



Congregation

# OR ZARUA

VOLUME 15, ISSUE 4

ADAR / NISAN / IYYAR 5762

MARCH / APRIL 2002

## COMMEMORATING PASSOVER: *Why Is This Night Different?*

By Ron Meyers

We have many holidays that are historical, either commemorating particular dates, such as Tisha B'Av, or celebrating events that are purported to have occurred in a given season, such as Purim, whether

they are historical or not. But Passover is not only the commemoration of a historical event, it is the commemoration of the commencement of our history as a people. And it is not only that, either; it is the celebration of the experience and awareness of history itself.

Why is this night different from all other nights? It is different because we spend this night reflecting on how different is our plight now than it was at other times. When we recall great events on other holidays, we say the al-HaNisim, remarking on the heroic deeds that were done for us in *those* days at this time. Our attention is focused on the days past. When we sit down to the seder, we say how different is *this* night from all other nights: the focus is on the present, and, moreover, on the difference between the present and other times.

To study history is to engage in the dynamic of similarities and differences between one time and another. On this holiday, we focus on the similarity by reenacting the Passover feast that is narrated in the Torah. But again this night is different because of its focus on differences.

While we reenact other past events literally—by eating in the sukkah or lighting the Hanukkah candles—our feast at Passover is distinctly different from the feast that it recalls. The Israelites were commanded to eat “with your hips girded, your sandals on your feet, your sticks in your hand; you are to eat in trepidation.” We do the opposite: we have the specific custom of reclining at the seder, with the free person’s luxury of leisure, so different from the refugee’s readiness and strict adherence to life-or-death commands. We eat every last morsel not because we are commanded to leave nothing over, but because we have the luxury of excess. And it is in the context of freedom and leisure that we eat the bread of affliction and haste: we study our history because our nights now are so different from the other nights that our ancestors knew.

We deviate on this night from our usual lives to remind us of how different our lives could be.

The seders will occur on the evenings of Wednesday, March 27th and Thursday, March 28th, and the holiday continues through sundown on Thursday, April 4th.

### TABLE OF CONTENTS

Book Club .....	2
Calendar.....	Insert
Changes in the Or Zarua Office .....	3
Contributions .....	10
Editor’s Note.....	2
Education	
Talmud Class .....	5
Hebrew School News.....	2
Hesed Committee	
Blood Drive & Sign-Up Form .....	4
Lenox Hill Bikur Cholim.....	5
Upcoming Events.....	5
Israel and Middle East:	
Reflections on Israel.....	3
New Building Note .....	12
Or Zarua Community.....	10
Passover	
Guidelines for Passover .....	6
Ma’ot Hittim Fund .....	8
Ma’ot Hittim Contribution Form .....	9
Pesah Meal Match.....	8
Pesah Meal Match Form .....	9
Sell Your Hametz .....	8
Sell Your Hametz Form .....	9
Services Schedule.....	8
Solidarity Mission to Israel .....	5
Youth Services.....	12



A CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE  
FOUNDED 1989

*Office*

1384 LEXINGTON AVENUE  
NEW YORK, NY 10128

phone: 212-410-6041 fax: 212-410-2137

www.orzarua.org

Due to on-going construction at the  
synagogue, services are held elsewhere  
as noted in this newsletter.

DR. HARLAN J. WECHSLER, *Rabbi*

ALISA ROBBINS DOCTOROFF, *President*

JEANETTE BRIZEL, *Newsletter Editor*

# HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

## *Holidays of Spring*

*By Tahl BenYehuda Saidel*

March opens with Purim behind us and Pesah, the season of our freedom, so close on its heels. This year, Or Zarua will celebrate its freedom, too. We will be free from our roaming past, free to invite others to pray and eat with us, free to hold mitzvah programs such as the up-coming blood drive. We will be free to decorate our new home, and, in fact, the ceramic tiles that our students created last year will adorn the walls of the classroom floors. And, when our new synagogue building opens, our Hebrew School will be joyously involved in its dedication.

Some important dates to keep in mind follow: On Thursday, March 14, a Hebrew School model Seder will give the younger students the opportunity to practice the Ma Nishtanah before the “real thing” on the 27th. Our students will also be learning several other Pesah songs in the next months. Encourage them to share these songs with you at your Seder table.

This year, the music curriculum has focused on the music of synagogue services. The students have been learning synagogue melodies and a few special melodies to the prayers of Shabbat. Our music teacher, Avi Fox-Rosen, will lead many of our third, fourth and fifth grade students in the Manhattan Zimriyah on March 3. Hebrew School parents will be hearing more about this in a Hebrew School mailing.

The spring recess begins on Friday, March 15th. School resumes on Tuesday, April 9th. The Hebrew

School will commemorate Yom HaShoah on April 9th with age-appropriate programs in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

Israel Remembrance Day and Israel Independence Day, April 16th and 17th will be commemorated on Thursday, April 18th with a Zimriyah. Parents are welcome to attend this program.

The Hebrew School is preparing to take part in the Israel Day parade, which is on Sunday, May 5th. Our fourth and fifth grade students have been learning about Israel all year, and the entire school has been learning about Zionism over the last several months. Please talk to your children about Israel—find out what they have learned and how they feel about the Jewish State and the situation it is in right now. I hope you will march with your children on May 5th as Or Zarua and all of New York City shows its support for the State of Israel in this challenging time.

---

## Book Club

Author Thane Rosenbaum will join the OZ Book Club to discuss *Second Hand Smoke*, his autobiographically influenced novel about the son of Holocaust survivors, on April 7th. A review in *The New York Times* noted, “The author exhibits considerable grace in interweaving themes and time frames.” Please call the office for the meeting location.

---

## Editor's Note

The OZ Newsletter welcomes articles submitted by congregants. Articles should be no longer than 250 words and may be edited for length and clarity. They should be submitted by e-mail (as an attachment, as well as pasted into the text) to the office at: [admin@orzarua.org](mailto:admin@orzarua.org).

In order to be included in the May/June edition, submissions must be received by Wednesday, March 20th. The deadline for the July/August issue will be late in May; the exact date will be provided in the May/June edition.

Many thanks for your help in enabling our newsletter to appear in a timely fashion.

# Changes in the Or Zarua Office

In preparation for our move and a new phase in the life of Or Zarua, we have recently hired two new staff members. First, Jane Fuchsberg has come on board as Executive Director of the congregation.

Jane will be replacing Enid Menzies, our long-time office administrator who is retiring (see below), and will take on the responsibility of running our administrative operations, overseeing the manage-

ment of our building and generally facilitating the activities of the congregation. Jane is coming to us after a long and successful career in health care administration, most recently at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Jane has been in the office since February 1st, joining Lidiya Yunatanov and overlapping with

Enid to learn the nuts and bolts of our administrative activities.

Our new building superintendent, Richard Smith, is already on the job, spending his time at the building

keeping our building looking great and operating smoothly.

Our move to new quarters is coinciding with the retirement of Enid Menzies. Enid has played a critical

role in the life of our congregation for over ten years, almost since the start of Or Zarua, and has been instrumental in providing the support that has enabled us to grow and flourish. We have been fortunate to have the benefit of her efficiency, intelligence, humor and warmth,

and are also fortunate that she will be returning to help the office with special projects from time to time.

The congregation will honor Enid for her service to Or Zarua at the Shabbat Kiddush on March 2nd. Please welcome Jane and Richard to Or Zarua and wish Enid the best in her life beyond the office!



Jane Fuchsberg, Lidiya Yunatanov, Richard Smith and Webster Ward

learning the systems that will turn the lights on, move the elevators up and down, and keep us warm.

Webster Ward, who has been with Or Zarua since we first purchased and began to use the property on East 82nd Street, will join Richard once we officially move into the building. Together they will be responsible for

---

## ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST: *Reflections on Israel*

By Willi Aeder

When Arthur and I told friends that we were leaving at the end of December for 10 days in Israel, the usual response was: Aren't you afraid? You must be kidding! None of the above factored into our decision. We were not kidding and we were certainly not afraid. We go to Israel at least once each year to participate in a board meeting of a foundation of which Arthur is the chairman and to visit friends. We had already been there in May of 2001, but when a

close American friend suggested we join him and his family for a vacation, we thought the timing was just right. There has been such a dramatic decrease in tourism and how could we say "no" when our friend's children and grandchildren are living in Jerusalem, to say nothing of our Israeli friends.

Our trip was as great as ever. We stayed in Jerusalem, except for one overnight at the Dead Sea to hike in the Negev. We walked in the Arab

quarter of the Old City with Israeli friends. Several times we walked alone in the Jewish Quarter, including on Shabbat to lunch in the beautiful home of Rabbi and Mrs. Wechsler. We felt no fear during these walks.

Friends who live in Jerusalem were more than delighted to see us. They are starved for visits from diaspora Jews. Even they said they were amazed that we had come, since the newspapers make everything seem

*continued on page 12*

# HESED COMMITTEE

## April 21st: Or Zarua Blood Drive

In the aftermath of the World Trade Center tragedy, tens of thousands of people donated blood to help victims. But blood is perishable and can be frozen only at great expense, so New York's blood supply needs to be continually replenished. Our congregation is helping to meet this ongoing and critical need by sponsoring its first blood drive on Sunday, April 21st from 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. in our new home. Activities will be offered for children while their parents donate. Refreshments will be provided.

Many people ask why blood donation is so important. Here are a few facts:

- 9 in 10 people need a blood transfusion at some point in their lives.
- 1 in 10 hospital patients need a transfusion—an average of 3 pints!
- One donated pint is often broken into blood components and can

be used to help many different people.

- Donated blood is used to help patients with a wide variety of conditions and is critical to patients who need surgery.

As part of the Or Zarua Blood Drive, you can choose to register in the Bone Marrow Donor Registry of the National Marrow Donor Program, a national network of medical organizations that identifies potential bone marrow donors around the country and matches donors with patients who might be treated with a bone marrow transplant. While the odds of matching are low, many patients are successfully treated for leukemia and other diseases with bone marrow transplants, and Jews in particular are needed as potential donors because of the likelihood that they will be a close match for other Jews with similar ancestry.

Who can give? Just about every-

one who is at least 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds can be a blood donor. (If over 75, bring a letter from your doctor.) If you have spent a significant amount of time overseas in the past few years, you may want to double check before making an appointment. Otherwise, it is very likely that you can be a donor! Additional information will follow under separate cover in March.

If you have questions or would like to make an appointment to donate, or if you would like to help plan this important event, please contact James Rothman at 212-472-1739 or jarothman2@aol.com or Lesley Palmer at 212-772-9673 or lpalmer2@ix.netcom.com. Please also consider making a donation to Or Zarua's Hessed Fund to support this effort and other programs that help our community.

*I wish to participate in Or Zarua's Blood Drive by:*

- DONATING BLOOD** (For an appointment, please contact James Rothman at 212-472-1739 or jarothman2@aol.com)
- SERVING ON THE COMMITTEE FOR THIS EVENT**
- SUPPORTING THE BLOOD DRIVE WITH A PERSONAL DONATION**

(Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_, made payable to Congregation Or Zarua, designated to the Hessed Fund)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out and return form to: CONGREGATION OR ZARUA, 1384 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10128

## EDUCATION

### *Talmud Class*

Rabbi Wechsler's weekly Talmud class continues on Wednesdays from 8 to 9:30 pm. Please call the office for the location of the class. The class studies the seventh chapter of Talmud-Berakhot, "On the Grace After Meals."

The Talmud class is free to members and nonmembers alike, and may be joined at any time. No knowledge of Hebrew or Aramaic is required; nor is attendance at last year's class required.

### NEW YORK SOLIDARITY MISSION TO ISRAEL

Join the Or Zarua contingent of the New York Solidarity Mission to Israel. We will depart New York on April 28 and return on May 2. Extensions are possible. Experience an unforgettable journey. Meet the people most affected by terrorism—and the volunteers who help them overcome their losses. Participate in exclusive briefings with top Israeli officials and decision-makers.

WHEN: April 28–May 2, 2002

ACCOMMODATIONS: King David Hotel in Jerusalem

*(based on double occupancy; additional for single room)*

COST: \$999 per person

*(price made possible by a subsidy from UJA-Federation and United Jewish Communities)*

AIR TRAVEL: El Al

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: [www.ujafedny.org](http://www.ujafedny.org)

*Tell our brothers and sisters in Israel that we are with them at this difficult time.*

## Lenox Hill Bikur Cholim

On January 13, thirteen Or Zarua members took part in a training session with Lenox Hill Hospital's Bikur Cholim (LHBC), exploring the mitzvah of visiting and supporting the sick. Led by Zella Goldfinger, LHBC's Executive Director and an Or Zarua member, the training session covered how to initiate a visit, what to say and what not to say, interaction with hospital staff, how long to stay, Shabbat and Jewish holiday visits and many other topics. Zella said, "By visiting patients, our volunteers help so many in such a

direct and loving way; their visits send a reassuring message that these patients are not alone. It was so enjoyable working with so many members of the congregation; the warmth, sensitivity, and genuine concern expressed was truly impressive." LHBC volunteers visit Jewish patients at the hospital on a schedule of their own choosing. LHBC also will help arrange initial trainee visits with an experienced volunteer. If you are interested in joining the Or Zarua volunteers at Lenox Hill Hospital, please contact Zella at 212-628-3192.

### UPCOMING HESED COMMITTEE EVENTS

*Save These Dates—Additional information will follow*

**Ongoing:** Or Zarua-sponsored Monday night meal-serving at Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter residence on 81st Street. Contact: Richard Stadin at 212-879-0448.

**April 21, 2002:** Blood Drive at Or Zarua. Activities for children. Join the planning committee NOW! Contact: James Rothman at 212-472-1739 or Lesley Palmer at 212-772-9673 (evenings) and 212-282-4190 (days).

**May 9, 2002:** Ronald McDonald House Israeli Night. Contact: Stephanie Failla at 212-472-7506 (days) and 212-480-3111 (evenings) or Anne Schneider at 212-860-8611.

**September 2002:** Sukkot Package Delivery for Dorot clients on the Upper East Side. Contact: Aaron Shelden at 212-734-2888.

# Guidelines for Passover

*This guide was prepared for the Rabbinical Assembly Committee on Jewish Law and Standards by Rabbi Mayer Rabinowitz. It was accepted by the Committee on December 12, 1984 and was updated recently.*

The Torah prohibits the ownership of hametz (leaven) during Pesach. Therefore, we arrange for the sale of the hametz to a non-Jew. The transfer, mekhirat hametz, is accomplished by appointing an agent, usually the rabbi, to handle the sale. It is a valid and legal transfer of ownership. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges for the reversion of ownership of the now-permitted hametz. If ownership of the hametz was not transferred before the holiday, the use of this hametz is prohibited after the holiday as well (hametz she-avar alav ha-Pesah).

Since the Torah prohibits the eating of hametz during Pesah and since many common foods contain some admixture of hametz, guidance is necessary when shopping and preparing for Pesah.

During the eight days of Pesah, hametz cannot lose its identity in an admixture. Therefore, the minutest amount of hametz renders the whole admixture hametz and its use on Pesah is prohibited. However, during the rest of the year, hametz follows the normal rules of admixture, i.e., it loses its identity in an admixture of one part hametz and sixty parts of non-hametz (batel be-shishim). This affords us the opportunity to differentiate between foods purchased before and during Pesah.

What follows is a general guideline. However, Rabbi Wechsler should be consulted when any doubt arises. Kosher le-Pesah labels that do

not bear the name of a rabbi or one of the recognized symbols of rabbinic supervision, or which are not integral to the package, should not be used without consulting Rabbi Wechsler.



*Baking matzoh for the Passover holiday.*

Prohibited foods include the following: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereals, coffees containing cereal derivatives, wheat, barely, oats, spelt, rye and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol.

Ashkenazic authorities have added the following foods (kitniyot) to the above list: rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans and peas; however, string beans are permitted). The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has ruled unanimously that peanuts and peanut oil are permissible. Some Ashkenazic authorities permit, while others forbid, the use of legumes in a form other than their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners,

corn oil, soy oil. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all of the above.

## PERMITTED FOODS

**A.** The following foods require no kosher le-Pesah label if purchased before or during Pesah: Fresh fruits and vegetables (for legumes, see above), eggs, fresh fruit and fresh meat.

**B.** As a result of the wide availability of kosher for Pesah foods, coffee, frozen vegetables, milk, butter and cheeses should be purchased with a kosher for Pesah certification. The following foods require a kosher le-Pesah label if purchased before or during Pesah: All baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any products containing matzah); canned or bottled fruit juice (these juices are often clarified with kitniyot which are not listed among the ingredients); canned tuna (even when packed in water, tuna has often been processed in vegetable broth and/or hydrolyzed protein); wine; vinegar; liquor; oils; dried fruits; ice cream; yogurt and soda.

## DETERGENTS

If permitted during the year, powdered and liquid detergents do not require a kosher le-Pesah label.

## MEDICINES

Since hametz binders are used in many pills, the following guidelines should be followed: If the medicine is

required for life sustaining therapy, it may be used on Pesah. If it is not for life-sustaining therapy, some authorities permit, while others prohibit. Consult Rabbi Wechsler.

## KASHERING OF UTENSILS

The process of kashering utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to halakhah, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil (*ke-voleo kakh polet*). Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashered by fire and heat, and those used only for cold food are kashered by rinsing.

**A. Earthenware:** (china, pottery, etc.) may not be kashered. However, fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

**B. Metal:** Utensils entirely made of metal used in fire (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.

**C. Ovens and Ranges:** Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then, oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil setting, use it. Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned and then put through the self-cleaning cycle. Continuous cleaning ovens

must be kashered in the same manner as regular ovens.

**Microwave Ovens,** which do not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned, and then a cup of water should be placed inside. Then the oven should be turned on until the water disappears. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered for Pesah.

**D. Glassware:** Glassware requires a thorough scrubbing before Pesah, or being put through a dishwasher cycle.

**Glass Cookware:** There is a difference of opinion as to whether it is to be kashered. One opinion is that it must be kashered. After a thorough cleansing, there should be water boiled in them which will overflow the rim. The other opinion is that only a through cleansing is required.

**Glass Bakeware,** like metal bakeware, may not be kashered.

**E. Dishwasher:** After not using the machine for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run.

**F. Electrical Appliances:** If the parts that come into contact with hametz are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rule for metal utensils). If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be kashered. (All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned.)

**G. Tables, Closets and Counters:** If used with hametz, they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered, and then they may be used.

**H. Kitchen Sink:** A metal sink can be kashered by thorough cleaning and then pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

**I. Hametz and Non-Passover Utensils:** Non-Passover dishes, pots and hametz whose ownership has been transferred, should be separated, locked up or covered and marked in order to prevent accidental use.

## LEARN TO READ HEBREW IN ONE DAY!

with the amazing program called the

### HEBREW READING MARATHON

*Have the great satisfaction of following the Passover Seder...in Hebrew!*

Sponsored by the

### JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2002 • 9:30 A.M.—5:30 P.M.

J.T.S. Goldsmith Residence Hall

537 W. 121 Street (near Broadway), New York City

### FREE INSTRUCTION AND TEXT!

Nominal registration fee of \$15 covers lunch and refreshments

To register, or for more information, contact Gloria Mabra at:  
(212) 678-8996 or [glmabra@jtsa.edu](mailto:glmabra@jtsa.edu)

*Registration is limited to 50 adults • First come, first served*

TAKE PART IN OR ZARUA'S  
**Pesah Meal Match**  
*First Night, Wednesday, March 27th*

**A**long with sharing ancient and modern traditions with family and friends, first seder is a traditional time to welcome a new guest. No wonder it's been an Or Zarua tradition for members to extend invitations to fellow congregants who may enjoy joining a home seder.

We invite those members who wish to extend an invitation, and those who would like to be included in a home seder, to fill out the form on page 9 and return it to the Or Zarua office by mail at 1384 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10128 or by fax (212) 410-2137. All forms must be received by March 15, 2002.

---

## Ma'ot Hittim Fund

“**A** Jew should drink four cups of wine at the seder,” the Mishnah says, “even if they come from the public dole.” Every Jew needs to experience the exodus from Egypt, even the poor Jew who cannot afford to prepare for Passover himself.

Special funds are raised each year before Passover to make certain that poor Jews will be able to adequately celebrate the holiday. These funds, called ma'ot hittim (wheat money) are then distributed to the Joint Passover Appeal in New York and to the New York Board of Rabbis. These two communal organizations see to it that Jews who cannot make Passover for themselves are nonetheless able to fully celebrate the holiday. These funds also enable Or Zarua to invite Jews to our community Seder who could not otherwise afford to be at a Seder that night. Please give generously to this fund; many will benefit from your kindness. The Congregation will, in turn, distribute these funds to poor Jews and those who are in institutions in New York.

---

## Sell Your Hametz

**P**rior to Passover, it is customary to “sell” any hametz in the household to a non-Jew. This is normally arranged by the Rabbi to insure compliance with the requirements of halakha (Jewish Law).

Please fill out and send the coupon on page 9 to the Or Zarua office by Tuesday, March 26, 2002 to insure that your hametz is sold before Passover. It is customary to enclose a contribution to Or Zarua's Ma'ot Hittim Fund with your authorization.

### SCHEDULE OF PASSOVER SERVICES 5762/2002

#### Wednesday, March 27

##### *Erev of Passover*

Shaharit	7:15 a.m.
Candlelighting & Minhah-Maariv	5:56 p.m.

#### Thursday, March 28

##### *First Day of Passover*

Shaharit	9:00 a.m.
Minhah-Maariv	6:10 p.m.
Candlelighting	6:58 p.m.

#### Friday, March 29

##### *Second Day of Passover*

Shaharit	9:00 a.m.
Candlelighting & Minhah-Kabbalat Shabbat	5:58 p.m.

#### Tuesday, April 2

##### *Seventh Day of Passover*

Candlelighting & Minhah-Maariv	6:02 p.m.
-----------------------------------	-----------

#### Wednesday, April 3

##### *Seventh Day of Passover*

Shaharit	9:00 a.m.
Minhah-Maariv	6:15 p.m.
Candlelighting	7:04 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 4

##### *Eighth Day of Passover*

Shaharit	9:00 a.m.
Festival ends	7:05 p.m.

# Pesah Meal Match

*I would like to participate in a first-night seder as a:*

(check one)

GUEST

Are you planning to bring children? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many and what ages? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any food restraints? \_\_\_\_\_

HOST

How many people will you host? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have any children? \_\_\_\_\_

How many and what ages? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you welcome children as guests? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

**Before March 15, 2002, fill out and return form to:**

**CONGREGATION OR ZARUA, 1384 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10128, FAX: 212-410-2137**

# Sell Your Hametz / Ma'ot Hittim

**Dear Rabbi Wechsler:** Please sell all hametz in my possession, at the locations listed below, before Passover, in accordance with Jewish law (halakha). Enclosed is my contribution to Or Zarua's Ma'ot Hittim Fund.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*Other Locations (vacation home, office, etc):*

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out and return form before Tuesday, March 26, 2002 to:

Dr. Harlan J. Wechsler, Rabbi, Congregation Or Zarua

1384 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10128, Fax: 212-410-2137 **(before March 15, 2002)**

127 East 82nd Street, New York, NY 10028-0807, Fax: 212-452-2103 **(after March 15, 2002)**

# THE OR ZARUA COMMUNITY

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

James & Deborah Breznay  
Alexander Dembitzer &  
Rosa Abramowitz-Dembitzer  
Stephen Rayport & Marcia Kalin

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

Daniel & Yael Kessler on the  
January 16th birth of their daughter,  
Talia Lola  
Boris Rjavinski & Tanya Astrakhan  
on the February 7th birth of their  
son, Isaac  
Mark Somerstein on the January 23rd  
birth of a grandson

## CONDOLENCES TO

Philip Goldsmith on the death of his  
mother, Cora P. Goldsmith  
Lynn Michalson on the death of her  
husband, Howard Michalson  
Alan Nadel on the death of his  
mother, Thelma Nadel  
Robert Skolnick on the death of his  
mother, Sylvia Skolnick  
Norma Small and Jeffrey Small on  
the death of their husband and  
father, Maxwell Small  
Eugene Zuriff, on the death of his  
mother, Ruth Zuriff

## Contributions

*All contributions listed were received on  
or before January 31, 2002.*

*Capital Campaign and Bimah Fund  
contributions are not listed.*

## DESIGNATED SPECIAL PURPOSE GIFT FUND

Arthur Rosenbloom & Evelyn Kenvin

## HESED FOOD FUND

Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP  
Charitable Foundation  
Ronit Setton Hershkowitz  
Samuel & Ruth Perelson  
Barry & Judith Schneider  
Lynda Wertheim

## HESED FUND

Dan & Alisa Doctoroff, in honor of  
the birth of Fred and Vivian  
Kenvin's son, Matthew David  
Dan & Alisa Doctoroff, in honor of  
the marriage of Mimi and Barry  
Alperin's daughter, Julie  
Dan & Alisa Doctoroff, in honor of  
Alan Davidson's 75th birthday  
Daniel & Suzan Rosen

## HEVRA KADISHA FUND

Sylvia Adelman, in memory of John  
Sholom, beloved son of Tess and  
Ron Sholom  
Mona Dreier, in memory of her  
father, Norbert Preminger, on his  
first yahrzeit  
Simon & Janet Katz, in honor of the  
January 19th bar mitzvah of their  
grandson, Jeremy Michael  
Frederick & Martha Mendelsohn, in  
memory of Fred's father, Norman  
Mendelsohn, on his yahrzeit

## KIDDUSH FUND

Jonathan Bromberg & Barbara Scott,  
in honor of their son, Alex, winning  
the Akiba Award  
Philip & Carol Goldsmith, in honor  
of Carol's special birthday

Judith Goldstein, in honor of the  
naming of her granddaughter  
Herbert & Judith Lukashok, in mem-  
ory of his father, Samuel Lukashok  
Frederick & Martha Mendelsohn,  
in memory of Fred's mother, Etta  
Mendelsohn, on her yahrzeit  
Alan & Yafa Nadel, in memory of  
Alan's father, Bernard Nadel, on  
his yahrzeit  
Harry & Joan Samet, in honor of the  
birthdays of their children, Suzan  
and Daniel Rosen  
Yaakov & Roberta Shechter, in  
honor of the birth of their grand-  
son, Yishai Avraham Tzadok  
Miriam Wallerstein, in memory of  
her father, Abraham Patt, on his  
yahrzeit

## KOL NIDRE APPEAL

Joseph Allerhand & Randi Schatz  
Marc & Joanne Ashley  
Dan & Lynn Beller  
Matthew Bronfman & Lisa Belzberg  
Linda Charet  
Brett & Gwendolyn Cohen  
Stephen & Eileen Cohen  
Linda Dershowitz  
Lee & Lisa Einbinder  
Richard Goldberg  
Marjorie Goldin  
Leon & Susan Heller  
Harvey Himel & Beth Fisher  
Irving Hoffman  
Fred & Vivian Kenvin  
Neal & Maud Kozodoy  
Ira & Barbara Nadler  
Joshua Nash & Beth Goldberg

# THE OR ZARUA COMMUNITY

David & Laurie Pauker  
 Maurice & Sabina Preter  
 Wendy Schriber  
 Jeffrey Small  
 Walter & Sara Squire  
 Chaim Wachsberger & Liz Neumark  
 Harlan J. Wechsler &  
 Naomi Friedland-Wechsler  
 James & Elaine Wolfensohn  
 Marc & Joyce Yassky  
 Strauss Zelnick & Wendy Belzberg

## LIBRARY BOOK FUND

Frances Freedman

## PURIM SPIEL FUND

Barry & Bobbi Coller  
 Dan & Alisa Doctoroff  
 Harrison J. & Diana Goldin  
 Fred & Vivian Kenvin  
 Sam & Francine Klagsbrun  
 Terry Krulwich & Paul Posner  
 Mark & Georgina Lowenthal  
 Joshua Nash & Beth Goldberg  
 Samuel & Ruth Perelson  
 Laura Resnikoff  
 Arthur Rosenbloom & Evelyn Kenvin  
 Albert & Claire Schussler  
 Michael & Ellen Schwartz

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sander & Mechele Flaum  
 Jesse & Isadora Hecht, in appreciation  
 of Rabbi Wechsler's contribution to  
 their son Jonah's bar mitzvah  
 Harold Jacobs, in honor of Bonnie  
 Maslin and Israel Dvoretzky  
 Martin & Renee Kielman, in memory  
 of I. Maxwell Small, husband of  
 Norma Small

Lynn Michalson, in memory of her  
 husband, Howard  
 Janee Ries  
 Arthur Rosenbloom & Evelyn Kenvin  
 Martha Sasmor, in memory of her  
 husband, James  
 Jack Steinberg & Sharon Weinstock

## GENERAL FUND

Harvey & Joan Bucholtz, in honor of  
 their dear friend, Carol Goldsmith,  
 on the occasion of her milestone  
 birthday and with pride in the  
 beautiful Haftarah she chanted  
 Stephen & Eileen Cohen, in honor  
 of Carol Goldsmith's birthday  
 Barry & Bobbi Coller, in memory  
 of her father, Harold Gelfand, on  
 his yahrzeit  
 Helen Ferszt, in memory of her aunt,  
 Betty Bernstein, on her yahrzeit  
 Helen Ferszt, in memory of her  
 brother, Gerald Karp, on his yahrzeit  
 Sander & Mechele Flaum, in memory  
 of his mother, Rose Flaum, on her  
 yahrzeit  
 Leon & Susan Heller, in memory of  
 his mother, May Heller, on her  
 yahrzeit  
 Hal Jacobs, in honor of Bonnie,  
 Art and Tibor, and this year's Purim  
 Spiel crew, for their great dedica-  
 tion, spirit and loads of laughter—  
 break a leg!  
 John & Ronnie Jankoff  
 Peter & Diana Lipton, in gratitude  
 for the congregation's hospitality  
 during their visits  
 Alexander & Sharon Mack

Richard Marker & Mirele Goldsmith  
 Yehuda Nir & Bonnie Maslin, in  
 honor of their friend, Jackie Hord  
 Yehuda Nir & Bonnie Maslin, in  
 honor of their friends, the Harwins  
 Yehuda Nir & Bonnie Maslin, mazel  
 tov to Dan Doctoroff and family for  
 his appointment as Deputy to the  
 Mayor, and with thanks for the  
 lovely Hanukkah party  
 Yehuda Nir & Bonnie Maslin, in  
 honor of Claudia Cairo  
 Yehuda Nir & Bonnie Maslin, with  
 thanks to Dr. Paul Weiss for his  
 dedication and care  
 Yehuda Nir & Bonnie Maslin,  
 in memory of their dear friend,  
 Stuart Asch  
 Elizabeth Philipp & Patrick Moriarty,  
 in memory of I. Maxwell Small,  
 beloved father of Jeffrey Small  
 Seymour & Annette Roth, in memory  
 of her father, Louis Drexler, on his  
 yahrzeit  
 Charlotte Schwartz, in memory of her  
 father, Jacob Simon, on his yahrzeit  
 Marilyn Shapiro, in memory of her  
 mother, Sarah Steiman Shapiro,  
 on her yahrzeit  
 Donald & Ellen Simon, in memory of  
 their two fathers, Milton R. Simon  
 and Herman B. Perlman  
 Lily Smith, in honor of the anniver-  
 sary of her grandchildren, Beth  
 Goldberg and Josh Nash  
 Stephen Stern & Laura Siegel, in  
 memory of I. Maxwell Small,  
 beloved father of Jeffrey Small

# Youth Services

Two Or Zarua Youth (OZY) Services, one for children ages infant through 6 (children 3 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult) and another one for children ages 7 through 13 (parents need not attend) are held every Shabbat morning. The OZY service for children ages infant through 6 begins at 11 AM and ends at noon. The Junior Congregation service for children ages 7 through 13 begins at 10:30 AM and ends at noon. At the conclusion of the OZY/Junior Congregation services, the children are escorted from their classrooms to join our congregants in the concluding services and Kiddush.

On weeks when there is a Hebrew School Shabbat Class, children who wish to attend the 7-to-13-year-old Junior Congregation are invited to join the Hebrew School Shabbat Class. Please see the calendar for dates when Hebrew School Shabbat Class meets.

---

## A NOTE ON OUR NEW BUILDING

We look forward to celebrating the opening of our new building at 127 East 82nd Street with you...but not yet. While the construction is getting ever-nearer to completion, there is enough uncertainty in the final details and inspection schedules that we have decided to wait until the building is ready, move in and then plan our celebration. The spaces inside are becoming more beautiful with the addition of every detail and we think you'll be very pleased with the result. We'll keep you posted on our moving plans.

## Reflections on Israel

*continued from page 12*

worse than it is. We found that if we listened to local people and followed their guidelines we were not likely to run into trouble.

One of our more meaningful moments was a visit to a public religious school in Talpiot. We met with several youngsters, all of whom had at least one American-born parent. We asked if they were afraid, living right next to an Arab village. One 6th grade girl replied that she had been to Boston last summer where she heard of so many road fatalities but no one considered not driving. That told us.

From a Zionist point of view, it is imperative to go. From an economic one, it is not only a travel bargain but also a shopper's paradise. From a Jewish humanitarian one you feel so good that you have brought cheer to people who are undergoing a stressful period.

---

Salute to Israel Day Parade ☆ Sunday, May 5, 2002. Details to follow.

CONGREGATION OR ZARUA

Office: 1384 Lexington Avenue

New York, NY 10128

