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TU B'SHEVAT: *First Stirrings of Spring*

By Ron Myers

Many cultures have solstice holidays, like Hanukkah, which emphasize light in the darkness of winter and continuing life in the barren season. Tu B'Shevat is a post-solstice holiday, positioned not in the dead of winter, but in the transition of winter into the nearing spring. Rather than a defiance of the darkness, Tu B'Shevat is a celebration of the unseen things that are stirring in the darkness. This New Year for the Trees marks the moment in Israel

when sap begins running in the trees again, reviving the growing world toward the flowers and fruit of the next season.

If winter makes us feel a break in the cycle of life, Tu B'Shevat celebrates the continuity of the cycle. It might be regarded as an understated fourth agricultural festival in the Jewish calendar, complementing the spring, summer, and autumn observances of Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot, and drawing attention to the

dormancy that forms an essential phase of the process of growth. By partaking of the various fruits that arrive in the warm seasons, especially the Seven Species of Israel (wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates), we express, as so much of our liturgy does, a faith in the future and a delight in anticipating what is to come.

Tu B'Shevat, the 15th day of the month of Shevat, arrives this year on January 18th.

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Gala Honorees: Congregation Or Zarua's Gala Celebration on November 14th honored Larry Norton (left), Terry Ann Krulwich and Barry J. Alperin for the significant role each plays in our congregational life and in the community. Page 3.

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HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

Spring Semester Begins on January 13th

By Tahl BenYehuda Saidel

The Hebrew School resumes for the spring semester on Monday, January 13th. On that day, I will be returning after my maternity leave. I want to thank Hannah Bloch, who has filled in for me during my absence, and all the parents who worked so hard to support Hannah and me. The parents' association helped to keep things running smoothly, and I appreciate your work. The Hanukkah party was a beautiful success, with all the children eating, playing and singing together—again thanks to Hannah, the teachers and the many parents who organized and attended the party.

During the first week of school in January, we will have Tu B'Shevat Sedarim for all of the classes, including special meals where we will partake of many different kinds of foods to celebrate the coming of—spring?!? Well, at least in Israel they will begin to think about the arrival of spring. Our mid-winter celebration links us to our friends and relatives in pre-spring Israel.

Please watch your mail for a flyer about family participation in this Hebrew School event.

Every other week, all Wednesday and Thursday Hebrew school classes have participated in an assembly where the students come together in the sanctuary to learn something about the daily prayers and to pray

together. It is my hope that through this prayer time, our students will become more familiar with many of the central prayers and prayer themes they will encounter not only in the daily services, but also in the Shabbat services, as there is quite a bit of overlap.

Please mark your calendars and watch the mail for information on the Manhattan Zimriyah, which this year will be on Saturday night, February 1st. Our school will be participating for the third year in a row in this all-Manhattan Hebrew school gathering. Our third and fourth grade classes will join with eleven other schools for Havdallah, song and food. Families of our students are invited to attend. You will receive a flyer about this event in January.

During the Shabbat Class of December 14th, something new and exciting happened in a classroom on the seventh floor of our synagogue—we had our first teen minyan. There were four students and one teacher at this service. However, it would be a tremendous success if there were more participants in the service! There is a teen minyan every time there is a Shabbat Class service. This service is open to all teenage members of our congregation, whether they are enrolled in the Hebrew School or not. During the service, *continued on page 6*

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 March/April edition, submissions must be received by Wednesday, January 22th. The deadline for the May/June issue, Wednesday, March 26th, will be confirmed in the March/April edition.

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

Gala Celebration

MARKS THE COMPLETION OF CONGREGATION OR ZARUA'S NEW HOME AND HONORS
BARRY ALPERIN, TERRY ANN KRULWICH AND LARRY NORTON

WITH A PRIVATE PERFORMANCE BY ITZHAK PERLMAN AND STUDENTS FROM THE PERLMAN MUSIC PROGRAM

By Miriam Wallerstein

On Thursday evening, November 14th, nearly 400 congregants and friends gathered for our long-planned and much anticipated Gala Celebration. Honoring Barry Alperin, Terry Krulwich and Larry Norton, the event raised well over \$600,000 for our Capital Campaign. The proceeds will make a considerable dent in our outstanding debt, allowing more of our revenue to be spent on education and programming.

The festivities began with welcoming remarks by OZ President Daniel J. Beller and his introduction

to a splendid private performance by Itzhak Perlman, accompanied by students from The Perlman Music Program. The elegant, transporting program of Mozart and Mendelssohn compositions was met with resounding appreciation from the audience. We were delighted afterwards to have Itzhak and Toby Perlman join us for dinner, as well as the highly accomplished young musicians who participated in the performance. Their presence brought an added element of joy to the evening and allowed many guests to personally convey

their good wishes to the Perlmans.

The West 18th Street Altman Building with its arched brick ceiling and exposed beams created a distinctive setting for the gathering. As the guests moved from the performance to the cocktail reception, much convivial socializing and animated conversation was evident. After cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, all proceeded to

Itzhak Perlman, accompanied by students from The Perlman Music Program, acknowledge the enthusiastic applause of the audience.

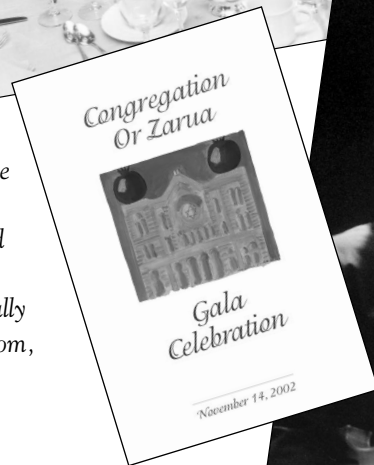


dinner in the concert hall, which had been magically transformed into a dining room.

Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler made brief remarks about this milestone in our congregational life and led a recitation of the Shehecheyanu in gratitude for having completed and occupied our new building. As dinner proceeded, the honorees were introduced and thanked for the significant role each continues to play in our congregational life. After the honorees responded, each received a glass menorah, mounted on an appropriately inscribed base, whose graceful design reflects both the essence of our name, Or Zarua—the sowing of light—and the strong, clear architectural lines of the building itself.

Following dessert, which provided enough components to please everyone, Birkat Hamazon was led by Samuel C. Klagsbrun. As a departing memento of appreciation, gifts of a Perlman CD and set of note cards featuring Israeli photographs by our fellow congregant Zion Ozeri was presented to all. The softly glowing luminarias on each dinner table—individually designed and crafted works of art signed and numbered by Caroline Golden Ilberman, yet another gifted congregant—provided a final touch of pleasure for each of the 40 fortunate attendees who took one home.

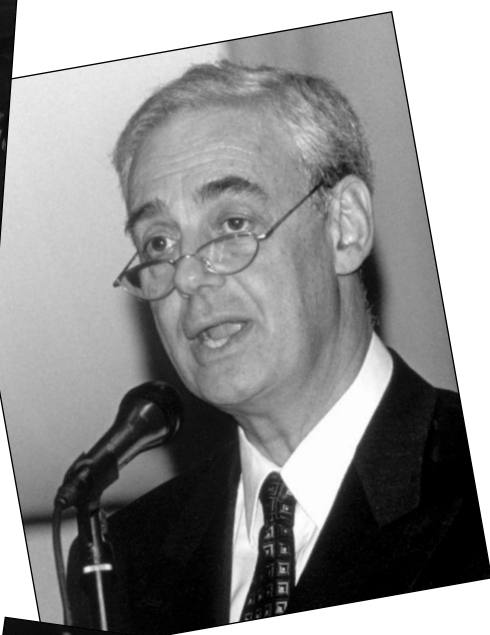
The Gala was just one in a continuing series of events and activities marking the completion and inauguration of our building which began when the Torahs were carried into the building in late April. There will be many more opportunities available for all congregants to share in during this ongoing year of dedication.



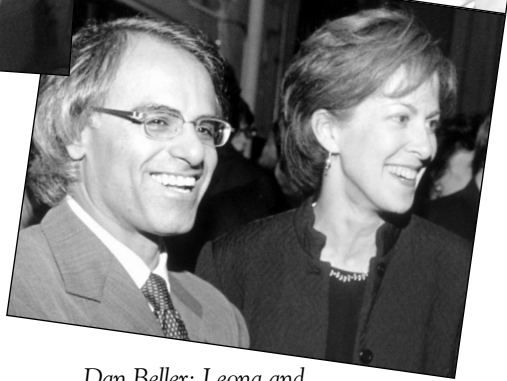
As the guests moved from the performance to the cocktail reception and then proceeded to dinner, they found the concert hall had been magically transformed into a dining room, each table glowing with Caroline Golden Ilberman's luminarias.



Itzhak Perlman



*Itzhak Perlman,
Larry Norton, Evelyn Lauder;
Mimi and Barry Alperin,
Tom Tisch; Beth Goldberg Nash,
Terry Ann Krulwich;
Judith and Herb Lukashok*



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Or Zarua Book Club

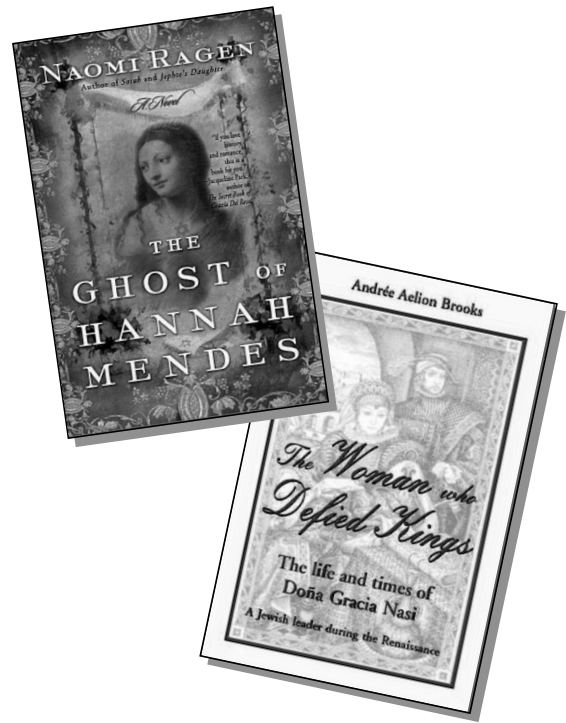
Please join us on February 2nd at 7:30 p.m. for a discussion of the life of Doña Gracia Nasi, a wealthy Sephardic woman who developed an escape network that saved thousands of her fellow Jews from the Inquisition.

We will be reading *The Ghost of Hannah Mendes*, an historical novel by Naomi Ragen, and/or *The Woman Who Defied Kings*, a biography by Andree Aelion Brooks. Ms. Brooks received a special award from the Consulate General of Israel in conjunction with the American Sephardi

Federation for her work in Sephardic Jewish history.

Both books are available through bestbookbuys.com, a website which lists the least expensive sources, as well as local book stores. Since *The Woman Who Defied Kings* was published in June 2002, it may be difficult to obtain from the 92nd Street Y or the Public Library. You may wish to purchase it with another member.

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. Please contact the synagogue office for the location.



TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 1, 2003

SAVE THE DATE



Join your friends

and teacher,

Ethan Linden,

to watch

an award-winning

Israeli Film

UNDER THE DOMIM TREE

Details to follow

HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

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teens not only lead and participate in the prayers, but we also discuss prayer themes, the weekly parsha, and issues that arise that are particularly meaningful to teenagers. Please encourage your teenage children to attend this monthly service!

There will be no classes on Monday, January 20th. The Shabbat class that was scheduled for January 18th has been moved to January 25 to accommodate those families who are going away the weekend of Martin Luther King Day. Please change your calendars accordingly, and please bring your third to sixth-grade children to synagogue on Shabbat of January 25th. February's Shabbat Class will be on February 8th. Finally, there will be no Hebrew School the week of February 17th because of the Presidents' Day vacation. Classes will resume on Monday, February 24th.



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JANUARY 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 8:30 am Minyan	2 7:15 am Minyan	3 7:15 am Minyan 4:21 pm Candlelighting Minhah and Kabbalat Shabbat	4 Rosh Hodesh Shevat 9:00 am Shabarti Va'ayra 3:50 pm Minhah, Seudah Shlishit and Ma'ariv
5	6 7:15 am Minyan	7 7:15 am Minyan	8 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	9 7:15 am Minyan	10 7:15 am Minyan 4:28 pm Candlelighting Minhah and Kabbalat Shabbat	11 9:00 am Shabarti Bo
12 8:45 am Sunday Minyan	13 Hebrew School resumes 7:15 am Minyan	14 7:15 am Minyan	15 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	16 7:15 am Minyan	17 7:15 am Minyan 4:35 pm Candlelighting Minhah and Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm Congregational Dinner with Prof. Mel Scult	18 Tu B'Shevat 9:00 am Shabarti Bshalah Shabbat Shirah
19	20 <i>Martin Luther King Day</i> No Hebrew School: Teacher In-Service Day 8:30 am Minyan	21 7:15 am Minyan	22 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	23 7:15 am Minyan	24 7:15 am Minyan 4:44 pm Candlelighting Minhah and Kabbalat Shabbat	25 9:00 am Shabarti Yitro Shabbat Class service Teen Minyan
26 4:30 am Minhah, Ma'ariv 6:00 pm Super Bowl Party	27 7:15 am Minyan 7:30 pm Hebrew Conversation Class begins	28 7:15 am Minyan	29 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	30 7:15 am Minyan	31 7:15 am Minyan 4:52 pm Candlelighting Minhah and Kabbalat Shabbat	





FEBRUARY 2003

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9:00 am Shahaarit Mishpatim 4:20 pm Minhah, Seudah Shlishit and Ma'ariv TBA Teen Movie Party
2 Rosh Hodesh Adar I (Day 1) 9:30 am-1:30 pm OZ Blood Drive 7:30 pm Book Club	3 Rosh Hodesh Adar I (Day 2) 7:00 am Minyan 7:30 pm Hebrew Conversation Class	4 7:15 am Minyan	5 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	6 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Congregation Or Zarua Birthday Party with lecture by Prof. Yerushalmi	7 7:15 am Minyan 5:01 pm Candlelighting Minhah and Kabbalat Shabbat	8 9:00 am Shahaarit Trumah Vav Shabbat Class service Teen Minyan
9 8:45 am Sunday Minyan	10 7:15 am Minyan 7:30 pm Hebrew Conversation Class	11 7:15 am Minyan	12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i> 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	13 7:15 am Minyan	14 7:15 am Minyan 5:09 pm Candlelighting Minhah and Kabbalat Shabbat	15 9:00 am Shahaarit T'tzaveh
16	17 <i>Presidents' Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i> Hebrew School closed during Presidents' Week 8:30 am Minyan	18 7:15 am Minyan	19 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	20 7:15 am Minyan	21 7:15 am Minyan 5:18 pm Candlelighting Minhah and Kabbalat Shabbat	22 9:00 am Shahaarit Ki Tissa Congregational Lunch with Magevet in the Social Hall
23	24 7:15 am Minyan Hebrew School resumes 7:30 pm Hebrew Conversation Class	25 7:15 am Minyan	26 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	27 7:15 am Minyan	28 7:15 am Minyan 5:26 pm Candlelighting Minhah and Kabbalat Shabbat	



Elementary Hebrew Conversation Class

Responding to the interest expressed by several people, Or Zarua is beginning a class in Elementary Hebrew Conversation for people who do not have experience in speaking Hebrew. Taught by Marc Somerstein, the class will begin on Monday, January 27th, from 7:30 to

8:30 p.m., and will meet each Monday evening at that time. It will be a wonderful opportunity for congregants to develop their Hebrew skills. The assumption is that members of the class will know little or no Hebrew, and people are welcome to attend whether they know the

Hebrew alphabet or not. The alphabet will be learned, if needed, by exercises in conversation. While we can't guarantee that you will be able to order a hamburger in Tel Aviv at the end of the first class, we think you will be able to put in your order not too far down the road.

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN BEGINS IN JANUARY

Building on the success of the Or Zarua weekday morning minyan, we are now planning a regular Sunday morning service, to begin on January 12, 2003. Other dates are February 9th and March 9th. Slated for once a month on the second Sunday of the month, we look forward to expanding this schedule so that our minyan will truly be daily. We need your enthusiastic support.

Please let Dan Beller know if you are interested in attending one or more services on Sunday. Dan can be

reached by email at DBeller@paulweiss.com, by fax at 212-373-2730 or by phone at 212-373-3312. See you at the minyan!

The weekday minyan continues to meet each day at 7:15 a.m. and concludes by 8:00 a.m. Special times are always noted on the calendar for Rosh Hodesh and major secular holidays. Coffee, juice, bagels, danish and other light refreshments are served in the Social Hall at the conclusion of the service.

TALMUD CLASS

This year Rabbi Wechsler's weekly 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. The 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. You don't need background, but you do need motivation. We meet every Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m.

Buy Israeli

As you are probably aware, Israel's economy is suffering. One way you can help is to buy products from Israel. At www.finefoodsisrael.com, you can locate supermarkets and groceries, in any area of the U.S. at which Israeli products may be purchased.



Some of the stores in Manhattan that carry Israeli products include: Associated Supermarket, Fairway, Fischer Bros., Gourmet Garage, Kosher Marketplace, Life Thyme, Mezonot, Mani Market, Morton Williams Associated, Whole Foods, Zabar's, and Zion Food Market.

Purim Spiel

Temporary Positions Available for People Who Love to Laugh

While Purim does not arrive until the evening of March 17, 2003, work on the OZ Purim Spiel has already begun. In December, new and old OZ Players and production staff gathered at a party hosted by Arthur Rosenbloom to watch a tape of last year's Spiel and plan for our new performance. There is an immediate need for a co-producer, as well as general production staff. If you are interested, please e-mail your name and telephone

number to both Bonnie Maslin at drmaslin@aol.com and Tibor Feldman at tiborfeldman@aol.com.

There is nothing that you will do this year that will be more fun than joining the merry band of OZ Purim Spielers. Sign up for any of these jobs and receive payment in joy and laughter. Contact us today!

Attention Students: You may want to use working on the Spiel as your community service activity.

WINTER 2003 HESED COMMITTEE EVENTS

Save These Dates—Additional information will follow

March 17, 2003: *Or Zarua's Fourth Annual Purim Food Donation Drive and Tzedakah Collection.* Donated food is distributed to the hungry through Yorkville Common Pantry. Please bring at least two types of non-perishable food to the Megillah reading and Purim Spiel on Erev Purim. Contact Lesley Palmer at 212-772-9673 (evenings) and 212-282-4190 (days).

April 13, 2003: *Passover Holiday Package Delivery* for DOROT's elderly homebound clients on the Upper East Side. Contact Aaron Shelden at 212-734-2888.

Ongoing: *Monday Night Dinner at Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter's residence* at 211 East 81st Street, sponsored by Or Zarua. Contact: Richard Stadin to volunteer at 212-879-0448.



SAVE THE DATE

June 1, 2003

SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE:

The Courageous Spirit of Israel

MARCH WITH

Congregation Or Zarua!

FEBRUARY 2, 2003

First Or Zarua Blood Drive Planned

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, February 2, 2003 from 9:30 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. Activities will be offered for children while their parents donate, including making sandwiches for distribution to the homeless through the Coalition for the Homeless. Refreshments also 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 needs 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 everyone 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!

We are seeking at least 40 donors. Please sign up and bring your friends and family members to donate as well. For more information or 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 jarothman@yahoo.com. Please also consider making a donation to Or Zarua's Hesed 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, contact James Rothman at 212-472-1739 or jarothman@yahoo.com)
- SERVING ON THE COMMITTEE FOR THIS EVENT**
- SUPPORTING THE BLOOD DRIVE WITH A DONATION TO THE HESED FUND**

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

Name _____ E-mail Address _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (home) _____ (work) _____ Best time to call _____

Please follow the instructions above or complete this form and return it to:
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THE OR ZARUA COMMUNITY

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Tahl and Eric Saidel on the birth of a daughter, Sara Michal, on October 29th

CONDOLENCES TO

Barbara Bienenstock, on the death of her grandmother, Sylvia Goldman
Joanne Feierman, on the death of her husband, Martin Feierman
Yitzchak Frank, on the death of his mother, Rivka Frank
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Michael & Ellen Schwartz, in honor of the *aufruf* of their son Joseph Schwartz and his bride, Robin Kirman
Wendy Schriber, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter Jordan Weinstein
Herbert & Lorraine Shapiro, in honor of Jeremy Posner for "the joy he brings to everyone in the synagogue"
Gerry & Phyllis Solomon, for the festive breakfast at the morning minyan in celebration of Gerry's birthday
Ethel & Barry Weintraub, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Ariella Weintraub

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 Yehuda Nir & Bonnie Maslin, in appreciation of Caroline Golden Ilberman for her dedication to Or Zarua
 Yehuda Nir & Bonnie Maslin, in honor of the Doctoroff Family on the occasion of Ariel's Bat Mitzvah
 Joan Prager, in honor of her beloved husband Ed, and her parents, Jack and Mary Dalven
 Herbert & Lorraine Shapiro, in honor of Francine Klagsbrun on the publication of her new book, *The Fourth Commandment*
 Robert & Vera Silver, Shemini Atzeret Yizkor
 Sheldon & Arlene Simon, in memory of Martin Feierman
 Rivka Soloway, as an expression of her thanks to God for seeing her through a very dangerous situation, from which she emerged with minimal damage
 Josephine Stayman, in honor of David Stone's birthday
 Blanche Teitelbaum
 Miriam Wallerstein, in memory of Muriel Tannenbaum
 Miriam Wallerstein, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Ariel Doctoroff
 David & Lidiya Yunatanov, in honor of the marriage of Neil Menzies, son of Hugh and Enid Menzies

OZ PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

Minhah, Maariv and Seudah Shlishit

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 January 4th and February 1st.

Congregational Dinner

Please send in your reservation form (see page 15) for the January 17th OZ Shabbat Family Dinner. We will be joined by Professor Mel Scult, the foremost authority on the writings of Mordecai Kaplan and Solomon Schechter. Professor Scult will share with us his latest research on the contributions of Solomon Schechter to the development of the Conservative Movement and the American Jewish community.

The Lucy Dawidowicz Memorial Lecture will be given by Prof. Yosef Yerushalmi of Columbia University. Prof. Yerushalmi is the author of numerous books on Jewish history, including the classics *Zachor* and *Haggadah and History*. He will lecture on: "Underground Judaism: The Religion of the Marranos, or Who is a Jew?"

Congregational Lunch

Please send in your reservation form (see page 15) for the February 22nd OZ Shabbat Family Luncheon. Magevet, the Hebrew and Israeli *a capella* group from Yale University, will join us for an unique lunchtime Shabbat concert.

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 Birthday Party

Celebrate Congregation Or Zarua's birthday on February 6th at 8:00 p.m.

New Staff

We are pleased to announce that Congregation Or Zarua has hired a new Executive Director. Barbara Bolshon will join us on Monday, January 6, 2003. An article about Barbara will appear in the next edition of the OZ Newsletter. We look forward to welcoming Barbara to the Congregation.



Hanukkah Hora Folk dancers Danny Pollock, Anne Schneider and Ronald McDonald House residents kick up their heels at the annual Or Zarua Hanukkah Party held on December 3rd. Volunteers from Or Zarua served an Israeli buffet, played and sang seasonal songs, and visited with the patients and families who come to New York from around the world for cancer and other treatments. A festive time was had by all!

Congregational Family Shabbat Dinner

**WE WILL JOIN THE OR ZARUA FAMILY FOR SHABBAT DINNER
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH AT 6:00 PM,
FOLLOWING 4:14 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES,
WITH GUEST SPEAKER MEL SCULT**

_____ 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	= \$_____

Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

To reserve seats, a completed form and your check or fax must be **received** by Friday, January 10, 2003 at:
 CONGREGATION OR ZARUA, 127 EAST 82ND STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10028, FAX: 212-452-2103

Congregational Family Shabbat Lunch

**WE WILL JOIN THE OR ZARUA FAMILY FOR SHABBAT LUNCH
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICES, WITH
MAGEVET
THE HEBREW & ISRAELI A CAPELLA GROUP FROM YALE UNIVERSITY**

_____ 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	= \$_____

Name _____
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To reserve seats, a completed form and your check or fax must be **received** by Friday, February 14, 2003 at:
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Or Zarua Super Bowl Party, January 26th

Come and enjoy the Super Bowl with your friends at Or Zarua. We are planning to have a party at 127 East 82nd Street with a "family atmosphere" and great Kosher food from Dougie's, including ribs, steak, grilled chicken salad, buffalo wings, dessert and soft drinks.



Minhah/Ma'ariv will be held at 4:30 p.m. The game should begin about 6:00 p.m. All are welcome. Voluntary contributions may be made to the Congregation's Hesed Fund. Please RSVP by January 20, 2003 to Sheldon Adler at 212-735-2136 or by email at sadler@skadden.com.

HEVRA KADISHA TO HOST ZAYIN ADAR DINNER

On the evening of March 11, 2003, the Hevra Kadisha of Or Zarua will enjoy its annual Zayin Adar dinner. Zayin Adar, the yearzeit of Moses, is the traditional date for hevra kadishas to bring together its members with the community at large for fellowship and recognition of the important work that this group

does when a loss occurs within the community.

The Hevra Kadisha arranges for shomrim to accompany the deceased and read psalms until the funeral, performs taharas (preparation of the deceased for burial), arranges for meals of condolence and supplies for the home during shiva, and assists

with supporting minyanim.

The Zayin Adar dinner will be at a kosher restaurant and will feature a relevant speaker. More information about the dinner will be forthcoming once all of the details are in place. The dinner is open both to members of the Or Zarua Hevra Kadisha and to the Or Zarua community at large.

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