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HANUKKAH: *The Holiday of Rededication*

By Ron Meyers

Hanukkah is a slightly misnamed holiday. “Hanukkah” means a dedication, while the event that the holiday commemorates was in fact the rededication of the Temple after it was occupied and desecrated by the Syrian powers. In rededicating something that holds special meaning to us and starting anew, the Maccabees took an action, perhaps the first in Jewish history, that has become a vital part of Jewish experience.

We have many observances, of course, that celebrate the initiation of things—Pesah, Shavuot, brit

milah, namings, and weddings. But the reversal from danger to security, from defeat to restoration, is a powerful theme in the long and persistent culture of Judaism. The al-HaNisim prayer that we recite on Hanukkah (and also on Purim) acknowledges the miracles that have shifted our fate on so many threatening occasions.

It is interesting to note that we have no observance for the establishment of the Temple. The rededication of the Temple, perhaps, reflects a more essential truth about Judaism—that it is incumbent on us to contin-

ually rededicate ourselves to the tradition, to defend it against threat, and, all too frequently, to reestablish our communities and practices after a destruction.

At Shavuot, we do not speak of the Receiving of the Torah, but of the Giving of the Torah. We are, in every generation, responsible for receiving it again and making a place for it in the world, as the Maccabees did 2,200 years ago.

Hanukkah begins the evening of December 19th, each night adding a new candle and lighting the candle furthest to the left first.

CHAIM DOVID IN CONCERT AT OZ



We are pleased to present a special evening of music at Or Zarua. Chaim Dovid Sarachik will join us on Tuesday, November 11th, at 7:30 pm. For almost 25 years, Chaim Dovid has been touching Jewish souls

with his inspiring and uplifting music. He is known as one of the most innovative and original songwriters of his generation. Magically, he weaves traditional Jewish

themes into modern melodic passages. Besides his original songs of hope and love, Chaim Dovid is one of the freshest interpreters of the music of Shlomo Carlebach, his mentor and rabbi.

OZ members are welcome to discounted tickets at \$10 each and will be guaranteed seats until October 18th. Please send a check for the desired number of tickets to the OZ office. The tickets will be waiting for you at the entrance.

In the words of Chaim Dovid, “Today’s reality is that our lives and our souls are in exile...the music sends a message from the heart of Jerusalem that redemption is real.”

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From the Youth Department

By Ilana Burgess

On the first day of school, the sixth- and seventh-floor hallways came to life with the sound of children's voices. The students were happy to welcome back the veteran teachers and were a bit hesitant with the new ones. The students started with an assembly to learn the rules of synagogue behavior and meet their classmates and teachers. By the second day, everyone was very comfortable. Now, all grades are concentrating on the historical, cultural, and religious background of the holidays.

Let me tell you about the new teachers who have joined the Hebrew School staff:

Carmit Preis teaches fourth grade.

After serving in the Israeli army and graduating from Tel Aviv University, she taught Judaism and Hebrew at New England Hebrew Academy. Carmit's students are always busy learning new material about the holidays, Israel, and Tanach stories.

If you are on the sixth or seventh floors and you see a young man holding a guitar and acting like a troubadour, you have just encountered our music teacher, **Rob Silverbush**. He teaches our students to sing, pray, and chant some of the blessings. Rob will prepare the students to represent the school in a performance at the city Zimriyah (song festival). He will make us very proud.

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. If possible, digital images should be high resolution files at 300 dpi.

In order for our newsletter to maintain a bimonthly schedule, all articles must be received six weeks before the issue date. The deadline for the January/February issue is Wednesday, November 26th.

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

DEATH, DYING AND THE AFTERLIFE

Join us for an evening devoted to this fascinating and important subject sponsored by the Hevra Kadisha of Congregation Or Zarua. As we are inevitably confronted with critically ill or dying family members or friends, often we are too ill-informed to be of the utmost assistance to our loved ones and to each other. And many of us wonder about the Jewish perspective on death. Our panelists include Congregants Robin Blumenthal, Assistant Director of Social Work; Dr. Sam Klagsbrun, noted psychiatrist, teacher, and author; Rabbi Steve Shulman, chaplain at Memorial Sloan-Kettering; and Rabbi Harlan Wechsler. The panel discussion will take place at Or Zarua on December 9, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

OR ZARUA'S CARING COMMUNITY

Or Zarua would like to reach out to its congregants. If there is an illness in your family, please call Lidiya at 212-452-2310 x10 so we can be in touch with you and provide *refuah shlemah* wishes in person.

Contact Lidiya to share your family's good news—births and marriages, for example—so we can celebrate them with you as well.

Finally, please keep the office up to date on your address and phone numbers so we can contact you and keep our records current.

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OZY SERVICES

Each Shabbat, we have three different grade-level services:

Infant through Kindergarten

11:00 a.m. to noon

Alef Bet Corner

1st through 3rd grades

10:00 a.m. to noon

Junior Congregation

4th through 6th grades

10:00 a.m. to noon

Each month, we have a special Hebrew School Shabbat service, which all Hebrew School students in the 3rd through 6th grades are encouraged to attend. Students from other schools are welcome as well.

The next Hebrew School Shabbat service will take place on Saturday, November 15th.

Jewish Renaissance and Anti-Semitism in Europe: Contradictions?

Shabbat Lunch, November 1st

Barbara Spectre, the guest speaker at Shabbat Lunch immediately following services on November 1st, is the Founding Director of *Paideia*, the European Institute of Jewish Studies in Sweden. The Institute, established with a grant from the Swedish Government, combines the study of Jewish texts with the arts. In just two years, *Paideia* has established a program that attracts students from all over Europe, a program for directors and curators of Jewish Museums in Europe, and A Month of the Arts, a series of programs and performances featuring texts and the arts in dialogue.

Ms. Spectre was Academic Coordinator at the Melton Center at Hebrew University for ten years and Head of Teacher Training in Zurich. A frequent lecturer and Scholar-in-Residence, she was appointed by Gershon Cohen as the founding Chairman of the Schechter Institute and served in that position for seven years. Her publications include *A Theology of Doubt* (in Hebrew). She now lives in Stockholm, where her husband, Philip Spectre, is the Rabbi. She and her family made aliyah in 1967.

A reservation form for this Shabbat Lunch is provided on page 9.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

SHABBAT LUNCH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2004

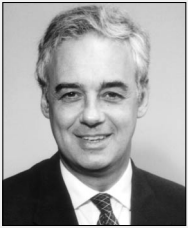
Professor Emily Braun will talk about women who presided over art salons around the world. A future exhibit at The Jewish Museum will be dedicated to this subject.

OROT JOURNAL

If you enjoyed the OROT journal of Congregants’ writing on the High Holidays, why not contribute material of your own? If you have an idea pertaining to the themes of the Holidays that you would like to develop into an article for next year, it’s not too early. Please send a note to Ron Meyers at meyersxyz@yahoo.com.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The following is an abridged version of the Kol Nidre Appeal address delivered by Daniel Beller on October 5, 2003. Members who have not yet contributed to the Kol Nidre Appeal should send in their pledge cards or communicate their pledges to the office by email (lidiya@orzarua.org) or by phone (212-452-2310 x10).



This is the time of year when we are obliged to reconsider and renew our relationships with man and God. And while not on the same plane religiously, I want to ask

you, as I did last year, to reconsider and renew your relationship with your synagogue.

You make my task at this time an easy one, because this is a Congregation whose members are committed to their synagogue. Nevertheless, I learned the lesson many years ago that it can be a dangerous thing for a President of a Congregation to forego the Kol Nidre appeal.

When I was a boy, as the President of our Congregation rose to make an Appeal before Kol Nidre, my father, who was a generous contributor, also rose and asked the President not to continue. My father said that it was not fitting and he suggested that the members would give more generously if they could continue the holy service without interruption.

To my astonishment, and I'm sure to my father's as well, the President agreed. He sat down. He did not make an Appeal. And the synagogue went out of business.

So if you will permit me, I hope not to make the same mistake.

I think you all know by now that we simply cannot function as a synagogue without your support on this night. Our membership dues account for only 40% of the revenues needed simply to cover operating costs. Without your support tonight, we, too, would be out of business.

Giving, and giving generously, to Or Zarua is not the same as contributing to other charitable causes. This is not someone's else's institution. It's ours. It belongs to us. There is no "them" here, there is no "they" here. More

than any Congregation that I know, this is a Congregation of "we"—a participatory, equal-opportunity Congregation. When we support the synagogue we are giving to ourselves.

The synagogue is central to the sustenance of Jewish identity and community. Numerous studies have shown that to be true. The synagogue—this synagogue—makes a difference in people's lives. I know this to be true from my own experience and I have seen it in the lives of other members of the Congregation.

Our synagogue has become a home for our children and, through them, their parents. We all saw the scores of beautiful children, with their parents in tow, gathered on the bimah on Rosh Hashanah listening to the shofar. And we all saw the light in the faces of the parents and our members as these beautiful children experienced a moment that will remain in their memories forever, as the same memories remain with us from our childhoods. These children are our future and the best reason to support our Congregation, with our hearts and our pocketbooks.

So, if providing a service every morning for those in our community who must say kaddish is a value that you share; if making our Hebrew School the best educational institution for our children that it can be is a value that you share; if providing the highest level of experience of prayer and study in a participatory and egalitarian setting is a value that you share; if having a vehicle for members to do more acts of kindness for the ill and the needy and the weakest members of our community is a value that you share; then I think you will need no further encouragement from me to give and to give generously to the Annual Appeal.

I know that there are many demands made on all of us to give to many worthy causes—political campaigns, civil rights organizations, Jewish welfare organizations and numerous other charities. All of this is undoubtedly important. But there is a question of priorities. And I want to ask you tonight to elevate your giving to Or Zarua to a high priority—higher than it has been.

If the demands on the synagogue were the same as last year, perhaps a contribution at the same level as last year might be appropriate or acceptable. But the needs of the synagogue are not the same as last year. To note just two examples: For obvious reasons, our security costs are already high and are likely to increase as we make full use of our building. And, in the post-9/11 era, you can well imagine that our insurance costs are far greater than could have been anticipated.

So I feel obligated to tell you that same as last year just won't do it, it will not even allow us to keep pace. And you have told me and other members of the Board that we need to do better than just keep pace. You have asked for more in the way of better education for our children, perhaps even at a younger age than currently is served by our Hebrew School; more adult education; more programs for our youth, the children over 10 whom we have not really served that well; more attention to our children in college, with whom we must maintain a bond as a community; more service to the ill—a bikur cholim program that really works and that brings comfort to our members who may be in hospital or ill at home; more support of our brothers and sisters in Israel—we all know that we have much more to do on that score.

When the tally of our deeds is finally made, we do not want to look back and regret that we did not do what we could have done and should have done for others. And one way to avoid that regret is to act now, to support the synagogue in its efforts, to contribute—to ourselves and to all that we are trying to accomplish through the Congregation for ourselves and others.

In a moment the ushers will walk around to collect your pledge. You may make a pledge by folding down the tab on your ticket. But we need to do better than last year. So whichever tab you reach for, just move your hand over one place and give at the next higher level. I promise you that you will feel better if you do.

I wish you all a g'mar hatimah tovah, a healthy year for all of us and our friends and families, and a year of peace for Israel and the world.

CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM IN ISRAEL: A Visit to Kehilat Sinai in Tel Aviv

By Yitzchak Frank

I met Rabbi Roberto Arbib and Mr. Motti Levitt at Kehilat Sinai Synagogue, 88 Bugrachov Street, Tel Aviv. It was an early morning on a beautiful sunny day, so the meeting took place around a small table under a tree in the synagogue yard. This was not an unusual meeting place for Kehilat Sinai's rabbi and president, not only because of the balmy weather, but also because the synagogue has no formal meeting room or library and its small office serves many other functions.

The synagogue is a small, simple, one-story building in the center of Tel Aviv, not far from the beach, next to Dizengoff Center (a large mall). It stands in the midst of older residential buildings and new residential towers. People from the congregation painted its exterior a few years ago. One large hall serves as the sanctuary, library, and place of learning (Midrasha). The congregation is a mixed one, with many immigrants from English-speaking countries, new Russian immigrants, and some Israeli-born.

Although many Israelis are not involved in any religious experience, most synagogues there are Orthodox. "The people who come to the Conservative synagogue," says Rabbi Arbib, "are those who believe that there is more than one way to be Jewish." The uniqueness of Kehilat Sinai under Rabbi Arbib's leadership is its interest in all aspects of Judaism,

including Jewish history, literature and art. The practice in religious services is strictly Conservative, with full traditional services conducted in Hebrew. The prayer books are also in Hebrew, *Nusach Sepharad*, with an English translation. There is always a service on Friday night and Saturday morning, a Bar Mitzvah almost every Shabbat, and a third meal (Seudah shlishit) on Shabbat once a month, between Minhah and Ma'ariv.

Kehilat Sinai was founded about 18 years ago. Rabbi Arbib has been leading it for the last 12 years. He and Mr. Levitt see a particular mission in making Kehilat Sinai popular among both Israeli-born people and Russian immigrants. A pride and joy for Rabbi Arbib and the congregation is "Midreshet Eyun," a place to look into issues, study and learn. The theme there is Jewish-inclusive, encompassing not only religious studies, but also study of the Hebrew language, of Jewish history and culture, and discussion of current issues in evolving Israeli society. The teachers include university professors, poets, and writers.

The synagogue faces many hurdles. First is the lack of awareness about Conservative Judaism among so many young Israelis. Other difficulties include the older, transient population of central Tel Aviv, lack of government support (given in Israel to Orthodox but not to Conservative synagogues), and the

lack of a suitable home for the synagogue (a problem which Congregation Or Zarua understands so well!). They were promised ground in one of the "gentrified" areas of Tel Aviv—Neve Zedek, between Jaffa and Tel Aviv—where they may be able to build a synagogue and a center for Jewish studies. But this is still a dream.

Rabbi Arbib and Motti Levitt wish to strengthen the relationship between Kehilat Sinai and Or Zarua. They extend an invitation to our Congregants visiting Tel Aviv to attend services in the synagogue and have offered to help arrange Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. They will share information and ideas on their activities. I have conveyed these messages to our Board.

FIRST CANDLE OF HANUKKAH AT OR ZARUA

Come celebrate Shabbat and Hanukkah, the night of the first candle, on December 19th, and stay for a dinner with latkes immediately following Kabbalat Shabbat. A reservation form is provided on page 9.



HESED COMMITTEE

Two Programs to Celebrate Hanukkah

Join DOROT and Or Zarua for Hanukkah Package Delivery

For the first time, Or Zarua will welcome DOROT into our home to help bring the festive lights of Hanukkah into the homes of many of our Upper East Side elderly. Make a note now on your calendar to spend a couple of hours the morning of Sunday, December 14th with DOROT, the wonderful agency serving homebound elderly on the Upper West and Upper East Sides, as we host their annual Hanukkah holiday package delivery.

At 9:00 a.m., after morning services, Or Zarua will open its doors to volunteers from anywhere in the community. After a brief orientation, the volunteers will be sent to visit a senior with a package of goodies in

hand. Participants of all ages are welcome—this is a wonderful family activity! DOROT will provide fun holiday craft activities during or after the visit. To join us on December 14th, contact Laurie Pauker at 212-222-9333 or laurie-pauker@nyc.rr.com or Aaron Shelden at 212-734-4004 or ashelden@aol.com. For more information on DOROT, visit their website at www.dorotusa.org.

Or Zarua's First Hanukkah Toy Drive

In New York City, if a child is removed from his or her home and requires a Jewish foster placement, the City's Administration for Children's Services will usually contact OHEL Children's Home and Family Services, which has a network

of families ready to accept foster children. OHEL administers the only foster care program in North America entirely devoted to Jewish children. The program provides the security of a loving Jewish family for children whose parents are unable to care for them. OHEL offers many other programs for children and families in need.

They welcome donations of toys for children in their care, and Or Zarua is hosting a Hanukkah Toy Drive from December 1st through 15th to help. Please bring new, unwrapped gifts to the collection box in the social hall. OHEL seeks educational toys and tasteful books. Contact Susan Sussman at 212-879-6889 or smsussman@aol.com with any questions.



Or Zarua's at the 92nd St. Y to pick up the Rosh Hashanah packages prepared by DOROT. Standing, left to right: Alice Canick, Jeff Waldman, Linda Waldman, Aaron Shelden, Diane Okrent, Gerry Solomon, Phyllis Solomon, Lesley Palmer, Michaela Palmer, Joan Schulick and Charlie Kanner. Front row: Evan Waldman and his friend Evan, David Moche and Elsie Moche.

SHARING THE NEW YEAR WITH THE ELDERLY

Or Zarua volunteers enjoyed themselves at DOROT's recent Rosh Hashanah package delivery on September 21st. Phyllis and Gerry Solomon commented, "We didn't quite know what to expect, but when we got to our assigned senior's home, we had such a nice time talking and sharing stories of our families' holiday traditions. She seemed so pleased to have us visit, but we felt like we were the fortunate ones."

HESED COMMITTEE

Upcoming Activities for 2004

Israeli Night at Ronald McDonald House

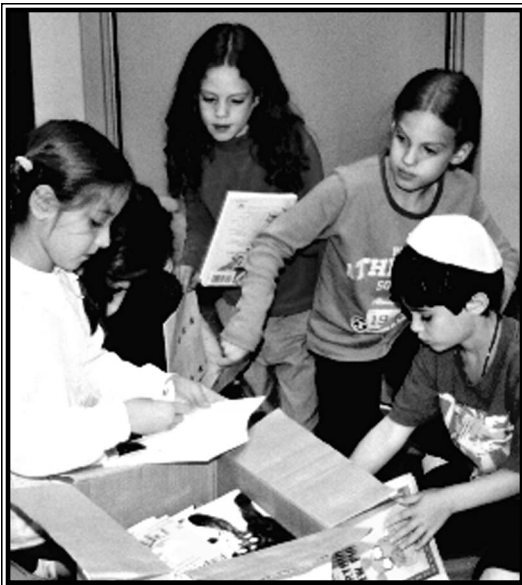
On Tuesday, January 27, 2004, Or Zarua will host an "Israeli Night" at the Ronald McDonald House at 405 East 73rd Street, a residence for children with serious illnesses who are in treatment at local hospitals. The Hesed Committee needs 10 to 15 volunteers to provide Kosher desserts and help serve an Israeli buffet to the children and their families. This

evening has become a very special Or Zarua annual event with folk dancing, music, singing, games and rewarding interaction with young patients from all over the world. Please contact Stephanie Failla at 212-480-3111 (days) and 212-472-7506 (evenings) for information or to volunteer, or please drop off a dessert at the House on January 27th by 6:00 p.m. Please also consider a donation to the Or Zarua Hesed Fund to help defray the cost of this and other Hesed Committee events.

start after morning Minyan, and we'll serve brunch and offer children's activities. To volunteer to help or to donate, please contact James Rothman at 212-472-1739 or jarothman@yahoo.com. Let's make it a great success! Spread the word and make a date to donate.

For more information about Or Zarua's Hesed Committee, please contact Lesley Palmer at 212-772-9673 (evenings) or 212-282-4190 (days) or Lesley@nyc.rr.com. Your donations to the Hesed Fund sustain these and other activities, such as the Monday night meal serving for the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter's residence on 81st Street.

Second Annual Or Zarua Blood Drive, February 29th
Take a leap and sign up for the Or Zarua blood drive on Sunday, February 29th. The drive will



At left, packing books for shipment to Israel are (from left to right) Ortal Isaac, Naomi Hoffman, Tamar Hoffman and Nathan Drucker. Below (clockwise from front), Lawrence Edelstein, Nathan Drucker, Adrianna Sisley, Naomi Hoffman, Sophie Dizengoff, Gabriel Perlman, Tamar Hoffman and Ortal Isaac display some donated volumes.

Book Drive a Great Success!

Donated with love to the children of the State of Israel: Or Zarua Hebrew School students collected books and prepared them for shipping to Israel by placing labels identifying Congregation Or Zarua as the donor. The books will be used in public school libraries in several schools in the Negev.



UPDATE FROM THE Or Zarua Aesthetics Committee

By Aaron Shelden

About a year-and-a-half before the new building construction was completed, the Or Zarua Board of Directors formed a committee with the mandate of overseeing design additions to the building after its completion while maintaining the original architectural and design ethos.

The first tasks of the aesthetics committee were the creation of the parochet (the ark curtain), the bimah table cover, and the reader cover for the Torah. The search for a Judaica artist led to the eventual selection of six artists. Adina Gatt, an Israeli artist who had created a number of Judaica fabrications in Israel and America, was chosen and the committee commissioned her to design and create the parochet, bimah table cover, and reader cover that now adorn the sanctuary.

The committee has also acquired the American and Israeli flags and flagpoles. It selected and monitored the affixing of mezuzot throughout the building. (The mezuzah affixed to the exterior structure of the building in a glass-enclosed case was the original mezuzah at the entrance of the former building.)

The new Kiddush cup purchased by the committee was originally created by the artist Ludwig Yehuda Wolpert, in a limited-numbered edition, for the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the State of Israel.

The committee was responsible for the current mounting of framed art throughout the building, including art recently donated to the synagogue and exhibited in the social hall.

Note that the magnificent rimonim that now adorn one of the Torahs were purchased by the rabbi during his recent trip to Israel and donated by the Tannenbaum family to coincide with the first yahrzeit of Muriel Tannenbaum.

Future aesthetics committee projects now in planning or development include:

- (1) additional lighting, to be added to the sanctuary in two stages, to illuminate the interior of the ark and to modify two of the light cages on either side of the bimah to better illuminate the outside of the ark as well as the sanctuary;
- (2) a combination bulletin board/directory on the left wall in the main lobby to inform people about synagogue events and the location of spaces within the building;
- (3) signage at each floor lobby and in the elevators;
- (4) a donor wall on the second floor facing the elevators;
- (5) a design solution for the unevenness of the north and south walls of the sanctuary;
- (6) a bimah table tray to be used during Havdalah; and
- (7) an Elijah's chair (for britot in the sanctuary).

The current members of the aesthetics committee are Bobbi Collier, Alisa Doctoroff, Jacqueline Frank, Diana Goldin, Aaron Shelden (chairman), and Nancy Wolfson.

What can you do for Israel this year?

1. You can help further religious pluralism.
2. You can ensure that the government of Israel hears the voice of Conservative Jews.
3. You can resolve to strengthen your support for Israel and learn how to advocate on her behalf.
4. You can join MERCAZ USA, the voice of Conservative Jews for Israel!

Visit the MERCAZ website, www.mercazusa.org, or see the special MERCAZ insert in the new United Synagogue Review.

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Congregational Shabbat Lunch

We will join the Or Zarua Family for Shabbat Lunch on Saturday, November 1st, immediately following Shabbat Services, with **GUEST SPEAKER BARBARA SPECTRE**, discussing **JEWISH RENAISSANCE & ANTI-SEMITISM IN EUROPE: CONTRADICTIONS?**

___ 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, send a completed form with your check by Wednesday, October 29th to:
CONGREGATION OR ZARUA, 127 EAST 82ND STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10028

First Candle of Hanukkah Dinner

WE WILL JOIN THE OR ZARUA FAMILY FOR A SPECIAL FIRST CANDLE OF HANUKKAH DINNER FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2003 KABBALAT SHABBAT AT 4:11 PM ♦ DINNER AT 5:45 PM

___ 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 _____

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To reserve seats, send a completed form with your check by Tuesday, December 16th to:
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THE OR ZARUA COMMUNITY

CONGRATULATIONS

Barry & Mimi Alperin, on the birth of their granddaughter, Sophia Kate Salomon
 Ellen Gerson & Tibor Feldman, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Aaron
 Ruth Horowitz, honoree at the Jewish Community Relations Council's 2003 Gala Dinner
 Evelyn Kenvin & Arthur Rosenbloom, on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Kenvin
 Terry Koch & Allen Fienberg, on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Yona
 Bruce & Joy Roberts, on the birth of their daughter, Jenna
 Richard & Robin Schottenfeld, on the birth of their son, Maxwell
 Morton & Evelyn Schwartz, on the birth of their grandson, Daniel Harrison Long
 Phyllis Solomon, on her adult Bat Mitzvah
 David & Sara Stone, on the marriage of their son, Ralph Davidson, to Lucia Engstrom
 Marc & Mindy Utay, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Alexander
 James & Elaine Wolfensohn, on the marriage of their daughter, Naomi, to Jascha Preuss

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to:
 Avi & Rebecca Banyasz
 Robin Bernstein & John Ruskay
 Howard & Elaine Brownstein
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 Stephen & Ellen Dolgin
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 Caryl Ratner
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 Benjamin Segal
 Ronit Setton & Benjamin Hershkowitz
 Kelly Sidley & Adam Wollowick
 Brigitte Sion
 Barbara Weindling & David Cohen
 Barry & Nora Yood
 Selig Zises

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to:
 Bruce Roberts, on the death of his father, N. Craig Roberts
 Stephen Solender, on the death of his father, Sanford Solender
 Cathy Zises, on the death of her mother, Doris Weiss
May they and their loved ones be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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Evelyn Kenvin & Arthur Rosenbloom

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Joseph & Dorothy Bamberger, honoring the families of Terry Ann Krulwich, Paul Posner and the Gross family on the engagement of their children, Jeremy and Paulette
 Birgit Dinkelman & Franck Benayoun, in honor of Birgit's conversion to Judaism
 Ellen Gerson & Tibor Feldman, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Aaron Feldman, and in memory of Arnold Gerson, on his yahrzeit
 Richard Gottlieb, in memory of his father, Jack Gottlieb, on his yahrzeit

Samuel & Francine Klagsbrun, in honor of their daughter, Sarah, on the completion of her psychiatric medical training
 Terry Koch & Allen Fienberg, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Yona
 David & Carrie Shechter, in honor of Ilana's first birthday
 Marc & Mindy Utay, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Alexander
 James & Elaine Wolfensohn, in honor of the aufruf of Naomi Wolfensohn & Jascha Preuss
 Aliza Yaillen, for Seudah Shlishit

KOL NIDRE APPEAL

Arthur & Willi Aeder
 Stanley & Susan Alt
 Abraham & Anna Ascher
 Daniel & Lynn Beller
 Daniel & Vivian Bernstein
 Barry & Bobbi Coller
 Alan & Pat Davidson
 Elizabeth Goldberg
 Jay & Diana Goldin
 Mel & Adele Ilberman
 Evelyn Kenvin & Arthur Rosenbloom
 Terry Krulwich & S. Paul Posner
 Marguerite Lederberg
 Charles & Anne Mayer
 Leonard & Harriet Mayer
 Donald Motzkin
 Robert Olden
 David & Ronnie Parker
 Marilyn Pomerance
 Seymour & Annette Roth
 Herbert & Lorraine Shapiro
 Marilyn Shapiro
 Sidney & Irene Silverman
 Arthur & Nancy Sobel
 Seymour & Cathy Zises

MINYAN FUND

Rachell Gober, in honor of Jeremy Posner's engagement and in honor of Emma Ramat's Bat Mitzvah
 Mark & Pamela Gold
 Fred & Martha Mendelsohn

MURIEL TANNENBAUM MEMORIAL FUND

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HESED FUND

Barry & Mimi Alperin, in memory of
Florence Gelfand, mother of Bobbi Coller;
Phyllis Cornell; N. Craig Roberts, father
of Bruce Roberts; and Rose Kirsten,
mother of Linda Spitzer
Robin & Julia Blumenthal, for Books for
Israel, with thanks to Bonnie Maslin
Marshall & Marilyn Butler
Perry & Mariyln Braunstein, for Books for
Israel
Phyllis Brochstein, for Books for Israel
Karen Cammaker, for Books for Israel, in
honor of the memory of Lynn Michalson's
husband, Howard
Laurie Dien & Alan Yaillen, in memory of
Ruth Alperin, mother of Barry Alperin
Evelyn Doliner & Lynda Wertheim, for Books
for Israel
Mark & Pamela Gold, for Books for Israel
Simon & Janet Katz, in honor of Phyllis
Solomon's Bat Mitzvah
Lynn Michalson, for Books for Israel,
in honor of the first yearzeit of her mother,
Ruthe Morris
Jacob Oberman, in honor of his wife Esther's
yearzeit, and for Books for Israel
Samuel & Ruth Perelson
Barry & Judith Schneider
Lynda Wertheim
Milton & Alice Wolson, for Books for Israel

HEVRA KADISHA FUND

Sylvia Adelman, in memory of Sanford
Solender, father of Stephen Solender
Leslie Cornell, Jan Cornell and Wendy
Cornell Levin
Robert & Trudy Gottesman, in memory of
Shlomo Elbaum
Phil & Carol Goldsmith, in memory of
Rose Kirsten, mother of Linda Spitzer
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Rose Kirsten, mother of Linda Spitzer

Robert & Vera Silver, in memory of Jacques
Rene Horn and Ruach Silver
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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sylvia Adelman, in honor of Sam Perelson
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Jeremy Posner and Rabbi Paulette Gross
on their engagement
Barry & Bobbi Coller
Leslie Cornell, Jan Cornell and Wendy
Cornell Levin
Jack & Rose Less
Barry & Judith Schneider, in memory of
Barry's uncle, Mac Sepenuk, and in
memory of Judith's uncle, Philip Elgart
Linda Spitzer, for the comfort and kindness
after the loss of her mother, Rose Kirsten

GENERAL FUND

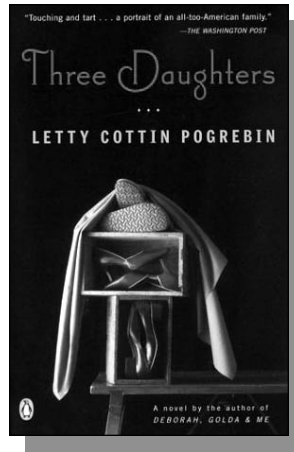
Arthur & Willi Aeder, in memory of Ruth
Alperin, mother of Barry Alperin, and
Florence Gelfand, mother of Bobbi Coller
Stanley & Susan Alt, in honor of his son
receiving an aliyah
Jean Appleton, in honor of Larry Norton
Jerome & Joan Badner, in honor of his
mother's yearzeit
Dina Bromberg & Barrett Sinowitz
Barry & Bobbi Coller, in memory of Ruth
Alperin, mother of Barry Alperin,
and Rose Kirsten, mother of Linda Spitzer
Rosalind Devon, in memory of Sanford
Solender, father of Stephen Solender
Daniel & Alisa Doctoroff, in memory of
Ruth Alperin, mother of Barry Alperin;
Florence Gelfand, mother of Bobbi Coller;
and Rose Kirsten, mother of Linda Spitzer
Ran & Laurel Eisenbruch
Mechele Flaum, in honor of George Plotkin's
yearzeit
Mort & Judith Goldfein, in memory of Ruth
Alperin, mother of Barry Alperin
Eleanor Merczynski & David Hait, for the
speedy recovery of Tamara Kahane

John Jankoff, in memory of Doris Weiss,
mother of Cathy Zises
Samuel & Francine Klagsbrun
Fred & Sandra Levine, in honor of Phyllis
Solomon's Bat Mitzvah
Peter & Diana Lipton
Steven & Susanna Lorch, in memory of Ruth
Alperin, mother of Barry Alperin
Richard Marker & Mirele Goldsmith
Bonnie Maslin & Yehuda Nir, in memory of
Frieda Plotkin's father, and Rose Golden,
grandmother of Caroline Golden-Ilberman,
and in honor of Dr. Paul Fink's birthday
Jacob Oberman, in memory of his sister,
Marion Kerwin
Michael & Maria Randazza, in memory of
Ruth Alperin, mother of Barry Alperin
Laura Resnikoff, in memory of Ruth Alperin,
mother of Barry Alperin, and Florence
Gelfand, mother of Bobbi Coller; in honor
of the marriage of David & Sara Stone's
son; in honor of Phyllis Solomon's Bat
Mitzvah; with thanks to Evelyn Kenvin
& Arthur Rosenbloom; and to praise
Richard Stadin for his tiredless dedication
and leadership of morning minyan
Kenneth & Martha Sasmor, in memory of
Ruth Alperin, mother of Barry Alperin, and
Florence Gelfand, mother of Bobbi Coller
Neil & Leona Schluger, in memory of Ruth
Alperin, mother of Barry Alperin, and
Florence Gelfand, mother of Bobbi Coller
Pamela Schutzer & David Jakubowicz, in
honor of the baby naming of their daughter,
Ashley Erin
Herbert & Lorraine Shapiro, in memory of
Florence Gelfand, mother of Bobbi Coller
Marilyn Shapiro, in memory of Victor Nerfin,
on the occasion of his yearzeit
Jerome & Linda Spitzer, in memory of Ruth
Alperin, mother of Barry Alperin, and
Florence Gelfand, mother of Bobbi Coller
Linda Yarden & Chris Smith, in memory of
Rose Kirsten, mother of Linda Spitzer
Miriam Wallerstein, in memory of Phyllis
Cornell
Jay & Nancy Zises, in memory of Florence
Gelfand, mother of Bobbi Coller, and
Doris Weiss, mother of Cathy Zises

OR ZARUA BOOK DISCUSSION

Stay connected. Read a good Jewish book. On December 7th, come to Or Zarua for our discussion of *Three Daughters* by Letty Cottin Pogrebin. Share your reactions to this well-known writer's witty first novel about three sisters' relationship with Judaism, with each other, and with their father during the months leading to his 90th birthday celebration on New Year's Eve. (There are more fireworks in the family than in the sky that night.) Then stay for a nosh after the discussion.

Participation in this group is a wonderful way for Congregants to learn and get to know one other better in a casual setting. We read a



mix of fiction and non-fiction with Jewish content. Scheduled meetings are held on Sunday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 pm in the Or Zarua library on the 4th floor. Congregants and their guests are welcome.

Please mark your calendar for the following gathering as well. On Sunday evening, January 25, 2004, we will discuss *If a Place Can Make You Cry* by Daniel Gordis. Rabbi Gordis made aliyah in 1998 with his family. This book draws on e-mails sent to his friends and family in the United States from 1998 to 2002, describing his reaction to their new life in Israel and to the worsening situation there.

If you have a book recommendation, want to be added to our list for e-mail notices, or have questions about our book discussions, contact Reed Schneider at 212-860-8611 or arlm1199@aol.com.

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