30p Dinner (RSVP) 8:30p Shabbaton with Dr. Benjamin D. Sommer	9 • 1 Nisan Rosh Hodesh Nisan 9:00a Shaharit/Tazria Shabbaton with Dr. Benjamin D. Sommer 10:30a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots 8:16p Shabbat ends
10 • 2 8:45a Shaharit Minyan 10:00a Or L'Atid Open House 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	11 • 3 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:00p Talmud Hevruta Seminar	12 • 4 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:00p Teens@OZ 7:15a Context	13 • 5 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 7:30p Talmud Class	14 • 6 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 8:30a Siddur Class	15 • 7 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 5:15p Pesah and Me 6:15p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:18p Candlelighting 7:30p Young Professionals Shabbat Dinner	16 • 8 Shabbat HaGadol 9:00a Shaharit/Metzora 10:30a Torah Kids 10:30a Mah Zeh Shabbat?! 11:15a Torah Tots 1:00p Pre-Pesah Zimriyah 8:23p Shabbat ends
17 • 9 8:45a Shaharit Minyan 1:00p Kadima/USY Pre-Pesah Event 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	18 • 10 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars <i>No Talmud Hevruta Seminar</i>	19 • 11 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:00p Teens@OZ 7:15a Context	20 • 12 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 7:30p Talmud Class	21 • 13 Bedikat Hametz 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 8:30a Siddur Class	22 • 14 Erev Pesah/Ta'anit Bechorot Fast of the Firstborn/Siyum 7:00a Shaharit Minyan 6:15p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:25p Candlelighting First Seder	23 • 15 1st Day of Pesah 9:00a Shaharit 10:30a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots 8:30p Or Zarua Congregational Seder Light candles after 8:30p Second Seder
24 • 16 2nd Day of Pesah 9:00a Shaharit Minyan 8:30p Yom Tov ends	25 • 17 Hol Hamoed 3rd Day of Pesah 7:00a Shaharit Minyan 7:00 pm Talmud Hevruta Seminar <i>OZ Hebrew School closed</i>	26 • 18 Hol Hamoed 4th Day of Pesah 7:00a Shaharit Minyan <i>OZ Hebrew School closed</i>	27 • 19 Hol Hamoed 5th Day of Pesah 7:00a Shaharit Minyan 7:30p Talmud Class <i>OZ Hebrew School closed</i>	28 • 20 Hol Hamoed 6th Day of Pesah 7:00a Shaharit Minyan Erev 7th Day of Pesah 7:32p Candlelighting	29 • 21 7th Day of Pesah 9:00a Shaharit Minyan Erev Last Day of Pesah 6:15p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:33p Candlelighting	30 • 22 Last Day of Pesah 8:45a Shaharit/Yizkor 10:30a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots 6:45p Minhah/Seudah Shlishit with Rabbi Bolton/Ma'ariv 8:38p Festival ends

Pre-Pesah Zimriyah

Saturday, April 16, after kiddush (1:00 p.m.)

All are welcome to join the uplifting community singing and melody workshop that we call a Zimriyah! Led by Rabbi Bolton and Marc Ashley just after

kiddush, we will sing familiar tunes, learn new ones, and review Hallel and a seder song or two, as we celebrate Shabbat and get ready for Pesah.

Pesah Meal Match

First Seder, Friday, April 22

Pesah is a time to invite guests into our homes for a seder. If you would like to host a guest or guests in your home for the first seder, or if you would like to join other OZ Congregants in their

home, please contact the synagogue office at 212-452-2310 and speak with Helene Santo (extension 14) or Deborah Wenger (extension 12) by Thursday, April 21.

Ma'ot Hittim Fund

Assist needy Jews to prepare for Passover

The Haggadah tells us that every Jew must experience the Exodus from Egypt, and the Mishnah tells us that a Jew should drink four cups of wine at the seder, even if funds for these come from the public dole.

We, therefore, raise such funds each year to assist less fortunate Jews who cannot afford to prepare for

Passover. Funds, called ma'ot hittim (wheat money), are forwarded to the Joint Passover Appeal in New York and the New York Board of Rabbis for distribution to needy Jews.

We hope that you will give generously to the fund. Please make your check payable to Congregation Or Zarua and write Ma'ot Hittim Fund on the memo line.

Sell Your Hametz

Rabbi Bolton will arrange the transaction

Before Passover, we are required to "sell" any hametz in our possession to a non-Jew. The transaction is normally arranged by the rabbi, to ensure compliance with halakhah.

Complete the form on page 9 and send it to the synagogue office by noon on Thursday, April 21. It is customary to enclose a contribution to Or Zarua's Ma'ot Hittim Fund with your authorization.

SCHEDULE OF PESAH SERVICES 5776/2016

Thursday, April 21

Bedikat Hametz at night

Friday, April 22

Fast of the Firstborn/Siyum

Shaharit 7:00 a.m.

Erev Pesah

Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 p.m.

Candlelighting 7:25 p.m.

First Seder

Saturday, April 23

First Day of Pesah

Shaharit 9:00 a.m.

Erev Second Day of Pesah

OZ Congregational Seder 8:30 p.m.

Second Seder

Light candles after 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 24

Second Day of Pesah

Shaharit 9:00 a.m.

Yom Tov ends 8:30 p.m.

Monday, April 25

Hol Hamoed

Third Day of Pesah

Shaharit 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 26

Hol Hamoed

Fourth Day of Pesah

Shaharit 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 27

Hol Hamoed

Fifth Day of Pesah

Shaharit 7:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 28

Hol Hamoed

Sixth Day of Pesah

Shaharit 7:00 a.m.

Erev Seventh Day of Pesah

Candlelighting 7:32 p.m.

Friday, April 29

Seventh Day of Pesah

Shaharit 9:00 a.m.

Erev Last Day of Pesah

Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 p.m.

Candlelighting 7:33 p.m.

Saturday, April 30

Last Day of Pesah

Shaharit/Yizkor 8:45 a.m.

Minhah/Seudah Shlishit 6:45 p.m.

Lecture by Rabbi Bolton/

Ma'ariv

Festival ends 8:38 p.m.

SEUDAH SHLISHIT LECTURE BY RABBI BOLTON

Saturday, April 30, 6:45 p.m.

Allspice to Zatar: The Rabbinic Spice Rack and Ancient Packaging

Note the full schedule of Shabbat services for April 29 and 30, shown at right.

Authorization for the Sale of Hametz

In accordance with Jewish law, I/we authorize Rabbi Bolton to sell all hametz in my/our possession at the locations listed below. Enclosed is my/our contribution to Or Zarua's Ma'ot Hittim Fund.

Name _____

Address _____ Apt. No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Other Locations (vacation home, office, etc):

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____ Date _____

This completed form must be received no later than **noon on Thursday, April 21.**
 Email dwenger@orzarua.org or mail to:

SCOTT N. BOLTON, RABBI
 CONGREGATION OR ZARUA, 127 EAST 82ND STREET,
 NEW YORK, NY 10028, FAX: 212-452-2103

CONGREGATIONAL SECOND SEDER

Saturday, April 23, 8:30 p.m.
"The Art of the Seder"



Yael Pushkin (YaelDraw.com)

We invite you, your family, and your friends to share the second seder with us on Saturday, April 23. Our Congregational Seder, led by Rabbi Bolton, begins at 8:30 p.m.

Please make seder reservations by **MONDAY, APRIL 18** through your ChaverWeb account or call 212-452-2310, extension 39.

OZ Members and Guests: \$75 adults; \$50 children aged 8 and under.
Nonmembers: \$125 adults; \$50 children aged 8 and under.

Watch for a postcard with all the details and reservation information.

Or Zarua Book Discussions

Sunday, March 6, 2016 (new date)
7:00 p.m.

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, May 22, 2016 (new date)
7:30 p.m.

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*

OZ Book Discussions meets in the OZ Library on select Sunday evenings. All are invited. For additional information, contact Reed Schneider or Deborah Wenger, 212-452-2310, extension 12.



CHARLIE SPIELHOLZ

Greetings from the Golden Age of Jewish Postcards!, a colorful, illuminating show of more than 140 vintage postcards and greeting cards, continues on exhibit until spring in the OZ Gallery.

YOM HASHOAH Holocaust Memorial Service

Wednesday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.

We will be commemorating Yom HaShoah with our annual Holocaust Memorial Service on May 4. This short, moving service involves the participation of adults and teens from our community.

If you wish to take part in this event, please email Ilana Burgess at hebrew_teacher@hotmail.com.

MARC ASHLEY will again be teaching his annual spring adult education course between Pesah and Shavuot, Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m., on May 1, 15, and 22, and June 5, in the OZ Library. Marc will be discussing Jewish conceptions of the afterlife. More details to follow. Please join us.

Or L'Atid: Youth Education and Programming



Purim Hessed with Kadima/USY March 20, 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Bring your creative energy as we prepare for our annual Purim tzedakah drive. Students in grades 6–12 are invited to decorate one-of-a-kind masks and groggers to “sell” to the community at our March 23 community-wide Purim celebration to raise money for Project ORE. Pizza will be served! (For 6th–12th graders)

Kids’ Purim Party March 23, 5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Put on your Purim costume and come to the Kids’ Purim Party! Join us for activities, songs, stories, and games. Come prepared with your best joke as we flip everything upside-down and get silly! (For children birth–5th grade)

The Reel Shpiel Teen Film Series by Corinne Rabbin-Birnbaum Sunday, April 3, 5:00–8:00 p.m.

For the past three months, OZ teens have had the opportunity to participate in a film series exploring the portrayal of Judaism in contemporary cinema. During each Saturday night event, teens enjoy snacks and pizza while watching a movie and hearing from a speaker on issues relevant to the film. Afterwards, the teens have the opportunity to engage in a discussion about the film as it relates to Judaism.

The first movie we watched, *Keeping the Faith* (starring Ben Stiller and Edward Norton), explored the relationship between a rabbi, a priest, and their mutual secular best friend. Besides sounding like the opening to a joke (a rabbi and a priest walk into a bar...), the movie provided an interesting look at how Judaism interacts with both secular and Christian society.

Most recently, we watched the 1968 version of *The Producers* (starring Gene Wilder and written/directed by Mel Brooks). Produced less than 25 years after the end of World War II, the film was controversial: It features two Jewish Broadway producers creating a play entitled *Springtime for Hitler*; the producers hope the production will flop so that they can collect the investment money. After the film, we discussed Jewish stereotypes in cinema, the use of humor as a coping mechanism, and the question of whether this film is anti-Semitic or not.

All Jewish teens are invited to join us at our next Film Series event on Sunday, April 3, 5:00–8:00 p.m.



Hebrew School 2.0 celebrated Tu B'Shevat with a student-led seder and a guest appearance by Rabbi Bolton, who taught about the “Atzei Hayim” (“trees of life”), the wooden poles that hold the Torah.

OR L'ATID OPEN HOUSE

For our Hebrew School
and Youth Communities
April 10, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Help build our community by bringing your family and friends when we invite new families to experience the best of Or L'Atid.

Enjoy a quick nosh and say hello before heading to the Library for a Drum Orchestra at 10:15 a.m. (rescheduled from January 23). After warming up with playful rhythmic exercises, we'll jump right in to an interactive and high-energy program as we take the drum circle to a whole new level. Parents and children birth–age 10 play instruments together.

At 11:00 a.m., young children (birth–age 4) will head off with Rabbi Bolton for an adventure in story-telling, songs, and activities, while children K–5 will prepare for Passover with a project sure to enhance your seder.

Then drop in to the Social Hall to participate in our tzedakah project!

Please encourage friends to join us for a great day filled with fun, music, and giving back, as we continue to grow our strong community of youth and families at Congregation Or Zarua.



CONGREGATION OR ZARUA
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New York, NY 10028-0807

BOOK LAUNCH PARTY

Old is Good: Ideas of Aging in Rabbinic Literature

Monday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.,
OZ Library



Rabbi Weschsler's book on aging, *Old is Good: Ideas of Aging in Rabbinic Literature*, has just been published by Hadassa Word Press. Join with

Rabbi Weschsler for wine and cheese on Monday, March 21, and hear him speak on "Old Age: Biblical Metaphors and Rabbinic Interpretations."

Shabbaton with Dr. Benjamin D. Sommer

SEEING A SOUND: REVELATION AND COMMAND AT SINAI

Four sessions, April 8 and 9, 2016

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



Or Zarua will host Dr. Benjamin D. Sommer, professor of

Bible at the Jewish Theological Seminary, for a Shabbaton on

April 8 and 9, 2016. The main theme of the Shabbaton is "Seeing a Sound: Revelation and Command at Sinai." The presentation will consist of four sessions:

Friday, April 8

"Back-Talk" (First Session)

- 6:15 p.m. Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner (RSVP required)
- 8:30 p.m. "Back-Talk: The Torah's Surprising Account of What Happened at Sinai"

(RSVP required for dinner only; presentation is open to all.)

Saturday, April 9

D'var Torah (Second Session)

"Which Story Should We Tell: The Torah's or the Haggadah's?"

Kiddush (Third Session)

- 12:15 p.m. Kiddush Lunch (no charge, but RSVP for planning)

- 1:15 p.m. "Revelation and Command: How an Ancient Israelite Debate Matters to Contemporary Judaism"

Seudah Shlishit (Fourth Session)

- 6:30 p.m. Minhah, followed by Seudah Shlishit, Ma'ariv, and Havdalah "Revelation as Dialogue, and a Dialogue about Revelation: Rabbi Bolton and Professor Sommer Discuss Sinai, Command, and Our Own Judaism"

All four talk sessions are free and open to all. RSVP by Monday, April 4, for the Friday night Shabbat dinner through your ChaverWeb account, or call 212-452-2310, extension 39. The cost is \$40 for adults and \$20 for children ages 5–12; there is no charge for children under 5.

Dr. Sommer's book *Revelation and Authority: Sinai in Jewish Scripture and Tradition* provides background for this Shabbaton.

This Shabbaton is made possible through the generous support of Pat and Alan Davidson and Susan and Ed Kopelowitz.

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