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## *OZ Marches in Salute to Israel Parade*



Parade photographs by Dan Beller

Congregation Or Zarua showed up in full force for the Salute to Israel Parade on Sunday, June 1st. Led by Rabbi Wechsler, more than 50 Congregants marched in support of Israel. Despite rain, for us, and the tens of thousands who lined Fifth Avenue, it was a beautiful day, full of sunshine and warmth.

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## Capital Campaign Opportunity

With the one-year anniversary of the occupancy of our new building recently passed, the Capital Campaign continues towards completion. Our very successful event of last November, as well as gifts received both before and after, have reduced our debt to below \$900,000. We are now in the active process of creating a wall of honor, an elegant glass installation to be mounted in the sanctuary lobby, listing the names of Capital Campaign contributors. For those Congregants who have not pre-

viously contributed, the opportunity exists to have your name added by making a commitment of a minimum gift of \$1,000, payable over three years, by July 30th. It is our hope to have participation by the full Congregation towards meeting the goal of eliminating this debt so that we may focus our attention on programming. Please let us know that you will join in this effort. If you need more information, Dan Beller, Mimi Alperin, Alisa Doctoroff and Michael Schwartz will be glad to provide it.

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# HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

## *The Year in Review*

By Tahl BenYehuda Saidel

This year was truly a year of growth and change in our Hebrew School. The third through sixth grades met every other week in the sanctuary to learn about communal prayer and to have our own Minhah service. Each grade made great strides in their knowledge of Hebrew and Judaism.

The kindergarten class excelled in their Torah stories. The first grades did a hands-on study of mitzvot that resulted in the building of a huge Mitzvah tree in their classroom. The second grade classes not only learned their entire Hebrew alphabet, but also began to read and especially enjoyed Hebrew vocabulary games. The third grade class studied Hebrew and tefilah so diligently that they were able to conduct the entire Minhah service on their last day of Hebrew school.

The fourth grade classes took advantage of their excellent teachers not only to advance in their Hebrew reading skills, but also to engage in question and answer time, where they were allowed to ask their teachers anything about Judaism, and thus direct the course of that part of class. In the fifth grade class, students particularly enjoyed studying about Jewish ethics, and how being Jewish affects not only how we celebrate holidays, but also how we conduct business, give charity, and treat other people around us. The sixth grade class studied Talmud so diligently all year that in the last class, they sat down with a daf of Talmud (a page of

Talmud) and worked through the entire page with their teacher. The high school classes were also engaged in their texts, literature, history study and discussions of the current events.

At the beginning of last year, I remember sitting down with a group of parents who wanted to understand and direct the structure of the Hebrew School. We set out some goals for the classes, and we met those goals. The children enjoyed Hebrew school. They learned Hebrew, Jewish customs and culture, literature and history. We celebrated holidays, shabbatot, beginnings and graduations together. I am very proud of our children, and honored to pass them on to our incoming principal.

As I begin my studies for a doctorate in education at the Jewish Theological Seminary in the fall, I will remember my experience at Or Zarua warmly. I have never worked with such a wonderful group of children before—I hope I see such potential again when I graduate!

### NEW YOUTH EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Please welcome Or Zarua's new Youth Education Director, Ilana Burgess. An experienced Jewish educator and administrator, Ilana will direct our Hebrew School as well as all other programming related to our youth and their families. Watch for an in-depth article about Ilana and her plans for OZ in the next issue.

## 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 for our newsletter to maintain a bimonthly schedule, all articles must be received six weeks before the issue date. The upcoming deadlines are: Wednesday, July 23rd for the September/October issue and Wednesday, September 24th for the November/December issue.

Many thanks for helping the newsletter to appear in a timely fashion.

# TISHA B'AV: *Echoes of Homelessness*

By Ron Meyers

Most of our holidays have a strong focus on the activities at the heart of ancient Judaic practice at the Temple in Jerusalem. The three Festivals were celebratory pilgrimages, Hanukkah recalls the restoration of the desecrated Temple, and the climax of the Yom Kippur service saw the most sacred use of the Temple as the Kohen Gadol performed the rites in its innermost chamber, the very earthly home of God.

But we know all through our celebration of these holidays that a monumental tragedy separates us from those original practices. Tisha B'Av, commemorated this year on August 6 and 7, is the day when we focus on the destruction of the

Temples, which occurred on this date in 586 B.C.E., and again on the same date in 70 C.E. Throughout our history, many other calamities have been ascribed to this date, whether by historical fact or by legend, and it is no surprise: the Jews have experienced exile over and again. The pattern of expulsion that originated at Eden and Egypt and Jerusalem has recurred in England and Spain, in Russia, Germany and elsewhere.

The echoes of our recurring homelessness can be heard even in the great Temple holidays. In the Pesah story, we spend four hundred years in exile and slavery. When we are liberated, we are also expelled; while we move toward the promised

land, we move first indefinitely into the wilderness. Receiving the Torah at Shavuot, we still have long wanderings ahead. Even the Temple's triumphant rededication, which we recall at Hanukkah, foreshadows the final destruction that would occur only a few generations later.

But it is in the post-Temple exile that the great innovations of ritual and prayer and scholarship occurred that have enabled us to continue to this day, and indeed have enabled us to remember all that befell us then. Perhaps the Shavuot story shows the way: receiving the Torah in exile, the Torah itself became our home. We carried it with us through all the unknown places—and so has it carried us.

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## High Holy Days Learners' Service

This year, the Congregation has decided to expand our programming for the High Holy Days and offer a Learners' Service on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Kol Nidre. The services will be held in the Ramaz second floor chapel, which accommodates approximately 100. Dr. Sam Klagsbrun will lead the Rosh Hashanah service and Dr. Terry Krulwich will lead the Kol Nidre service. We are very fortunate to have two of the mainstays of our Congregation, each of whom has led our main High Holy Days services in past years, agree to participate in and lead these new services.

We made the decision to have a

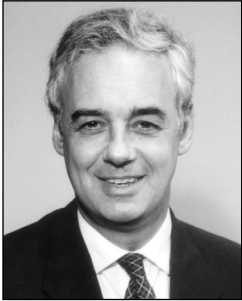
second service for two reasons. First, we have wanted for some time to offer a service that was oriented to Congregants who wanted to learn more about the basics of the Yamim Noraim services and liturgy. The Learners' Service will be more intimate, have more English, and offer expanded explanation and discussion about the structure and content of the liturgy than our large High Holy Days service. It will be perfect for those who want to learn more about some of the fundamentals of the High Holy Days service in an atmosphere consistent with the serious and traditional approach that we bring to our tefilah.

Second, we needed to solve our overcrowding problem during these two services. We believe that if we can entice 100 of us to join Sam and Terry upstairs, we will solve the seating problem during the two peak times of the High Holy Days.

Because space in the second floor chapel is limited, we will require Congregants to indicate in advance their intention to attend the Learners' Service. Additional details and a reservation card will be mailed to the Congregation in July. Please keep an eye out for it and respond quickly, since space is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*The following remarks were delivered by Daniel Beller at the Annual Meeting of Congregation Or Zarua:*



**I**n a moment I will open the floor to discussion. But first, I want to congratulate the new members of the Board

and the new officers that you have just elected.

The new Board members are joining an outstanding group. Our Board is highly dedicated and committed. In many organizations, board meetings are held just a few times a year and the meetings are more in the nature of social events.

Our Board is very different. We meet every month. And we work. The policies that the Congregation follows are discussed at the Board and decided in a consensual way. That function has never been more important than in this past year of transition as we felt our way along in our new building.

The intelligence and sensitivity of our Board members contribute to making Or Zarua such a special place. All of the trustees deserve our thanks for their important work this past year.

Four members of the Board will not be returning next year.

Because there are term limits as part of the by-laws of the Congregation—which he helped write—David Glasser is barred from serving another term on the Board. David was present at the creation of

Congregation Or Zarua and he has played a significant role in so many areas of importance in the life of the Congregation, from providing legal services and advice, to organizing the Hebrew School, to conceiving and executing the purchase of our 82nd Street site. We thank David for his important and extended service as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Diane Okrent's term has also come to an end by virtue of the term limits rule in our by-laws. We will miss her wisdom and knowledge. I owe Diane a particular debt of gratitude—she took me under her wing when I became President and gave me a valuable course in what I would call the oral tradition of Or Zarua. In addition to the many things she has done for Or Zarua over many years, this year Diane took over running the office for nearly two months, when we were without an Executive Director and she did so with great competence and without fanfare—just out of a sense of obligation to this institution. I want to publicly acknowledge Diane for all of her efforts on our behalf.

After many years of service to the Congregation, Sidney Silverman's increasing absence from New York has led him to withdraw from the Board. Sidney has been an important force in the life of Or Zarua, particularly in the leadership and direction he has provided for the Capital Campaign. We will miss his involvement on the Board, but he promises to continue to play a role when called upon to do so. We thank him for his service.

Beth Nash Goldberg, has also withdrawn from the Board, owing to the press of family and other commitments. Beth has made an important contribution to the Congregation, particularly in her leadership of the Gala Dinner last November, which was such an important success. We thank Beth very much for her service.

Congratulations to our new officers—Anne Schneider, Jesse Hecht and Lesley Palmer. It has been a pleasure working with you as Board members and now I look forward to an even closer working relationship with you as officers.

Our thanks, also, to David Lewittes for his service as Assistant Treasurer. David will continue as a Board member and we hope to call on his financial acumen from time to time.

Finally, my thanks to all of the officers who served this year so ably and with such dedication—Evelyn Kenvin, Pat Davidson, Andy Frackman and Diane Okrent, as Vice Presidents; Morty Schwartz as Treasurer and David Lewittes as Assistant Treasurer; and Neil Schluger as Secretary.

**A**s for the health of the Congregation, I think we are doing very well, indeed. As our Treasurer has reported, we are on relatively sound financial footing. Although we will have a deficit this year, it's about 40% less than we projected at the beginning of the year—that's a tribute to our planners and in *(continued on page 8)*

# Or Zarua Annual Meeting



*Dan Beller thanked outgoing Board members and welcomed the new Board in his address to the Congregation.*



*Aliza Kaplan presented an overview of the Hebrew School to attendees.*



Election of officers and members of the Board of Trustees of Congregation Or Zarua took place at the Annual Meeting on May 20th. Congratulations to the following slate of officers:

President	Daniel J. Beller
Vice Presidents	
Facilities	Anne D. Schneider
Finance	Evelyn Kenvin
Management	Andrew J. Frackman
Programming	Pat Davidson
Treasurer	Morton Z. Schwartz
Ass't Treasurer	Jesse A. Hecht
Secretary	Lesley H. Palmer
Ass't Secretary	Neil W. Schluger

Joining the Board this year for a first term of service are: Sheldon S. Adler, Deborah Breznay, Sharon Shorofsky Mack, Bruce Roberts and Aaron Shelden. Francine Klagsbrun is returning to the Board.

The Congregation expresses its sincere thanks to Diane Okrent and David Glasser who are retiring from the Board each after 12 years of service, as well to Sidney Silverman and Beth Goldberg Nash who are also leaving the Board. Additionally, David Lewittes, who has completed his term as Assistant Treasurer, will continue to serve on the Board. Their contributions of time, ideas and energy have enabled Or Zarua to grow and flourish.

*A mezuzah was hung outside the building at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting (far left).*

*Dan Beller thanked Barbara Bolshon for attending the meeting on her anniversary (left).*

# THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM

By Suzan Rosen

In discussing our desire to declare Aliyah, Daniel inquired about the salary that a physician might expect to make. The reply came back "the money is not a reason to come to Israel." I replied, "There is no reason to come to Israel; reason has very little to do with it." I pointed to my heart and said, "It is all here." Certainly a large portion of the people in our lives think we have lost our reason, yet every person who has ever been to Israel, even those who think we are crazy, understands, at least a little bit.

Daniel and I have talked about taking a sabbatical for several years, thinking, "Wouldn't it be nice someday?" But somedays don't just happen, you must create them. Waiting for the "right" time, or for the "situation" to get better might mean that

someday has passed you by. The kids are too young, too old...

I can't really explain why we are going and why now. I can talk about the "situation," September 11th, that part of it is not letting the terrorists stop me, that Israelis are living it every day. Or Zarua's love and support for Israel has also had its impact. Daniel and I both feel that we have to be there. It is almost like a marriage. We feel so strongly about being connected to Israel that we are making a commitment to Israel and to ourselves. Yes, we are only staying for one year, but we have bought an apartment (you'll come, you'll eat), we are declaring Aliyah and becoming citizens, our children will go to public schools and learn to speak better Hebrew in three months than I

will all year. It will be very hard to leave next summer, to leave the pace of Jerusalem of Gold and come back to the stress of NYC. But we'll go back for vacations and holidays and many more "somedays." We both expect that those "somedays" will someday become every day. And we hope that perhaps we will inspire someone, who might otherwise not have gone, to make a trip to Israel.

Or Zarua has always been so warm and generous in its welcome to us and especially to Leilah and Mirina. Now it seems as though it can't wait to push us out the door! Everyone is so excited for us and supportive, that we feel, and hope that the Congregation feels, that we will be an Israeli extension of Or Zarua. Our doors will always be open to you.

## JEWISH HERITAGE DAY

Or Zarua will be going to Shea Stadium on Sunday, August 17th to see the afternoon game between the Colorado Rockies and the Mets to celebrate Jewish Heritage Day. "HaTikvah" will be sung prior to the game and, during the seventh inning stretch, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" will be sung in Yiddish. Kosher hot dogs and other kosher food will be available from special kosher vendors. Please see the ad on page 8 for more details and send your check to the office by August 4th if you'd like to attend the game.

## ELDERLY OUTREACH

Three years ago, Congregation Or Zarua, in partnership with DOROT, initiated the first High Holy Days food-package delivery and visitation to elderly residents of the Upper East Side. This year, on April 13th, we were thrilled to have added Pesah as a congregational contingent of all ages brought the taste of Pesah, the joy of friendship and the spirit of Yiddishkeit to many homes—in the true spirit of hesed. The day coincided with the Housewarming Celebration and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for DOROT's newly renovated building.

Participants included: Robin Blumenthal with Julia, Phyllis Brochstein, Marcia Fox, Eleanor Merczynski and Andrew Hait with David, Gail and Mo Kraushar, Abby Thomas with Lev, Sharon Mack with Rebecca, Ethel Bass with Hannah, Alisa Doctoroff, Lesley Palmer with Michaela and Jordana, and Aaron Shelden. We apologize if not all participants' names were included.

To volunteer for the next High Holidays DOROT food-package delivery, please contact the OZ office, Aaron Shelden at [ashelden@aol.com](mailto:ashelden@aol.com) or Lesley Palmer at [lesley@nyc.rr.com](mailto:lesley@nyc.rr.com).

# 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.

### **Monday Night Meal Serving**

Or Zarua provides a pizza dinner and volunteer servers every Monday night year round at Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter's 81st Street residence for the formerly homeless. Beginning in June, the residence will undergo renovations, and Or Zarua's weekly meal serving will move to a local pizza restaurant. Contact Richard Stadin at 212-879-0448 to volunteer or for more information. Your donations to the Hesed Fund help make this important food program possible.



### **Package Deliveries for the Elderly**

In September 2002 and April 2003, Or Zarua took part in DOROT's Sukkot and Pesah package deliveries to elderly residents of the East Side. An agency serving the elderly, DOROT offers a wide range of services for the frail and homebound, including friendly visitors, Kosher meal deliveries, cemetery and errand escorts, educational and recreational programs and social services. DOROT is expanding its activities to

serve more East Side residents and is seeking volunteers, referrals of senior citizens needing assistance, and funding. Please contact Reeva Mager at DOROT at 212-769-2850.

### **Purim Donation Drive**

In March, Or Zarua's fourth annual Purim Food Donation Drive collected nonperishable food items for Yorkville Common Pantry, an agency serving our community's hungry. Please consider volunteering with or supporting YCP's food programs, which are experiencing great demand. Purim tzedakah containers were filled with \$430 in donations for the Ziv Tzedakah Fund, which identifies and funds small, grassroots projects in the U.S. and Israel that are created by someone with an innovative response to a world problem. For more information about this wonderful organization, visit [www.ziv.org](http://www.ziv.org).

### **Blood Drive**

In February, more than 55 volunteers and donors participated in Or Zarua's first blood drive, held in cooperation with the New York Blood Center, in our social hall. 36 pints were collected, and the Blood Center was both pleased and impressed with our turnout. Fifteen volunteers also regis-



tered with the Bone Marrow Donor Registry The blood drive was preceded by a Sunday morning minyan, which enjoyed a good turnout, and no doubt served to increase participation in the blood drive and vice versa. While parents donated blood, activities were offered for their children. Watch for another blood drive this winter!



### **Hanukkah at the Ronald McDonald House**

Last December, Or Zarua hosted its annual dinner at the Ronald McDonald House, a residence on 405 E. 73rd Street for children with serious illnesses who are in treatment at local hospitals. Or Zarua provided an Israeli dinner buffet, folk dancing, holiday candle lighting and songs organized by Congregation members in celebration of Hanukkah. The evening was a warm and wonderful experience.

Please join the Hesed Committee or contact Lesley Palmer at 212-772-9673 or [lesley@nyc.rr.com](mailto:lesley@nyc.rr.com) with your suggestions. Please also support Or Zarua's Hesed activities with a donation to the Or Zarua Hesed Fund. We appreciate your generous donations which make possible these important activities.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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particular to Morty. We project a deficit next year—one that is less than this year's—which is approximately equal to the interest we pay on our mortgage.

That is the immediate financial challenge that we face: to raise enough funds to eliminate our mortgage, increase our revenues and make available more funds for programs to build our community and to help our neighbors in need.

We continue to be a Congregation committed to the study of Torah, worship and good deeds. We have a

dedicated membership. We are guided by one of the most distinguished rabbinical leaders in our city. The story of our Congregation's origins, its development, and the creation of our new home has received wide currency and we are rightly acknowledged to have created a model of a participatory and egalitarian community committed to tradition in the mold of Conservative Judaism.

With all the praise that we have received goes a corresponding obligation, to maintain our standards, to increase opportunities for serious study; to create an environment in



which prayer is knowledgeable and meaningful; to extend ourselves more into the community to help those who are ill and needy and who require a helping hand.

We have passed through a year of transition. I think we have handled it quite well. We have to continue to be vigilant to insure that the costs of our building do not run away from us. But this is not a time for timidity. Our Congregants and our community need us to set a bold example. That is a challenge that I hope we will accept and meet in the coming year.

## Or Zarua Goes to Jewish Heritage Day

### **NY Mets vs. Colorado at Shea Stadium**

**Sunday, August 17th. Festivities at 12:30 p.m. Game at 1:10 p.m.**

-  **Discounted Mezzanine-level Tickets for \$25 each**
-  **Kosher Concession Stands and Food Carts**
-  **Pre-Game Israeli Music and Dancing**
-  **See "Congregation Or Zarua" in Lights on Scoreboard**
-  **Hear Lineups Announced in Yiddish**
-  **Everyone Gets a Mets Souvenir**



Checks should be made out to Congregation Or Zarua. Tickets are \$25 each. All checks must be received in the Synagogue office no later than August 4th.

A portion of all proceeds will benefit local Jewish organizations.



# A NEW YEAR! A NEW BUILDING!

## *Program Committee Report*

**W**hat a year it has been! New beginnings, new ideas, working in a new environment! Last year's survey resulted in the initial implementation of your ideas.

### **The Congregation wanted to learn more.**

- Rabbi Wechsler led a series of Lunch and Learn sessions to study the Prayer Book. Members volunteered their office space for the many students.

- Mark Sommerstein taught our first group of Adult Bat Mitzvah and also organized a conversational Hebrew class.

- Marc Ashley met with a large group of Congregants to discuss the Oral Law.

- The Talmud Class finished the Tractate of Berakhot.

### **The Congregational community wanted to share the joy of Shabbat and holidays.**

- Monthly Shabbat dinners or luncheons, run concurrently with children's programs, were highlighted by interesting and thought-provoking speakers:

Dr. Sam Klagsbrun put "Abraham on the Couch."

Zion Ozeri spoke on his life and photographs.

Jerry Spitzer brought us up to date on many of the Eastern European Jewish communities.

Mel Scult spoke about Solomon Schechter.

David Moche told us of his experiences as an Iraqi Jew growing up in Japan.

Magavet, the a cappella Yale Jewish choral group, entertained us.

- The community shared a Succot Supper on the roof as well as a Tar Beach picnic preceding the Annual Meeting.



### **The Congregation wanted to mark the completion of the building and the OZ birthday.**

- The dedication of the building was marked by an address by Dr. Ismar Schorsch, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary.



Congregants and many neighborhood guests participated in the evening. Mezuzot were placed on sanctuary entrances and plaques were presented to neighboring institutions who hosted OZ during the years of our wanderings. They included the Ramaz School, Temple Shaaray Tefila, the 92nd Street Y and The Nightingale-Bamford School.

- After the Annual Meeting, a mezuzah was placed at the front

entrance, marking the completion of the building.

- The annual Birthday Party featured Professor Josef Yerushalmi as our speaker.

### **The Congregation wanted the availability of a daily Minyan.**

- A wonderful addition to our service has been the daily Minyan every weekday morning at 7:15a.m. and once a month on Sundays.

### **Other special events included:**

- An inspiring service was held commemorating Yom Hashoah, featuring Sandy Adelsberg, the daughter of a survivor of a "lost" Jewish community, as speaker. Dr. Jack Oberman presented the Congregation with a Torah fragment while he shared his memories of his early years in Poland.

- Israel Independence Day was marked by a special service and an evening of song and dance.

- Teen members delighted the Congregation as they led services on a Shabbat morning in May.

- For Shavuot, there was a Tikkun during which Rabbi Wechsler taught and a panel of business leaders shared their perspectives on business ethics. For the first time, there was a teen Tikkun focusing on medical ethics.

It has been a very full year. We look forward to more special events next year with increased member involvement—brainstorming, ideas, etc. Let us know what you would like to learn and whom you might like to hear speak. The committee is open to suggestions for implementation.

# THE OR ZARUA COMMUNITY

## CONGRATULATIONS

Marc & Joanne Ashley, honorees at the Beit Rabban annual celebration  
 Robert & Trudy Gottesman, honorees at the Heschel School annual dinner  
 Beth Fisher & Harvey Himel, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Samuel  
 Douglas & Debra Lehrman, on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Lucy  
 Owen & Pearl Pell, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Nathan  
 Charles & Ora Ramat, on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Emma  
 Laura Siegel & Stephen Stern, on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Tara  
 Regina Weinrich, on the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Jane Saltpeper  
 Susan & Henry Zilberman, honorees at the American Friends of Yeshivat Baba Sali annual dinner

## CONDOLENCES

*Our deepest sympathy to:*  
 Alice Geisler, on the death of her beloved sister, Jeanette Steiner  
 Harvey Newman, on the death of his beloved mother, Betty Newman  
*May they and their loved ones be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

## CONTRIBUTIONS

*All contributions listed were received on or before May 31, 2003.*

*Capital Campaign contributions are not listed.*

## DESIGNATED SPECIAL PURPOSE GIFT FUND

Evelyn Kenvin & Arthur Rosenbloom

## HESED FOOD FUND

Robin Blumenthal  
 Amelia Rosner & Richard Hyfler, in memory of Marie Furman  
 Jerry & Linda Spitzer

## HESED FUND

Stephen & Eileen Cohen, in memory of Benjamin Goldsmith, father of Philip Goldsmith  
 Jacob Oberman, on Esther Oberman's yahrzeit  
 Sharon Seiler, Charles Spielholz & Talia, in memory of Charlie's father, on his yahrzeit

## HEVRA KADISHA FUND

Daniel & Suzan Rozen  
 Robert & Vera Silver, in honor of Tibor & Aaron Feldman's performances in "Rituals of Faith" and in honor of Robin Blumenthal's Birthday

Robert & Vera Silver, in memory of Claire Horn  
 Gerry & Phyllis Solomon  
 Jerry & Linda Spitzer, in memory of Benjamin Goldsmith, father of Philip Goldsmith and in honor of Tibor & Aaron Feldman's performances in "Ritual of Faith"  
 Carol Schussler Van Wijnen, for all the help provided following the death of her father, Albert Schussler  
 Miriam Wallerstein, in memory of her mother, Goldie Patt, on her yahrzeit

## KIDDUSH FUND

Robin Blumenthal, in honor of her birthday  
 Beth Fisher & Harvey Himel, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Samuel  
 Susan Gotbetter & Henry Berry, in honor of Susan's birthday  
 Terry Ann Krulwich & Paul Posner, in honor of Barry Collier's election to the National Academy of Sciences  
 Douglas & Debra Lehrman, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Lucy  
 Diane Okrent & Aaron Shelden, in memory of Meyer Okrent, on his yahrzeit  
 Gerry & Phyllis Solomon  
 Lynn Somerstein, in honor of Mark Somerstein's birthday  
 Bernard & Leah Tolpin, in memory of her parents, Charlotte & Marcus Unger, on their yahrzeits  
 Eve Wolf & Owen Lewis, in honor of the first anniversary of Alexander's Bar Mitzvah

## KOL NIDRE APPEAL

Gilbert & Bonnie Bach  
 Daniel & Ellen Birger  
 Robin Blumenthal  
 Dina Bromberg & Barry Sinowitz  
 Phyllis Cornell  
 Linda Dershowitz  
 Rosalind Devon  
 Sander & Mechele Flaum  
 Nancy Friedman & James Margolin  
 Alice Geisler  
 Ira & Laurie Greenberg  
 Ira & Linda Greenblatt  
 Mina Greenstein  
 Leonard & Fleur Harlan  
 Lance & Heidi Harris  
 Leon & Susan Heller  
 Craig & Nanci Hyman  
 Ellyn Kessler & Michael Gentile  
 Robin Kirman & Joseph Schwartz  
 Mendel Klepper  
 Terry Koch & Allen Feinberg  
 David Kogut  
 Edward & Susan Kopelowitz

Marilyn Krulwich  
 Alan & Melissa Matarasso  
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 Judith Kaye Nadler  
 Jacob Oberman  
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 Alan Schwartz  
 Charlotte Schwartz  
 Edward & Elyse Siegel  
 Cherise Solomon-Feld & Randy Feld  
 Mark & Lynn Somerstein  
 Richard & Audrey Stadin  
 Eve Wolf & Owen Lewis  
 James & Elaine Wolfensohn  
 Milton & Alice Wolson

## MINYAN FUND

Sheldon & Marcel Adler, in honor of Jeremy Posner's birthday  
 Daniel & Lynn Beller, on the first anniversary of the daily minyan, and in honor of minyan organizers, Laura Resnikoff, Ellen Ozeri, Charles Spielholz, Richard Stadin, and Gerry & Phyllis Solomon  
 Howard Brownstein  
 Mark & Pamela Gold  
 Mina Greenstein, in honor of Richard Stadin  
 Terry Krulwich & Paul Posner, in honor of Jeremy Posner's birthday  
 Sharon Seiler, in honor of Charles Spielholz's birthday  
 Gerry & Phyllis Solomon  
 Richard & Audrey Stadin, in honor of Sheldon Adler, Daniel Beller, Ellen Ozeri, Laura Resnikoff, Gerry & Phyllis Solomon & Charles Spielholz

## LIBRARY BOOK FUND

Robert & Janet Siegel, in honor of Tara Stern's Bat Mitzvah  
 Alice Geisler, in memory of Jeannette Steiner  
 Herbert & Lorraine Shapiro, on the publication of Michael's new book  
 Jacob Oberman, in honor of the publication of Miryam Wahrman's new book

## PURIM SPIEL FUND

Fred & Vivian Kenvin  
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## MURIEL TANNENBAUM MEMORIAL FUND

Barton & Georgia Farber  
 Mina Greenstein, in memory of her father, Hyman Baylis, on his yahrzeit

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Arthur & Willi Aeder, in honor of Rabbi Wechsler's birthday  
Yitzchak & Jacqueline Frank, in memory of their nephew, Tal Nerold, on his first yearzeit  
Bruce & Carolyn Gould, in honor of their granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah  
Fred & Martha Mendelsohn, in honor of Rabbi Wechsler's birthday  
Harvey & Linda Newman  
Jay & Lesley Palmer  
Jane Ries  
Harvey & Justine Schussler  
Edward & Selma Sohnen, in honor of Robin Blumenthal's birthday  
David & Sara Stone, in honor of Rabbi Wechsler's birthday

## GENERAL FUND

Stanley & Susan Alt, in honor of receiving an aliyah  
Erwin & Renee Altholz, in honor of receiving an aliyah  
Daniel & Lynn Beller, in honor of their daughter, Sarah Beller, upon her graduations from high school and Or Zarua's Hebrew school, and admission to Yale College  
Daniel & Lynn Beller, in memory of his parents, Gusty & Arnold Beller, on their yearzeits  
James & Donna Biehl, in memory of Betty Newman, mother of Harvey Newman  
Gerald & Nedra Bloch  
Phyllis Cornell  
Daniel & Alisa Doctoroff, in honor of Rabbi Wechsler's and Terry Krulwich's special birthdays  
Linda Eidelberg, in memory of the yearzeits of her parents, Rose & Benjamin Basch, and her husband, Albert Eidelberg  
Judi Falk, in memory of Betty Newman, mother of Harvey Newman  
Helen Ferzst, in memory of Roger Ferzst, on his yearzeit  
Paul & Laurie Flamm, in memory of Betty Newman, mother of Harvey Newman  
Linda & Harold Friedman, in memory of Betty Newman, mother of Harvey Newman  
Jay Goldin, in honor of receiving an aliyah  
Jesse & Isadora Hecht  
Sylvia Hollander, for Pesah Yizkor  
Leonard & Harriet Holtz, in memory of Betty Newman, mother of Harvey Newman  
Jerry & Patti Josepher  
Fred & Rochelle Knobloch, in memory of Betty Newman, mother of Harvey Newman

David & Judith Lewittes, in memory of Betty Akenzow and Sarah Lewittes, on their yearzeits  
Nechama Masliansky, in memory of David Maslin, father of Bonnie Maslin, on his 30th yearzeit  
Bonnie Maslin & Yehuda Nir, in honor of Robin Blumenthal's, Richard Hermann's and Nancy Sureck's birthdays  
Bonnie Maslin & Yehuda Nir, in honor of Dr. Edward Fisher  
Bonnie Maslin & Yehuda Nir, in memory of Hella Meinhard  
Harvey & Linda Newman  
Jacob Oberman, in memory of Phyllis Goldstein  
Jacob Oberman, in honor of his father-in-law, Elyeh Naphtali Kaplan  
Diane Okrent & Aaron Shelden, for Pesah Yizkor  
Owen & Pearl Pell, in honor of Nathan's Bar Mitzvah  
Ruth Perelson, in honor of Jerry & Linda Spitzer  
Charlotte Schwartz, in memory of her mother, Mary Meyer Simon, and her father-in-law, Morris Schwartz, on their yearzeits  
Charlotte Schwartz, for Pesah Yizkor  
Morton & Evelyn Schwartz  
Herbert & Lorraine Shapiro, in honor of Barry Coller's election to the National Academy of Science  
Edward & Elyse Siegel, in memory of Bernice Roth, on her yearzeit  
Stuart & Dale Silfen, in memory of Betty Newman, mother of Harvey Newman  
David & Sara Stone  
Miriam Wallerstein, in honor of Rabbi Wechsler's birthday  
Jerome & Linda Spitzer, in honor of Phyllis & Gerry Solomon on the birth of their grandson, Theodore Ascher

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*The front line of Or Zarua's Salute to Israel Parade delegation.*

## OZY 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) 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.

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