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DEDICATION YEAR: *Shabbat Lunches and Dinners*

By Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler

With the completion of the new building, the Congregation will launch a series of lunches and dinners extending through to the spring. One Shabbat a month there will be a dinner and, in alternate months, a lunch, at which members will have the opportunity to sit together, to celebrate a traditional Shabbat meal together, and to learn or be entertained.

The first event of this kind took

place in the Sukkah in September, on the Friday night that began the holiday, as a capacity crowd gathered to eat, sing, and enjoy the first organized Sukkah meal in our history.

Based on that experience, and the very successful Shabbat lunch in October at which Dr. Samuel C. Klagsbrun analyzed a Biblical hero, we are looking forward to the next several months when the following

friends will address the Congregation at lunches and dinners.

On November 22nd, following services on Friday evening, we will have as our special guest Or Zarua member Zion Ozeri, the photographer whose magnificent exhibit on "The Synagogues of the World" has graced our social hall since the day we opened the building. Zion will tell *continued on page 5*

Hanukkah Starts Friday, November 29th

Hanukkah, which begins in a few short weeks on Friday evening, November 29th, is a time for latkes, jelly donuts, menorahs and candles. As you light the candles each night, you add another candle to the menorah. Although hanukkiot come in a variety of shapes, technically all of the candles (other than the shamash) should be in a straight line and at the same height. The hanukkiyah should be placed in a window or door so that it is visible from the outside. While three barachot are recited the first night, two barachot are said on the other nights. It is important to keep in mind that on Friday night Hanukkah candles are lit before the Shabbat candles.

Children and adults are invited to light the menorah, study and sing Hanukkah songs at the OZ Hanukkah Party on Wednesday, December 4th at 7:30 p.m.



Official Dedication On October 10th, OZ congregants and special guests gathered for a memorable evening as we dedicated our new building. Dr. Ismar Schorsch, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary addressed the audience (above), and special thanks were offered to the Ramaz School, Temple Shaaray Tefila, the 92nd Street Y and the Nightingdale-Barnford School for their generosity and consideration while we were without a home. In addition to remarks by Rabbi Wechsler and our president, Daniel Beller, the evening culminated with the Shehecheyanu and the affixing of mezuzot in the Sanctuary. More photos on page 3.

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HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

The Floors Resound with the Sound of Learning

By Tahl BenYehuda Saidel

The months are turning cooler, finally, and our Hebrew School is heating up with all the great learning going on!

Our enthusiastic and energetic faculty are engaging our students in pursuits of Hebrew reading and writing, T'fillah, Torah study, history across the ages, Zionism, Jewish ethics, Jewish music, and familiarity with Israeli geography, culture and history. Our program reaches children from kindergarten through twelfth grade, and on any Monday through Thursday, the halls of the sixth and seventh floors resound with the sounds of learning and sharing of ideas. I am so proud of our students and teachers.

The November Shabbat Class is on the 23rd from 9:30 to 12:00 noon. The Monday/Wednesday Dalet class will be leading this service and program. The December Shabbat Class is on the 14th from 9:30 to 12:00 noon. The faculty will be leading this Shabbat Class service and program. If your third through sixth grade child can not attend Shabbat Class, please speak to me, as Shabbat Class is a mandatory, integral part of our Hebrew School curriculum for third through sixth grades.

During my maternity leave, I will be available to parents and to the congregation via email. You can write to me at tahl@orzarua.org. Parents of

Hebrew School students can also leave messages on my voice mail, which will be picked up and forwarded to me daily by my stand-ins, Hannah Block and Iris Paltin. Please continue to call in if you know your child will be out or will be late for school. I plan to be out during November, but will have reduced hours in December and January. I will certainly be available for appointments if you need to meet with me.

Our annual family Hanukkah celebration will be held on Monday, December 2nd for all Monday and Wednesday students, and Tuesday, December 3rd for all Tuesday and Thursday students. Parents and siblings are encouraged to attend to partake of the food, join in on the singing and dancing, and light candles together. I hope to see you all there! The winter vacation begins on Monday, December 23, and Hebrew school resumes on Monday, January 13th.

Lost & Found

We have several items in our Lost & Found, including tallisim and tallis bags. Please call the office to identify your belongings so that they can be returned to you.

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 January/February edition, submissions must be received by Wednesday, November 20th. The deadline for the March/April issue, Wednesday, January 22th, will be confirmed in the January/February edition.

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

A Deeply Felt Hanukkah

By Ron Meyers

The word *hanukkah* means “dedication,” as in *hanukat ha-bayit*, the dedication of a new home, which is signified by the act of putting up a *mezuzah* on the doorpost. We at Or Zarua have done exactly that in the year since we last lit the Hanukkah candles. The holiday commemorates the re-dedication of the Temple in 165 B.C.E. after it had been attacked by

the Syrian rulers of Israel. While our congregation did not suffer such an affliction in advance of our *hanukat ha-bayit*, our city surely did. This year offers us the rare opportunity to experience our ancient observance with the immediacy of direct identification.

Nothing could underscore our identification with the re-dedication after an attack more than our

Hebrew School’s placing of *mezuzot* on its doors this past September 11th. That act exemplified a lesson of the Hanukkah miracle, when the few remaining drops of oil lasted for eight full days: even when we are most depleted, we have surprising stores of endurance and a resilient capacity to give off much light. A light is sown...

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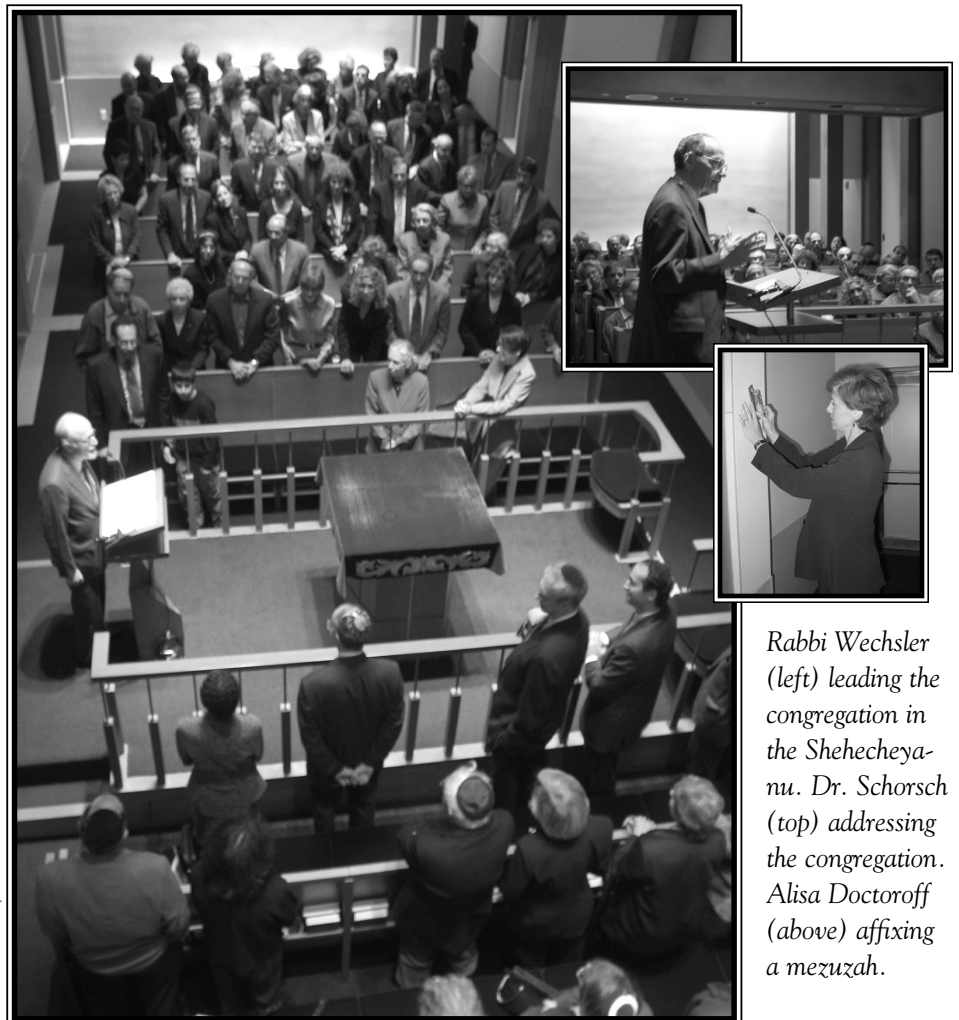
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Official Dedication



PHOTOGRAPHS BY JEREMY M. POSNER

Rabbi Wechsler (left) leading the congregation in the Shehecheyanu. Dr. Schorsch (top) addressing the congregation. Alisa Doctoroff (above) affixing a mezuzah.

OZ PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

Minhah, Maariv and Seudah Shlishit

We have reinstated our monthly Minhah, Maariv services and Seudah Shlishit on Shabbat afternoons. On the first Shabbat of each secular month, we gather in the sanctuary for minhah, followed by a meal in the library. We sing as we study, and then return to the sanctuary for maariv and havdalah. We encourage families and members seeking to deepen the spiritual significance of their Shabbat observance to join us on November 2nd and December 7th.

New Members Reception

On November 7th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., a reception welcoming new members to Or Zarua will be held at the home of Dr. Terry Krulwich and Paul Posner, 1160 Park Avenue. All members, whether new or not-so-new, are welcome to this event, which affords all of us a wonderful opportunity to meet new members and reacquaint ourselves with OZ friends. If you plan to attend the reception, please call the Or Zarua office at 452-2310, ext. 39

Congregational Dinner

Please send in your reservation form (see page 11) for the November 22nd OZ Shabbat Family Dinner. Zion Ozeri, whose photographs decorate our social hall, will be the speaker.

Hanukkah Latke Party: Eat, Sing and Study

On Wednesday, December 4th at 7:30 p.m. everyone is welcome to light the menorah, enjoy latkes and sing Hanukkah songs in the Social Hall. Rabbi Wechsler will speak on "Latkes in the Talmud."

Congregational Lunch

Please send in your reservation form (see page 11) for the December 21st OZ Shabbat Family Lunch. OZ member Jerry Spitzer will speak on "The Jewish World: Post-Communism in Eastern Europe."

OZY Services

There is a new schedule for youth services. OZY for ages infant through kindergarten meets from 11 a.m. to noon. Parents must accompany their children to these services. The Alef Bet Corner, first grade through third grade, meets from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Parents are welcome to attend, but are not required to remain. Junior Congregation, fourth through sixth grades, meets from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Teen minyan, for all seventh through twelfth graders, meets from 10:00 a.m. to noon when there is a Hebrew School Shabbat Class.

Or Zarua's Gala Celebration



THE JERUSALEM SYNAGOGUE IN PRAGUE © MARK PODWAL

TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF OUR NEW HOME
AND HONORING BARRY ALPERIN,
TERRY ANN KRULWICH AND LARRY NORTON
WITH A PERFORMANCE BY ITZHAK PERLMAN

Thursday, November 14

HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!

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TICKET PRICE OF \$360 FOR SYNAGOGUE MEMBERS

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Shabbat Lunches and Dinners

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us the history of each picture, the story of the Jewish community reflected in it, and his purpose in creating this unique photographic legacy.

Next, at lunch on December 21st, our member Jerry Spitzer will speak on "The Jewish World: Post-Communism in Eastern Europe." For several years now, Jerry has been involved in the disposition of Jewish communal property in Eastern Europe that was left as

a result of the Holocaust and the subsequent demise of communism. He will bring us a first hand report on the results of his most current work.

In January, we will be joined for dinner on Friday evening, January 17th, by Professor Mel Scult, the foremost authority on the writings of Mordecai Kaplan and Solomon Schechter. As part of our Dedication Year, Professor Scult will share with us his latest research on the unique

contributions of Solomon Schechter to the development of the Conservative Movement and the American Jewish community.

The following month, on February 22nd, "Magevet," the Jewish choral group from Yale University, will join us for a lunchtime Shabbat concert.

A year of events will celebrate the dedication of our new building. Join us to make Shabbat together, to learn, and to meet new friends.

A Guided Tour of the Daily Prayers

Ever come to the minyan and wonder what was really happening? Have you thought about coming, but said to yourself, "What will I do when I get there?" Rabbi Wechsler to the rescue. He will hold a series of three "lunch and learn" sessions in mid-town designed to guide people through the daily prayers so that they will know just what is going on in the minyan.

Dates: Tuesdays, December 3, 10 and 17

Time: 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Place: The law offices of Phyllis Solomon
444 Madison Avenue, 27th Floor
(between 49th and 50th Streets)

Please RSVP to Lidiya in the Or Zarua office,
452-2310, ext. 10.

TALMUD CLASS

The Talmud class began the year on October 2nd with a lecture by Professor David Weiss Halivni of Columbia University explaining some of the revolutionary contributions he has made to the study of the Talmud text.

This year the Talmud class is studying the ninth chapter of Masechet Berakhot of the Babylonian Talmud. It is an extraordinary chapter which begins with a discussion about events of nature and their deeper meanings, including the significance of suffering. It then moves on to an interesting discussion of dreams.

We intend to complete the Tractate of Berakhot in the spring and hold a big celebration. So now is a wonderful opportunity to get involved with Talmud study. You don't need background, but you do need motivation. We meet every Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m.

Weekday Minyan

The weekday minyan continues to meet daily and plans are in the making for a Sunday minyan as well. We'll let you know the details shortly.

Services begin each day at 7:15 a.m. and conclude by 8:00 a.m., except on Rosh Hodesh and major secular holidays. Please check the calendar for specific times on those days. Coffee, juice, bagels, danish and other light refreshments are served in the Social Hall at the conclusion of the service.

If you haven't signed up for at least one minyan morning each month, please do so by contacting Dan Beller. He 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 HAPPENINGS

Hanukkah Celebrations at Ronald McDonald House

On Tuesday, December 3rd, Or Zarua will celebrate Hanukkah at the Ronald McDonald House at 405 East 73rd Street, a residence for children with serious illnesses who are in treatment at local hospitals. The Hesed Committee needs 10-15 volunteers to provide Kosher desserts and help serve the Israeli buffet to the children and their families. This evening has become a very special Or Zarua annual event with folk dancing, music, singing, games and rewarding interaction with young patients from all over the world. Please contact Stephanie Failla at 212-480-3111 (days) and 212-472-7506 (evenings) for information or to volunteer, or please drop off a dessert at the House on December 3rd by 6:00 p.m. Please also consider a donation to the Or Zarua Hesed Fund to help defray the cost of this and other Hesed Committee events.

Neighborhood Volunteering Opportunity

The recipient of food donated each year through Or Zarua's Purim Food Drive, Yorkville Common Pantry (YCP), located at 8 East 109th Street (between Madison and Fifth Avenues), is experiencing an enormous increase in demand for its services for the hungry and homeless in our community. Requests at the food pantry are up 70 percent since September 11, 2001. The organization is currently providing an estimated one million meals each year. YCP needs volunteers to help pre-

pare and distribute food packages to low-income clients, particularly before holidays, as well as office help. Financial support and donations of non-perishable food are also always welcome. To volunteer, contact Iris Patterson of YCP at 212-410-2264, ext. 112 or ipatterson@ycp.org.

Sukkot with DOROT

On Wednesday, September 18th, a small but enthusiastic band of Or Zarua congregants of all ages spread the holiday spirit to Upper East Side elderly, and enjoyed an extraordinarily meaningful experience. After a brief orientation at the 92nd Street Y, the volunteers visited their assigned individuals—along with shopping bags of

scrumptious holiday food. It was hard to tell what was appreciated more, meeting and talking with the OZ volunteers or the anticipation of eating the “goodies” in the DOROT bag. Aaron Shelden, the organizer of the event said, “Looking in on homebound or elderly who are alone during these holidays was a wonderful act of hesed, truly appreciated by all participants.” If you would like to join DOROT's Passover Package Delivery on Sunday, April 13, 2003, please call Aaron at 212-734-2888.

For more information about Or Zarua's Hesed Committee, please contact Lesley Palmer at 212-772-9673 (evenings) or 212-282-4190 (days) or lpalmer2@ix.netcom.com.

HEVRA KADISHA CALLS AN OPEN MEETING

Help Provide Care for the Community During Bereavement

An organizational meeting for all existing members of the Hevra Kadisha and all interested new members has been called for December 12th at 8 p.m. at Congregation Or Zarua. During this meeting, we will review the responsibilities of the Hevra Kadisha, confirm communication channels to insure effective relaying of information when a death occurs in our community, and revisit open projects.

The Hevra Kadisha serves many essential purposes during a time of

death and mourning for our congregants, from performing taharat and acting as shomrim to assisting with at-home needs, such as meals of condolence or delivery of low chairs and siddurim.

Your continued or new participation in this group significantly enhances the Or Zarua community and your experience within it. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but wish to learn more, please contact Vera Silver or Daniel Rosen through the Or Zarua office.

Building the Or Zarua Sukkah

Immediately after Yom Kippur, a crew of volunteers gathered to help construct Or Zarua's new sukkah on the roof of our building. In just a few







short hours, the group assembled the sukkah, ate untold amounts of pizza, and even got together a minyan to daven minhah and maariv. Over the

following days, the Hebrew School decorated the sukkah to prepare it for the large numbers of people who dined there during Sukkoth, including almost 80 people at the communal dinner on Friday evening.




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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Hanukkah (Day 2) 	2 Hanukkah (Day 3)  7:15 am Minyan 5:00-6:00 pm Family Hanukkah Celebration for Mon/Wed classes	3 Hanukkah (4)  7:15 am Minyan 5:00-6:00 pm Family Hanukkah Celebration for Tues/Thurs classes 6:00 pm OZ Dinner at Ronald McDonald House	4 Hanukkah (Day 5)  7:15 am Minyan 7:30 pm Hanukkah Latke Party; lecture by Rabbi on "Latkes in the Talmud"	5 Hanukkah (Day 6)  Rosh Hodesh Tevet (Day 1) 7:00 am Minyan	6 Hanukkah (Day 7)  Rosh Hodesh Tevet (Day 2) 7:00 am Minyan 4:09 pm Candlelighting and Minhah, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv	7 Hanukkah (Day 8) 9:00 am Shabarti Mitzvah 3:40 pm Minhah, Seudah Shlishit and Ma'ariv
8	9 7:15 am Minyan	10 7:15 am Minyan	11 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	12 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Hevra Kadisha Meeting	13 7:15 am Minyan 4:09 pm Candlelighting and Minhah, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv	14 9:00 am Shabarti Vaygash Shabbat Class service
15 Asarah B'Tevet	16 7:15 am Minyan	17 7:15 am Minyan	18 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	19 7:15 am Minyan	20 7:15 am Minyan 4:11 pm Candlelighting and Minhah, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv	21 9:00 am Shabarti Vayehi Congregational Lunch in Social Hall
22	23 7:15 am Minyan Hebrew School closes for winter recess	24 7:15 am Minyan	25 Office Closed 8:45 am Minyan	26 7:15 am Minyan	27 7:15 am Minyan 4:15 pm Candlelighting and Minhah, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv	28 9:00 am Shabarti Shenot
29	30 7:15 am Minyan	31 7:15 am Minyan				

Note: On Friday night, Hanukkah candles are lit before the Shabbat candles.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 7:15 am Minyan 4:33 pm Candlelighting and Minhah, Kabbalat Shabbat	2 9:00 am Shahaarit Haye Sarah 4:00 pm Minhah, Seudah Shlishit and Ma'ariv
3	4 7:15 am Minyan	5 <i>Election Day</i> Rosh Hodesh Kislev (Day 1) 7:05 am Minyan No Hebrew School: Teacher In-Service Day	6 Rosh Hodesh Kislev (Day 2) 7:05 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	7 7:15 am Minyan 6:30 - 8:30 pm New Members' Reception at Krulwich/Posner residence	8 7:15 am Minyan 4:25 pm Candlelighting and Minhah, Kabbalat Shabbat	9 9:00 am Shahaarit Toledot Bar Mitzvah of Max Bernstein
10 7:30 pm Book Club	11 7:15 am Minyan	12 7:15 am Minyan	13 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	14 7:15 am Minyan 6:15 pm Fundraising Gala	15 7:15 am Minyan 4:18 pm Candlelighting and Minhah, Kabbalat Shabbat	16 9:00 am Shahaarit Vayetze Bat Mitzvah of Ariel Doctoroff
17	18 7:15 am Minyan	19 7:15 am Minyan	20 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	21 7:15 am Minyan	22 7:15 am Minyan 4:13 pm Candlelighting and Minhah, Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm Congregational Dinner in the Social Hall	23 9:00 am Shahaarit Vayishlah Mon/Wed Dalet Shabbat Class service Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Merkin-Brod
24	25 7:15 am Minyan	26 7:15 am Minyan	27 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	28 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> Office Closed Hebrew School Closed Minyan (TBA)	29 Office Closed Minyan (TBA) Erev Hanukkah 4:10 pm Candlelighting and Minhah, Kabbalat Shabbat	30  Hanukkah (Day 1) 9:00 am Shahaarit Vayeshev Bat Mitzvah of Ariella Weintraub

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 Joyce Hauser on the birth of her grandson, Wesley Sarkis Hauser, to Mark and Sheri Hauser
 Emily and Lawrence Turtill on the birth of their twin son and daughter, on October 17, 2002

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Sylvia Adelman
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Arthur and Willi Aeder, for speedy recovery for Leah Tolpin
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 Phyllis Brochstein, in memory of Rabbi Mordecai Waxman
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 Bruce and Karolyn Gould, in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Aviva Gould
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 Bernard and Frances Laterman, in memory of Bernard's father, Sol Laterman
 Alexander and Leona Leon, in honor of Rabbi Wechsler
 David and Judith Lewittes, in memory of her father, Isaac Axenow, on his yahrzeit
 Donald Motzkin, for attending Rosh Hashanah services
 Yehuda Nir and Bonnie Maslin, in honor of the marriage of Alan Bandler and Roz Goldberg

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 Craig and Flori Roberts, in honor of the marriage of their children, Bruce and Joy Roberts
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 Marilyn Shapiro, in memory of Victor Nerfin on his yahrzeit
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 Gerald and Phyllis Solomon, in honor of Leah Tolpin
 Harry and Amira Trattner, in honor of Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler in appreciation of his wisdom
 Helen Unger, Yom Kippur Yizkor

Congregational Family Shabbat Dinner

**WE WILL JOIN THE OR ZARUA FAMILY FOR SHABBAT DINNER
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND AT 6:00 PM,
 FOLLOWING 4:15 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES
 WITH GUEST SPEAKER ZION OZERI**

___ Adults (age 13+)	x \$25.00 each	= \$ _____
___ Children (5-12)	x \$15.00 each	= \$ _____
___ Children (4 and under)	x Free	= Free
___ Total Reservations	Total Cost	= \$ _____

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To reserve seats, a completed form and your check or fax must be **received** by Friday, November 15, 2002 at:
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Congregational Family Shabbat Lunch

**WE WILL JOIN THE OR ZARUA FAMILY FOR SHABBAT LUNCH
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICES,
 WITH GUEST SPEAKER JERRY SPITZER DISCUSSING
 "THE JEWISH WORLD: POST-COMMUNISM IN EASTERN EUROPE"**

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Or Zarua Book Club

Please join us on Sunday, November 10th at 7:30 for a discussion of *The Good German* by Joseph Kanon, a murder mystery, love story and exploration of guilt and righteousness. *The New York Times* states "the novel brings to life the ambiguities at the heart of our country's moral legacy...provocative, fully realized fiction that explores, as only fiction can, the reality of history as it is lived by individual men and women." Please contact the synagogue office for location.



The book is available at the public library and in paperback through bestbook buys.com (the least expensive source).

The other selections for this year include *Austerlitz* by W. G. Sebald, *Ghost of Hannah Mendes* by Naomi Ragen, *The Fourth Commandment: Remember the Sabbath Day* by Francine Klagsbrun, and possibly *The Golems of Gotham* by Thane Rosenbaum.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Staff Changes

Jane Fuchsberg has decided to step down as Executive Director of the Congregation. We are very grateful to Jane for her service and we wish her every success in the future.

We have begun a search for a new Executive Director. If you wish to recommend someone for the position, please contact Dan Beller at dbeller@paulweiss.com.

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