

Or Zarua Elections at Annual Meeting

Election of officers and members of the Board of Trustees of Congregation Or Zarua took place at the Annual Meeting on May 24. Congratulations to the following officers:

President	Michael W. Schwartz
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Administration	Sheldon Adler
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Assistant Secretary	Anne D. Schneider

Joining the Board this year for a first term of service are Cynthia Brodsky, Elizabeth Goldberg, Ruth Horowitz, Max Karpel, David Shechter, Linda Shulsky, and Richard Stadin. Sam Klagsbrun is returning to the Board.

The Congregation expresses its sincere thanks to Martin Bienenstock, Pat Davidson (also completing her term as Vice President, Events/Adult Education), Alisa Doctoroff, Evelyn Kenvin (also completing her term as Treasurer), and Neil Schluger (also completing his term as Assistant Secretary), who are retiring from the Board after 12 years of service, and to Daniel Rosen and Nancy Zises, who are also leaving the Board. Their contributions of time, ideas, and energy have enabled Or Zarua to grow and flourish.

Congregational business at the Annual Meeting was preceded by a festive meal in the social hall.

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Highlights of the Annual Meeting

■ **Dan Beller**, our outgoing president, announced that the mortgage for the synagogue building has been paid in full (see "President's Message" on page 4). This fall we will dedicate an entire day of festivities in every area of the building to celebrate our debt-free status. The rabbi described our mortgage payoff as "spiritually electrifying."

■ **Rabbi Wechsler** shared some of his plans for the ongoing success of the Congregation in the community: At some point we will institute a Minhah minyan. We will increase the involvement of day school students in Congregational life. We will find ways to explore more fully the world of Jewish music. And we will "reach out to the community at large with the message of the importance of studying text." The rabbi also announced that the OZ library will officially open soon and books will be available for loan.



A large group of Or Zaruaans joined the annual Salute to Israel Parade down Fifth Avenue on a very sunny June 5 to "Celebrate 350 Years in America." Additional photos on page 12.

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YOUTH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

By Ilana Burgess

We ended the year with a celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut—Israel Independence Day. On the synagogue roof, the students drew, colored, and decorated a huge map of Israel and enjoyed an early dinner of falafel and cake.

The week before our Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration, the Congregation assembled to observe Yom Hashoah with a special service to commemorate the Holocaust. This event was almost completely led by the Hebrew School students and teens.

I would like to thank all the teens who participated in this beautiful pro-

gram: Amital Isaac, Sarah Kinn, Nathan Pell, Victoria Lewis, Rebecca Prince, Molly Prince, Eric Utay, Gabriel Brill, Rachel Kaplan, Rachel Rosen, Julia Blumenthal, David Yassky, Reuben Dizengoff, Cooper Zelnick, Zach Gad, and Harris Feldman.

I thank the Hebrew School students, teachers, and parents for a wonderful year.

Please note that we have begun Hebrew School registration for next fall. If you have any questions, please call Ilana at 212-452-2310 ext. 15.

OZ Committee Chairs

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If you would like to serve on a synagogue committee, please contact the office for the committee chair's email address.

Shabbat in the Park with Or Zarua

Our Shabbat in the Park gatherings have begun their third relaxing, fun season. Come join old friends and make new ones at our monthly Shabbat afternoon get-togethers. To find us, enter Central Park at the 79th Street and Fifth Avenue entrance. We meet in the enclosed area at the bottom of Cedar Hill,

beginning at 3:30 p.m. Children run around and adults take turns chasing them and chatting. Please bring a blanket to sit on and a dairy or parve snack to share. The next gatherings will be held on Saturday, July 16 and Saturday, September 10. For more information, contact Meredith Katz at 212-879-5408 or 2mlk@netzero.com.

TISHE'AH B'AV SERVICES

READING OF EIKHA

Saturday evening, August 13 Ma'ariv—8:45 p.m.

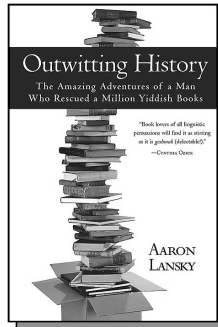
Sunday morning, August 14 Shaharit—8:45 a.m.

Sunday evening, August 14 Minhah/Ma'ariv—7:15 p.m.

Or Zarua Book Discussions

"Outwitting History" by Aaron Lansky, Sunday, September 18

Informal book discussions on Sunday evenings provide another opportunity for learning in a friendly setting at Or Zarua. Our thirteenth year of book discussions offered a timely slide presentation and introduced Congregants to a wonderful selection of books in which Jewish life, culture, and history are central themes: *The Pity of It All* by Amos Elon; *Triangle: The Fire That Changed America* by David Von Drehle; *In the Image* by Dara Horn; *The Liberated Bride* by A.B. Yehoshua; *Six Days of War* by Michael Oren; *Heir to the Glimmering World* by Cynthia Ozick; and *The Plot Against America* by Philip Roth. In March, we were privileged to host Michael Terry, chief librarian of the Dorot Jewish Division of the New York Public Library, who presented a fascinating talk and slide show about some of the historic documents exhibited



at the library in honor of the 350th anniversary of the first Jewish settlers in the United States.

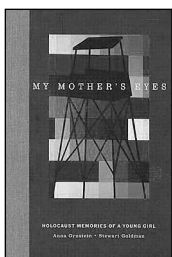
All Congregants and their guests are invited to join any of our discussions, held in the synagogue library about once every six weeks. Participants select the books we read, which include fiction and nonfiction, either by Jewish authors or on topics of significance to the Jewish community.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, September 18 at 7:30 p.m. Or Zarua Congregant, walking tour guide, and librarian Barry Feldman will lead our discussion of Aaron Lansky's humorous and deeply moving memoir, *Outwitting History: The Amazing Adventures of a Man Who Rescued a Million Yiddish Books*. So, enjoy some great summer reading and please join us on September 18.

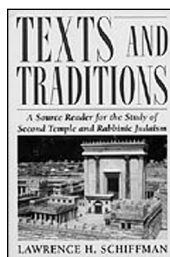
Keep us up to date. Please make sure that we have your current mailing address and phone numbers, as well as your email address so we can send you our weekly email alerts. Call Lidiya at 212-452-2310 (ext. 10) to update your contact information, share your family's good news (such as births and marriages) or to notify us of an illness in your family.

New Books in the OZ Library

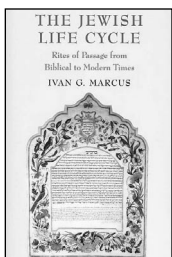
The OZ library is a welcoming place to spend some free time. It contains a good collection of books including histories, biographies, novels, encyclopedias, biblical commentaries, and more. Here are some recent acquisitions:



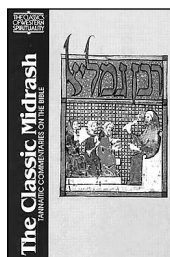
*My Mother's Eyes:
Holocaust Memories
of a Young Girl*
by Anna Ornstein
and Stewart Goldman



*Text and Traditions:
A Source Reader for the
Study of Second Temple
and Rabbinic Judaism*
by Lawrence H.
Schiffman



*The Jewish Life Cycle:
Rites of Passage from
Biblical to Modern Times*
by Ivan G. Marcus



*The Classic Midrash:
Tannaitic Commentaries
on the Bible*
by Reuven Hammer

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Our award-winning website is a great resource for current as well as prospective members.

Use www.orzarua.org to:

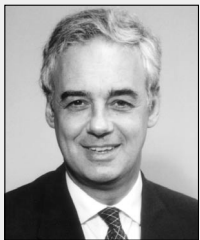
- View our calendar and check service times
- Sign up for events
- Make donations on-line
- Learn about educational programs for adults and for children
- Keep informed about our Congregation

SHABBAT USHERS NEEDED

Please contact Phyllis Solomon (pslegal@aol.com) or Gerry Solomon (gsolomon2@aol.com).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The following remarks were delivered by Daniel Beller at the Annual Meeting of Congregation Or Zarua on May 24, 2005:



Welcome to Or Zarua's Annual Meeting. Thank you Rana Silver, Pat Davidson and Carol Goldsmith for organizing this

evening's Tar Beach picnic. The weather did not cooperate at all, but we had a delicious and convivial meal anyway, proving once again that at Or Zarua, it is the people, not the place, that make the difference.

We extend our thanks to Lesley Palmer for her superb efforts once again as chair of the Nominating Committee, and to the members of the committee—Mimi Alperin, Marc Ashley, Brett Cohen, Alisa Doctoroff and Rabbi Wechsler—for their hard and very productive work. Congratulations to the new members of the Board and to the new officers whom we have just elected.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the trustees who are retiring this year, many after 12 years of service to the Congregation. They are, in alphabetical order: Martin Bienenstock, Pat Davidson, Alisa Doctoroff, Evelyn Kenvin, Daniel Rosen, Neil Schluger and Nancy Zises.

It takes hard work to be an Or Zarua Board member. Our Board is not a rubber stamp. We meet every month. The meetings are long—as I have frequently been reminded. The Board meetings are a forum for lively discussion about the Congregation, its goals, its accomplishments and even, on rare occasion, its failures.

The Board is our legislature and judiciary. For all matters significant,

it is the decision-making body of our institution.

Our retiring trustees typify all that is good about the Board—they are a group of dedicated, innovative and wise men and women. Their service has helped to build this institution. In doing so, they have served as models for our new trustees. And they have done a terrific job. It is because of all that they have taught us that the Congregation has confidence that those who have been elected to take their place will follow in their footsteps and serve with distinction.

For your outstanding service to the Congregation, I extend our sincere thanks to each of you—Martin, Alisa, Pat, Evelyn, Daniel, Neil and Nancy—for your very real contributions to Or Zarua.

So, you can imagine that this is somewhat of a bittersweet moment for me.

I feel like the awards show candidate who, when called to the podium, announces, "I promise not to cry," and then proceeds to do just that.

I didn't really know what I was getting into when I became the president of Or Zarua. The night I was elected, three years ago, someone came up to me and said: "Congratulations. Or should I say: *baruch dayan ha'emet*."

Those may be appropriate words for the president of a different congregation. Indeed, I have friends who are the presidents of their congregations who have often described their duties in ways that elicit wishes of condolence.

But that is not the lot of Or Zarua's president. Michael, as I told you when you were considering whether to accept the position, you will work hard—harder than I let on at the time. And certainly the job isn't all about spending time with the rabbi

trying to solve the problem of Providence and God's role in the world. There are countless day-to-day matters and mundane issues that do require attention.

But when all is said and done, apart from the pleasure I derive from my family, nothing has enriched me more than the experience I have had these last three years as the president of this Congregation.

There are at least three reasons why that is so. First, we have an incomparable spiritual and intellectual leader. It is so obvious that sometimes we forget to mention it. My children are members of the synagogue because they like the president. Most everyone else, however, is here because of Rabbi Wechsler. Before long, he will need some help. We will manage that and, in the far future, we'll also manage what I have come to call the transition that dares not speak its name. But it is always a good thing to remind ourselves of why we are here.

I have already alluded to the second reason for Or Zarua's singularity. It relates to the founders of the synagogue and their remarkable success in allowing the synagogue to transition from a start-up into a substantial institution that serves a much larger group than the one that began this Congregation and yet preserves the animating spirit that led to the creation of Or Zarua in the first place. The group of founders could easily have decided to keep the Congregation small. If they had, those of us who came later would have lost out on something beautiful and significant. For their leadership, we owe our founders a huge debt of gratitude.

Third, the simple fact is that our Congregants are very nice people. We're not polarized. We have avoided breaking off into factions and camps. We like each

other. We like doing things with each other—sports, planting, studying, singing, eating, davening. We take care of each other. We respect the mission of Or Zarua—a commitment to *Torah*, *avodah* and *gemilut chassadim*. We feel good about the fact that Or Zarua strives to accomplish its mission and that every year we seem to take steps that move us along the road in the right direction.

To serve such a Congregation is a privilege. I acknowledge that term limits are good for an institution such as ours. They prevent bureaucratic arthritis from setting in. But I'm still more than a little sad that my term is over.

From my perspective, the synagogue is in a good place. First, some of the challenges we faced in June 2002, when I was first elected, are mere memories at this point. Our Hebrew School has been restored to its former status as a first-class learning center, thanks to the magnetic and nurturing personality of our youth education director, Ilana Burgess, and our Board committee of Aliza Kaplan and Alisa Doctoroff. Our office functions at an incredibly productive and efficient level. Barbara Bolshon and Lidiya Yunatanov produce work that normally would require many more hands than they have. Literally, we could not function without them.

And, a particular source of pride for me—while a little more than three years ago we had no daily minyan service, today we have services not only on Friday night and on Shabbat and holidays, but every weekday, including Sunday, 365 days of the year. That is a great tribute to the more than 125 men and women who support the minyan and to the coordinators who organize and maintain it. A service for Minhah/Ma'ariv must be our next goal.

Our programming, always strong, continues to flourish. All rolled into one,

we are a synagogue, an adult education center, a community service organization, even a gallery with museum-quality presentations. At Or Zarua we are definitely brainy, but we also like to play. We dress up as Haman and Mordechai and Esther for the Purim Spiel. We eat and laugh with each other at meals on Shabbat. We organize folk music concerts in the sanctuary and chorales for the children. We march with pride as a Congregation for Israel in New York and celebrate Memorial Day in Jerusalem. At Or Zarua you can learn how to read Torah and Haftarah from Mark Somerstein. You can write a book and even have other members discuss it. You can study the Oral Law on Sundays with Marc Ashley or on Wednesdays with the rabbi. You can survey Jewish history and philosophy with the Congregational scholars of the Me'ah program. You can bring joy to those in distress with our Hesed Committee. You can comfort those who have lost a loved one by joining in the important work of our Hevra Kadisha. If there is another organization of like size that offers as much as we do, I have not heard of it.

Our members continue to be extremely generous. This is perhaps the main reason why our dues remain substantially below those of other synagogues in Manhattan, which enables us to maintain a membership that is heterogeneous and diverse.

And this leads me to the last thing I want to say this evening. As you know, the Congregation took on substantial debt to construct our building. In June 2002, the payments on the debt exceeded \$150,000 per year. We even operated at a deficit for one or two years, I believe. More important, monies that could better have been devoted to serving the more personal needs of the members were necessarily diverted to cover

our debt payments. Our gala in 2003 went some of the way toward reducing our debt, but we remained saddled with a sizeable mortgage.

Until this year. Earlier this month, we reached a major Congregational milestone: We paid off all the debt on our building, and we now own it free and clear.

We were able to retire the mortgage early, thanks to the special generosity of four families who came forward with a challenge grant of approximately half the outstanding balance, and to another group of Congregants who met the challenge and contributed all of the remaining funds necessary to pay off the bank—in total, nearly one million dollars. We extend our heartfelt thanks to these members, as well as to all who have given to the Capital Campaign over the years.

To celebrate this special moment in our Congregational life, we will hold a celebratory event this fall. We are planning a day of music, study, prayer, and special events (and food and wine!) for the entire Congregation that will make use of every part of our building. We will also dedicate a wall of names of all those who have contributed to the Capital Campaign in recognition of the wide and generous support of our many Congregants.

We are full of gratitude for the generosity and deep commitment of our members that have brought us to this moment, enabling us to apply all of our resources going forward to serve the spiritual and communal needs of all our Congregants.

Once again, I congratulate the new trustees and officers and wish you all success in the future. Thank you all for coming this evening. And thank you for the special opportunity you have given me to serve this wonderful institution for the last three years.

July Calendar

August Calendar

The Summer Months and Rosh Hodesh

By Ron Meyers

The summer calendar is studded with significant observances, several of which are named for their specific dates on the calendar. Tishe'ah b'Av means simply the ninth of the month of Av, when we recall the destruction of the Temples. Shive'ah Asar b'Tammuz (the seventeenth of Tammuz), three weeks earlier, commemorates the beginning of the Roman siege that culminated in the second destruction. At the end of the summer, we observe the entire calendar month of Elul as a penitential period, in preparation for the High Holy Days. With all these dates to remember, it is important that we pay attention to the

calendar and to Rosh Hodesh, the start of each Hebrew month.

In ancient times, the new month was announced by the rabbinic court, based on sightings of the new moon's first sliver. The event was marked by shofar blasts, festivities and special sacrifices. Today, we celebrate the new month through our services, which are enhanced on Rosh Hodesh by the recitation of Hallel and by other special additions, notably to the Amidah and the Birkat Hamazon (grace after meals). After Rosh Hodesh, in the first part of the month, it is also customary to recite the Kiddush Levana, the Blessing of the Moon, outdoors in view of the

moon. Some synagogues actually have the Kiddush Levana inscribed on their outside walls for observance of this custom.

The announcement of the new month, which we recite on the Shabbat before Rosh Hodesh, contains a string of beautiful, straightforward requests for the month to come—for long life, for peace and goodness, for sustenance and health. The eleven phrases in the announcement reflect the eleven months of the year in which we recite it: Rosh Hodesh Tishri requires no announcement, because it is also Rosh Hashanah, when we are already praying for these blessings, and for many more.

A Fast Summary

By Paulette Schneider

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAJOR AND MINOR FASTS?

On major fasts, we may not eat or drink for a full day, from sundown on the evening before the fast day until the stars appear on the evening of the fast day. On minor fast days, we are restricted from food and drink only from sunrise to sundown—these fasts are defined as “minor” for their duration, not for what they commemorate.

WHICH ARE THE FULL-DAY FASTS AND WHICH ARE THE HALF-DAY FASTS?

There are two full-day fasts: **Yom Kippur**, as derived from the Torah (Leviticus 23:27), and **Tishe'ah b'Av** (the Ninth of Av, this August 14), as determined by the rabbis. Tishe'ah b'Av is associated with the destruction of both the first Temple by the Babylonians in 586 BCE and the second Temple by the Romans in 70 CE. Also on Tishe'ah b'Av the Jews were expelled from England in 1290 and from Spain in 1492. On both Yom Kippur and Tishe'ah b'Av, we must avoid engaging in

several pleasurable activities aside from eating and drinking. But Yom Kippur has a spirit of optimism, while Tishe'ah b'Av is considered a day of mourning and we observe some mourning customs.

There are four half-day fasts. Three of these are referred to by the prophets and pertain to the destruction of either Temple: **Asarah b'Tevet** (the Tenth of Tevet, a week after the end of Hanukkah) marks the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem prior to the destruction of the first Temple; the **Fast of Gedaliah** (the day after Rosh Hashanah) marks the assassination of the Babylonian-appointed Jewish governor of Judea, Gedaliah, by fellow Jews following the destruction of the first Temple; and **Shive'ah Asar b'Tammuz** (the Seventeenth of Tammuz, this July 24) marks events leading to the Roman destruction of the second Temple. The Seventeenth of Tammuz ushers in a three-week period of mourning that ends with Tishe'ah b'Av, and it is associated with other tragic events in

Jewish history dating back to the golden calf. The fourth half-day fast, **The Fast of Esther** (the day before Purim) commemorates the three-day period of fasting and prayer that Queen Esther requested of the Shushan Jews prior to her audience with Ahashverosh on behalf of her people.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF FASTING?

Fasting is for repentance. We are adding personal repentance for our own failings to the collective repentance of our ancestors who were punished with tragedy throughout our history. When we suffer the discomfort of hunger and thirst, we feel more vulnerable and perhaps more introspective. Introspection leads to self-improvement. As stated by Eliyahu Kitov (*The Book of Our Heritage*, volume 1, page 329): “The aim of fasting, therefore, is to subjugate our evil inclination by restriction of pleasure; to open our hearts and stir us to repentance and good deeds...through which the gates of Divine mercy might be opened for us.”

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Year Three in Our Own Home

Our third year in the Or Zarua building saw many programs continue from prior years, along with new events and opportunities to enjoy and learn:

■ Rabbi Wechsler continued Talmud classes on Wednesday evenings.

■ Dr. Sam Klagsburn and Dr. Terry Krulwich led the very popular Learner's Service during the High Holy Days and Rabbi Isidoro Aizenberg and Mark Somerstein led a Shabbat Learner's Service in January.

■ Mark Somerstein taught Hebrew and Marc Ashley led several sessions on the Oral Law between Pesah and Shavuot.

■ Community Shabbat Dinners and Luncheons and Seudot Shlishit were held monthly with concurrent children's programming.

■ Sukkot meals were held on our synagogue roof.

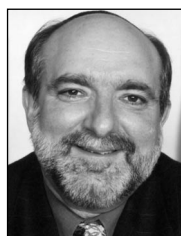
■ The winter was warmed by generous hosts opening their homes to other Congregants for Shabbat Across Or Zarua.



As Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi David Golinkin, president of the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, addressed several issues of religious life in Israel today and discussed various responsa of the Vaad Halacha of the Rabbinical Assembly of Israel.

Several programs featured speakers and presentations focusing on the celebration of 350 years of Jewish American history:

■ Barry Feldman, museum educator, New York City tour guide and OZ member spoke on "Jews in Colonial New York: From Recife to the Revolution." He examined how early New York Jews adapted to the general culture and how the city responded to the increasing Jewish population.



Rabbi David Ellenson, president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, delivered the Lucy Dawidowicz lecture celebrating Congregation Or Zarua's 16th birthday.

Focusing on the Jewish American experience, his topic was "After Emancipation: Jewish Religious Responses to Modernity."



Dr. Bobbi Collier and her committee created an exciting, nostalgic and meaningful exhibit entitled "Our Precious Legacies: Treasured Objects from Or Zarua Families." We were able to learn more about who we are through treasured items, sounds and photographs loaned for display by 23 OZ members.



Dr. Hasia Diner, professor of Jewish history at New York University, joined us to speak on "A History of Their Own: Jewish Women in America."



This year's musical happening occurred during Hanukkah. We were entertained by the Andy Statman Trio, and the sanctuary rocked with their high-spirited klezmer-inspired jazz improvisations, bluegrass and niggunim.

■ Yom Hashoah was commemorated with readings from Megillat Hashoah, a liturgical text published by the Rabbinical Assembly and the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. Talented Hebrew school students also participated with musical presentations.

■ The annual Tikkun Leyl Shavuot featured Dr. Barry Collier speaking on "Are Stem Cells Kosher?," followed by responses from Rabbi Wechsler, Dr. Yitzchak Frank, John Podhoretz, Dr. David Shechter and Dr. Neil Schluger.

Be a 10

*You can be a 10...every day of the week!
By helping make a minyan.*

*A minyan means
someone can depend on you.
A minyan means
that mourners are comforted.
A minyan means community.
A minyan means mitzvot.*

*Why not do a good deed that will make
you feel good all day? Morning minyan
and breakfast. A good way to start the day.*

*Sundays at 8:45 a.m.
Weekdays at 7:15 a.m.
Rosh Chodesh at 7 a.m.
Shabbat at 9 a.m.*

What are you doing tomorrow morning?

THE OR ZARUA COMMUNITY

MAZAL TOV

Mimi and Barry Alperin, on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Robert
 Bonnie and Gil Bach, on the engagement of their daughter, Amy to John Markman
 Marjorie Goldin, on the birth of her grandson, Max
 Jessica and Ron Liebowitz, on the birth of their daughter, Shoshana
 Vera and Robert Silver, on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Kayla, at Kibbutz Ketura
 Vicki and Brian Warner, on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Haley

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to:
 Jeffrey Mass

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to:
 Ruth Gottesman, on the death of her brother-in-law, Milton Gottesman
May they and their loved ones be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

CONTRIBUTIONS

*All contributions listed were received between April 1, 2005 and May 31, 2005.
 Capital Campaign contributions are not listed.*

GENERAL FUND

Willi and Arthur Aeder, in honor of Ezra Friedland-Wechsler's ordination
 Nancy Bach, in honor of Yehuda Nir and *The Lost Childhood*
 Linda Eidelberg, in memory of her husband, Albert Carl Eidelberg, and her mother, Rose Basch, on their yahrzeits
 Helen Ferszt, in memory of Roger Ferszt, on his yahrzeit
 Aliza Kaplan, for the new parochet dedicated in Leah Tolpin's memory
 Judith and David Lewittes, in memory of Judith's mother, Betty Axenzov, and David's mother, Sarah Lewittes, on their yahrzeits

Jonathan Merrill
 Diane Okrent and Aaron Shelden for Pesah Yizkor and for the new parochet dedicated in Leah Tolpin's memory
 Marilyn Pomerance, in honor of Janet and Simon Katz, for being such wonderful friends and neighbors
 Charlotte Schwartz, in memory of Charlotte's mother, Mary Meyer Simon, on her yahrzeit
 Lorraine and Herbert Shapiro, for the new parochet dedicated in Leah Tolpin's memory
 Vera and Robert Silver, for the new parochet dedicated in Leah Tolpin's memory
 Sara and David Stone, for the new parochet dedicated in Leah Tolpin's memory
 Phyllis and Gerry Solomon, for the new parochet dedicated in Leah Tolpin's memory
 Miriam Wallerstein, in memory of her mother, Goldie Patt, on her yahrzeit and for the new parochet dedicated in Leah Tolpin's memory
 Lynda and Toby Wertheim, for the new parochet dedicated in Leah Tolpin's memory

HESED FUND

Ellen and Samuel Bender
 Robin Blumenthal
 Bonnie Maslin and Yehuda Nir, in memory of Kenny Wong's mother
 Judith and Barry Schneider
 Jill Shapiro
 Ethel and Barry Weintraub, in appreciation of Congregation Or Zarua and Rabbi Wechsler for their support with Hannah's Bat Mitzvah

HEVRA KADISHA FUND

Frances Freedman
 Gail and Mordechai Kraushar
 Carol and Philip Goldsmith, in memory of Mina Bess Cohen
 Martha and Fred Mendelsohn, in memory of Martha's father, Arnold Neustadter, on his yahrzeit and in memory of Leah

Tolpin, on her first yahrzeit
 Vera and Robert Silver, for a speedy recovery for Philip Thomas; in memory of Claire Horn, on her yahrzeit; and for Pesah Yizkor
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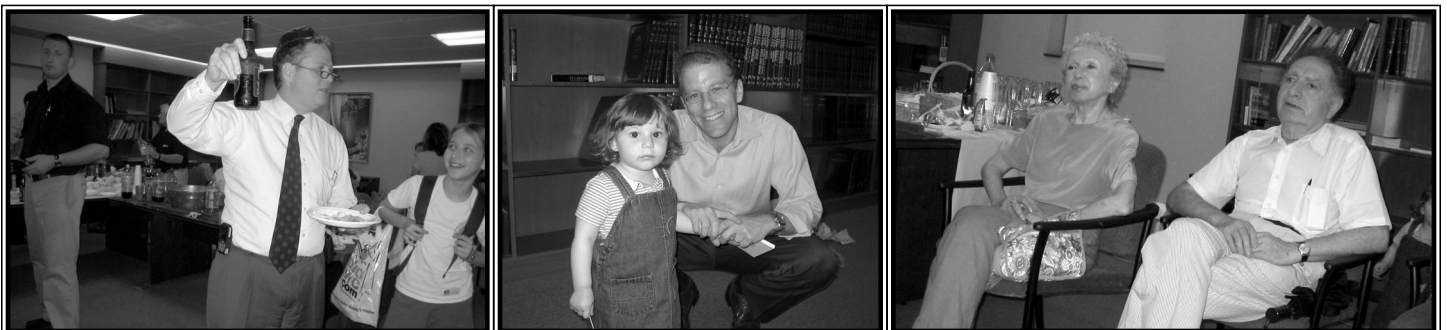
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Celebrating Yom Yerushalayim



More than 50 people of all generations gathered in the Or Zarua library on Monday, June 6 to celebrate Yom Yerushalayim. Participants sampled imported Israeli foods including wine and cheese, sang Hebrew songs with Yaakov Shechter at the keyboard, watched Israeli television programs, and practiced their Hebrew language skills. Left to right: Eldad and Ortal Isaac; Jenna and Bruce Roberts; Dora and Peter Silagy.

Salute to Israel Day Parade, June 5



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