

## OMER: *Uncertainties of the Spring Season*

By Ron Meyers

The spring season is framed in the Jewish calendar by the great festivals of Pesah and Shavuot, which commemorate the foundational events of the Exodus from Egypt and the giving of the Torah at Sinai. But in between these two great

moments, what are we to do with ourselves? We count the omer, waiting for Shavuot to arrive.

Entering a new chapter of history has its burdens. For the Israelites fresh out of Egypt, sudden freedom was sudden uncertainty. And just when they received the first set of laws that would give shape to their new society, Moses disappeared up to the mountain and the Israelites did not know whether to wait for him or to abandon hope. Jostled from uncertainty to uncertainty, they sought solace in the golden calf.

In the agricultural cycle, we know what our ancestors at Sinai did not know: how long we have to wait. But uncertainty

remains: there is no guarantee that the crops will come out well; you can't rest easy until the fruit is picked; and the barley takes seven weeks to ripen. We channel the tension of anticipation by counting the days, 50 in all, from Pesah to Shavuot.

Shavuot is the long-awaited goal, both in the soil and in the spirit. The Israelites stayed up all night on their last night in Egypt, ready at any moment to flee into the unknown wilderness while taking care to avoid the angel of death. When we stay up studying on tikkun leyl Shavuot, the tension is all unwound. We stay up freely, reveling in the Torah, the gift that transformed our freedom from a burden into a blessing.

### HOLIDAY SOURCES

PESAH:  
 Exodus 12  
*(beginning of the year; paschal lamb; matzo; blood on the doorpost; command to retell the story; tenth plague)*

PARTING OF THE SEA OF REEDS:  
 Exodus 14

SONG OF THE SEA;  
 LIFE IN THE DESERT:  
 Exodus 15  
 SINAI: Exodus 19-24  
 GOLDEN CALF:  
 Exodus 32  
 OMER:  
 Leviticus 23:15-17  
 SHAVUOT:  
 Exodus 23:14-19;  
 Deuteronomy 16:9-10

## Salute to Israel Parade

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 5

By the OZ Israel Action Committee

For the fourth year, members and friends of Congregation Or Zarua, including our Hebrew School, will march as a group on Fifth Avenue to salute the nation of Israel. We are hoping for a large turnout so that we can demonstrate the strength of American support. Last year, over 80 Congregants participated, as shown in the photos at right. This June we will also be there to "Celebrate 350 Years in America."

Everyone is welcome to join us. Children in the third grade or under must be accompanied by an adult. We will assemble at a specified location and time. Details to follow.

Save the date—Sunday, June 5, 2005—and plan to have fun while showing your support for Israel!





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# Shabbat Across Or Zarua

By Diane Okrent

Shabbat Across Or Zarua was once again a resounding success! On Friday evening, March 4, 2005, more than 50 members (some new and some long-standing) enjoyed the gracious hospitality of ten host families. Guests—from young children to seniors—shared Shabbat joy, delicious food, and stimulating conversation with other OZ members.

Shabbat Across Or Zarua is our own unique way of observing Shabbat Across America. Shabbat Across America, developed by the National Jewish Outreach Program, is designed to introduce Jewish people across the country to the joys of Shabbat observance. Most synagogues participate by hosting a communal Friday night dinner. When Shabbat Across America started in 1997, the old Or Zarua

building could not accommodate a large communal dinner, so we developed Shabbat Across Or Zarua with home hospitality. While we now have communal dinners in our new building, the program committee decided to continue Shabbat Across Or Zarua as a warm and wonderful way for members to get to know each other.

Thanks again to the hosts: Gwen and Brett Cohen, Betty Goldberg, Zella and Glenn Goldfinger, Sharon and Alex Mack, Barbara and Ira Nadler, Liz Neumark and Chaim Wachsberger, Diane Okrent and Aaron Shelden, Lesley and Jay Palmer, Suzan and Daniel Rosen, and Nora and Barry Yood.

Shabbat Across Or Zarua was chaired by Diane Okrent, Anne Schneider, and Vicky Stein.

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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.

## ROOFTOP PICNIC AND ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 24 • 7:15 p.m. Picnic • 8:15 p.m. Meeting

The election of new Officers and Board Members will highlight the agenda for Congregation Or Zarua's 15th Annual Meeting, to be held on Tuesday, May 24 at 8:15 p.m. You will also learn about new developments and past achievements. The meeting will be preceded by a rooftop picnic supper at 7:15 p.m. Reservations for supper are essential. If you plan to attend, please notify the office through the OZ website or call extension 39.

## "OUR PRECIOUS LEGACIES" EXHIBITION EXTENDED

By Bobbi Collier

Due to its popularity, the exhibition, "Our Precious Legacies," has been extended and will remain on display in the Or Zarua social hall until June 20, 2005.

I want to thank everyone for the wonderful reception of the exhibition. The entire process, from the initial

planning to the accompanying programs, was an enriching experience that makes us even more aware of our remarkable Or Zarua community. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the friends—almost 40 of them—who contributed their time and talent to make the exhibition such a success.

# A GREAT SIMHA VENUE: Or Zarua's Social Hall

Or Zarua's social hall is a lovely setting for celebrating your simhas. Our list of approved caterers is designed to meet all of your needs and occasions—from small to large, from simple to sumptuous. All of these caterers have been used with great success for synagogue events. We have recently added Chai Cuisine to our list to provide even more variety.

Listed below are our caterers with phone numbers and a contact person.

**Chai Cuisine** (American)

973-405-6214. Ask for Linda.

**Circa New York** (Dairy)

212-244-3730. Ask for Avner.

**Foremost Caterers** (American)

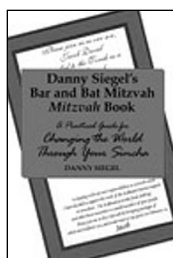
201-664-2465. Ask for Ira.

**Village Crown** (Mediterranean)

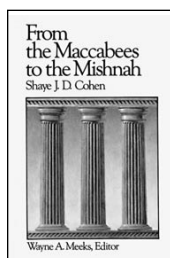
212-777-8816. Ask for Ellen.

## 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:



*Danny Siegel's Bar and Bat Mitzvah Mitzvah Book: A Practical Guide for Changing the World Through Your Simcha*  
by Danny Siegel



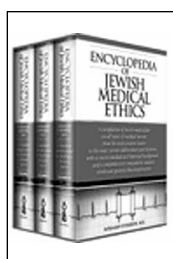
*From the Maccabees to the Mishnah*  
by Shaye J.D. Cohen  
Wayne A. Meeks, editor



*Double or Nothing? Jewish Families and Mixed Marriage*  
by Sylvia Barack Fishman



*Legends of the Jews: Volume I*  
by Lewis Ginzberg



*The Encyclopedia of Jewish Medical Ethics*  
by Avraham Steinberg, M.D.



*Heavenly Torah: As Refracted Through the Generations*  
by Abraham Joshua Heschel  
Edited/Translated  
by Gordon Tucker  
and Leonard Levin

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## WWW. ORZARUA.ORG

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

Use [www.orzarua.org](http://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).

# OZ'S FIRST WEEKEND SHABBATON AT SPROUT LAKE CAMP

By Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade Students

The Hebrew School students went to a weekend Shabbaton at Sprout Lake Camp in Verbank, New York. We had an awesome time! Friday night we had a Shabbat dinner, then a very interesting discussion about *middot* (good values). The theme of the weekend was how we children can include *middot* in our daily lives. By this time everyone was meeting and making friends with students from a few other synagogue schools.

Saturday morning when we woke up everything was covered with snow—the whole universe was a glittery beauty. After breakfast we participated in a Shabbat service including a Torah service where each school got an Aliya.

After the service our principal, Ilana, gave us a great d'var Torah about the Mishkan. We spent the next period playing with our new friends in the fresh, foot-deep snow. After lunch we were divided into teams and went on a super-fun treasure hunt. That evening we sang, danced, and then watched a movie.

Sunday morning we packed, made tzedakah boxes, boarded the bus and said good-bye to our new friends and to the camp.

Here are some of our favorite Shabbaton events:

Raquel Goldman: The treasure hunt! It was great racing with other people to find the treasure.

Devin Kreitman: The movie was great, and I made a new friend.

Julia Canick: We all were Jewish and celebrated Shabbat together.

Samantha Stern: Playing in the snow with Ortal and building a big snowman.

Evan Haberman: The treasure hunt, because I liked hunting for the treasure.

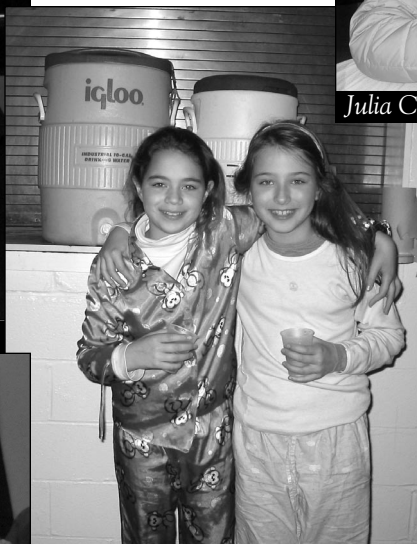
Ortal Isaac: The scenery after the snow. Everything was completely white. I wish I could go again next year.

Adrianna Sisley: The tefillah. It was fun because we were from different places, all singing together.

Lucas Zelnick: The snowball fight and the treasure hunt—we were the first ones to finish.



Evan Haberman



Ortal Isaac and Adrianna Sisley



Julia Canick



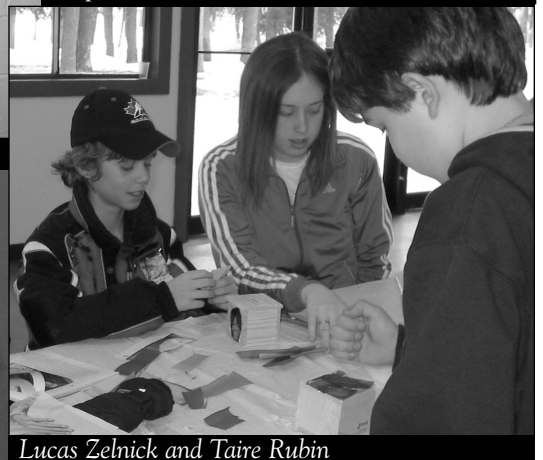
Raquel Goldman



Samantha Stern



Devin Kreitman



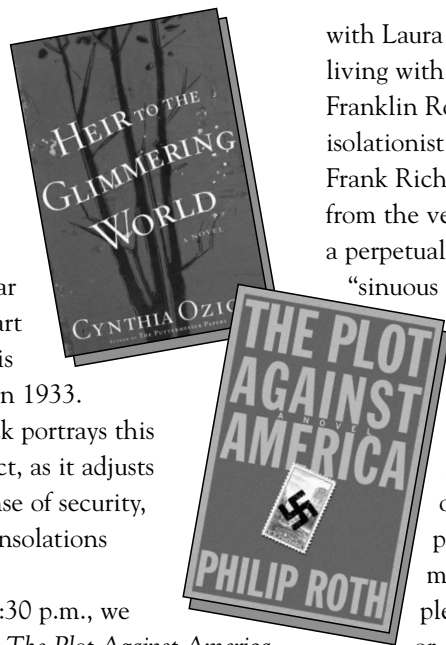
Lucas Zelnick and Taire Rubin

# Or Zarua Book Discussions

On Sunday evening, May 22 at 7:30 p.m., we will discuss *Heir to the Glimmering World* by Cynthia Ozick. Author and Or Zarua Congregant Johanna Kaplan will lead our discussion of Ozick's novel, in which Rose Meadows, an orphan from upstate New York, lands in the far reaches of the Bronx as part nanny, part secretary to Professor Mitwischer and his family, German refugees who arrived in 1933.

As reviewed in *The New Yorker*, "Ozick portrays this ramshackle household to dazzling effect, as it adjusts to its many states of exile—from a sense of security, from cherished ideas, and from the consolations of each other."

On Sunday evening, June 26 at 7:30 p.m., we will look at Philip Roth's latest novel, *The Plot Against America*,



with Laura Resnikoff as discussion leader. Roth imagines what living with his family in Newark would have been like had Franklin Roosevelt lost his bid for re-election in 1940 to an isolationist hero-candidate who was sympathetic to Germany. Frank Rich in *The New York Times* wrote, "The book is riveting from the very first sentence: 'Fear presides over these memoirs, a perpetual fear.'" *The New Yorker* praised the book as a fable, "sinuous and brilliant... with its extreme sweetness (new in Roth), its black pain, and its low ceaseless cackle."

Congregants and their guests are most welcome to join us on May 22 and June 26 to discuss these well-received novels by two outstanding authors of our times. We meet in Or Zarua's library on the 4th floor at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments are provided. If you have questions, have a book recommendation, or would like to be on our email roster, please contact Reed Schneider at arlm1199@aol.com or call 212-860-8611.

## Yom Hashoah—A Remembrance

Wednesday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Our special service to commemorate the Holocaust will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4. OZ's Hebrew School students will participate. The service will feature readings from Megillat Hashoah, a liturgical text published jointly in 2003 by the Rabbinical Assembly and the Schechter Institute of

Jewish Studies in Jerusalem.

The reading of this text is a milestone: It transforms Yom Hashoah into a sacred day within the cycle of the Jewish year. Megillat Hashoah tells the story of the Shoah in brief but powerful passages and provides us with an appropriate liturgical foundation for memorializing these

terrible events each year in our Yom Hashoah services.

We will continue the OZ tradition of reciting the names of Congregants' relatives who perished in the Shoah. If you would like to add the names of your relatives, please call the office at extension 10 to let us know.

### TIKKUN LEYL SHAVUOT

Sunday, June 12, 8:00 p.m.

On Erev Shavuot, Sunday, June 12, Minhah/Ma'ariv will begin at 8:08 p.m. and will be followed by a night of study. To build on the success of last year's Tikkun, we will continue the study of medical ethics. Please watch your mail and email for further information.

### YOM HAZIKARON AND YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Wednesday, May 11 • 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a celebration of Israel Independence Day on Wednesday, May 11. The evening will begin with Minhah at 7:30 p.m. commemorating Yom Hazikaron, followed by Ma'ariv at 8:00 p.m. celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut.

As in the past, this will be an evening of Israeli song, dance and food. Come and join the fun—the more, the merrier! If you plan to attend, please notify the office through the OZ website or call the office at extension 39.

# May Calendar

# June Calendar

# PURIM SPIEL 2005

## *My Fair Maidie: Extreme Makeover*



Bonnie Maslin, our resident playwright, has done it again! With energy and relish, a cast of 33 presented this year's Purim Spiel, *My Fair Maidie: Extreme Makeover*, at The French Institute Alliance Française on Thursday, April 24. The theme of the show was combating assimilation while fostering acceptance of people with different beliefs.

As always, the experience for those who participated was transformative. We re-united with our friends from Spiels past

and initiated new members. The love and caring of this group, combined with its discipline and involvement, is truly inspiring. We all go through withdrawal after the Spiel.

The OZ Players invite anyone interested in being a part of this cheerful and animated cast to join us next year. We welcome singers and actors, prop and costume designers, and administrative assistants. To volunteer, please contact Barbara Sassoon at [barbdee@aol.com](mailto:barbdee@aol.com).



# HESED COMMITTEE

## Volunteers Needed to Serve Pizza— One Monday Evening Per Month

**“H**aving the volunteers from Or Zarua at the NCS Residence is truly a blessing for our residents. The food you provide is great, but even more important is the relationships that you create with the residents. Everyone who comes wants to be there so the residents feel that they are part of the community, that people care about them enough to give of their time—and they have a good time with you! Thank you so much for all that you do.”

—Anne Teicher, Executive Director,  
Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter

**M**onday night is Pizza Night for residents of the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter's supportive housing residence on East 81st Street, hosted by Or Zarua. NCS is a homeless agency serving the Upper East Side of New York. The meal is served from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. by two synagogue volunteers.

More volunteers are needed now. Please make a once-a-month commitment to serve and shmooze. To sign up or get more information, contact Richard Stadin at 212-879-0448.

### Hebrew School Events

#### MAY 2005

Monday, May 2	Classes resume
Wednesday, May 11	Israel Independence Day
Thursday, May 12	Israel Independence Day
Wednesday, May 18	Last Day of Hebrew School
Thursday, May 19	Last Day of Hebrew School

#### JUNE 2005

Sunday, June 5	Israel Day Parade
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### SPEND THE SUMMER IN ISRAEL

**O**Z members Anat and Michael Hoffman, who moved back to Israel last summer, are planning to visit New York with their three daughters for about a month. They will arrive June 10 and stay through the middle or end of July. They would like to do an “apartment exchange” for that time period. The Hoffmans’ lovely home in Galei Tchelet is steps away from beach access, minutes from shopping and cafes, and only 15 minutes from Tel Aviv. If interested, contact the Hoffmans at [ahoffman@gsint.net](mailto:ahoffman@gsint.net).

### ORAL LAW CLASS

*Three Sunday Mornings Between Pesah and Shavuot*  
May 15, May 22, and June 5

**M**arc Ashley will again be offering a course on the revelation and development of the Oral Law in Judaism. Classes will meet in the library at 10:30 a.m. on the following Sunday mornings: May 15, May 22, and June 5.

The discussions will deal with theological and historical issues that are pivotal in Jewish law and thought. All Congregants are welcome to participate—no prior knowledge is required. To register, please access the website or call the office at extension 39.

## Be a 10

Now, 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

Joan and Jerry Badner, on the engagement of their son, Marc, to Nancy Soleymani  
 Lynne Galler, on her engagement to Yeheskel Dattner  
 Aliza Kaplan, on Rachel's Bat Mitzvah  
 Vivian and Fred Kenvin, on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Bryn Kenvin  
 Evelyn Kenvin and Arthur Rosenbloom, on the birth of their granddaughter, Sarah Bryn Kenvin  
 Betsy and Hugh Lamle, on Alexandra's Bat Mitzvah  
 Joy and Bruce Roberts, on the birth of their daughter, Daniella Lauren Naomi  
 Michele Rosenbloom and David Shorr, on Paige's Bat Mitzvah  
 Evelyn Sucher and Andrew Irving, on Toby's Bat Mitzvah  
 Lorraine and Hugh Schweitzer, on Melanie's Bat Mitzvah

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to:  
 Maria Vilenchik and Alexander Kaplun

## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to:  
 Anne Becker, on the death of her father, Aaron Beckenstein  
 Michael Canick, on the death of his father, Leon Canick  
 Sherry Jacobson, on the death of her mother, Rose Jacobson  
 Alan Matarasso, on the death of his father, Daniel Matarasso  
*May they and their loved ones be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

## CONTRIBUTIONS

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 Mark Somerstein, on the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah and in honor of Or Zarua  
 Lynda Wertheim, to celebrate another year of good health  
 Alice and Milton Wolson

## GENERAL FUND

Marcel and Sheldon Adler, in honor of Sheldon's parents' yahrzeits and for hosting the Super Bowl Party and Seudah Shlishit  
 Rhonda Barad, in honor of Phyllis and Gerry Solomon  
 Anne and Philip Becker  
 Lynn and Daniel Beller, in celebration of Sarah Beller's birthday and for the new parochet dedicated to Leah Tolpin's memory

Ilana Burgess, for the Rabbi's recovery; in honor of Sam Rosenfield's Bar Mitzvah; and in honor of Hannah Weintraub's Bat Mitzvah  
 Bobbi and Barry Collier, in honor of Ezra Friedland-Wechsler's ordination and Hasia Diner's lecture  
 Alisa and Dan Doctoroff, in memory of Bill Tannenbaum, Linda Shulsky's brother, Carol Goldberg's brother, and Lorraine Shapiro's brother  
 Linda Eidelberg, in memory of her father, Benjamin Basch, on his yahrzeit  
 Mechele and Sander Flaum, in memory of Clara Storper Plotkin  
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 Zella and Glenn Goldfinger, for the new parochet dedicated to Leah Tolpin's memory  
 Mina Greenstein, for the new parochet dedicated to Leah Tolpin's memory  
 Ellen and Said Hawa, in memory of Said's mother, Nazimah Hawa  
 Frances and Bernard Laterman, in memory of Sarah Laterman, on her yahrzeit  
 Allen Mayer, for the new parochet dedicated to Leah Tolpin's memory  
 Barbara and Ira Nadler, for the new parochet dedicated to Leah Tolpin's memory  
 Bonnie Maslin and Yehuda Nir, in memory of Amy Rothholtz  
 Martha and Frederick Mendelsohn, for Rabbi Wechsler's recovery after his surgery  
 Dara Murray, in memory of her husband, John Murray, on his tenth yahrzeit  
 Jacob Oberman, in memory of his father, Isaac Oberman, on his yahrzeit  
 Diane Okrent and Aaron Shelden, for Sukkot Yizkor  
 Lesley and Jay Palmer, for the new parochet dedicated to Leah Tolpin's memory  
 Laura Resnikoff, mazal tov to the Kenvin and Kenvin/Rosenbloom families on the birth of Sarah Bryn Kenvin; thanks to the Nadler family for hosting Shabbat Across Or Zarua; and congratulations

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## HESED FUND

Carol and Philip Goldsmith, in memory of Philip's parents, Cora and Benjamin Goldsmith, and in memory of Carol's father, Henry Cohen  
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 Judith and Barry Schneider, in memory of Philip Elgart  
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# In Harlem with Habitat for Humanity

By Stephanie Failla

On March 20, seven Or Zaruans (Ann and Richard Arkin, Stephanie Failla, Benjamin Marcus, Reed Schneider, Richard Stadin and cousin Evan Blumenthal), spent the day on 128th Street in West Harlem helping six happy families renovate a 19th-century brick and brownstone walk-up into six new homes. Organized by Habitat for Humanity-New York, a non-profit organization dedicated to affordable housing for all New Yorkers, both volunteers and the future homeowners worked side by side to install fireproofing and soundproofing material in the ceilings

between the apartments—a dirty, dusty, itchy job! Despite the discomfort, hard work and next-day body aches, we felt



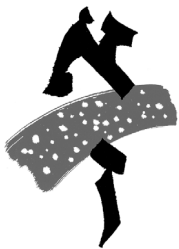
*Or Zaruah volunteers prepare for fireproofing and soundproofing of renovated homes in West Harlem by donning protective gear.*

enriched and exhilarated by the realization that ordinary, non-professional people-power can work wonders, and we were excited by the prospect that our work was helping to create beautiful new homes for first-time home owners. It was an extraordinary experience to be remembered and cherished!

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