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Many Shades of Memory

By Ron Myers

Three holidays occur during these months of March and April, each commemorating our escape from destruction at the hands of oppressors. First is Purim, in which the reversal of our fate is cause for celebration of the liveliest kind. It is actually a requirement to drink to excess on Purim, so great is the celebration of our survival.

A good deal of mandatory drinking is done at the Passover seder, too, but in a very different mood. While Passover is perhaps the greatest of our celebrations, commemorating the

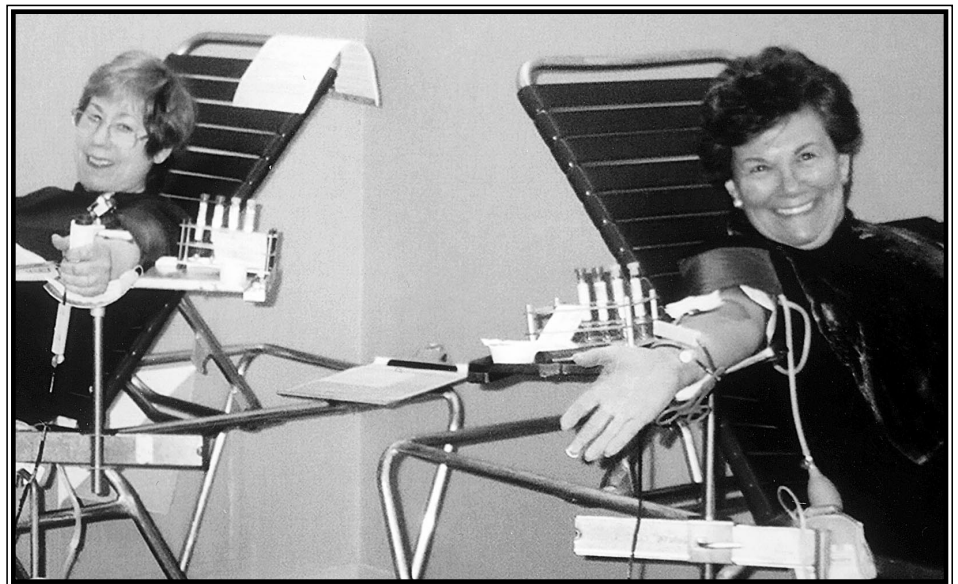
very birth of the Jewish nation, we observe not with joyous abandon, but with disciplined attention. We imbibe soberly, we feast on the bread of affliction. The densely packed agenda of remembering—of the plagues, of the Exodus, of the parting of the sea, of the Revelation at Sinai, and of all the rituals, parables and mnemonics that ensure our remembering—takes precedence over the abandon of celebration.

If the memory of affliction occupies us more profoundly on Passover

than on Purim, the memory of utter horror on Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, is overwhelming. We survived Haman, we survived Pharaoh; Hitler, too, we survived. But there is no drinking and no joy on Yom HaShoah. In Jerusalem, a siren wails and the city goes silent. We are still in the first generations of remembering the Shoah; ritual takes centuries to develop. Silence is as much of a ritual as we have yet figured out for this observance. It may be as much as we ever will.

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Giving Gladly: Phyllis Solomon (left) and Sally Dwek were just two of the more than 50 congregants who helped make Or Zarua's first Blood Drive on February 2nd such a success. See article and additional photos on page 5.

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HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

Purim Carnival and Passover Candy

By Tahl BenYehuda Saidel

Hebrew School parents are invited to talk with their children's teachers during one-on-one **Parent/Teacher Conferences** on Monday, March 3rd and Tuesday, March 4th from 6:20 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Beginning February 24th, there will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby for ten-minute time slots. You can also call the Hebrew School office to sign up for a time slot after February 24th. The times will be first come, first served, however, so call or come in early to sign up!

Revised Hebrew School calendars for February through May have been sent out. The **Purim Carnival** for Monday/Wednesday students will be on Wednesday, March 12th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Purim Carnival for all Tuesday/Thursday students will be on Thursday, March 13th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Kindergarteners and first grade students are invited to come even though they are not in school on Wednesdays or Thursdays. Everyone is encouraged to come in costume. There will be a special prize for the male and female students with the best costumes!

Attendance at the last **Shabbat class** was near 60%. Shabbat classes are a required part of our Hebrew school for grades three through six; attendance is mandatory. If your child can not attend, please let me know in advance, as the teachers and I prepare for a certain number of students. I do hope that you will not schedule other activities for your child on that one Saturday morning a month. Shabbat class is your child's opportu-

nity to exercise the prayer skills he or she is acquiring and polishing during the week in Hebrew school. I invite you to come hear your children help lead the service, and watch them participate in the educational games we plan for the students after we davven.

With Purim around the corner, Pesah can not be far behind. Once again, the Hebrew School will have its annual **Passover candy sale**. Please watch for the flyers in your mail or that your children bring home. Last year, as in the past, the Hebrew School raised about \$3,000, with about 36% participation. If every student participates this year, we could hope to raise \$5,000. Please support our Hebrew School's efforts in this endeavor. If your child brings home a candy package, encourage them in their sales—talk it up! If you do not have a child in the Hebrew School, call me for your candy needs, and I'll hook you up with a student who lives near you who is selling candy. You can reach me in the synagogue office, 212-452-2310, ext. 15.

Mishloah Manot: The Hebrew School is participating in a synagogue program to send Mishloah Manot to Israeli soldiers, victims of terror attacks, and children who lost parents in terror incidents. We will be buying baskets and sending cards through the American Zionist Movement. Each basket costs \$5. If you would like to participate in this Hesed project, please contact me in the office at the above number before March 5th.

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 May/June edition, submissions must be received by Wednesday, March 26th. The deadline for the July/August issue is Wednesday, May 28th and will be confirmed in the May/June edition.

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

Shalom from Barbara Bolshon

THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATION OR ZARUA

Parashat Terumah, which we read on February 8, 2003, is an especially appropriate parsha for a new Executive Director of Congregation Or Zarua. The parsha begins with God telling Moses to ask each Israelite to bring a terumah, or "gift," for the construction of a mishkan. Following the commandment to construct the mishkan, the parsha contains detailed descriptions of every object and material to be used in the building. Among the descriptions of the inside furnishings of the mishkan is a golden menorah, whose light reflects the essence of our name, Or Zarua—the sowing of light. Similarly, this beautiful new synagogue exists due to the generosity of many members. The entire parsha reads like a combination of an architect's blue print and a decorator's design. An Executive Director certainly needs to know all of these details!

I am pleased to begin the new year as your Executive Director. For the past twenty years, I pursued a career in marketing, while in my spare time volunteering in various Jewish communal organizations. In my last position, I was director of business intelligence at Towers Perrin, a human resource consulting firm. I have also worked at Smith Barney, Newsweek, Merrill Lynch and Arthur D. Little. My volunteer experience involved various positions in the PTA of the Solomon Schechter School of Westchester, Temple Israel Center of White Plains, and the Executive Committee

of the Westchester Chapter of the American Jewish Committee. Over time, I found that these volunteer experiences gave me a great sense of satisfaction. About one year ago, I decided to make a career change so that I could combine my professional



Barbara Bolshon

skills with my long standing commitment to the Jewish community. Becoming a Synagogue Executive Director is, therefore, an excellent opportunity, especially at such a unique congregation as Or Zarua.

In my first month as Executive Director, I have enjoyed meeting many of you and working with you on a wide variety of events, including Shabbat meals, the Super Bowl Party, Blood Drive, Purim Spiel rehearsals and Teen Movie Night. Dan and the Board have been particularly helpful in showing me the ropes and easing my first few weeks with you. Rabbi Wechsler has spent a lot of time with

me and provided guidance as I learn more about the OZ community. My team—Lidiya, Charles, Harry and Webster—has been very supportive and made me feel welcome. I want to also thank Jeremy Posner for helping me with computer issues. Tahl BenYehuda Saidel and I are working together to better coordinate the Hebrew School's use of the building.

On a more personal note, I live in White Plains with my husband, Dr. Michael Picheny, a research staff member at the IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center in Yorktown Heights. This year we will be celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary on Lag B'Omer. We have two children—Lauren, a sophomore at Northwestern University, and Alexandra, a 6th grader at the Solomon Schechter School of Westchester.

I welcome your input and I am looking forward to meeting and working with all of you. Please feel free to call me or stop by the office.

OZ TEENS

We'd like to keep you posted on what's going on at Or Zarua that might interest you. We'd also like your suggestions as to what your and your friends would like to see happen at Or Zarua. So send in your ideas or just your email address to lidiya@orzarua.org.

OZ Program Highlights

Congregational Dinner

At Shabbat Dinner on Friday, March 14th, we will be joined by fellow congregant David Moche, who was born in Iraq and grew up in Japan. His talk will focus on his life experiences in the Middle and Far East. Dinner will immediately follow the Kabbalat Shabbat service, which

begins at 5:41 p.m. Please note that reservations are required for dinner and can be made using the form on page 15.

Minhah, Ma'ariv 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 Ma'ariv and Havdalah. We encourage families and members seeking to deepen the spiritual significance of their Shabbat observance to join us on the following dates:

March 1st at 5:05 p.m.

April 5th at 5:40 p.m.

HESED HAPPENINGS

Fourth Annual Or Zarua Purim Food Drive

On March 17th, before you leave home for Or Zarua's Purim services and the famed Or Zarua Purim Spiel at UJA, please remember to fill up a bag of at least two different types of non-perishable food items for distribution to our community's needy. Purim is a joyous festival filled with costumes, treats and noisemakers, as well as a time for two important mitzvot: Mishloah Manot (gifts of food and drink)—when we share two food items with a friend or neighbor—and Matanot L'evyonim (gifts to the needy)—when we provide either food or money to the poor in our community. The observance of both of these mitzvot is fulfilled when you donate food and tzedakah as part of Or Zarua's Purim celebrations.

Donated food will be distributed through the Yorkville Common Pantry, one of the city's largest providers of emergency food to the needy. Recommended items include dry milk, cereal, canned food of all kinds, pasta, peanut butter, rice and beans. Demand is extremely high at the city's food pantries, so please remember to donate this year. Please contact Lesley Palmer at 212-772-9673 or lesley@nyc.rr.com, if you have any questions.

Passover Outreach to Elderly

DOROT is a wonderful nonprofit organization serving senior citizens on Manhattan's West and East sides. This April 13th, Congregation Or Zarua will participate in DOROT's Passover food delivery. Won't you join this very valuable and rewarding experience? Signing up now will

allow DOROT enough time to identify needy residents to match the available number of volunteers. The larger our numbers, the more people we can help. Make the commitment now and bring the taste of Passover, the joy of friendship and the spirit of Yiddishkeit to their homes.

We will meet at DOROT at 171 West 85th Street, between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues, at 10:30 a.m. Our volunteers will first receive a brief orientation and then each volunteer unit, of from one to three individuals, will visit its assigned senior (on either the West or East side) for up to an hour with food packages prepared by DOROT. The organization, whose name means "generations" in Hebrew, strongly encourages the participation of children with their families in this important act of g'milut hasadim.

If you would like to volunteer for the DOROT Passover food delivery on Sunday, April 13th, please contact Aaron Shelden, coordinator for this Or Zarua Hesed Committee project, at 212-734-4004 (day), 212-734-2888 (eve), or ashelden@aol.com.

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. We need more volunteers! Please contact Richard Stadin at 212-879-0448 if you can spare forty minutes on a Monday night each month. Volunteers are paired up, and serve from 5:50 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Or Zarua Blood Drive A Great Success!

On February 2nd, more than 50 volunteers and donors participated in Congregation Or Zarua's first blood drive, held in cooperation with the New York Blood Center in the synagogue's social hall. Thirty-six pints were collected, with double chai an especially meaningful number given the lifesaving nature of the donations. Fifteen volunteers also

registered with the Bone Marrow Donor Registry of the National Marrow Donor Program, which identifies potential bone marrow donors around the country in an effort to match donors with patients who might be treated with a bone marrow transplant. The blood drive was preceded by a Sunday morning minyan, and a delicious brunch was enjoyed

by all throughout the morning. While parents donated blood, activities were offered upstairs for their children, who busily prepared 100 brown bag meals for distribution that evening by the Coalition for the Homeless.

Many thanks to our donors and volunteers, including:

- Robin Blumenthal
- Lesley and Jay Palmer
- Park East Kosher Butcher
- James Rothman
- Melvyn and Barbara Rothman

Thank you also to those who have made financial contributions to help underwrite the event. Funds are still needed to cover the cost of the bone marrow registration (\$25 fee per registration), so please continue to support the Hesed Fund.



Standing (left to right): Richard Stadin, James Rothman, Ellen de Jonge Ozeri, Jesse Hecht, Dan Beller, Gerry Solomon, Jeanette Brizel, Charlie Spielholz. Seated: Rabbi Wechsler, Naama Potok, Aaron Shelden, Burt Schulman.

(Left to right): Jordanna Palmer, Shira Silver, Victoria Spero, Robin Blumenthal, Wendy Brill, Michaela Palmer, Julia Blumenthal, Talia Spielholz.



YOM HASHOAH SERVICE

As part of Or Zarua's Yom HaShoah annual service, we will be learning about a unique gift to the Congregation—a precious remnant of a community destroyed in the Holocaust, which is to be housed appropriately in our new building. Each year the names of our

congregants' beloved relatives and friends who were victims of the Holocaust are read at the service. It is moving and speaks volumes about the murder of the six million.

Please join the Congregation for the Yom HaShoah service on April 28th at 8 p.m.

Guidelines for Passover

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

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

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

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

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

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



Baking matzoh for the Passover holiday.

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

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

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

PERMITTED FOODS

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

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

DETERGENTS

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

MEDICINES

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

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

KASHERING OF UTENSILS

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

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

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

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

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must be kashered in the same manner as regular ovens.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OZ Plots

Please return the response card indicating your interest in purchasing graves in the Or Zarua congregational cemetery plot, as described in the letter that was sent to you in late December. If you have further questions, have misplaced your response card, or need another copy of the letter, please contact the synagoogue office. It is very important that we have an accurate indication of interest from the Congregation in order for us to proceed.

TAKE PART IN OR ZARUA'S
Pesah Meal Match
First Night, Wednesday, April 16th

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

We invite those members who wish to extend an invitation, and those who would like to be included in a home seder, to fill out the form on page 9 and return it to the Or Zarua office by mail at 127 East 82nd Street, New York, NY 10028 or by fax (212) 452-2103. All forms must be received by April 14, 2003.

Ma'ot Hittim Fund

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

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

Sell Your Hametz

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

Please fill out and send the coupon on page 9 to the Or Zarua office by Tuesday, April 15, 2003 to insure that your hametz is sold before Passover. It is customary to enclose a contribution to Or Zarua's Ma'ot Hittim Fund with your authorization.

SCHEDULE OF PASSOVER SERVICES 5763/2003

Wednesday, April 16

Erev Passover

Shaharit,	7:15 a.m.
Siyum Bechorim	
Minhah-Ma'ariv	6:15 p.m.

Thursday, April 17

First Day of Passover

Shaharit	9:00 a.m.
Minhah-Ma'ariv	7:30 p.m.
Congregational Seder	8:15 p.m.

Friday, April 18

Second Day of Passover

Shaharit	9:00 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Shaharit	8:45 a.m.
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(Service begins early for Shir HaShirim)

Tuesday, April 22

Shaharit	7:00 a.m.
Minhah-Ma'ariv	6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23

Seventh Day of Passover

Shaharit	9:00 a.m.
Minhah-Ma'ariv	7:15 p.m.

Thursday, April 24

Eighth Day of Passover / Yizkor

Shaharit	9:00 a.m.
Festival ends	8:28 p.m.

Pesah Meal Match

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

(check one)

GUEST

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

Are there any food restraints? _____

HOST

How many people will you host? _____ Do you have any children? _____

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

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Best time to call _____

Before April 14, 2003, fill out and return form to:

CONGREGATION OR ZARUA, 127 EAST 82ND STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10028, FAX: 212-452-2103

Sell Your Hametz / Ma'ot Hittim

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

Name _____ Apt. No. _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Other Locations (vacation home, office, etc):

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Fill out and return form before Tuesday, April 15, 2003 to:

DR. HARLAN J. WECHSLER, RABBI

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THE OR ZARUA COMMUNITY

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CONDOLENCES TO

Marsha Basson, on the death of her beloved mother, Beverly Goldstein
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 Claire Schussler, on the death of her beloved husband, Albert Schussler
 Elaine & Naomi Wolfensohn, on the death of their beloved mother and grandmother, Bessie Botwinick

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Daniel & Lynn Beller, in honor of Sheldon Adler and in memory of his parents, Murray and Belle Adler
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 Jerry & Patti Josepher, in memory of his father, Benjamin Josepher, on his yahrzeit
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 Elaine & James Wolfensohn

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Barry & Bobbi Collier, in memory of her beloved father, Dr. H. Harold Gelfand, on his yahrzeit and in memory of his beloved mother, Ruth Collier, on her yahrzeit

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 Linda Eidelberg, in honor of the baby naming for her grandchild, Lilly Eidelberg-Cardoza
 Judith & Oded Jupiter, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Sara Eliana Kaplan
 Lynn Michalson, in memory of her beloved husband, Howard Michalson, on his yahrzeit
 David & Susan Shapiro, in honor of the aufruf and marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to David Goldberg
 Linda Spitzer, in memory of her beloved father, George Kirsten, on his yahrzeit
 Lawrence & Emily Turtill, in honor of the birth of their children, Alexandra and Jacob
 Miriam Wallerstein, in memory of her father, Abraham Patt, on his yahrzeit

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of Rabbi Wechsler's guidance and
encouragement
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Willi & Arthur Aeder, with get well wishes
for Bill Tannenbaum
Willi & Arthur Aeder, with speedy recovery
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granddaughter, Caralyn Gittess Brodsky

Barry & Bobbi Coller, in celebration of the
engagement of Daniel Goldin and
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Frank, mother of Yitzchak Frank
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Alisa & Dan Doctoroff, in memory of
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her granddaughter, Lilly Eidelberg-
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mother, Rivka Basch
Helen K. Ferszt, in memory of Betty
Bernstein on her *yahrzeit*
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Sander & Mechele Flaum, for Yizkor
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mother, Rose Flaum, on her *yahrzeit*
Jonathan & Deborah Forman, in apprecia-
tion for the return of his tallit
Karen & Henry Glanternik, in recognition
of the efforts of Sheldon Adler and
Richard Stadin in making the daily
minyan a success
Louis & Dorothy Gribetz Foundation
John & Beverly Jacoby
Janet & Simon Katz, in honor of the cele-
bration of the Bar Mitzvah of their grand-
son, Andrew Katz, on April 26, 2003
Terry Ann Krulwich, in honor of Joseph
Allerhand, David Glasser, Max Karpel
and Brett Cohen
David Kogut, in memory of his beloved
sister, Irene Kogut Laster, on her *yahrzeit*
Dara Murray, in memory of her beloved
husband, John Leo Murray, on his
yahrzeit

Yehuda Nir & Bonnie Maslin, in honor of
Bunny Dell's birthday
Larry & Rachel Norton, in memory of
Bessie Botwinick, mother of Elaine
Wolfensohn and grandmother of Naomi
Wolfensohn
Esther & Jacob Oberman, in memory of
Albert Schussler, a benefactor and friend
Susan & Andrew Plevin
Annette Roth, in memory of her beloved
father, Louis Drexler, on his *yahrzeit*
Wendy Schriber, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah
of her daughter, Jordan Weinstein
Charlotte Schwartz, in memory of Ida
Kaplan Schwartz on her *yahrzeit*
Charlotte Schwartz, in memory of her
father, Jacob Simon, on his *yahrzeit*
Marilyn L. Shapiro, in memory of her
beloved mother, Sarah Steiman Shapiro,
on her *yahrzeit*
Ellen & Donald Simon, in memory of their
beloved fathers, Herman B. Perlman and
Milton R. Simon
Mark H. Snyder, for the honor of receiving
an aliyah at Shabbat services on January
11, 2003
Natalie Sobel & Rafael Kleiman, in memory
of her father on his *yahrzeit*
Bernard & Leah Tolpin, Refuah Shleymah
for Bill Tannenbaum and in memory of
Muriel Tannenbaum
Bernard & Leah Tolpin, with special thanks
to Vera Silver
Bernard & Leah Tolpin, in gratitude to
Rabbi Wechsler and the Or Zarua com-
munity for the support, show of love and
caring during Leah's current illness
Linda Yarden & Chris Smith, in honor of
their children, Callie & Eric
Richard, Audrey & Jonathan Stadin, for
supporting morning minyan services and
Sunday's brunch
Richard, Audrey & Jonathan Stadin, in
memory of Sheldon Adler's parents,
Belle and Murray Adler
Charlotte S. Schwartz, in memory of her
beloved husband, Sidney M. Schwartz
Stanley & Sylvia Wechsler, in honor
of their 62nd wedding anniversary
on January 12, 2003
Amy Wineburgh

Study the Dynamics of the Oral Law

What is the legacy of the revelation at Sinai? How can two seemingly contradictory interpretations of the Torah both reflect the will of God?

Our congregant Marc Ashley will be leading a course, "These and Those Are the Words of the Living God:

Dynamics of the Oral Law," which will explore these and other historical and theological issues attendant to classical notions of the nature and authority of the Oral Law, an appropriate subject for study in the weeks leading up to Shavuot. The course will be held on three Sunday mornings between Pesah

and Shavuot—April 27th, May 4th, and May 18th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the synagogue.

No prior knowledge of Hebrew or the subject matter is required. Everyone is welcome to attend the class. Please RSVP to the office at 212-452-2310, ext. 10.

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN CONTINUES

Building on the success of the Or Zarua weekday morning minyan, a regular Sunday morning service began on January 12, 2003. Slated for once a month on the second Sunday of the month, upcoming dates are March 9th and April 13th. We need your enthusiastic support to expand this schedule so that our minyan will truly be daily.

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.

Lunch 'n' Learn

Rabbi Wechsler will continue his midtown Lunch 'n' Learn Class, "Introduction to the Daily Service," on Monday, March 3rd, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The class will be held in the Coudert Brothers Conference Center, 1114 Avenue of the Americas at 42nd Street, 4th Floor, Conference Room A.

Attendees will be directed by the security desk in the lobby to the elevator bank for floors 38-48, the only elevators that stop at the conference center on the 4th floor. A receptionist on the 4th floor who will show people to Room A.

The telephone number for Lynn Michalson, who is hosting this class, is 212-626-4787, and the number for the 4th floor reception is 626-4318. Lynn's email is michalsonl@coudert.com.

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MARCH 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9:00 am Shabarit Vayakhel 10:00 am Dalet Tues/Thur Shabbat Class service 5:00 pm Minhah, Seudah Shlishit and Maariv
2	3 7:15 am Minyan 12:30 pm Introduction to the Daily Service Class 7:30 pm Hebrew Conversation Class	4 Rosh Hodesh Adar II 7:00 am Minyan	5 Rosh Hodesh Adar II 7:00 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	6 7:15 am Minyan	7 7:15 am Minyan 5:34 pm Candlelighting Minhah and Kabbalat Shabbat	8 9:00 am Shabarit PKuday Bar Mitzvah of Noah Eisenbruch
9 8:45 am Sunday Minyan	10 7:15 am Minyan 7:30 pm Hebrew Conversation Class	11 7:15 am Minyan 7:00 pm Hevra Kadisha Zayin Adar Dinner	12 7:15 am Minyan 4:30 pm Purim Carnival for Mon/Wed classes 8:00 pm Talmud Class	13 7:15 am Minyan 4:30 pm Purim Carnival for Tues/Thur classes	14 7:15 am Minyan 5:41 pm Candlelighting Minhah and Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm Congregational Dinner with David Moché	15 9:00 am Shabarit Va'yikra
16	17 Ta'ant Ester 7:00 am Minyan 5:45 pm Megillah Reading & Purim Spiel at UJA Hebrew School closed for Spring Recess	18 7:00 am Minyan Megillah Reading	19 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	20 7:15 am Minyan	21 7:15 am Minyan 5:49 pm Candlelighting Minhah and Kabbalat Shabbat	22 9:00 am Shabarit Tsav
23 7:30 pm Book Club	24 7:15 am Minyan 7:30 pm Hebrew Conversation Class Hebrew School Resumes	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 5:56 pm Candlelighting Minhah and Kabbalat Shabbat	29 9:00 am Shabarit Shemini
30	31 7:15 am Minyan 7:30 pm Hebrew Conversation Class					



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	1 7:15 am Minyan	2 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	3 Rosh Hodesh Nisan 7:00 pm Minyan	4 7:15 am Minyan 6:04 pm Candlelighting Minhah and Kabbalat Shabbat	5 9:00 am Shahaarit Tazri'a 10:00 am Vav Shabbat Class service, Teen Minyan 5:30 pm Minhah, Seudah Shlishit and Ma'ariv	
6 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	7 7:15 am Minyan 7:30 pm Hebrew Conversation Class	8 7:15 am Minyan	9 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	10 7:15 am Minyan	11 7:15 am Minyan 6:15 pm Minhah and Kabbalat Shabbat 7:11 pm Candlelighting	12 9:00 am Shahaarit M'tzora
13 8:45 am Sunday Minyan	14 7:15 am Minyan 4:00 pm Pesah Seder Workshops for Mon/Wed classes	15 7:15 am Minyan 4:00 pm Pesah Seder Workshops for Tues/Thur classes	16 Erev Pesah Bi'ir Hametz Fast of Firstborn 7:15 am Minyan 6:15 pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:16 pm Candlelighting <i>Hebrew School closed for Pesah Recess</i>	17 <i>Office Closed</i> Pesah Day 1 9:00 am Shahaarit 7:30 pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 8:15 pm Or Zarua Seder 8:18 pm Candlelighting	18 <i>Office Closed</i> Pesah Day 2 9:00 am Shahaarit 6:15 pm Minhah and Kabbalat Shabbat 7:18 pm Candlelighting	19 8:45 am Shahaarit Shabbat Hol Hamoed Pesah
20	21 Pesah Hol Hamoed 7:00 am Minyan 7:30 pm Hebrew Conversation Class	22 Pesah Hol Hamoed 7:00 am Minyan 6:15 pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:22 pm Candlelighting	23 <i>Office Closed</i> Pesah Day 7 9:00 am Shahaarit 7:15 pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 8:24 pm Candlelighting	24 <i>Office Closed</i> Pesah Day 8 Yizkor 9:00 am Shahaarit	25 7:15 am Minyan 6:15 pm Minhah and Kabbalat Shabbat 7:26 pm Candlelighting	26 9:00 am Shahaarit Aharayi Mot Bat Mitzvah of Lucy Lehman
27 10:30 am Marc Ashley's class, "These and Those are the Words of the Living God"	28 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Yom HaShoah Service <i>Hebrew School resumes</i>	29 Yom HaShoah 7:15 am Minyan	30 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class			



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MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 17



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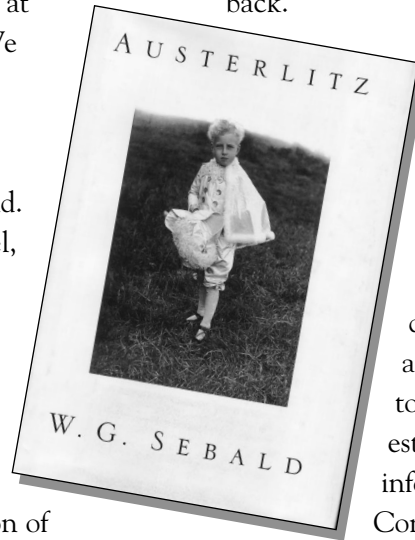
Those familiar—and sometimes surprising—
Purim characters we play each year

5:45 p.m. for Minhah with Spiel to follow
UJA Ballroom, 130 East 59th Street

Or Zarua Book Club

The next meeting of the Or Zarua Book Club take place on Sunday, March 23th at 7:30 p.m. We will be discussing *Austerlitz* by W. G. Sebald. In this novel, a middle-aged Welsh architectural historian discovers that he is really the son of Holocaust victims from Czechoslovakia. *The New*

York Times calls it a “rich” novel. It is available at the public library and in paperback.



All members of Or Zarua are welcome to come. Our discussions always prove to be interesting and informative. Contact the synagogue office for location.

Congregational Family Shabbat Dinner

We will join the Or Zarua Family for Shabbat Dinner Friday, March 14th at 6:30 pm, following 5:41 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services, with **GUEST SPEAKER DAVID MOCHE** discussing **“THE JEWS OF IRAQ AND JAPAN: A PERSONAL ODYSSEY”**

_____ Adults (age 13+)	x \$25.00 each	= \$ _____
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To reserve seats, a completed form and your check or fax must be received by Friday, March 7, 2003 at:
CONGREGATION OR ZARUA, 127 EAST 82ND STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10028, FAX: 212-452-2103

TENT RESERVED FOR HEVRA KADISHA DINNER

On March 11, 2003, the Or Zarua Hevra Kadisha will hold its annual Zayin Adar dinner at the Village Crown Restaurant. Village Crown features Moroccan cuisine and heated tents! Zayin Adar, the *yahrzeit* of Moses, is the traditional date for hevra kadisha societies to join together their members with the community at large for fellowship

and recognition of the important work done when a loss occurs within the community. This year, for the first time, the Or Zarua Zayin Adar dinner is open both to members of the Hevra Kadisha and their spouses as well as all members of the general Or Zarua community. The dinner provides a relaxed and enjoyable setting to join in celebrating the work

done by this group throughout the year and to learn more about the Hevra Kadisha. Rabbi Wechsler will offer appropriate remarks.

Please RSVP to the synagogue office by March 6th if you plan to attend. Village Crown is located at 96 Third Avenue at 12th Street; the dinner is called for 7 p.m. The anticipated cost per person is \$50.

Super Bowl Party Scores

On Sunday January 26th, Or Zarua held its first ever Super Bowl party. More than 75 of our members and their guests met for Minhah and Ma'ariv services, followed by a viewing of the game on a big screen television in the social hall. The party provided a great opportunity for synagogue members to meet other members in a relaxed, fun and family-oriented atmosphere. There was great kosher food from Dougie's, including ribs, wings and chili. Many of those who attended the party have made contributions to the Or Zarua Hesed Fund which will help fund the important Hesed projects of our congregation.

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.

First Teen Event: Movie Night

Nineteen teens led by Ethan Linden enjoyed Or Zarua's first teen program on Saturday evening, February 1st, a screening of an award-winning Israeli film, *Under the Domim Tree* (1994). The film follows the story of several Israeli teenagers who live in a kibbutz-style youth village in 1953. Most have been rescued from Europe through Youth Aliyah and have lost their families in the Holocaust. Magnificently filmed in Israel with outstanding performances by teenage actors, this powerful coming-of-age story depicts the spirit of youth triumphing over adversity and viewers come away longing to visit Israel.

Our teens gave it a good review in thought-provoking conversation over pizza. Watch for our next teen event!

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