

Or Zarua Annual Tshuvah Lecture Rabbinic Irreverence: Imagining a Repentant God

Rabbi Dov Weiss, PhD
Department of Religion
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Sunday evening, September 24, 6:00 pm



As we approach the High Holy Days, the process of repentance must become our focus. As the High Holy Day liturgy makes clear, our fate for the coming year may hinge on the efficacy

of our tshuvah, which must involve genuine introspection, a thoroughgoing refinement of character, and a deep commitment to improvement in our conduct. Each year at Or Zarua we gather to contemplate the nature of the daunting challenge that authentic tshuvah poses for us.

This year's annual Tshuvah Lecture, during the Ten Days of Repentance between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, will feature Rabbi Dr. Dov Weiss, Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies in the Department of Religion at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, who will discuss certain innovative and even radical aspects of the Rabbis' conceptions of God and of tshuvah. Dr. Weiss will highlight Rabbinic passages about God and repentance that are often overlooked but which may reveal for us new pathways and opportunities of tshuvah.

Judaism is often described as a religion that tolerates, even celebrates, arguing with God. Unlike Christianity and Islam, Judaism seems to endorse a tradition of protest, as first expressed in the biblical stories of Abraham, Job and Jeremiah. Less well known are those Jewish texts that imagine God as conceding error. Strikingly, in several of these texts, God even admits

transgressing Torah law. Dr. Weiss (son of Rabbi Avi Weiss) recently published a book, *Pious Irreverence: Confronting God in Rabbinic Judaism*, that explores these daring Rabbinic texts.

In this Tshuvah Lecture, Dr. Weiss will address why some Rabbis envisioned a perfect God as performing tshuvah and what religious values and insight might be expressed in these radical texts. As we look ahead to Yom Kippur, we will consider how these Rabbinic depictions of God, sin, and our relationship with the divine can reinvigorate our own process of tshuvah. Finding guidance and inspiration in classical Jewish texts is a hallmark of learning at Or Zarua.

Dr. Weiss received his PhD (with distinction) in the History of Judaism at the University of Chicago Divinity School and was also a fellow at Harvard University's Center for Jewish Studies. Specializing in the history of Jewish biblical interpretation and Rabbinic theology, Dr. Weiss's scholarly interests encompass various facets of Jews' conceptions of, challenges to, and confrontations with God throughout the range of Jewish historical periods.

Dr. Weiss will lecture and answer questions, before we together mark the end of the Fast of Gedaliah with Ma'ariv and a nosh. Please join us for what promises to be a stimulating and inspiring lecture as we embark on our own journeys of tshuvah in this High Holy Day season.



Selihot Study with Rabbi Bolton Repentance and Forgiveness at the Time of the Spanish Expulsion: Abarbanel's Take on Tshuvah

Saturday, September 16
8:00 pm: Dessert Reception
8:30 pm: Selihot Study
with Rabbi Bolton
9:30 pm Selihot Service

Each Shabbat of 5777 we have gleaned from Don Yitzhak Abarbanel's erudite commentary on the weekly Torah portion. At Selihot, as we turn towards the new year, we will study selections from the masterwork that address and explore repentance. This past year, while we have seen some of those passages as they arose in the context of our reading of the weekly parashiot, for our Selihot study, we will study various comments and commentaries that Abarbanel made on tshuvah.

A unique feature of Or Zarua's Shabbat and learning culture is the in-depth study we make of one darshan (commentator) per year. Studying Abarbanel's take on tshuvah for Selihot will be a fine way to wrap up our study of Abarbanel, before we launch into another wonderful commentator on the Torah.

Prepare for the High Holy Days with Rabbi Mordecai Schwartz

**So Full a Voice from So Empty a Heart:
The Significance of the Sounds
of the Shofar**

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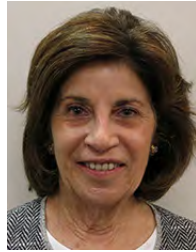
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President's Message

by Sara Stone



Summertime "and the livin' is easy." But not so much here at Or Zarua where there has been a lot of activity happening over the summer. I hope as you return this fall, you will notice our even more beautiful sanctuary. The ark has new lighting, the woodwork on the bimah has been refinished and so have all of the pews. Many thanks to Aaron Shelden and the Aesthetics Committee for the work they did on this project.

Secondly, we have arranged to welcome the Sephardic Academy of Manhattan to our building. Approximately 10 kindergarten children will be making Or Zarua their home beginning in September. We look forward to offering some joint after school programming with these students and our Or L'Atid students.

And what would summer be without programs on our roof. Many enjoyed "Parents' Night Out" in July. But our most successful summer "roof" program had to be held in the social hall, not because of rain but because of such overwhelming response! Our roof simply could not accommodate everyone who came to see "The Women's Balcony." This was one of the most amazing Or Zarua events ever. Special thanks to Gerry and Phyllis Solomon and Rabbi Bolton for making this happen. If you missed our summer roof programs, sign up for dinner in our rooftop sukkah later this fall.

And now it is Elul, time to turn our thoughts to reflection and renewal. As I read the passage below, I found it so clearly expressed my thoughts about the state of our lives and our world that I decided to share it with you. What is especially distressing is that these words are truer today than they were in 1990 when they were written. I hope they will inspire all of us to live more meaningful lives in the year ahead.

"The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more

problems, more medicine but less wellness.

"We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom and hate too often.

"We have learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

"We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less. These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships.

"Remember, to spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

"Remember, to say 'I love you' to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend a hurt when it comes from deep inside of you. (From *Words Aptly Spoken* by Bob Moorehead.)

As we welcome the year 5778, please take time to enjoy a sunset, share a hug and hold a hand.

L'Shanah Tovah

Sara



So Full a Voice from So Empty a Heart: The Significance of the Sounds of the Shofar with Rabbi Mordecai Schwartz; Thursday, September 14, 7:00 pm



There is nothing more emblematic of the High Holy Days than the shofar, yet its symbolic resonance may remain obscure. Although we find the sounds emitted from the shofar familiar, many of us remain in the dark as to the specific significance each sound conveys.

Please join us for this stimulating lecture by Rabbi Mordecai Schwartz, as we interrogate each of the shofar sounds and

uncover their corresponding meanings. The blowing of the shofar can be deeply inspiring and motivational to us only if we appreciate its varied purposes as reflected in classical Jewish sources.

Rabbi Schwartz is an assistant professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at JTS and the research coordinator for its Center for Pastoral Education, as well as the director of the JTS Beit Midrash and Nishma summer program. He is a past recipient of the prestigious Professor Saul Lieberman and Dr. Judith Berlin Lieberman Graduate Fellowships in Talmudic Studies, and has

a forthcoming book, *Rewriting the Talmud*, on the effect of tradition from the Land of Israel on the composition of the Babylonian Talmud.

Rabbi Schwartz will help bring to life in our minds and hearts the sounds and themes of the blowing of the shofar. As we prepare for Rosh Hashanah, please attend this enlightening discussion by a Talmud scholar on a fundamental but still mysterious Jewish ritual practice. This High Holy Day season, listen to – and genuinely hear and appreciate – the sounds of the shofar.

Life in the Streets on the Lower East Side During the Iconic Period of Immigration and Settlement Jewish History with Barry Feldman

Four Sundays: October 22 & 29 and November 5 & 19, 10 am–12 noon



Or Zarua Congregant Barry Feldman will again be leading a four-session ethnographic and historical inquiry into institutions and incidents that shaped

American Jewry during the iconic period of immigration at the turn of the 20th century. Each session will involve discussion; class participation is urged.

During the iconic period, fire escapes became bedrooms, stoops doubled as living rooms, storefronts became social halls, Hester and Orchard Streets were precursors of contemporary malls. Using ethnographic and primary sources, this course will examine how overcrowding, frigid winters, oppressive heat waves, poor ventilation, and lack of sanitary facilities fostered

accommodation to life in New York City.

For the first three sessions, we will be reading from oral histories and memoirs that offer insight to social institutions and cultural patterns of the period.

The fourth session (November 19), will be a tour and accompanying narrative: courtship, romance and marriage on the Lower East Side. Details for gathering for the tour will be provided in class, by email and in the next issue of the newsletter.

Barry is an urban historian, museum educator, and licensed New York City tour guide. He has created and developed tours of the Jewish Lower East Side covering the late 18th century to the present. In the fall of 2014, he taught a class at OZ about the growth of the Jewish population of New York from the end of 19th to the beginning of the 20th centuries.



Last year, OZ congregant Barry Feldman taught a four-session class entitled “*Machlokis, Tzuris & Achdus: Disputes, Troubles, and Unity During the Iconic Period of Jewish Settlement in NYC.*” The class attracted between 20 and 30 people per session. Barry’s classes are open to all, prior knowledge is not required, and you may attend any or all sessions. We hope to see you this year as we continue to study NYC Jewish history with Barry.

Save the Date
New Members Reception
Thursday, October 26
Details to Follow.

Addiction, Wilderness Therapy, and Jewish Responsibilities

Thursday, November 2, 7:00 pm

We must raise our awareness of addiction and how to treat the disease. Join us for this important evening. We will begin by hearing from OZ Congregant Susan Zilberman, whose life was impacted by the addiction that her son (of blessed memory) experienced. The evening will include a presentation from Jory Hanselman, the Director of the nation’s first Jewish wilderness therapy program, BaMidbar Wilderness Therapy.

BaMidbar Wilderness Therapy is a program of Ramah in the Rockies. The program incorporates clinical treatment, wilderness-based experiences, and Jewish learning and values for a uniquely Jewish pathway to recovery. Program Director Jory Hanselman will discuss the intersection of Judaism, wilderness, and whole-health wellness. We will also hear from an addictions counselor about clinical understanding and treatment for the disease of addiction. Rabbi Bolton will initiate a discussion about how our community can play a supportive role for those in the healing process.

Say Yes! To Hesed Programs

Get involved through Or Zarua and help those in need

New Hesed Program: TutorMate

Would you like to help a child be a better reader?

All it takes is a computer, telephone, and half an hour each week!

Join OZ's TutorMate Team and commit to reading remotely with a child using your computer and phone each week. Each OZ volunteer will be paired with an underperforming child in a school in a low-income neighborhood to read with every week for a 30-minute session (which can easily be rescheduled via an online calendar). In addition to reading, tutors and children can play online word games like tic-tac-toe. All you need is internet access and genuine interest in helping a child. No experience is necessary.

TutorMate is the nation's leading online volunteer tutoring program. Nearly 200 leading US companies engage their employees as TutorMate volunteers, and the program is now expanding to enlist individuals through community and religious organizations. TutorMate makes it easy to volunteer.

For more information, visit <http://www.innovationsforlearning.org/leader-for-literacy>. If you would like to participate, please contact Lesley Palmer by September 25 (lesleypalmer123@gmail.com). OZ will cover the cost of participation.

Volunteer for DOROT's

Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery

Brighten the holidays for a senior! Volunteer to deliver a package and visit with an older person on Sunday, September 17. OZ volunteers will meet at 10:15 am at Temple Israel, 112 East 75th St, between Park and Lex. The entire project requires approximately 2.5 hours including a visit of up to one hour. Ages 8 and up are welcome. Contact Lesley Palmer (lesleypalmer123@gmail.com) for more information or to register.

One in Five NYC Children Rely on Food Programs

Please remember to donate food for or volunteer with New York Common Pantry. OZ volunteers are needed the first Wednesday of each month, 9:00 am to noon, in NYCP's distribution center, 8 East 109th Street. Contact Lesley Palmer (lesleypalmer123@gmail.com) to sign up for September 6, October 4, or November 1. Collection bins are in the Social Hall for food donations of healthy (low-sodium, whole wheat, low-fat or nonfat) packaged grocery items.



Home Visit Volunteers

Volunteer to visit and bring cheer to ill or home-bound OZ Congregants. Contact Deborah Wenger: dwenger@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 12, if you are interested.

South Bronx Salvation and Deliverance Church

Pre-owned adult and children's clothing, toys, dolls, games, and related items can be put to good use by the many transitional homeless residents in the South Bronx, including single, jobless mothers and their children, as well as unemployed men. OZ partners with South Bronx Salvation and Deliverance Church, whose members are housekeepers caring for their own local need. Contact Richard Stadin at (212) 879-0448 or stadin1@aol.com to arrange for donations.

Monday Night Pasta and Salad at NCS

OZ congregants serve hot food and good cheer at the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter's East 81st Street Residence from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm on the last two Mondays of each month. Contact Jeffrey Haberman at jeff32449@verizon.net, for information.

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

Photo at left: Or Zarua volunteers at the NY Common Pantry this past August. From left: Nora Yood, Lynda Wertheim, Charlie Spielholz, Mina Greenstein, and Dore Hollander.

Talmud & Siddur Classes with Rabbi Bolton

Talmud Class

The Gates Are Unlocked: The Yom Kippur Experience In The Talmud

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm
First Class: October 18

The last chapter of Masekhet Yoma (Tractate Yom Kippur) begins with the Mishnah about how we observe Yom Kippur. The chapter includes philosophical reflections on repentance and deals with practical matters such as what happens if a person is unable to fast.

Join the class on Wednesday evenings (7:30-9:00 pm) this fall. Participants should purchase Artscroll Yoma Vol. 2 or a Gemara Yoma that contains the last chapter.

All levels of learners are welcome to join Talmud Class.

Siddur Class

The Torah Service
Thursdays, 8:40 am
First Class: October 19

We will continue investigating the history and meaning of the siddur and Jewish prayer experience. We are up to the part in the siddur when the Torah is on the table.

How ancient are the blessings we say? Blessings done over the reading come from a different age than prayers for the sick or for remembering loved ones. We will look at the prayers we insert on the Sabbath after the Torah reading, as well. The class will meet Thursday mornings (8:40-9:40 am) beginning this fall.

Background knowledge of either Talmud or the siddur is not necessary for these classes; everyone is welcome to attend. Each class session is independent of one another so individuals may join a session at any time. Texts that are supplied in class are in both Hebrew and English.

Refer to the calendar in the OZ Newsletter or online for specific meetings days.

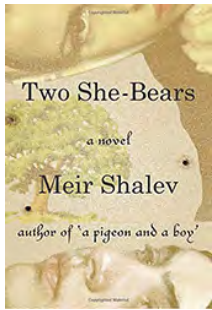
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Or Zarua Book Discussions

Two She-Bears
by Meir Shalev

Sunday, September 10, 7:30 pm



Or Zarua's Book Discussions will resume on Sunday, September 10, 7:30 pm, with *Two She-Bears*, by Israeli author Meir Shalev. This novel is a story of a murder that occurred in the early days of

British rule over Palestine, as recalled by a schoolteacher 70 years later. The author was born in 1948 on Nahalal, Israel's first moshav (agricultural cooperative). Replete with Biblical texts and exploring themes of personal responsibility, guilt and renewal, revenge and forgiveness, it seems an ideal choice as we approach the High Holidays.

Moonglow

by Michael Chabon

Sunday, November 5, 7:30 pm



Pulitzer Prize-winning author Michael

Chabon's novel *Moonglow* begins with a deathbed confession by a man to his grandson. The man, known as "my grandfather," describes his view

and the implications of American history and technological development during his lifetime, beginning with the Jewish slums of prewar Philadelphia. "Written as a faux-memoir of the recollections of the narrator's grandfather....Chabon renders an entire era within a single deathbed confession" -New Yorker, November 20, 2016.



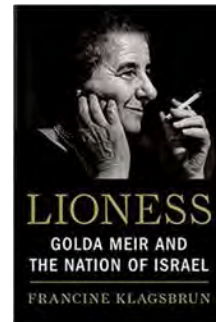
Or Zarua Book Discussions meet in the OZ library on select Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm.

In addition to the two dates listed above, future Book Discussion dates (and titles) are January 7 (*Putting God Second: How to Save Religion from Itself* by Donniel Hartman), March 4 (*A Horse Walks into a Bar* by David Grossman), and May 6 (*Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel* by OZ Congegant Francine Klagsbrun; see column on the right). Additional information and updates will be published in upcoming issues of the OZ Newsletter, in eblasts, and on the OZ website. Attendance is open to members, guests, and newcomers. For additional information, contact Deborah Wenger in the OZ office, 212-452-2310, ext 12.

Book Launch

Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel

by OZ Congregant
Francine Klagsbrun
Thursday, October 19, 6:30 pm
The Jewish Museum



Francine Klagsbrun's new book, *Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel*, a definitive biography "of the iron-willed leader, chain-smoking political operative, and tea-and-cake-serving grandmother who became the

fourth prime minister of Israel." The book called "majestic" by Tom Brokaw and "a masterwork" by Cynthia Ozick, will be published in October.

Francine, a founding member of Congregation Or Zarua, teaches annually at our Yom Kippur services. She is the author of more than a dozen books, including *The Fourth Commandment: Remember the Sabbath Day*, and was the editor of *Free To Be...You and Me*. She will speak and sign books at the book launch at the Jewish Museum (1109 Fifth Ave at 92nd St) on Thursday, October 19 at 6:30. Everyone is welcome to attend. She will also be happy to sign books purchased at other times for anyone who wishes it.

Bir'nana

Help Make "Joyful Song" at Or Zarua



Bir'nana, which means "in joyful song" in Hebrew, is Or Zarua's a cappella group. Its repertoire includes Israeli, Ashkenazic, and Sephardic liturgical pieces from the 18th through 20th centuries, and modern Israeli and American songs. Conducted by Rabbi Amy Bolton, Bir'nana enhances OZ's musical experience

and holiday celebrations. During the past year, the group performed on Sukkot, Hanukkah, Purim, and Yom HaShoah. If you love to sing (that's the only prerequisite!), Bir'nana would welcome you. Contact Aliza Kaplan (aliza.kaplan@gmail.com) with questions or just drop in to any of the group's rehearsals; rehearsal dates are listed on the OZ calendar.

Keep Our Daily Minyan Strong

Your hour's time one morning a month will allow members who have lost loved ones to say Kaddish. You'll be doing a mitzvah and helping them to do one, as well. If you choose a Monday or Thursday, having a minyan will allow us to read Torah. And so that you leave the shul filled both spiritually and nutritiously there's a breakfast. Contact Sheldon Adler (sadler@skadden.com) and tell him the day that's best for you. Services begin at 7:15 am on weekday mornings and 8:45 am on Sundays.

Selihot
Saturday Night, September 16

8:00 pm Dessert Reception

8:30 pm Selihot Study
with Rabbi Bolton
“Repentance and Forgiveness at
the Time of the Spanish Expulsion:
Abarbanel’s Take on Tshuvah”
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9:30 pm Selihot Service

Annual Tshuvah Lecture

“Rabbinic Irreverence:
Imagining a Repentant God”
with Dov Weiss, PhD

Sunday, September 24, 6:00 pm
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Welcome-Back Kiddush
Saturday, September 9
after services

Congregation Or Zarua
 welcomes everyone
 back with a post summer kiddush
 beginning immediately after services.
 Guests and newcomers
 are welcome to attend.

Zimriyah
for the High Holy Days

Saturday, September 9
After Kiddush in the OZ Art Gallery

Please join us to sing Shabbat songs and
 learn High Holy Day melodies.
 Rabbi Bolton, Marc Ashley, and our
 service leaders will sing new tunes and
 review familiar ones for the High Holy Days.
 Everyone is invited to participate.

High Holy Day Services
5778/2017

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, September 20

Minhah/Ma’ariv: 6:15 pm–7:15 pm
 at *Congregation Or Zarua*

First Day Rosh Hashanah
Thursday, September 21

Shaharit: 8:30 am–1:00 pm
 at *Wallace Hall*

Tashlikh: 6:00 pm–6:30 pm
 at *Central Park Reservoir, south end*

Minhah/Ma’ariv: 7:00 pm–8:00 pm
 at *Congregation Or Zarua*

Second Day Rosh Hashanah
Friday, September 22

Shaharit: 8:30 am–1:00 pm
 at *Wallace Hall*

Minhah/Ma’ariv: 6:15 pm–7:15 pm
 at *Congregation Or Zarua*

Shabbat Shuva
Saturday, September 23

Shaharit: 9:00 am–12:00 noon
 at *Congregation Or Zarua*

Erev Yom Kippur
Friday, September 29

Minhah, 1:30 pm–1:55 pm
 at *Congregation Or Zarua*

Kol Nidre: 6:15 pm–8:45 pm
 at *Wallace Hall*

Yom Kippur
Saturday, September 30

Services Begin: 9:00 am–7:28 pm
 at *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,
except on Shabbat Shuva.

High Holy Day Programing for
Youth is on Page 10.

High Holy Day Services 5778/2017
General information

Our High Holy Day services will be held at 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 offers 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. There will be a Mah Zeh?! program for Teens on Yom Kippur. Teenagers are encouraged to attend the main service. Please review the High Holy Day services schedules, on this page (see right) and the services for youth on page 10 for times and locations.

The Family Learning Experience (FLEX), described on page 10, 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 am to 12:45 pm on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. Grandparents are also invited. Times and locations are listed on the Youth services schedule on page 10.

If you know of people who might be without a place to go for High Holy Day Services, please have them contact the office (212-452-2310, ext 12).

The schedule for all main services for the High Holy Days will be printed on the reverse side of your ticket. Tickets will be mailed in mid-September to all members in good standing; remember to bring your ticket with you to all services at both Wallace Hall and OZ. 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 older are required to have guest tickets. Call the synagogue office, 212-452-2310, ext 10, or go online to Chaverweb to purchase guest tickets.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Letters regarding renewal of membership at Or Zarua have been mailed. Please contact the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, ext 10 with questions regarding membership at Congregation Or Zarua.

ADDITIONAL HIGH HOLY DAY TICKETS: Guest tickets for all High Holy Day services are \$360 each for adults; \$180 each for children ages 5–17, college students, and young professionals (ages 18–30). Children age 4 and under do not need a ticket. 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, ext 10.

Meals in the Sukkah

It is a mitzvah to eat in the sukkah during the Festival of Sukkot. Or Zarua offers Congregants several opportunities to have lunch or dinner in the sukkah on the synagogue's roof.

Dinner (catered) on Erev Sukkot

Wednesday, October 4
Minhah Ma'ariv: 6:15 pm
Dinner begins after services (7:15 pm)
Includes a performance by Bir'nana
RSVP by Tuesday, September 26 at :
<http://tinyurl.com/SukkotDinner10-4-2017>

Dinner (catered) on Night 2 Sukkot

Thursday, October 5
Festival Ma'ariv 7:00 pm
Dinner begins after services (7:30 pm)
Includes a performance by Bir'nana
RSVP by Tuesday, September 26 at :
<http://tinyurl.com/SukkotDinner10-5-2017>

Catered dinners on require reservations:
\$45 for adults, \$25 for children ages 5-12, no charge for children under 5. Use the links specified above or call 212-452-2310, ext 39 or log into your Chaverweb account

Bring-Your-Own Shabbat Dinner

Friday, October 6
After Services (7:00 pm)
You bring dinner and all service items, including beverages, plates, cups, napkins, and utensils. Dessert and challah are provided. All food brought to the sukkah must be kosher. Please conclude your evening meal by 9:00 pm.

To bring your own Shabbat dinner to the sukkah or to eat in the sukkah at other times, please notify Deborah Wenger in the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, ext 12, of the number of people in your group by noon, Monday, October 2.

Kiddush in the Sukkah

Thursday, October 5, Friday, October 6, and Saturday, October 7, immediately after services

After our daily Shaharit minyanim during Hol Hamoed Sukkot and on Hoshanah Rabbah, the breakfast will be held in the Sukkah. Please join us for services, coffee, OJ and bagels in the sukkah!

Festival Programing for Youth is on page 11.

Order Your Etrogim and Lulavim

The joyous holiday of Sukkot begins Wednesday evening, October 4. 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 212-452-2310, ext 12, or dwenger@orzarua.org, or log into your Chaverweb account at <http://tinyurl.com/OZ-Etrog-2017>, by noon on Tuesday, September 26. We cannot accept any orders without payment. Sets will be available for pickup between Yom Kippur and Sukkot on a date to be determined.



OZ's Young Professionals Annual Sushi in the Sukkah Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 pm

OZ's Young Professionals will gather in the roof-top sukkah for drinks and sushi. RSVP online: <http://tinyurl.com/YP-Sushi-10-20-16>. For additional information on programming by OZ's Young Professionals, see page 16.

Festival Services 5778/2017

Erev Sukkot

Wednesday, October 4
Minhah/Ma'ariv: 6:15 pm

First Day Sukkot

Thursday, October 5
Shaharit: 9:00 am
Festival Ma'ariv: 7:00 pm

Second Day Sukkot

Friday, October 6
Shaharit: 9:00 am
Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm

Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot

Saturday, October 7
Shaharit: 8:45 am
(includes reading of Megillat Kohelet)

Hol Hamoed Sukkot (weekday)

Sunday, October 8

Shaharit: 8:45 am

Monday & Tuesday, October 9 & 10

Shaharit: 7:00 am

Hoshanah Rabbah

Wednesday, October 11
Shaharit: 7:00 am

Erev Shemini Atzeret

Wednesday, October 11
Minhah/Ma'ariv: 6:00 pm

Shemini Atzeret

Thursday, October 12
Shaharit: 9:00 am

Erev Simhat Torah

Thursday, October 12
Ma'ariv and Hakafot: 7:00 pm

Simhat Torah

Friday, October 13
Shaharit: 9:00 am
Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 • 10 Elul 7:15a Shaharit 6:15p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:10p Candlelighting	2 • 11 Elul 9:00a Shaharit Ki Tetze 8:15p Shabbat Ends
3 • 12 Elul 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	4 • 13 Elul Labor Day 8:45a Shaharit <i>Office Closed</i>	5 • 14 Elul 7:15a Shaharit	6 • 15 Elul 7:15a Shaharit 9:00a NY Common Pantry	7 • 16 Elul 7:15a Shaharit	8 • 17 Elul 7:15a Shaharit 6:15p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:58p Candlelighting	9 • 18 Elul 9:00a Shaharit Ki Tavo 11:00a Torah Kids 11:00a Torah Tots After Services: Welcome Back Kiddush After Kiddush: High Holy Days Zimriyah 8:03p Shabbat Ends
10 • 19 Elul 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Book Discussion: <i>Two She-Bears</i> 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	11 • 20 Elul 7:15a Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 11:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School Welcome Back Night! 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:30p Rock Ivrit	12 • 21 Elul 7:15a Shaharit	13 • 22 Elul 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Music Together Sing Shalom (Free Trial) 4:00p Hebrew School	14 • 23 Elul 7:15a Shaharit 7:00p <i>So Full a Voice from So Empty a Heart: The Significance of the Sounds of the Shofar</i> with Rabbi Mordecai Schwartz	15 • 24 Elul 7:15a Shaharit 6:15p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:46p Candlelighting 6:00p Young Professionals Shabbat Dinner (Happy Hour, Services, & Dinner)	16 • 25 Elul 9:00 am Shaharit Nitzavim-Vayelech 10:30a Shabbat & Me 10:30a Family Learning Experience 12:30p Family Lunch 7:51p Shabbat Ends 8:00p Sinful Desserts 8:30p Selihot Study 9:30p Selihot Service
17 • 26 Elul 8:45a Selichot & Shaharit 10:15a Dorot Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery (at Temple Israel) 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	18 • 27 Elul 7:00a Selichot & Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 11:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:30p Rock Ivrit	19 • 28 Elul 7:00a Selichot & Shaharit	20 • 29 Elul Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:00a Selichot & Shaharit 6:15p Minhah/Ma'ariv (OZ) 6:38p Candlelighting <i>No Hebrew School</i>	21 • 1 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah I 8:30a Shaharit (WH) 10:45a Youth Service (WH & OZ) 5:00p Family Tashlikh for children (Carl Schurz Park) 6:00p Tashlikh (Central Park) 7:00p Minhah/Ma'ariv (OZ) Light Candles after 7:35p	22 • 2 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah II 8:30a Shaharit (WH) 10:45a Youth Service (WH) 10:45a Family Learning Experience (OZ) 6:15p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:35p Candlelighting	23 • 3 Tishrei Shabbat Shuva 9:00 am Shaharit Ha'azinu 7:40p Shabbat Ends
24 • 4 Tishrei Fast of Gedaliah observed 8:45a Selichot & Shaharit 10:15a Dorot 5:24a Fast Begins 7:30p Fast Ends 6:00p Annual Tshuvah Lecture with Dov Weiss <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	25 • 5 Tishrei 7:00a Selichot & Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 11:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:30p Rock Ivrit 6:30p Teen Sushi & Study with Rabbi Bolton	26 • 6 Tishrei 7:00a Selichot & Shaharit	27 • 7 Tishrei 7:00a Selichot & Shaharit 10:00a Music Together Sing Shalom 4:00p Hebrew School	28 • 8 Tishrei 7:00a Selichot & Shaharit	29 • 9 Tishrei Erev Yom Kippur 7:00a Selichot & Shaharit 1:30p Minhah (OZ) 6:15p Kol Nidre (WH) 6:15p Youth Service (WH) 6:23p Candlelighting; Fast Begins	30 • 10 Tishrei Yom Kippur 9:00a Services Begin 10:45a Youth Service (WH) 10:45a Family Learning Experience (OZ) 3:00p Mah Zeh High Holy Days?! Yizkor 7:28p Yom Kippur Ends; Fast Ends

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 • 11 Tishrei 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 • 12 Tishrei 7:15a Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 11:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:30p Rock Ivrit</p>	<p>3 • 13 Tishrei 7:15a Shaharit</p>	<p>4 • 14 Tishrei Erev Sukkot 7:15a Shaharit 9:00a NY Common Pantry 10:00a Music Together Sing Shalom 6:15p Candlelighting 6:15p Minhah/Ma'ariv 7:15p Sukkot Dinner in the OZ Sukkah (RSVP needed) <i>No Hebrew School</i></p>	<p>5 • 15 Tishrei Sukkot First Day 9:00a Shaharit 11:00a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots 7:00p Festival Ma'ariv Light Candles after 7:11p 7:30p Sukkot Dinner in the OZ Sukkah (RSVP needed)</p>	<p>6 • 16 Tishrei Sukkot Second Day 9:00a Shaharit 6:00p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:11p Candlelighting 7:00p Bring Your Own Shabbat Dinner to the Sukkah</p>	<p>7 • 17 Tishrei Hol Hamoed Sukkot 3 8:45 am Shaharit 11:00a Torah Kids 11:00a Torah Tots 6:00p Family Se'udah Shilshit and Havdalah 7:16p Shabbat Ends 7:30p Sukkah Sleepover 7:30p Parents' Night in the Sukkah</p>
<p>8 • 18 Tishrei Hol Hamoed Sukkot 4 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i></p>	<p>9 • 19 Tishrei Hol Hamoed Sukkot 5 Columbus Day 7:00a Shaharit 6:30p Teen Sushi & Study in the Sukkah <i>No Hebrew School</i></p>	<p>10 • 20 Tishrei Hol Hamoed Sukkot 6 7:00a Shaharit 7:00p Young Professionals: Sushi in the Sukkah</p>	<p>11 • 21 Tishrei Hoshanah Rabbah Erev Shemini Atzeret 7:00a Shaharit 10:00a Music Together Sing Shalom 6:00p Minhah/Ma'ariv 6:03p Candlelighting <i>No Hebrew School</i></p>	<p>12 • 22 Tishrei 9:00a Shaharit Shemini Atzeret Erev Simhat Torah 9:00a Shaharit/Yizkor 6:00p Ice Cream at Sinai 6:00p Kadima-USY Dinner Light Candles after 7:00p 7:00p Ma'ariv and Hakafot</p>	<p>13 • 23 Tishrei Simhat Torah 9:00a Shaharit 6:00p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00p Candlelighting</p>	<p>14 • 24 Tishrei 9:00a Shaharit Bereshit 7:05p Shabbat Ends</p>
<p>15 • 25 Tishrei 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal</p>	<p>16 • 26 Tishrei 7:15a Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 11:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:30p Rock Ivrit</p>	<p>17 • 27 Tishrei 7:15a Shaharit</p>	<p>18 • 28 Tishrei 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Music Together Sing Shalom 4:00p Hebrew School 7:30p Talmud Class</p>	<p>19 • 29 Tishrei 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class</p>	<p>20 • 30 Tishrei Rosh Hodesh 7:00a Shaharit 5:50p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:50p Candlelighting 6:00p Young Professionals Shabbat Dinner (Happy Hour, Services, & Dinner)</p>	<p>21 • 1 Heshvan Rosh Hodesh 9:00a Shaharit Noah 11:00a Torah Kids 11:00a Torah Tots 6:55p Shabbat Ends</p>
<p>22 • 2 Heshvan 8:45a Shaharit 10:00a <i>Life in the Streets on the Lower East Side</i> with Barry Feldman 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal</p>	<p>23 • 3 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 11:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:30p Rock Ivrit</p>	<p>24 • 4 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Context</p>	<p>25 • 5 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Music Together Sing Shalom 4:00p Hebrew School 7:30p Talmud Class</p>	<p>26 • 6 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class TBA New Members Reception</p>	<p>27 • 7 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit 5:50p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:40p Candlelighting</p>	<p>28 • 8 Heshvan 9:00a Shaharit Lekh-Lekha 11:00a Torah Kids 11:00a Torah Tots 6:45p Shabbat Ends</p>
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Shabbat at Or Zarua

Celebrate Shabbat with Or L'Atid

Join us for Torah Tots and Torah Kids (see below for times) as we come back together on **September 9** with a Welcome Back Kiddush for the whole Congregation.

Then, make Shabbat extra special with Family Shabbat on September 16!

Join us for a **family lunch** after youth programs:

Shabbat & Me Saturday (for Pre-K and younger)

Sing, pray, learn, play, and celebrate together.

And, introducing our new Family Shabbat programs for Elementary, Middle, and High School students:

Family Learning Experience

(for Elementary School and parents) Enrich your lives with monthly parent-child learning. Kick off the year with a High Holy Day workshop as Rosh Hashanah approaches!

Shabbat Buddies

(for Middle School)

Beginning November 4

Pair up with High School buddies to develop skills and knowledge for participation on Shabbat!

Join us every Shabbat for
Torah Tots, 11:00-11:45 am
(Pre-K and younger)
and
Torah Kids, 11:00-11:45 am
(Elementary School)

Teens, join us on September 9 at 2:30 pm to explore Teen Programming for the year, and to challenge us in basketball!
-Sigal and Rabbi Bolton

Celebrate the High Holy Days with your Family and Or L'Atid

High Holy Day Family Learning Experience

Friday, September 22 (Rosh Hashanah), 10:45 am-12:45 pm
Saturday, September 30 (Yom Kippur), 10:45 am-12:45 pm

Share the High Holy Days in uplifting, family-centered ways with your kids at the *Family Learning Experience* and our other High Holy Day programs.

Join with other families for prayer, music, interactive discussion, and parent-child learning at the *Family Learning Experience* with Rabbi Amy Bolton.

The *Family Learning Experience* is a unique inter-generational opportunity for families to blend High Holy Day prayer, music, play and Q&A. Led by Rabbi Amy Bolton, FLEX has something wonderful in store for everyone. Little ones play, while older kids, parents and grandparents enjoy



Rabbi Amy Bolton will be leading Or Zarua's Family Learning Experience for the High Holy Days.

discussions and activities centered on Jewish values and High Holy Day themes. Learn new tunes and explanations for key holiday prayers as you find new meaning in High Holy Day services.

Children not participating in a Youth Service or the Family Learning Experience are encouraged to join their parents in the main service (see page 6).

A schedule of High Holy Day services for youth at OZ is printed below. It is also listed on the OZ calendar, and online at orzarua-ortalid.org.

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

Nonmembers wishing to attend these youth programs should contact Luisa Paulino at lpaulino@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 10, for guest tickets.

High Holy Day Youth Services 5778/2017

First Day Rosh Hashanah Thursday, September 21

Youth Services: 10:45 am-12:45 pm
High Holy Days Tots
(Nursery/Pre-School/Pre-K)
at Congregation Or Zarua
High Holy Days Kids
(Elementary School)
at Wallace Hall

Second Day Rosh Hashanah Friday, September 22

Youth Services: 10:45 am-12:45 pm
High Holy Days Kids
(Elementary School)
at Wallace Hall

Family Learning Experience with Rabbi Amy Bolton 10:45 am-12:45 am

For families with children through 6th grade. Older siblings are welcome.
Note that this program is not a drop-off.
at Congregation Or Zarua

Erev Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre Friday, September 29

Youth Services: 6:15 pm-8:45 pm
High Holy Days Kids
(Elementary School)
at Wallace Hall.

Yom Kippur Saturday, September 30

Youth Services: 10:45 am-12:45 pm
High Holy Days Kids
(Elementary School)
at Wallace Hall

Family Learning Experience with Rabbi Amy Bolton 10:45 am-12:45 am

For families with children through 6th grade. Older siblings are welcome.
at Congregation Or Zarua

Mah Zeh High Holy Days?!
3:00 pm
(6th-12 grades)
at Wallace Hall

Tickets are required for all services listed above.

Join Us in the Sukkah as we Celebrate Sukkot Together

Festival Events for Youth and Families
Sukkot, Shemni Atzeret, & Simhat Torah

Family Se'udah Shlishit and Havdalah Saturday, October 7, 6:00 pm

Families with children of all ages, join us as we end Shabbat together with a light meal, songs, and Havdalah.

Join us after Havdalah for the annual Sukkah Sleepover

Saturday, October 7, 7:30 pm

Children ages 5–13, join us for our annual Sukkah Sleepover! Enjoy fun and games, snacks and a movie. Little ones are welcome to stay after dinner for games. Teens are invited to help out, and to sleep over as well! RSVP to Sigal Hirsch at shirsch@orzarua.org by 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 5.



Parents' Night Out in the Sukkah Saturday, October 7, 7:30pm–9:30 pm

For the first time, parents are invited to enjoy cocktails in the sukkah during the sukkah sleepover. Children not sleeping over are invited to join us for the Sukkah Sleepover festivities while parents socialize up on the roof in the OZ Sukkah! RSVP to Sigal Hirsch at shirsch@orzarua.org by 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 5.

Teen Sushi in the Sukkah Monday, October 9, 6:30 pm

Join us for the second session of our yearlong exploration of Leadership & Character Development. Together, we'll study sources from the Tanakh, the Talmud, and Mussar literature that speak to the development of personal accountability, leadership qualities, and the refinement of character. Join us for a special session in the sukkah as we explore "Humility and Power."

Ice Cream @ Sinai Thursday, October 12, 6:00 pm

Children are invited to open the ark and take an up-close look at the Torah! Join Rabbi Bolton to learn about the Torah together, sing songs, read stories, and enjoy ice cream before the community-wide Simhat Torah celebration. *For families with children from birth through age 8. Older siblings welcome.* RSVP to Sigal Hirsch by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 10.

Kadima-USY Simhat Torah Dinner Thursday, October 12, 6:00 pm

Middle School and High School students are invited to join us for our annual Simhat Torah Dinner! Meet new people, reunite with old friends, enjoy dinner and then join the community-wide Simhat Torah celebration! RSVP to Sigal Hirsch by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 10.



For details, including sign-up, for High Holy Day and festival events for youth and families at Congregation Or Zarua contact our youth education director, Sigal Hirsch, at shirsch@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 15.

Hebrew School at Or Zarua Begins Monday, September 11

Register for Hebrew School at Or Zarua using Chaverweb. Log in and click "School Registration." You will be able to choose your class from the drop-down menu.

Be sure to register before the start of classes! Visit orzarua-ortalid.org/hebrew-school/ for more information, or contact Director of Youth Education and Programming Sigal Hirsch at shirsch@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 15.

If you are not a member of Or Zarua or if you are not able to access your Chaverweb account but you would like to register for Hebrew School at Or Zarua, please contact Sigal to register.

Bring Music into your Little One's Life

With Two Music Programs at OZ on Monday and Wednesday mornings

Join us on Mondays and Wednesdays for Shalom Sing-A-Long and Music Together Sings Shalom, two new music classes for you and your little one! Sign up for one, or try both. Each class is a unique, fun experience!

Shalom Sing-A-Long

For children ages 1–4 years
Monday mornings at either
10:15–11:00 am or 11:15 am–12:00 pm

Start your little one's day the happy and healthy way with song, dance, stories, balls, bubbles, puppets, instruments, and more!

Parents, grandparents, and caregivers join us as we learn simple Hebrew, Jewish values, and favorite tunes!

Sign up for Shalom Sing-A-Long at: OrZarua-OrLatid.org/Shalom-Sing-A-Long/. Newcomers are welcome to try a first class free using promo code "tryshalom."



Music Together Sing Shalom

For children ages 0–5 years
Wednesday mornings, 10:00–10:45 am

Come together each week to sing, dance and play along in a class led by a trained Music Together teacher. This parent-child music class is uniquely designed for Jewish families with young children using the internationally recognized Music Together early childhood music education program, enriched with songs from throughout the Jewish world. **Visit**

www.eswsmusicotogether.com/Sing-Shalom for more information and to register.

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LEARN At Or Zarua we learn in many ways—about Judaism, Talmud, Torah and all aspects of Jewish life. Through its Adult Education programming OZ presents an extensive variety of interesting, expert speakers on all aspects of Jewish life—religion, culture, history and language.

Pre-High Holy Days Discussion with Rabbi Mordecai Schwartz, Thursday, September 14, 7:00 pm 20, 7:00 pm. *Rabbinic Irreverence: Imagining a Repentant God.*

Selihot Study with Rabbi Bolton, Saturday night, September 16. *Repentance and Forgiveness at the Time of the Spanish Expulsion: Abarbanel's Take on Tshuvah.*

Annual High Holy Days Tshuvah Talk with Rabbi Dov Weiss, PhD, Sunday, September 20, 7:00 pm. *So Full a Voice from So Empty a Heart: The Significance of the Sounds of the Shofar.*

Shabbat Family Learning Experience, monthly, 10:30 am. For elementary school kids and their parents. First session of the year is Saturday, September 16. Sessions for the High Holy Days are Friday, September 22 (second day of Rosh Hashanah) and Saturday, September 30 (Yom Kippur). See the OZ calendar for future dates.

Shabbat & Me for Pre-K and younger, monthly on Saturdays, 10:30 am. Sing, pray, learn, play, and celebrate together. First session of 5778 is Saturday, September 16.

NYC Jewish history with historian Barry Feldman. This year, we will be studying Jewish life on the Lower East Side at the turn of the 20th century. This four-session class begins Sunday, October 29, 10:00 am. A tour of the Lower East Side is included.

Addiction therapy, the wilderness, and Judaism. BaMidbar Wilderness Therapy is the first Jewish wilderness therapy program. Learn about the challenges of treating addiction and treatment approaches offered by this program. Thursday, November 2, 6:30 pm.

Shabbat Buddies. Middle School students pair up with High School buddies to develop skills and knowledge for participation on Shabbat. Begins November 4. Check the OZ Calendar for future dates.

Teen Sushi and Study Learn with Rabbi Bolton, monthly on Mondays, 6:30 pm. This year, we will be studying concepts of Leadership and Character Development in the Tanakh, Talmud, and Mussar literature. Our first meeting of the year is Monday, September 25; our second meeting, on October 9, will be in Or Zarua's Sukkah. See the OZ calendar for future dates.

Talmud Class with Rabbi Bolton, Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. This year we began on October 18 and will be studying Masekhet Yoma (Tractate Yom Kippur.) All levels of learners are welcome to join.

Siddur Class with Rabbi Bolton, Thursdays, 8:40 am. Our first class this year is on October 19. We will be studying the Torah service, the blessings, their meanings and history.

JTS's Context Program, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm. This fall the class will be the Jews of Italy with Stefanie Siegmund beginning October 24, registration required.

Annual Lucy Dawidowicz Memorial Lecture. This annual lecture, established to celebrate OZ's birthday, honors the memory of a great historian of the Holocaust and Or Zarua member Lucy S. Dawidowicz. This year the lecture will mark the 29th birthday of the Congregation. After the lecture, dessert and birthday cake will be served in honor of OZ's 28th birthday.

Marc D. Ashley's Adult Education Course. Join Congregant Marc D. Ashley as he teaches an annual adult education course on four Sunday mornings in the spring—between Pesah and Shavuot—ranging in theological and historical topics from the authority of the Oral Law to messianism, chosenness, and Jewish pluralism. No prior knowledge is required. The specific topic for this year's class will be announced in the OZ Newsletter and on the OZ website, www.orzarua.org.

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot, Saturday night, May 19. See the Or Zarua website, www.orzarua.org, or the April-May issue of the OZ Newsletter for the topic and other details.

Teen Tikkun Leyl Shavuot, Saturday night, May 19. Youth, 6th-12th grade, are invited for our fifth annual Teen Tikkun Leyl Shavuot. Join us as we learn from our teachers including some OZ teens!

PRAY Prayer is central to our religious experience. Or Zarua's services are traditional with equal participation of men and women. We have no choir, we use no musical instruments, and we read the entire weekly Torah portion, explicated by Rabbi Bolton's d'var Torah. Our services are led by members of the congregation. Visit us for Shabbat, on Yom Tov, or at our weekday morning minyan (followed by breakfast and lively conversation!).

The High Holy Days. Rosh Hashanah begins Wednesday night, September 20 and Kol Nidre is Friday night, September 29. Services at Wallace Hall, Park Avenue between 83rd and 84th Streets. Check your tickets for schedule details.

Kabbalat Shabbat, Friday evenings following minhah. As the sun sets, make the transition from the busy work week to a quieter but uplifting Shabbat in an intimate, warm setting—relaxing but festive.

Shaharit Services for Shabbat, 9 am, followed by kiddush. Newcomers are invited to come see for themselves what makes worship at Or Zarua uplifting.

Daily Services each Weekday Morning. Sunday at 8:45 am; Monday through Friday at 7:15 am (7:00 am on Rosh Hodesh or when Musaf is part of the service).

Torah Tots for infants–kindergarten, Shabbat, 11:15 am. Parents and children together celebrate Shabbat in song, prayer, movement and interactive learning experiences. Parents accompany their youngsters, participate in the service and activities and enjoy the spiritual and social experience of observing Shabbat with other parents of young children.

Torah Kids for kindergarten–grade 5, Shabbat, 11:00 am. Kids celebrate Shabbat with us every week as we pray, sing, and learn in interactive, exciting ways. Children in Kindergarten or 5th grade are welcome at whichever service feels more comfortable for them.

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Shabbat & Me for pre-k and younger children, select Shabbat mornings, 10:30 am. Monthly, beginning Saturday, September 16. Sing, pray, learn, play, and celebrate together.

Shabbatons, Purim Spiels, Festivals Services. Each year, Or Zarua sponsors Shabbatons with visiting scholars from JTS, universities, and yeshivas from the US, Israel and other countries are preceded by pray services. Our Annual Purim Spiel attracts a large crowd. And we celebrate all festivals.

PARTICIPATE At Or Zarua, we draw strength from the active participation of our members. It is what keeps us vibrant. We come together to strengthen our connectedness to our community and to the larger Jewish community as well. We come together to celebrate festivals and milestones, and we come together to support one another in times of stress and sorrow. We encourage attendance and participation in events at OZ..

Hesed and DOROT, Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery, Sunday, September 17. Brighten a senior's day by delivering a package of treats and engaging in friendly conversation for about an hour. Families with children welcome. See the OZ Newsletter and website, www.orzarua.org, for details. In December, OZ will participate in the Hanukkah Package Delivery.

Dinner in OZ's Roof Top Sukkah. Catered dinners on Wednesday, October 4, and Thursday October 5; Bring-Your-Own Dinner, Friday October 6. Dinners follow after Ma'ariv services; RSVP and payment required for catered dinners; RSVP only for Bring-Your-Own Dinner. Please log on to your Chaverweb account or call 212-452-2310, ext 39, for reservations.

Kadima and USY Simhat Torah Dinner, Thursday, October 12, 6:00 pm. Before the synagogue-wide holiday celebration for Simhat Torah, youth (6th-12th grades) are invited to our fourth annual Simhat Torah dinner. Catch up with friends and make new ones! Then join the rest of the Congregation in celebrating Simhat Torah together.

Hesed and The New York Common Pantry. On the first Wednesday of each month, from 9:00 am to noon, volunteer at The New York Common Pantry, the city's largest community-based food program.

Or Zarua Book Discussion, select Sundays, 7:30 pm. Our first two book discussions for this year are *Two She-Bears* by Meir Shalev (Sunday, September 10) and *Moonglow* by Michael Chabon (Sunday, November 5). Future titles are *January 7 Putting God Second: How to Save Religion from Itself* by Donniel Hartman (January 7), *A Horse Walks into a Bar* by David Grossman (March 4), and *Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel* by OZ Congegant Francine Klagsbrun (May 6).

Super Bowl Party and Tzedakah Drive in support of Project ORE, Sunday, February 4. We begin with Minhah and Ma'ariv and then we watch the NFL's big game. We enjoy Bar-B-Que, Deli Sandwiches, and good drinks. And we collect needed funds for Project ORE (OutReach to the Elderly).

Celebrate Purim at OZ, Wednesday night, February 28 and Thursday, March 1. Services, costumes, food and a spiel with Bir'nana, OZ's a cappella group.

Hesed and Purim. We will again celebrate Purim with Project ORE, a program for vulnerable older adults with song, crafts and fun. Look for details on the OZ Newsletter and the OZ website, www.orzarua.org.

Zayin Adar Dinner. Held on the traditional date of Moses death, the Zayin Adar Dinner acknowledges the work of the the OZHevra Kadisha. Information regarding the dinner will be posted to the OZ website, www.orzarua.org, and in the Newsletter. No fee required to attend this dinner, but contributions are welcome.

Congregational Second Seder. Saturday night, March 31. Experience the Second Night Seder with Rabbi Bolton and fellow Congregants. RSVP and fee required.

Lag B'Omer, Wednesday night, May 2. See upcoming issues of the Newsletter and the OZ Website for details.

CONNECT There are numerous ways to become involved with the Or Zarua community—through our many activities and special events. We welcome all to join in the diverse array of events and wonderful happenings at OZ.

Services and Dinner with OZ's Young Professionals. Shabbat dinner on September 15 and October 20; Sushi in the Sukkah on October 10; The Joy of Text with Rabbi Dov Linzer and Dr. Bat Sheva Marcus, November 16. Shabbat dinners, happy hours, and other events are scheduled throughout the year. If you are 30 or under, connect with OZ's Young Professionals.

Sukkah Sleepover for Kids; Saturday night, October 7. OZ's annual sleepover for kids 5-13. A movie, games, and snacks. RSVP needed.

Family Se'udah Shilshit and Havdalah. A beautiful way to close Shabbat and bring in the new week. Families with children are invited to join for special a meal and Havdalah. The first one of the New Year is Saturday, October 7.

OZ Art Gallery Openings. OZ's usually hosts two openings per year. The next opening will be Sunday, November 12: *That Tree*: Photography by Mark Hirsch.

Shabbat Shirah. Celebrate the reading of the Song at the Sea (Parashah Beshalah) with a Shabbat dinner and lunch and a guest a cappella group. Friday, January 26 and 27.

OZ's Birthday Kiddush. We will be celebrating 29 years! Our Birthday Kiddush is tied in with Annual Lucy Dawidowicz Memorial Lecture. Birthday cake incld.

Celebrate Israel Parade. Come march and show your support as Or Zarua joins the entire New York community when we march up Fifth Avenue in the annual salute to Israel.

The listings above are just a small sampling of the events scheduled at Congregation Or Zarua for 5778. Many more lectures, guest speakers, classes, presentations, programs, dinners, and social events throughout the year. See the OZ website, www.orzarua.org, or the Newsletter (published every two months) for listings of new events throughout the year and to confirm dates, times, and future events.

The Or Zarua Community

Or Zarua's Cemetery For Members and their Families

The OZ section at Beth El Cemetery is located in Washington Township, NJ, 10 miles from the George Washington Bridge. The cemetery is well maintained, and its design provides a serene and beautiful final resting place that reflects the values and aesthetics of Congregation Or Zarua. Gravesites within the OZ section are available for sale to members of our congregation. Burial is limited to persons of the Jewish faith. For information concerning gravesite purchases, contact Helene Santo at 212-452-2310, ext 14.

Or Zarua's Young Professionals

Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner

Friday, September 15
6:00 pm: Happy Hour
7:00 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat
8:00 pm: Shabbat Dinner

Sushi in the Sukkah

Tuesday, October 10, 7-10 pm
Come celebrate Sukkot with drinks and handmade sushi in OZ's rooftop Sukkah.
RSVP online: <http://tinyurl.com/YP-Sushi-10-20-16>.

Shabbat Dinner

Friday, October 20
6:00 pm: Happy Hour
7:00 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat
8:00 pm: Shabbat Dinner

Or Zarua Young Professionals

Present the Joy of Text

Thursday, November 16, 6:30-9:00 pm
A panel discussion on the intersection of Judaism and sexuality with special guest speakers

Rabbi Dov Linzer and Dr. Bat Sheva Marcus.



Come have drinks and learn about one of the least talked about topics in Judaism!



OZ's Young Professionals are a group in their 20s and 30s committed to building a welcoming and vibrant Jewish community within Or Zarua. For more details, follow their Facebook page (Or Zarua's Young Professionals). Contact OZ's Young Professionals with any questions or suggestions, or just to say hi, via email: OZYoungPros@gmail.com.

Sponsor Kiddush or Minyan Breakfast

Consider sponsoring a Shabbat kiddush or minyan breakfast. Sponsoring a kiddush can be a meaningful way to remember your loved ones or celebrate a birthday or anniversary with fellow congregants while enhancing the community's Shabbat or minyan experience. Contact Deborah Wenger (212-452-2310, ext 12) for details.

Or Zarua's Memorial Wall

For information about plaques for our Memorial Wall, please contact Helene Santo at hsanto@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 14. We will place another order when we have sufficient interest.

Order forms are available online at <http://tinyurl.com/OZMemorialPlaque> or from the OZ office by calling Deborah Wenger at 212-452-2310, ext 12.



Jews of Renaissance Italy

With Stefanie Siegmund, PhD

JTS Context Class at Or Zarua

Six Tuesdays beginning October 24, 6:30 pm



Our next JTS Context class, "Jews of Renaissance Italy," is a six-session course presented by Dr. Stefanie Siegmund, Women's League

Professor of Jewish Gender and Women's Studies, Department of Medieval and Early Modern Jewish Studies, JTS.

Between 1300 and 1600, Jews migrated to the northern and central Italian states from all directions: from southern Italy, from Franco-Germany, and from the Iberian peninsula and North Africa and the Levant. Though never large populations, Jews of Renaissance Italy lived in many hundreds of villages and cities, and in many ways participated in what is still known as the

Renaissance. This course will examine the social history and elite cultural history of Renaissance Italian Jews, considering Jewish-Christian relations as reflected in the everyday relations of merchants and neighbors, but also in the enforcement of the Jewish badge and ghettoization.

The course meets in the OZ library and begins on October 24 (see the OZ calendar); tuition is \$325. This reading-intensive seminar is designed for graduates of the Me'ah or Context two-year program or for those with similar Jewish learning backgrounds. If you are uncertain whether the course is right for you or for more information regarding registering, please contact Lynn Feinman at 212-678-8821 or lyfeinman@jtsa.edu. You may register for the class at www.jtsa.edu/italy; final enrollment date is Tuesday, October 17.

The Or Zarua Social Hall is available to rent for appropriate functions. Contact Helene Santo, 212-452-2310, ext 14, for information.

Rabbi Wechsler Teaches

On SiriusXM Satellite Radio
Sundays, 4:00 am & 8:00 pm
Channel 106
www.siriusxm.com

Rabbi Bolton's Source Sheets are on Sefaria

Sefaria is a web-based program of Jewish texts that allows users to prepare source sheets. Rabbi Bolton has used the platform to prepare lecture handouts and class supplements. Go to:

<https://www.sefaria.org/>
search for "Scott Bolton," click "Sheets," and you will find Rabbi Bolton's collection of materials.

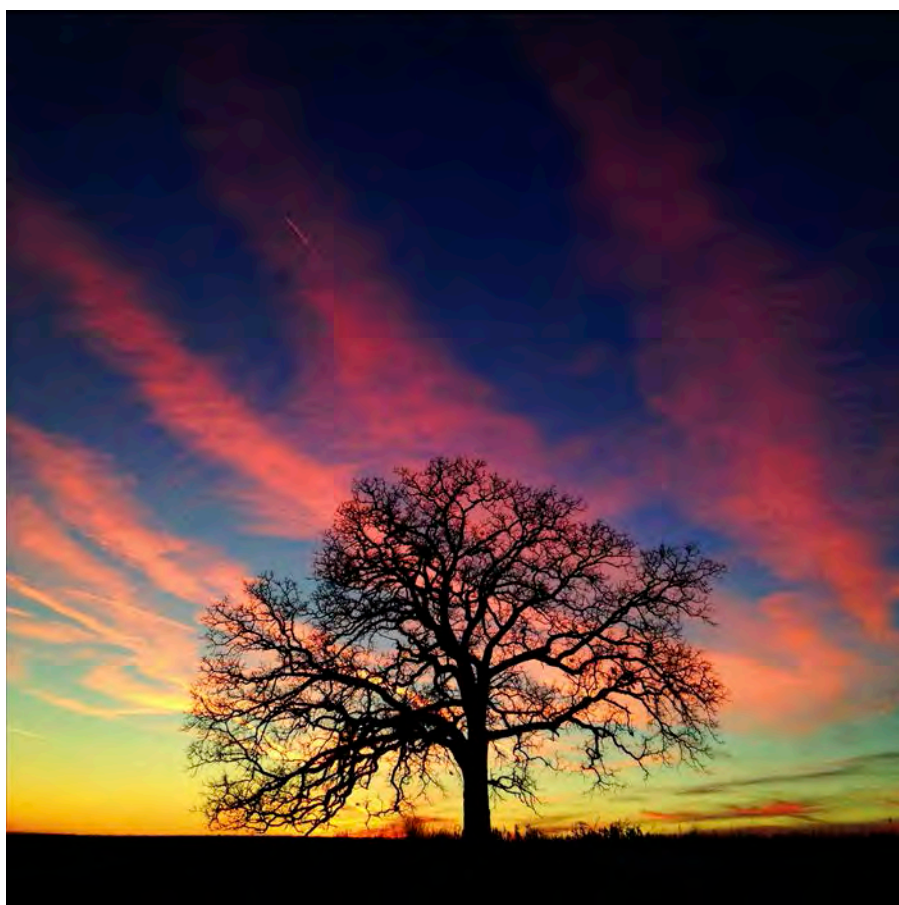


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A white parochet (curtain) adorns the ark at Congregation Or Zarua for the High Holy Days. Information about services and programming for Selihot, the High Holy Days, and the festivals is on pages 1, 6 and 7. Programming specific for youth is on pages 10 and 11. L'Shana Tova!



That Tree: העץ הזה

Photography by Mark Hirsch
Exhibit opening in the OZ Gallery
Sunday, November 12, 6:00 pm

The next presentation in the Or Zarua Gallery will inspire us to consider the wonder of God's creation as exemplified by one majestic tree. During a trying period in his life, author and photographer Mark Hirsch was uplifted and healed through his yearlong connection – by taking an iPhone image of it every day – with a venerable Bur Oak Tree.

The upcoming exhibition will connect his breathtaking images of that tree with many examples of Jewish citations from the Torah, Talmud, and Midrash about trees.

That Tree: HaEytz HaHu will open in the OZ Gallery on Sunday, November 12. Mark Hirsch is scheduled to speak at the opening.