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TISHA B'AV: *A Day of Grave Remembrance*

By Ron Meyers

Tisha B'Av (literally, the 9th of the Hebrew month of Av) commemorates the destruction of both of the ancient Temples in Jerusalem. These events are of such great impact in our spiritual history that they send shockwaves through our whole conception of time. Across the centuries, numerous other calamities have either occurred or been ascribed to this dark date. And across the annual calendar of our observances, the shadow of Tisha B'Av extends from the 17th of Tammuz three weeks

earlier—when the Roman siege of Jerusalem began in 70 C.E.—through the seven weeks of consolation following Tisha B'Av, which are marked by special haftarot, most notably Isaiah's reassurance, "Nachamu, nachamu," ("Comfort ye, comfort ye.") This period of healing leads directly to Rosh Hashanah and the High Holidays, knitting together a whole cycle of observances that recapitulates a progression from sin and destruction to repentance and restoration.

While Tisha B'Av is a day of grave remembrance for a people traditionally preoccupied with memory, it is notable that when we are

commanded to remember, it is very rarely this great man-made tragedy that we are called on to remember. Rather, our memory is directed to the great God-given beginnings—the Creation and the Exodus from Egypt. And while mention of the lost temples is omnipresent in our liturgy, it is generally raised in a spirit of longing for the future re-establishment of the temple, rather than in stoking the pain of loss and victimhood. It is reassuring, in these difficult days, that our tradition requires us to remember the profound losses we have mourned, but still directs us to focus even more strongly on our yearning to heal, create, and build.

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OZ Gala Dinner, November 14th

A gala dinner is planned for November 14, 2002 to celebrate the completion of our new building as well as Or Zarua's achievements over the past 13 years. The dinner will honor the contributions to our congregation of three very special individuals—Barry Alperin, Terry Ann Krulwich and Larry Norton. We are particularly thrilled that Itzhak

Perlman has agreed to give a private concert where he will be accompanied by the very talented students from The Perlman Music Program.

Monies raised by the event will support the congregation's Capital Campaign and the goal of eliminating our bank debt. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this once-in-a-lifetime community celebration.

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HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Preparations for Upcoming School Year

By Tahl BenYehuda Sidel

I am very excited to begin my second year as the Or Zarua Hebrew School principal. We have an expanded school schedule for the upcoming year, with added days and added classes. We are improving the Junior Congregation and the OZY services. We are hiring more teachers than in years past. We are growing into our new space.

This coming year, the second, third and fourth grade students will have a choice between the Monday and Wednesday class or the Tuesday and Thursday class.

There will be a class for the seventh grade that is geared to B'nai Mitzvah. This class should be seen as a continuation of the ethics and values courses the students began in sixth grade, and serves as a natural companion class to the private study in which our B'nai Mitzvah students engage. They will focus on different Mitzvot, and will take part in congregational Hesed projects.

Last year's middle school class, now called Bogrim, will continue their study together one evening a week, as will last year's high school class, now called Machon. These classes will continue their study of Jewish history, literature, current events and discussions on the ethical dilemmas that face Jewish teens and young adults.

Over the summer, I will be evalu-

ating last year's curriculum and upgrading it for the coming year. I am particularly interested in evaluating the progress of our students' Hebrew reading skills and their understanding of T'fillah, prayer services. We will concentrate more heavily on T'fillah next year so that the students have an easier time making the transition from the Hebrew School classroom into the sanctuary.

Next year, each grade will have the opportunity to lead a Shabbat morning service in the Shabbat class. Each student will take on the responsibility of learning a few prayers well enough to lead others in prayer. They will thus take ownership of the services, and will hopefully feel a closeness to and a familiarity with the service that they have not felt before. I hope you will support this challenge, and will encourage their at-home studies. Five minutes of Hebrew reading a night is essential to their fluent reading skills. Please be a partner in this important effort.

Watch your mail for the registration packets as they will be mailed out shortly. If you have a young child who has not entered Hebrew School before and you did not receive a Hebrew School registration packet, please contact me in the office at 452-2310, ext. 15, and I will send you

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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.

In order to be included in the September/October edition, submissions must be received by Wednesday, July 24th. The deadline for the November/December issue, Wednesday, September 25th, will be confirmed in the September/October edition.

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

Solidarity Mission to Israel

By Jesse Hecht

About a dozen Or Zarua members participated in the Solidarity Mission to Israel sponsored by UJA-Federation of New York which departed on April 28. Staying at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, we were addressed by and met a range of Israelis who provided first-hand insight into recent events. Perhaps most striking, indeed inspiring, was the matter-of-fact courage displayed by Israelis in carrying on daily life and in dealing with a situation probably not imaginable to most Americans, even after 9/11.

That quality was evident throughout our stay and particularly so in our visit to some of the grievously-wounded victims of terror attacks who were undergoing rehabilitation at Hadassah Hospital, including the sweet-natured sixteen year old who had not been expected to survive the serious brain injury inflicted on him during an attack on his and his twin brother's birthday celebration on Ben Yehuda Street the night of November 30-December 1.

Israeli notables who spoke to us included Dore Gold (an advisor to Prime Minister Sharon) and Yuli Edelshtein (himself an embodiment

of the miracles encountered everywhere in Israel, a former refusenik and prisoner of the Gulag, now Deputy Minister of Immigrant Absorption of the State of Israel). We listened intently as Yuli in highly fluent English, explained that Israel was now facing a situation no other democracy had ever faced and was showing that democracy can defend itself against such attack.

We travelled to Netanya for a memorial service, led by Rabbi Wechsler, at the Park Hotel, site

“In this difficult period, the most difficult thing is to be isolated.” She urged American Jews (by raising money, visiting Israel, lobbying) to show Israelis they are not alone in their struggle.



1st row (from left to right): Rabbi Harlan Wechsler, Naomi Friedland-Wechsler; 2nd row: Mona Preminger-Dreier, Leah Tolpin, Janet Katz, Deborah Breznay, Jeremy Posner; 3rd row: Jesse Hecht, Ezra Friedland-Wechsler, Simon Katz, Suzan Rosen, Daniel Rosen, Alisa Doctoroff. Missing from picture: Joseph Allerhand. Above, Rabbi Wechsler addresses the group.

of the Seder night terror attack, and to Tel Aviv, where we heard the remarkable Ruth Bar-On, organizer of the Trauma Coalition, a volunteer network that brings immediate and long-term assistance to the victims of terror. Asked what message she wished us to bring back from Israel, she said,

Dr. Anna Karachkova, whose daughter was killed in the attack on the Dolphinarium disco in Tel Aviv, added, “It gives strength to us that you remember.”

The message of Israel's hope and determination that we brought back from this unforgettable trip was succinctly expressed by Dr. Maravi, the head of the rehabilitation unit at Hadassah Hospital. Dr. Maravi, whose family has

lived in Jerusalem for 300 years and who said he was inspired by his patients, the victims of terror, said: “We have a good chance of winning. Our enemies invest in destruction; we invest in building. Those who invest in destruction will be destroyed; those who invest in building will survive.”

Standing with Israel: How to Help

By Jesse Hecht, Aliza Kaplan and Lesley Palmer

What can American Jews do to help Israel as it contends with assaults on its population, and on its economic, emotional and physical resources? Here are some suggestions:

LEARN THE FACTS

- **Accurate information** on the background and history of the Arab-Israeli conflict can be found at the following websites:
- www.us-israel.org/jsource/myths/mftoc.html: "Myths & Facts Online: A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict"
- www.ajc.org/InTheMedia/PublicationsPrint.asp?did=357: "The Arab-Israeli Conflict: A Brief Guide for the Perplexed" issued by the American Jewish Committee.

MAKE A DONATION

- **UJA Federation's Israel Emergency Fund:** 100% of your donation will go to help Israel. UJA is asking for supporters to double their usual donations this year in response to the crisis. To make a gift by credit card, please call (212) 836-1486; mail checks payable to the UJA-Federation Israel Emergency Fund, P.O. Box 4227, Church Street Station, New York, NY 10261-4227; or donate on-line through www.ujafedny.org.
- **The Israel Emergency Solidarity Fund—One Family Fund** was created to provide direct assistance to terror victims and their family members. They have raised over \$3.2 million and offer a range of programs. Call toll-free (877) 812-7162 to donate; mail checks to 98 Cuttermill Road, Suite 201N, Great Neck, NY 11021; or donate on-line at www.walk4israel.org.
- **Magen David Adom:** Israel's national emergency medical, blood, and ambulance service provides critical life-saving care for Israelis, and needs funds for new medical equipment, staff and services. Call toll-free (866) 583-8539 to donate; mail checks to Magen David Adom USA, 8930 Gross Point Road, Suite 800, Skokie, IL 6007; or donate on-line at www.magendavidadom.org.
- **Do your own research** to identify Jewish and Israel-based agencies. **Jewish Charities On-Line** at

www.j-col.com offers a large database of Jewish nonprofit organizations.

VISIT OR VOLUNTEER FOR ISRAEL

- Join a **Solidarity Mission**, organized by the **UJA Federation**. The next UJA-New York mission is scheduled for August 4-9. Contact the UJC Missions Information Center at (212) 284-6519 or missions@ujc.org, or visit www.goisrael.com, for information on other missions.
- **The Jewish Agency for Israel** is organizing a variety of 2-4 week volunteer programs in Israel for ages 18 to 65, responding to the current crisis, including assisting Magen David Adom teams of medics and paramedics, volunteering on IDF military bases, kibbutzim or with Israel's Civil Guard. Community service opportunities abound. Contact: (212) 339-6063; <http://www.jafi.org.il/daily/vol.asp>; e-mail: ipc@jazo.org.il. Remember to **donate blood** when you are in Israel at one of the Magen David Adom sites. With the recent attacks, there is a great shortage. Visit www.magen-davidadom.org/donateblood.html for information.

BUY ISRAELI PRODUCTS

- **Support the Israeli economy by buying Israeli products.** A wide variety of Israeli-produced items can be purchased online at the following web sites:
- www.shopinisrael.com
- www.whiteplainsforisrael.org
- www.israeldirect.com
- www.judaicawebstore.com features Judaica, as well as Israeli beauty products
- www.judaica.org sells Judaica from the Gush Etzion Judaica Center.
- www.mnmrose.com/price.html delivers roses directly from Israel.
- www.mr-t.co.il is an Israel Army-Navy surplus store located on Ben Yehuda Street in Jerusalem, selling uniforms, T-shirts, jackets, sweatshirts and pants, insignia, etc.
- www.iguide.co.il is a guide to the Israeli internet featuring sellers of many Israeli products including artwork and books.

● A variety of Israeli food products are available locally at kosher food markets, including **Zion Kosher Market** at 1439 First Avenue (at 75th Street). Israeli kosher wines are sold at most local liquor stores.

● A way to invest in Israel's future is to purchase Israel Bonds. Information is available at: **State of Israel Bonds**, New York Region, 575 Lexington Avenue, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10022; tel.: 212/644-2663 or 800/229-9650; fax: 212/644-7014; www.israelbonds.com/nyregion.html, e-mail contact: Joe Zobel.

WRITE A LETTER

● **Write a letter to boost the morale of an Israeli soldier.** Mail to Letter to Soldier (Michtav leChayal), POB 92, Jerusalem 91000, Israel, fax to 972-2-621-6133/6214, or e-mail as an attachment to lettertosoldier@jazo.org.il; or mail to The Association for the Well-Being of the Israeli Soldier (AWIS), Attention: Nora, 60 Weitzman Street, Tel Aviv 62155, Israel; or to Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces, 298 Fifth Avenue, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10001.

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Or Zarua congregants of all ages proudly participated in The Salute to Israel Parade on May 5, 2002, celebrating "Israel and America...Now and Forever...United We Stand." Carrying the bold, new Or Zarua banner while wearing the bright blue T-shirts provided by the parade sponsors, the large group made a well-coordinated show of support for Israel.



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JULY 2002

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:15 am Minyan	2 7:15 am Minyan	3 7:15 am Minyan	4 Independence Day Office closed 7:15 am Minyan	5 7:15 am Minyan 7 pm Minhah- Kabbalat Shabbat 8:10 pm Candlelighting	6 9 am Shaharit Marror-Mase
7	8 7:15 am Minyan	9 7:15 am Minyan	10 7:15 am Minyan Rosh Chodesh Av	11 7:15 am Minyan	12 7:15 am Minyan 7 pm Minhah- Kabbalat Shabbat 8:08 pm Candlelighting	13 9 am Shaharit Shabbat Hazon Devarim
14	15 7:15 am Minyan	16 7:15 am Minyan	17 Erev Tisha B'Av 7:15 am Minyan 8-9:30 pm Minhah-Maariv	18 Tisha B'Av 7:15 am Minyan 7:45-8:30 pm Minhah-Maariv	19 7:15 am Minyan 7 pm Minhah- Kabbalat Shabbat 8:03 pm Candlelighting	20 9 am Shaharit Shabbat Nahanu Vaetchanan
21	22 7:15 am Minyan	23 7:15 am Minyan	24 Tu B'Av 7:15 am Minyan	25 7:15 am Minyan	26 7:15 am Minyan 7 pm Minhah- Kabbalat Shabbat 7:58 pm Candlelighting	27 9 am Shaharit Ekev
28	29 7:15 am Minyan	30 7:15 am Minyan	31 7:15 am Minyan			

Note: Weekly Minyan will be held at 7:15 am every Monday through Friday



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25	26 7:15 am Minyan	27 7:15 am Minyan	28 7:15 am Minyan	29 7:15 am Minyan	30 7:15 am Minyan 6:45 pm Minhah- Kabbalat Shabbat 7:12 pm Candlelighting	31 9 am Shaharit Nitzavim-Vayelekh 9 pm Selihot Lecture 10 pm Selihot Service

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The Salute To Israel Parade

May 5, 2002

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A MESSAGE FROM KIBBUTZ LAVI

Editor's Note: The following e-mail was sent to OZ on May 16th and we decided to share it with the entire congregation.

Dear Rabbi,

We are the two kibbutzniks who worked on installing the seating at your synagogue last Purim (and who enjoyed your wife's lovely 'mishloach

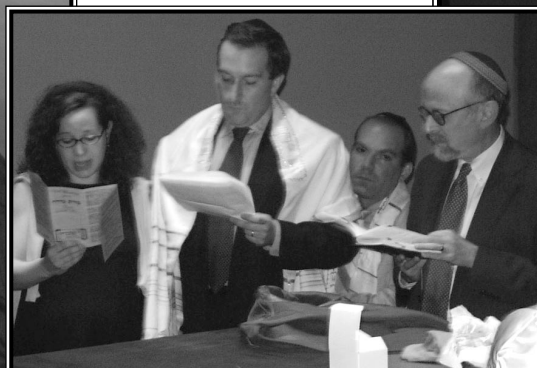
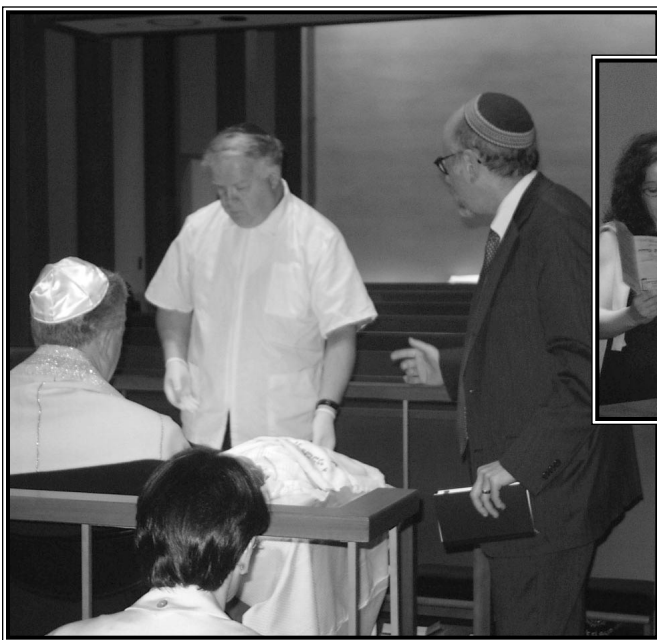
manot'). We have received through our private "Jewish-world-wide-searchers-of-any-mention-of-Lavi" service an electronic copy of the article in the Jewish Week. We wanted to take the opportunity to wish you and your entire congregation a lot of success in your new building. We

share your hopes that it may grow to be a center of learning of Torah and worship for the entire community.

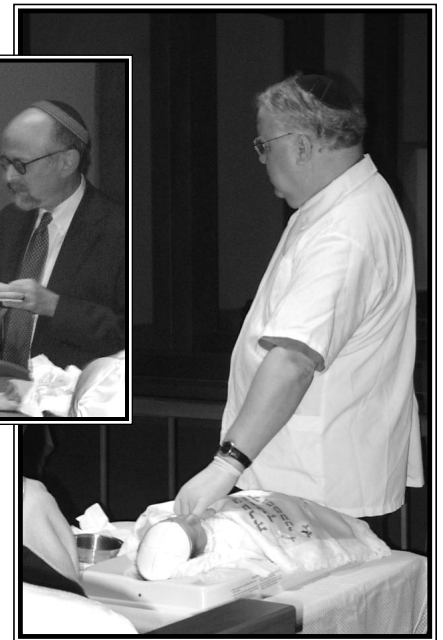
We wish you all Chag Matan Torah Sameach, full of Jewish content and substance.

*Aryeh Shiran and Ronnie Noy
Kibbutz Lavi*

First Bris in Our New Sanctuary



Mazel Tov to new members Warren and Debra Nachlis, with Rabbi Harlan Wechsler at the June 14th bris of their son, Zachary Judd. The mohel was Rabbi Gerald Chirnomas.



Or Zarua Youth Services in July

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) will be held every Shabbat morning in July.

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.

OZY/Junior Congregation services will not be held in August due to summer vacation schedules. The services will resume in September, however, as usual. Please check the calendar and this column in the next issue of the newsletter for dates and more information.

Or Zarua Book Club: The Year in Review

The tenth year of Or Zaura's book club has been a fascinating one. Joseph Berger discussed his book *Displaced Persons*, giving us additional insight into the struggles and accomplishments of survivors of the Holocaust. We were then fortunate to have Thane Rosenbaum speak on his novel *Second Hand Smoke*, helping us to understand this work and his other two novels, *Elijah Visible* and *The Golems of Gotham*. We would like to thank Shelley Doctors and Martha

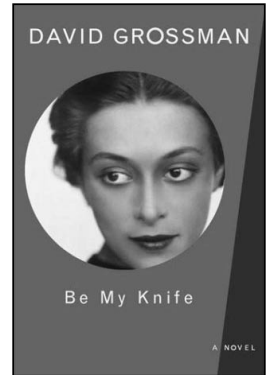
Mendelsohn for their help in bringing these authors to our meetings.

In addition, we read and discussed many other excellent books, including *More Stories From My Father's Court* by Isaac Bashevis Singer; *Where She Came From* by Helen Epstein; *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* by Michael Chabon; and *What Went Wrong: Western Impact and Middle Eastern Response* by Bernard Lewis.

At our June 23rd meeting, we

discussed *Be My Knife* by David Grossman.

As you can see, our varied reading list includes both fiction and non-fiction, but focuses on Jewish authors and issues. All members of Or Zarua are welcome, and we hope to see you at our meetings.



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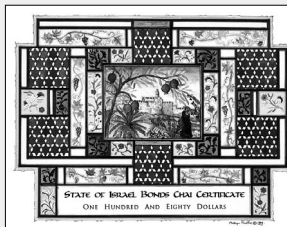
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Weekday Minyan

The Congregation's support for the daily morning minyan, which began in May, has been enthusiastic. As a result, the morning minyan will continue throughout the summer. Services begin each day at 7:15 am and conclude by 8:00 am. Coffee, juice, bagels, danish and other light refreshments are served in the Social Hall at the conclusion of the service.

A calendar and list of participants for each day has been distributed to members who have noted their interest, but we are looking for more volunteers. Particularly in the summer months, when many congregants are away, we need your full support.

Please contact Dan Beller if you're interested in filling this important role and haven't previously signed up. Dan can be reached by email at dbeller@paulweiss.com; his fax is 212-373-2730; telephone is 212-373-3312. When contacting Dan (preferably by email), please let him know what day(s) are convenient for you.

HESED COMMITTEE

Highlights of the Year's Programs

The Hesed Committee scheduled several events during the past year, seeking to support those in need in our community through a range of programs and partners described below.

Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery
Last September, Or Zarua took part in Dorot's second annual East Side Rosh Hashanah package delivery. Aaron Shelden organized the Or Zarua volunteers. An agency serving the elderly, Dorot arranges for volunteers to deliver packages of holiday food and to visit with homebound seniors.

Lenox Hill Bikur Cholim
In January, 20 Or Zarua members attended an orientation to the Lenox Hill Bikur Cholim (LHBC), which supports the approximately 150 Jewish patients who are at Lenox Hill Hospital at any one particular time. In keeping with the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim, volunteers visit patients daily, including Shabbat, to provide comfort and conversation. If you are interested

in joining the Or Zarua volunteers at Lenox Hill Hospital, please contact Zella Goldfinger at 212-628-3192.

Purim Donation Drive
In February, Or Zarua's third annual Purim Food Donation Drive collected ten boxes of nonperishable food items for the Yorkville Common Pantry, an agency serving our community's hungry. Tzedakah containers were filled with \$450 in donations, which was forwarded to Dorot.

Monday Night Meal Serving
Or Zarua provides dinner and volunteer servers every Monday night year round at Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter's 211 East 81st Street residence for the formerly homeless. Richard Stadin leads the 10 or 12 Or Zarua volunteer mealservers. We need more volunteers—please contact Richard at 212-879-0448 if you can spare an hour each month.

Or Zarua Donates Furniture
In April, when the Or Zarua adminis-

tration moved into the new building, the synagogue's surplus office furniture was donated to the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty's Project Machson, which collects, stores and distributes donated property for use by Jewish organizations and families. Surplus kitchen equipment was donated to the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter for use in its facilities serving low-income and homeless New Yorkers on the Upper East Side.

Two events postponed during the year—our annual Israeli Night at the Ronald McDonald House and Or Zarua's first blood drive—will be rescheduled during the coming winter. Please watch for save the date announcements.

Please join the Hesed Committee or contact Lesley Palmer at 212-772-9673 or lpalmer2@ix.netcom.com with your suggestions. Please also support Or Zarua's Hesed activities with a donation to the Or Zarua Hesed Fund.

Election of Or Zarua Board of Trustees

Election of Officers and Members of the Board of Trustees of Congregation Or Zarua took place at the Annual Meeting on May 30th. Congratulations to the following slate of Officers:

President	Daniel J. Beller
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Programming	Pat Davidson
Secretary	Neil Schluger

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Joining the Board this year for a first term of service are: Joseph Allerhand, Yitzchak Frank, Lesley H. Palmer and Daniel Rosen.

The congregation expresses its sincere thanks to Daniel Birger, Francine Klagsbrun and Stephen D. Solender, who are retiring from the Board after 12 years of service. Their contributions of time, ideas and energy have enabled Or Zarua to grow and flourish from its infancy into the vigorous congregation it is today.

THE OR ZARUA COMMUNITY

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Randy Feld and Cherise Solomon-Feld
Warren and Debra Nachlis

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Warren and Debra Nachlis on the June 7th
birth of their son, Zachary Judd

Contributions

*All contributions listed were received on or
before May 20, 2002.*

*Capital Campaign and Bimah Fund contri-
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The Stadin Family (Richard, Audrey and
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David & Doris Finkel, in memory of
Esther Oberman

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Jerome and Linda Spitzer, with warm
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good care of us on the trip to the rally
Jerome and Linda Spitzer, with warm
thanks to Jeremy Posner for making
the trip to the rally happen

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Barry and Ethel Weintraub, in memory of
Jack Gorman

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Sylvia Adelman in honor of Sam Perelson
Philip and Carol Goldsmith, in memory
of her mother, Bess Cohen, on her 21st
yahrzeit

Jerome and Linda Spitzer, in memory of
Esther Oberman

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Richard and Dale Charkow and Alan
and Sherie Weiss in honor of the aufruf
of Benjamin Charkow and Anna Weiss
Barry and Bobbi Collier, in honor of the
March 4th and March 11th births of
their two grandchildren

Linda Dershowitz, in honor of the Bar
Mitzvah of her son, Andrew Schwartz
Jane and Gerald Katcher in honor of the
Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Margaret
Vivian on June 1st in Miami

Mark and Hannah Kinn, in memory of
her father, Abraham Achtenberg, on
his yahrzeit

Samuel and Francine Klagsbrun, in
memory of her father, Benjamin Lifton,
on his yahrzeit

Owen Lewis and Eve Wolf, in honor of
the Bar Mitzvah of their son,
Alexander Lewis

Frederick and Martha Mendelsohn, in
memory of her father, Arnold
Neustadter

Aaron Shelden and Diane Okrent, in
memory of her father, Meyer Okrent,
on his yahrzeit

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- Yehuda Nir and Bonnie Maslin, in memory of the father of Barbara Edelstein
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- Charlotte Schwartz, in memory of her father-in-law, Morris Schwartz, on his yahrzeit
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- Robert and Vera Silver, Pesah Yizkor
- Robert and Vera Silver, Shavuot Yizkor
- Mary Jane Smukler, in memory of Esther Oberman
- William and Muriel Tannenbaum, in honor of the two new grandchildren of Barry and Bobbi Collier, wishing joy and Mazel Tov to the entire family
- William and Muriel Tannenbaum, in memory of their beloved friend, Esther Oberman
- Michael and Hazel Weinberger, in memory of Esther Oberman

GENERAL FUND

- Daniel and Lynn Beller, in honor of Richard Stadin, for his work in organizing the Or Zarua daily minyan
- Daniel and Lynn Beller, in honor of Ron Meyers, for his preparation of a transliteration of the morning service for use in the daily minyan
- Daniel and Lynn Beller, in honor of the members of the congregation who have visited Israel in recent weeks
- Daniel and Lynn Beller, in honor of Alisa Doctoroff, for her service to the congregation
- Daniel and Lynn Beller, in memory of his mother, Gusty Beller, on her yahrzeit
- Daniel and Lynn Beller, in memory of his father, Aaron Beller, on his yahrzeit
- Robin Blumenthal, with thanks to David and Doris Finkel for hosting a wonderful Pesah seder

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the materials you need. Most students begin their Hebrew School education in kindergarten or first grade. Some begin in second grade. I urge you not to wait any longer than that, as the third grade year is when their Hebrew reading skills really take off, and two or three years of familiarity with the Hebrew alphabet really help them with these skills. Additionally, kindergarten and first grade are the years when Hebrew school is nothing but fun. Learning is so fresh at this

age, and the introduction the students get to the Hebrew language, the Jewish holidays, Jewish music, food and prayer is so exciting for them. If you are unsure at what age to enroll your child, please feel free to call me and discuss your situation with me personally. I am happy to help you.

Finally, I want to share some exciting personal news with you. My husband, Eric, and I are expecting our second child in late October or early November. I will be opening

the school year in September and seeing it off to a fantastic start before I go on maternity leave on or about October 28. During my absence, there will be one teacher who will be taking on added administrative responsibilities. I will introduce this person in the fall. While I plan on returning to work late in January, I will be in touch with the school daily via email and phone. I also plan to be at special events including the Hanukkah party and Shabbat classes that occur during my maternity leave.

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