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Congregation Or Zarua Welcomes Rabbi Scott N. Bolton

First Shabbat is July 20–21

A new chapter in Or Zarua's history has begun! We are very excited to welcome our new rabbi, Scott Bolton, to the Or Zarua community. Rabbi Bolton's first Shabbat at Or Zarua will be July 20–21. This will be a wonderful occasion at Or Zarua and an ideal opportunity to meet him.



Rabbi Scott N. Bolton

Rabbi Bolton brings to Or Zarua the qualities that our members identified as most important in our rabbi: He is a scholar and a teacher; well versed in Talmud, Midrash, and philosophy; and passionate about Israel and modern Israeli culture. Rabbi Bolton is looking forward to teaching our adult community and participating in our programs. In the fall, our middle school and high school students will be studying texts with him as well.

He is also looking forward to reaching out to all members of the Congregation,

including mature adults, young families, and their children. Pastoral care and guidance are among his strengths as well; he'll want to know when he can be a source of strength or support for you and your family.

Those who have not yet met Rabbi Bolton will find him to be warm and outgoing, a person of faith and yet intellectually curious, approachable

and accessible, enthusiastic, and affable. He is eager to meet you!

Over the course of the next several months, we will provide a variety of opportunities for you to get to know Rabbi Bolton in a personal setting. We hope to have parlor meetings in members' homes as well as get-togethers in the synagogue. Stay tuned for more information.

During the week of July 16, Rabbi Bolton and his family—his wife, Rabbi Amy Bolton; and their four children, Shuli,

Shiya, Ziv, and Yonah—will be moving from Teaneck, New Jersey, into the rabbinical apartment on East 85th Street. The Or Zarua Transition Team is working with the Bolton family to be sure their move into our neighborhood and our midst is as smooth as possible.

We have a wonderful Transition Team, who will acquaint Rabbi Bolton with the minhagim (customs) of the OZ community, including services, melodies, member participation, committees, and administration.

For those who wish to communicate with Rabbi Bolton, his Or Zarua email address, rabbibolton@orzarua.org, will be functional on July 16. Until his phone extension is set up, you can call him at 212-452-2310, ext. 12. Rabbi Bolton is open to receiving your calls for any rabbinic need or just to set up a time to meet and get to know one another.

Rabbi Bolton brings the energy, creativity, and spirituality that will help us grow. Please join in welcoming Rabbi Bolton to Or Zarua!

TISHA B'AV SERVICES

Erev Tisha B'Av

Saturday, July 28

9:03 p.m. Evening Service
Reading of Eikha

Tisha B'Av

Sunday, July 29

8:45 a.m. Shaharit
7:30 p.m. Minhah/Ma'ariv

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If you are interested in serving on a synagogue committee, please contact the office for the committee chair's email address.

President's Message

by Diane Okrent



The adventure that is Or Zarua continues! This month, we begin a new chapter in our history as we welcome Rabbi Scott

Bolton and his family to the Or Zarua community! We are planning many opportunities throughout the year for you to meet Rabbi Bolton. The best way to get to know him is to come to Or Zarua—for services, for classes, for lectures, and for programs.

Summertime, when synagogue attendance is generally low (because members are away on vacation), will be a wonderful time to get to know our rabbi. Your presence and your voice will enhance all our services—daily minyanim, Friday evenings, and Shabbat mornings.

Summer is also the time when OZ committees begin to plan for the coming year. The Art Gallery Committee is organizing the next exhibit—a display of our own Bar and Bat Mitzvah experiences. The Programming Committee is preparing for Sukkot and beyond. The Membership Committee is considering ways to attract more members. And the Oral History Committee is interviewing members about their recollections of the founding of Or Zarua. These are just some of the activities going on this summer. If you would like to work

on a committee, please contact the chairperson, listed in the column on the left.

"Summertime and the livin' is easy" (from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*) is a wonderful sentiment. Summer feels easy with its warmth, sunlight, extended daylight, and feeling of lightness of being. Light is certainly sown in the summer. But we Jews go through summer with a veil of sadness. Tisha B'Av, the commemoration of tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people—including the destruction of the First and Second Temples—occurs in the middle of the summer (July 29). Tisha B'Av is preceded by three weeks of increasing mourning and succeeded by seven weeks when we read haftarah of Consolation. Only as we reach Rosh Hashanah is the pall fully lifted.

Summer is also the time when we prepare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Those who will lead services and read Torah and haftarah are already preparing for wonderful experiences for the Congregation. This year, I am happy to announce that we will be able to daven together with Rabbi Bolton in a single venue in our neighborhood—Wallace Hall, on Park Avenue between 83rd and 84th Streets (see the article on page 3).

I wish you a wonderful summer—filled with warmth and light and good travels. When you are in town, please join us in the adventure that is Or Zarua.

OR ZARUA ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

The committee, chaired by Mimi Alperin, continues to collect materials, such as memories and artifacts, from the early days of Congregation Or Zarua. If you have a submission for the Oral History project, please contact Caroline Golden or Gerry Solomon. Questions should be directed to Meredith Katz at mekatz@jtsa.edu.

EDITOR'S NOTE

If you have an idea or article that is appropriate for publication in the *OZ Newsletter*, please contact Charlie Spielholz at cssrs@earthlink.net. All copy for the September/October 2012 issue should be received by Monday, August 6.

High Holy Days 2012/5773

The same but different at Wallace Hall

Each year, the summer months are a busy time at Or Zarua as we focus on the many details involved in planning for the High Holy Days. Last year we were fortunate to have secured space at the New York Academy of Medicine on very short notice. While the building served our needs well and its staff was extremely accommodating and helpful, the location was inconvenient for a significant number of Congregants. Following Sukkot we undertook an exploration of our immediate neighborhood to find a more geographically suitable High Holy Day location. Wallace Hall, the event space on the lower level of St. Ignatius Loyola Church, has been selected from the very few possibilities available.

Wallace Hall is located on the west side of Park Avenue between 83rd and 84th Streets. There are two entrances, one at the corner of 84th Street and one midway between 83rd and 84th Streets. The large, attractive space will hold all of us comfortably. Children through the age of 6 will have their services in the same building, while those 7 and up will have theirs in the Or Zarua building, at 127 East 82nd Street.

Evening services for Rosh Hashanah will be held at Or Zarua, 127 East 82nd Street, on Sunday, September 16, from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., and on Monday, September 17, from 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Rosh Hashanah morning services, Monday,



Many of Or Zarua's High Holy Day services for 5773 will be held at Wallace Hall, located on Park Avenue between 83rd and 84th Streets.

September 17, and Tuesday, September 18, will be at Wallace Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Children's services will be from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at both locations. As usual, Tashlikh will take place on the first day of Rosh Hashanah at the Central Park Reservoir from 5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Minhah for Erev Yom Kippur, Tuesday, September 25, will be at Or Zarua, 127 East 82nd Street, from 1:20 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Kol Nidre that evening will take place at Wallace Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Yom Kippur services, Wednesday, September 26, will be held at Wallace Hall

beginning at 9:00 a.m. Children's services will be held from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at both Wallace Hall and Or Zarua for the appropriate age-groups.

All dates, times, and locations will be printed on the reverse of each High Holy Day ticket. The seating arrangement at Wallace Hall will be according to our long-established practice—a central bimah with seating on three sides—and is unassigned.

Membership billing has been mailed to each Congregational household. Tickets will be mailed to all paid members during the last week of August. Please call the synagogue office with any questions or concerns you may have in connection with dues payment. Note that all children through the age of 22 are included in family membership. Children ages 23 and above are required to have guest tickets; any inquiries in this regard should be directed to the synagogue office as well.

So, what remains the same? While the venue has changed, the mahzor, style, and conduct of the services are as they were. We will, as we always have, welcome longstanding and newer Congregants to join together as a community to reflect on the year ending and to pray for a shanah tova, a year of all that is good. And we will welcome Rabbi Scott Bolton, Rabbi Amy Bolton, and their children into our embrace as they share the High Holy Days with us for the first time.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

The next Or Zarua book discussion will be on Sunday, October 28, at 7:30 p.m. We will discuss I.J. Singer's classic Yiddish novel *The Brothers Ashkenazy* (in English translation). If you would like more information on OZ book discussions or have a book suggestion, please contact Reed Schneider at 212-860-8611.

OR ZARUA CRAFTS CLUB

The next meeting of the Or Zarua Crafts Club will be on Sunday, October 21, at 10:15 a.m. in the OZ library. Remember, no experience is necessary to join the Crafts Club, and older children and nonmembers are also welcome to attend.

CONGREGATION OR ZARUA OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Or Zarua office is closed Saturday and Sunday, as well as on Jewish and federal holidays.

Or Zarua Gala a Resounding Success

Rabbi Wechsler honored for 23 years of distinguished service

Oh, what a night! Monday, June 4, was a wonderful moment in the life of Congregation Or Zarua! The Or Zarua Gala was a resounding success.

Nearly 300 members and guests gathered at Pier Sixty for an evening of delicious food, beautiful music, inspiring words, and enthusiastic dancing. Rabbi Wechsler was honored for his 23 years as Or Zarua's

founding rabbi. And our past and current presidents were honored for their contributions to the community!

The Gala raised over \$200,000 for
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Or Zarua Gala, June 4

Celebrating at Pier Sixty

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the Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler Education Initiative. These photographs are just a sample of the more than 200 taken by Rachel Feerman.

Yasher Koach to the Gala Committee for a most successful event. Special thanks to Arthur Rosenbloom, who chaired the committee.



Or Zarua Cemetery in New Jersey

Gravesites available for sale to members

The Or Zarua section of Beth El Cemetery is located in Washington Township (Bergen County), New Jersey, just 10 miles away from the George Washington Bridge. Beth El Cemetery is well maintained and landscaped with trees and shrubs. The cemetery's design provides a serene and beautiful final resting place that reflects the values and aesthetics of Congregation Or Zarua. Gravesites within the Or Zarua section are available for sale solely to members of our Congregation. Burial is limited to persons of the Jewish faith. If you are interested in buying gravesites in the Or Zarua section, please contact the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, ext. 14.

LIFE EVENTS

at Congregation Or Zarua

A community such as ours shares good times and bad with its members. When something good happens in your family—birth, graduation, engagement, or marriage—let us share your joy. When something bad happens—illness, hospitalization, or a death in your family—let us share your burden.

Sometimes people are reluctant to communicate these issues on their own. If you know of a member who is coping with illness or loss, please contact the OZ office at 212-452-2310, extension 12 or 14, so that Rabbi Bolton can be informed.

TORAH READERS NEEDED

If you are able to read Torah or haftarah and would like to do so on a Shabbat, please contact Henry Glanternik at hjgmoose@aol.com. Alternatively, you may sign up online at www.orzarua.org by choosing "Read Torah" under the "Prayer" drop-down menu.



HARVEY BRENNER



Views of the Or Zarua cemetery section of Beth El Cemetery.

Newly Elected Or Zarua Board Members

Five Congregants join the class of 2015

Dan Beller



Dan Beller and his wife, Lynn, along with their two children, Sarah and Benjamin, have been members of Or Zarua for nearly 20 years. A former Board and Executive Committee

member, Dan served as president of the Congregation from 2002 through 2005. He finds inspiration in Or Zarua's core values of Torah, Avodah, and Gemilut Hasadim, practiced in a fully egalitarian setting. He enjoys studying Torah and Talmud, as well as engaging in discussions about Jewish faith and philosophy and its integral role in everyday life.

Dan is an active participant in the larger Jewish community, serving on the board of the Jewish Theological Seminary and the National Commission of the Anti-Defamation League. Since 1981, Dan has been a partner in the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP.

Dore Hollander

Dore Hollander is a lifelong, diehard New Yorker. She grew up in Queens, in a family steeped in Yiddishkeit, and shul was one

of the focal points of her youth. Dore moved to the Upper East Side in 1979, but it wasn't until 1990, when an ad in *Jewish Week* led her to Or Zarua, that she found a shul she could call her own.

Dore enjoys reading haftarah (a skill she learned from a fellow Congregant in the early days of her membership in Or Zarua) and hopes to find additional ways to contribute to OZ's community as a member of the Board.

Dore works as an editor and writer for the Guttmacher Institute, a nonprofit research organization concerned with public health and policy issues related to reproductive health and rights.

Melissa Kashan Lader



Melissa Kashan Lader and her husband, Craig, have been members of Or Zarua since 2005. They were drawn to OZ because it is both a traditional and an egalitarian synagogue. They have a 6-year-old son named Ethan.

Melissa works at the JCC in Manhattan, overseeing programming for children with special needs. Her goals as

a Board member will be to help Or Zarua become even more welcoming and inclusive of families with children, particularly those with various challenges, including children with various learning, communication, and social challenges. She is looking forward to welcoming our next rabbi and to working with him and fellow Board members during the transition period.

Mark Somerstein



Mark Somerstein, a member of Or Zarua for approximately 18 years, has been active in leading services and reading Torah. Drawing on his extensive Hebrew education, he

has tutored children and adults in reading, as well as in Hebrew conversation. Mark has been a teacher and bilingual school social worker. Currently he is a psychotherapist in private practice.

Mark considers being a member of on the Board to be an honor as well as an opportunity to contribute to the synagogue in a variety of ways.

William Zaiantz



William (Bill) Zaiantz has been a member of Or Zarua since 2008. Originally from Long Island, he moved to New York City after college. Bill currently works in the Private

Wealth Management division of Goldman Sachs. When they joined the synagogue, he and his then girlfriend, Keely, were looking for a place that was both egalitarian and traditional, and found it in Or Zarua. They were married by Rabbi Wechsler in 2010 and attended the Context course, among other classes, together.

Bill is excited to be able to further help the Or Zarua community by serving on the Board. He looks forward to working with other members to ensure Or Zarua maintains all that he loves about it and to grow ever stronger in the future.

VISIT WWW. ORZARUA.ORG

Explore Or Zarua's past, present, and future



Have you missed an Or Zarua lecture, class, or discussion? Would you like to hear a presentation a second time? Or Zarua's website, www.orzarua.org, contains recordings of many of the presentations given by guest speakers and teachers at the synagogue.

Natan Sharansky's discussion of "Israel, the Arab Spring, and World Jewry," on November 10, 2011, has been posted.

By clicking on the drop-down menu titled "Learning" and choosing "Adult Study," followed by "Recorded Talks," you can also access lectures by Professors Ruth R. Wisse, David Roskies, and James Kugel, and Rabbis David Silber and Harlan Wechsler. You can even listen to the Or Zarua Klezmer Band.

There are many other resources on the Or Zarua website—upcoming events, service schedules, current art gallery shows, minyan sign-up, and much more. So take a moment to explore www.orzarua.org and see what has been, is currently, and will be happening at OZ!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 • 11 Tammuz 8:45 am Sunday Minyan	2 • 12 7:15 am Minyan	3 • 13 7:15 am Minyan	4 • 14 Independence Day 8:45 am Minyan <i>Office closed</i>	5 • 15 7:15 am Minyan	6 • 16 7:15 am Minyan 6:45 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:12 pm Candlelighting	7 • 17 9:00 am Shaharit Balak
8 • 18 Fast of Tammuz 8:45 am Sunday Minyan	9 • 19 7:15 am Minyan	10 • 20 7:15 am Minyan 6:30 pm Context: Mintz 8:00 pm <i>City of Joy</i> : Music from Renaissance Mantua	11 • 21 7:15 am Minyan	12 • 22 7:15 am Minyan	13 • 23 7:15 am Minyan 6:45 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:09 pm Candlelighting	14 • 24 9:00 am Shaharit Pinhas
15 • 25 8:45 am Sunday Minyan	16 • 26 7:15 am Minyan	17 • 27 7:15 am Minyan 6:30 pm Context: Mintz	18 • 28 7:15 am Minyan	19 • 29 7:15 am Minyan	20 • 1 Av Rosh Hodesh Av 7:00 am Minyan 6:45 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:04 pm Candlelighting	21 • 2 9:00 am Shaharit Mattot/Masei
22 • 3 8:45 am Sunday Minyan	23 • 4 7:15 am Minyan	24 • 5 7:15 am Minyan 6:30 pm Context: Mintz	25 • 6 7:15 am Minyan	26 • 7 7:15 am Minyan	27 • 8 7:15 am Minyan 6:45 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:58 pm Candlelighting	28 • 9 Shabbat Hazon 9:00 am Shaharit Devarim Erev Tisha B'Av 9:03 pm Evening Service Reading of Eikha
29 • 10 Tisha B'Av Fast Day 8:45 am Shaharit 7:30 pm Minhah/Ma'ariv	30 • 11 7:15 am Minyan	31 • 12 7:15 am Minyan 6:30 pm Context: Mintz (final session)				



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August 2012 • Av/Elul 5772

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 • 13 Av 7:15 am Minyan	2 • 14 7:15 am Minyan	3 • 15 7:15 am Minyan 6:30 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:51 pm Candlelighting	4 • 16 Shabbat Nahamu 9:00 am Shaharit Vaethanan
5 • 17 8:45 am Sunday Minyan	6 • 18 7:15 am Minyan	7 • 19 7:15 am Minyan	8 • 20 7:15 am Minyan	9 • 21 7:15 am Minyan	10 • 22 7:15 am Minyan 6:30 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:42 pm Candlelighting	11 • 23 9:00 am Shaharit Ekev
12 • 24 8:45 am Sunday Minyan	13 • 25 7:15 am Minyan	14 • 26 7:15 am Minyan	15 • 27 7:15 am Minyan	16 • 28 7:15 am Minyan	17 • 29 7:15 am Minyan 6:30 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:33 pm Candlelighting	18 • 30 Rosh Hodesh Elul 9:00 am Shaharit Re'eh
19 • 1 Elul Rosh Hodesh Elul 8:45 am Sunday Minyan	20 • 2 7:15 am Minyan	21 • 3 7:15 am Minyan	22 • 4 7:15 am Minyan	23 • 5 7:15 am Minyan	24 • 6 7:15 am Minyan 6:30 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:22 pm Candlelighting	25 • 7 9:00 am Shaharit Shoftim
26 • 8 8:45 am Sunday Minyan	27 • 9 7:15 am Minyan	28 • 10 7:15 am Minyan	29 • 11 7:15 am Minyan	30 • 12 7:15 am Minyan	31 • 13 7:15 am Minyan 6:30 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:11 pm Candlelighting	1 Sept • 14 9:00 am Shaharit Ki Tetze

Programs and Sponsorship Opportunities

For the year 5573 (2012–2013)

Please consider full or partial sponsorship of our programs. For additional information, please contact the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, ext. 14.

September 8

WELCOME BACK KIDDUSH, \$3,000

September 8

SINFUL DESSERTS, \$500

September 19

RABBI SILBER'S LECTURE

Sponsored in full

September 30

SUKKAH DINNER, \$4,000

October 1 and 2

SUKKAH KIDDUSHIM (enhanced),
\$2,000 for each Kiddush

October

SUSHI IN THE SUKKAH, \$1,000

October 9

SIMHAT TORAH KIDDUSH LUNCH, \$2,000

November/December

FAMILY AND FRIENDS SHABBAT DINNER

Dates to be determined

\$2,000 each

December/January

SHABBATONS

Dates and topics to be determined

\$5,400 each

January

LUCY S. DAWIDOWICZ LECTURE

Sponsored in full

January

OZ BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH, \$3,000

February 3

SUPER BOWL PARTY, *Sponsored in full*

February 24

PURIM SPIEL, *Sponsored in full*

February/March

ZAYIN ADAR DINNER, \$1,500

March 26

SECOND NIGHT SEDER, \$5,000

April 15

YOM HA'ATZMAUT, \$1,800

May 14

TIKKUN LEYL SHAVUOT PANEL AND
CHEESECAKE, \$1,500

May

ANNUAL MEETING, \$2,500

June

END-OF-THE-YEAR KIDDUSH, \$3,000

Hesed Events and Programs

"The world exists for the sake of kindness."—Rashi

Cup of Warmth Project

● Met council's Jewish Social Action Month will take place during the month of Heshvan. Or Zarua will participate in the Cup of Warmth Project, Sunday, October 28 (time to be announced). Help make soup mixes and decorate jars for the Or Zarua and Met Council Food Rescue Program. This is a one-time commitment of about two hours at Or Zarua. Individuals and groups of all ages are welcome, but children ages 3–13 need an adult chaperone. For more information, contact volunteer@metcouncil.org or call 212-453-9508.

Salvation Deliverance Church

● "Pre-owned" adult and children's clothing, toys, dolls, games, and related items can be put to good use by the many transitional homeless residents in the South Bronx, including single, jobless mothers and their

children, as well as unemployed men. OZ partners with Salvation Deliverance Church, whose members are housekeepers caring for their own local needy.

Chemotherapy Caps

● Attractive knitted caps in all sizes for children from babies to teenagers residing at Ronald McDonald House while undergoing chemotherapy are welcome donations.

Butterfly Garden

● "Green thumbs" are needed from spring through fall to help care for Ronald McDonald House's 7th Floor Terrace Butterfly Garden.

Home Visit Volunteers

● Volunteer to visit and cheer ill or home-bound Or Zarua Congregants.

Monday Night Pizza at NCS

● Or Zarua Congregants serve pizza, salad, soda, and good cheer to men and

women with a range of mental health and addiction issues at the Neighborhood Coalition Shelter's East 81st Street Residence each Monday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please consider making a \$180 contribution to the Hesed Fund to cover OZ's weekly food costs.

Ronald McDonald House

● Jewish children come from across the U.S. and around the world to undergo serious medical treatment at New York City hospitals. Many reside with their families at Ronald McDonald House and have no local support system of friends or relatives. The chaplain at Ronald McDonald House alerts us when OZ may be of service to families who may require kosher meals, synagogue services, and other assistance.

To participate in any of these Hesed programs, please contact Richard Stadin at stadin1@aol.com or 212-879-0448.

OR ZARUA MINYAN Contact Sheldon Adler at sadler@skadden.com or choose "Daily Minyan" under the "Prayer" menu on www.orzarua.org to sign up for a day or two each month.

Celebrate Israel Parade

A strong contingent from Or Zarua participated on Sunday, June 3, 2012



OR ZARUA ART CALENDAR 5773

Fundraiser for Or Zarua's Youth Education Department

The Or Zarua Youth Department has produced a calendar containing artwork by student-aged members of Or Zarua. Each month of the calendar features the artwork of a different young member of Congregation Or Zarua. Copies of the calendar will be mailed to Congregants this summer. As part of an effort to raise funds for the Or Zarua Youth Education Department, we ask that you support the calendar by sending a donation to the Or Zarua office.

We hope you enjoy the calendar and your summer.

WELCOMING GUESTS AT OZ

It is important for us as a community to make guests and new members at our services and kiddushim feel comfortable and welcome. If you are seated next to someone whom you do not know, please reach out and introduce yourself. Making this effort is consistent with our culture and will repay dividends.

City of Joy: Music from Renaissance Mantua

Tuesday, July 10, 8:00 p.m., Or Zarua social hall

City of Joy, a celebration of music from the palace and ghetto of Renaissance Mantua, will be performed on Tuesday, July 10, at 8:00 p.m., in the Or Zarua social hall, by Benjamin Wolff, cello and narration; Aaron Brown and Vita Wallace, violins; Charles Weaver, lute; and Melissa Fogarty, soprano.

Can an artistic dialogue between people of different faiths pave the way for a dialogue of words? In the early years of the 17th century, in the Italian city of Mantua, a cultural “bridge” connected Jews and Christians—despite their otherwise complete separation—who practiced and loved the arts of music, dance, and theater.

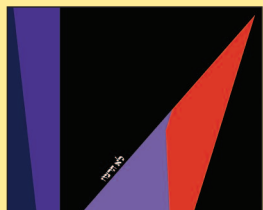
Because of what this bridge—this exchange—represented and its profound effect on their lives, the Jews of Mantua called their home “Kiryat Alizah,” their City of Joy. With music and song from the Jewish and Christian communities of late Renaissance Mantua, this concert, *City of Joy*, honors an unusual age of tolerance and explores what made it possible.

There is no cost to attend the event. For more information, go to www.ListeningtoHistory.org.



NOW SHOWING IN THE OZ GALLERY

Rudi Wolff's “Our Colorful Bible,” on display in the OZ social hall, presents two series of serigraph prints inspired by the Ten Commandments and Bereshit. Both prints pictured below are from the Ten Commandments series.



Thou Shalt Not Murder



Observe the Sabbath Day

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Gallery Show: “Today I am...”

Call for materials for the next show in the Or Zarua Gallery

Do you still remember how you practiced every word, picked out a new suit or dress, and posed for pictures? Do you still remember your Bar or Bat Mitzvah?

Or Zarua is interested in featuring you and your Bar or Bat Mitzvah memories in its next Gallery show, “Today I am ...”

Our goal is to reflect on the role Bar and Bat Mitzvah played in our members' lives, and to see how ceremonies and traditions changed over the years.

We are, therefore, asking you for your memorabilia. Do you still have your Bar or Bat Mitzvah invitation? Your Bar or Bat Mitzvah photos? Menu? Yarmulke?

Please bring them on the following dates so that we can consider including them in the Gallery show: Monday, July 16, 2–4 p.m.; Tuesday, July 17, 6–8 p.m.; and Wednesday, July 18, 6–8 p.m.

You may also contact Bobbi Collier at 212-987-2067 or bcollier@rcn.com, and Joanne Feierman at 212-875-4803.



An invitation to a Bar Mitzvah from the early 1900s.

HEBREW SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 2012

- Wed 5** Staff meeting
Mon 10 Monday classes begin
Wed 12 Wednesday classes begin
Mon 17 Rosh Hashanah (no classes)
Wed 19 Classes in session
Mon 24 Classes in session
Wed 26 Yom Kippur (no classes)

October 2012

- Mon 1** Sukkot (no classes)
Wed 3 Classes in session;
dinner in the Sukkah
Sat 6 Sukkah Sleepover
Mon 8 Shemini Atzeret (no classes)
Wed 10 Classes in session
Mon 15 Classes in session
Wed 17 Classes in session
Mon 22 Classes in session
Wed 24 Classes in session
Mon 29 Classes in session
Wed 31 Classes in session

RABBI WECHSLER
TEACHES ON
SIRIUS XM RADIO

Sundays at 3:00 a.m.,
5:00 a.m., and 7:00 a.m.



Rabbi Wechsler can be heard on SiriusXM Stars Channel three times each Sunday. Subscribers to SiriusXM Satellite Radio can access the program, "Rabbi Wechsler Teaches," on Channel 107. Nonsubscribers can obtain a free, three-day trial at www.siriusxm.com.

PJ Library at Or Zarua

by Ilana Burgess



02 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



On Friday afternoon, June 8, parents and young children gathered for the first PJ Library activity at Congregation Or Zarua. The kids' excitement, anticipation, and voices filled the room. Following a short introduction, Francine Medoff (in the polka dot dress above), author of *The Mouse in the Matzah Factory*, read a story called "The Shabbat Box." We then danced Israeli dances, sang songs to music performed by Rob Silverbush, and made challah covers. When all were tired and hungry, we said the Shabbat blessings for candles, wine, and bread. Everybody had a great time learning, making new friends, and welcoming the Shabbat.

PJ Library is a Jewish family engagement program throughout North America. It mails, on a monthly basis, free, high-quality Jewish children's literature and music to families with children ages six months through eight years. For more detailed information, go to www.PJLibrary.org.

To learn about other Or Zarua youth activities, please contact Ilana Burgess at iburgess@orzarua.org.



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JULY/AUGUST 2012

July/August Checklist

- *City of Joy*, a celebration of music from the palace and ghetto of Renaissance Mantua, will be performed on Tuesday, July 10, at 8:00 p.m. in the Or Zarua social hall (page 12).
- Or Zarua's first Shabbat with Rabbi Bolton will be Friday night, July 20 and Saturday, July 21 (page 1).
- Tisha B'Av begins Saturday night, July 28. See page 1 for the complete schedule of services at Or Zarua.
- "Today I am...", the upcoming exhibit in the Or Zarua Gallery on Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, is seeking materials. See page 12 for information on how your memorabilia can be included.
- Participate in Or Zarua's Oral History project (page 2).
- For information about Or Zarua's Hebrew School or other youth activities, please contact Ilana Burgess at iburgess@orzarua.org.
- All Congregants should have received membership renewal information in the mail. Please contact the office at 212-452-2310 with any questions.
- High Holy Day services will be held at Wallace Hall, Park Avenue between 83rd and 84th Streets. Please see page 3 for details.
- The next meeting of the Crafts Club will be on Sunday, October 21, at 10:15 a.m. in the OZ library (page 3).
- The OZ book discussion on Sunday, October 28, at 7:30 p.m. will feature I.J. Singer's classic Yiddish novel *The Brothers Ashkenazy* (in English translation).
- Sponsor an Or Zarua program, event or lecture (page 10).
- Help out with a Hesed program (page 10).
- Please sign up for the morning minyan (page 10).
- Support the Youth Education Department's 5773 Art Calendar with a donation (page 11).
- Listen to "Rabbi Wechsler Teaches" on Sirius XM Radio, Channel 107 (page 11).
- Rudi Wolff's "Our Colorful Bible" is currently on display in the OZ Gallery in the social hall (page 12).
- To join a committee, inform the office of your interest.
- Have an idea or article for the *OZ Newsletter*? If so, please contact Charlie Speilholz (cssrs@earthlink.net).