

The Light of Learning

Come together for light and life



I hope that after the High Holy Days and the excitement of our fall festivals in Tishri, the next couple of months on the Jewish calendar can afford us the opportunity to meet

one another, delight in prayer and the Sabbath, and learn something together.

Being part of a synagogue community can mean sharing experiences of prayer, Jewish learning, engagement with culture and the arts, and expressing our appreciation and love for Israel. Being together for Shabbat and at daily minyan not only allows space for personal reflection and quiet time in our busy world, but creates the human, face-to-face network we can gain from in life. Developing our shul community means coming together with people who can provide strength at times of need or positive chevruta—fellowship.

The Talmud teaches us that chevruta—learning in partnership, discovering more about the world, and studying Jewish sources—is a direct and exact response to dying! In other words, if you want more life, to add to life, to make life sweeter, come to the Beit Midrash—come to the synagogue and learn something!

When we apply ourselves as adult learners, we feel a sense of accomplish-

ment and vibrancy. Our willingness to open our minds to new ideas, express our opinions, and open our minds to others' viewpoints makes us travelers and investigators. This feeling of being a student is one of the secrets of Judaism; the more learning, the more life!

We have classes in Torah reading, ethics, Talmud, and the prayerbook; gallery talks and installations; lectures; and shiurim (watch for opportunities to learn about one tradition or another, especially at Hanukkah time!). We have family get-togethers for Shabbat, informal gatherings to meet one another, and dialogue and learning in our Shabbat services. We are an engaged, participatory, and learning congregation.

Learning is only one of the ways to allow Or Zarua to help enrich life. Prayer, performing acts of kindness with our Hesed Committee, and coming to a book club discussion are others. I also continue to invite everyone for personal meetings, to get to know one another, and to have Jewish conversations whenever is right.

I look forward to celebrating Shabbat and our first Hanukkah together, as well as seeing everyone at the variety of classes and community events that fill our calendar during Heshvan and Kislev.

B'vrakha,
Rabbi Scott N. Bolton

SHABBAT DINNERS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**Friday, November 9,
and Friday, December 14,
Shabbat Hanukkah**
immediately following services

Join the OZ community for two special Kabbalat Shabbat services, on Friday nights, November 9 and December 14. Both evenings will feature services followed by a festive dinner with singing. The December 14 dinner will include festivities for Hanukkah. Guests and nonmembers are welcome.

Children's activities and babysitting will be provided.

Dinner reservations:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

RSVP by Monday, November 5

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

RSVP by Monday, December 10

at 212-452-2310, extension 39
or www.orzarua.org

**\$30 adults; \$10 children ages 5–12;
no charge for children under 5**

OZ YOUTH HANUKKAH FESTIVAL

Monday, December 10, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

All are invited to our family Hanukkah celebration at Or Zarua. See page 8 for details.

FAST TALK

Sunday, December 23

9:45 a.m., Fast of Tevet

Thirty minutes of inspiration about the Fast on the 10th of Tevet, given by Rabbi Bolton, beginning after the morning minyan.



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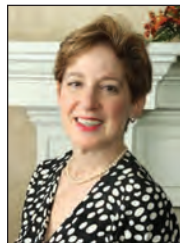
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If you are interested in serving on a synagogue committee, please contact the office for the committee chair's email address.

President's Message

by Diane Okrent



A few weeks ago, we began reading the Torah all over again. In the very beginning of Bereshit, God's first creation is light.

"And God said: 'Let there be light.' And there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness" (Genesis 1, 3-4). God is referred to as "light," and the Torah is "light." Light is essential to life and our ability to see clearly.

As daylight fades earlier and earlier through mid-December, we seek light from many sources. Fortunately, true to our name, Or Zarua—"Light is Sown"—provides much needed light to our community.

The light of learning glows at Or Zarua. Right after Simhat Torah, our cycle of learning began anew. The Hebrew School is now in full swing with students from kindergarten through 10th grade. Our students are learning Hebrew, history, Torah, Talmud, customs and practices, and Jewish life, as well as love of Israel and Hesed. Our middle school and high school students are studying Hebrew language, prophets, and texts. Several students are studying with Rabbi Bolton.

We are now participating in PJ Library, a program for children from 6 months to 8 years old. The children receive free Jewish books and then come to Or Zarua for a group program. During Sukkot, Rabbi Bolton read to the children in the sukkah. The PJ Library program is open to members and nonmembers.

Our adult education program has begun again as well. Each weekday, the light of learning emanates from within our building. On Mondays, members are studying Torah reading. On Tuesdays, ConText class members are studying Jewish ethics. On Wednesdays, members are studying Talmud. And on Thursdays, members are studying "Keva and Kavannah: Our Fixed Prayers and Windows of Inspiration."

Of course, on Shabbat we all study the parasha and its application to our lives.

Many programs will take place in the next few weeks that will add to the glow of Or Zarua. On November 9, we will hold the first of our Family and Friends Shabbat Dinners. The following Family and Friends Shabbat Dinner will be on December 14, during Hanukkah. These informal dinners are open to all members and prospective members.

On November 15, we will be privileged to enjoy private tours of the Jewish Museum exhibit "Crossing Borders: Manuscripts from the Bodleian Libraries." The exhibit with more than 50 manuscripts, many of them illuminated, from the renowned Bodleian Libraries at Oxford, highlights the role of Hebrew books as a meeting place of cultures in the Middle Ages. Many of these works are on view in the United States for the first time.

Hanukkah, our Festival of Lights, will bring more light to and from Or Zarua. Each night, starting on December 8, we light the menorah—both in our Sanctuary and in the window outside the Sanctuary. You will see the light from the street.

Before Hanukkah, we collect new toys to bring light to children through the auspices of the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty. And we send packages of food goodies and dreidels to our college students to share the light of Hanukkah and to brighten their final exam period.

During the evenings before Thanksgiving and Christmas, Or Zarua members will bring light and cheer to our neighbors by gleaning, packing, and delivering food from Eli's and The Vinegar Factory. The food will be delivered to Ronald McDonald House, Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter, Yorkville Common Pantry, and Salvation Deliverance Church.

I invite you join us in these light-giving activities. We can only truly be a participatory congregation if you participate. Come and help us sow light in the winter darkness. *Or Zarua latzadik Ul-yishrei leiv simcha*—Light is sown for the righteous and joy for the upright of heart.

Hanukkah Practices

Thoughts, ideas, and ritual

What can we do while the Hanukkah candles are burning, to keep the tradition of the holiday? First, no one should do any housework during the time that the candles are burning in the hanukkiah—take a break and be together! Play dreidel, eat latkes, eat donuts, or other foods fried in oil. Also, Hanukkah is a good time to count out the contents of any tzedakah boxes filled with coins and re-dedicate ourselves to causes and institutions that make God’s name great. We can’t rely on miracles to ensure that places like our synagogue and other nonprofit agencies or hospitals can do their holy work; they need our gelt to continue their endeavors. At this time of year, it is a wonderful mitzvah to participate in toy, clothing, and food drives for needy children and their families, both in the Jewish community and in the broader community. Be in touch with our Hesed Committee or with me to discuss where you might make a meaningful Hanukkah donation of tzedakah, and enjoy the Hanukkah candles with family and friends.

—RABBI SCOTT BOLTON

What is a menorah? To describe the familiar piece of Judaica we use on Hanukkah, we call it either a hanukkiah (as they do in Israel) or a Hanukkah menorah. A menorah is simply a lamp. The original menorah was the seven-branched candelabra fashioned by Bezalel for the Tabernacle and then for the Temple (Exodus 25). This type of menorah—carved in a relief on the Arch of Titus, stamped into ancient coins, and represented in the seal of the State of Israel—has no ritual function today.

What blessings do we recite before lighting the candles? On the first night of Hanukkah, we say three blessings: “I’hadlik ner shel Hanukkah,” “she-asah nisim lavotenu bayamim hahem bazman hazeh,” and “shehekheyanu.” On subsequent nights, we say only the first two. We say the appropriate blessings and then light the candles.

In which order do we light the candles? On the first night, we put one candle on the right side of the hanukkiah. The second night and thereafter we add lights to the left. After reciting the berakhot, use the shammash (servant candle) to light the new candle first, then the others in descending order. Place the hanukkiah on a windowsill facing the street so that it can be seen from outside.

What about Shabbat during Hanukkah? On Friday night, light the Hanukkah candles first—before Shabbat—then light the Shabbat candles. On Saturday night, light the Hanukkah candles after Shabbat ends.

MEET RABBI BOLTON Informal Gatherings

Sunday, November 4, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 7, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Monday, November 12, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 20, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

All members were sent invitations to “Meet Rabbi Bolton” at an informal gathering at a member’s home. This will be a great opportunity to introduce yourself to Rabbi Bolton. If you have not already responded and would like to attend a gathering, RSVP at least a week prior to your preferred dates, from those listed above, by leaving a message at 212-452-2310, extension 39, or emailing dwenger@orzarua.org. You will be notified which gathering to attend and where.

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DARA SHAPIRO

USCJ Lecture Series on American Jewry

Rabbi Bolton to be a panelist on December 11, 7:00 p.m., at Park Avenue Synagogue

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) has put together a lecture series, "The Shifting Landscape of American Jewry," designed to address critical challenges facing American Jewry. The goal of this series is to offer a forum to structure questions, generate new ideas, and provide a framework for answers that will be part of the foundation of American Jewry's continuing

revitalization.

Or Zarua's Rabbi Scott Bolton will be a member of the second panel discussion, which is titled "Candlelight Conversations: Behind the Scenes with the Conservative Rabbis of the East Side." The other panel members will be Rabbi Rachel Ain of Sutton Place Synagogue, Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove of Park Avenue Synagogue, and Rabbi Ephraim Pelcovits of the East 55th Street Conservative Synagogue.

Rabbi Steven C. Wernick, chief executive of USCJ, will serve as the moderator.

The panel discussion will be held on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m., at Park Avenue Synagogue. While there is no cost for attending the panel discussion, a reservation is required. Please go to <https://mcheck.wufoo.com/forms/east-side-rabbis-lecture> in order to register for this event.

TORAH READERS NEEDED

If you are able to read Torah or haftarah and would like to do so on a Shabbat, please contact Marc Ashley (mashley@chadbourne.com) or Jay Palmer (jpalmer@nyc.rr.com). Alternatively, you may sign up online at www.orzarua.org by choosing "Read Torah" under the "Prayer" drop-down menu.

USY on Wheels: Mission Mitzvah

by Lauren Kupferberg

This summer I participated in a summer program called United Synagogue Youth (USY) on Wheels: Mission Mitzvah. My trip took Jewish children from all around the United States and Canada on a coach bus. The purpose was to do mitzvot in the cities we visited. Our trip started in Somerset, New Jersey, with all the other USY buses, and ended five and a half weeks later in Los Angeles, California.

The trip allowed me to connect with other Jews from North America. I made new friends and had amazing experiences. In addition to doing good deeds, we explored cities and experienced the variety of sights our country has to offer. We went to the Capitol in Washington, D.C.; the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte, North Carolina; the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum; the Grand Canyon, in Flagstaff, Arizona; and Disneyland, in Anaheim, California.

One of the more memorable parts of the trip was that every Shabbat, after we

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The sculpture that names Love Park, by the art museum, in Philadelphia, our second stop.

had settled in, we had a beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat, led by the "campers." It was amazing; although each of us came from different parts of the continent, we

all had similar tunes and melodies for the brachas. The trip was fantastic! I will never forget the experiences I had on this trip. I learned, I grew, and I smiled.

Rabbi Bolton Featured in *Jewish Week*

September 9, 2012, issue

Rabbi Scott N. Bolton was featured in a *Jewish Week* article discussing his arrival at Congregation Or Zarua and how he sees himself on the landscape of New York City Jewry.

Topics also include Or Zarua's goal to expand its membership and to forge new connections both within our own synagogue community and with the surrounding Jewish community.

You can read the article online at:

<http://www.thejewishweek.com/forward/emailref?path=node/25842>.

You are also invited to accept Rabbi Bolton's offer to meet individually. Call the OZ office at 212-432-2310 to arrange an appointment.

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT SERIES

Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother

This program will be a series of presentations and discussions carried out over the long term. Rabbi Amy Bolton will begin the series with "Giving Care and Caring for Ourselves: The Spiritual Odyssey of the Mitzvah of Respecting Your Parents." Look for forthcoming announcements for scheduling information.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Have an idea or article that is suitable for publication in the *OZ Newsletter*? If so, please contact Charlie Spielholz at cssrs@earthlink.net. All copy for the January/February 2013 issue should be received by Monday, December 10.

Study Torah, Talmud, and Prayer

Classes offered at Congregation Or Zarua

Do you want to learn to read Torah? Are you interested in studying Talmud? Do you have questions about our prayer service? If so, Congregation Or Zarua offers three classes to indulge your curiosity and inquiry.

Mark Somerstein, our long-time Congregant, Torah reader, and coach, offers a Torah reading class on Monday evenings. Mark's goal in teaching this class is to expand the number of OZ Congregants who can read Torah (a skill known as *layning*). Mark is able to teach all aspects of reading Torah. His students have included people with a wide range of skill levels, including people preparing for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah, those who wish to polish their rusty skills, and those who wish to become Torah readers despite their limited knowledge of Hebrew.

If you are interested in reading Torah at Or Zarua, contact Mark Somerstein at 646-303-1076. All levels of skill, including beginners, are welcome to participate in this course.

Since its earliest days, Or Zarua has offered a course in Talmud study, conceived and established by Rabbi Wechsler, our founding rabbi. Now Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Wechsler will continue to teach this class at OZ. When Rabbi Wechsler is out of town, Rabbi Bolton will teach the class. This year, we will continue the study of Chapter 4 of Tractate Sanhedrin, which deals with the laws of capital punishment, composition of the courts, and judicial procedures.

New students are always welcome to join Talmud class. No prior knowledge of Talmud, Hebrew, or Aramaic is required. The class is taught in English and is open

to all who wish to participate. To join the Talmud class, simply attend from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the OZ library. Registration is not required.

The third class offered by OZ is a new class on the history, laws, teachings, approaches, and methods of Jewish prayer. Offered on Thursdays from 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., this *siddur* class, entitled "Keva and Kavannah: Our Fixed Prayers and Windows of Inspiration," is taught by Rabbi Bolton. Prior knowledge of the prayer service is not required. As for the Talmud class, registration is not necessary. To join, just come to the OZ social hall at 8:45 a.m. on Thursdays.

For additional information on any of these three classes, please contact the OZ office at 212-452-2310. Or just show up!

—CHARLIE SPIELHOLZ

OZ CRAFTS CLUB

The next meetings of the Or Zarua Crafts Club will be on Sundays, November 11 and December 9, 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.

My Pilgrimage to Eastern Europe and Israel

by Aliza Yailen

This past summer I participated in a program with USY (United Synagogue Youth) called Eastern Europe Israel Pilgrimage. I traveled with 41 other teens and six staff. We had the opportunity to go to the Czech Republic, Germany, Poland, and Israel. The point of the trip was to teach us about what these places were like both before and during the Holocaust, as well as what these countries are like today.

During our travels in Europe we were able to pray with different Masorti (Conservative) congregations. Our stay in Krakow coincided with the annual Jewish Culture Festival. The last night of the Festival was Saturday, and we participated in the Havdalah service, which was held in an outdoor square. We danced and sang at the center of the large crowd of attendees. Another interesting place that we visited was the Yeshiva in Lublin where the concept of Daf Yomi (a daily page of Talmud study) was created. That Yeshiva is still a place of Jewish learning. These experiences gave us a taste of what life was like there before the Holocaust, and what Jewish communities still exist there. These experiences were a stark contrast to our visits to the concentration camps that we also went to on the trip.

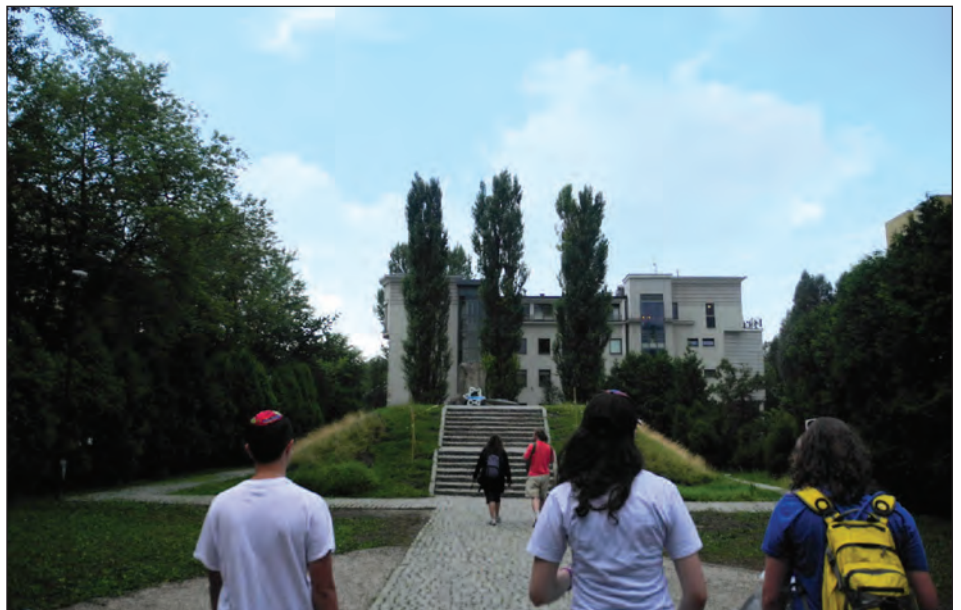
A critical fact that our tour guide made clear was that while the Holocaust deportations were occurring, most people, including Jews, had no idea what was truly going on around them. They did not realize what we know today: that many of those who were deported were going to their deaths.

The concentration camps were like nothing I had ever seen before. (I do not have any pictures of them because it was too hard for me to take them.) In Lublin, Poland, the sun was shining, and the sky was blue. Looking out on a pretty green field with people bicycling everywhere is what can be seen now at the Majdanek concentration camp. This concentration camp is well known for being so intact that it is theoretically able to be reopened

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Our first day in Prague! Three friends posed with me as our tour guide spoke about the history of Prague prior to World War II.



On our way to one of the memorial sites from the Warsaw Ghetto in Poland.

within 24 hours. It was the exact opposite of how I would have pictured a place that, at one time in the very recent past, had caused so much death and suffering.

During our visits to each of the concentration camps, a small group of us led a memorial ceremony. Each memorial ceremony concluded with a communal recitation of the mourners' Kaddish. By

the end of each ceremony, our entire group would be crying—many shedding tears silently to themselves—but all of us holding each other's hands. The most climactic part of our visits to the camps was our walking out of them, because during the Holocaust, most people there were never able to do that.

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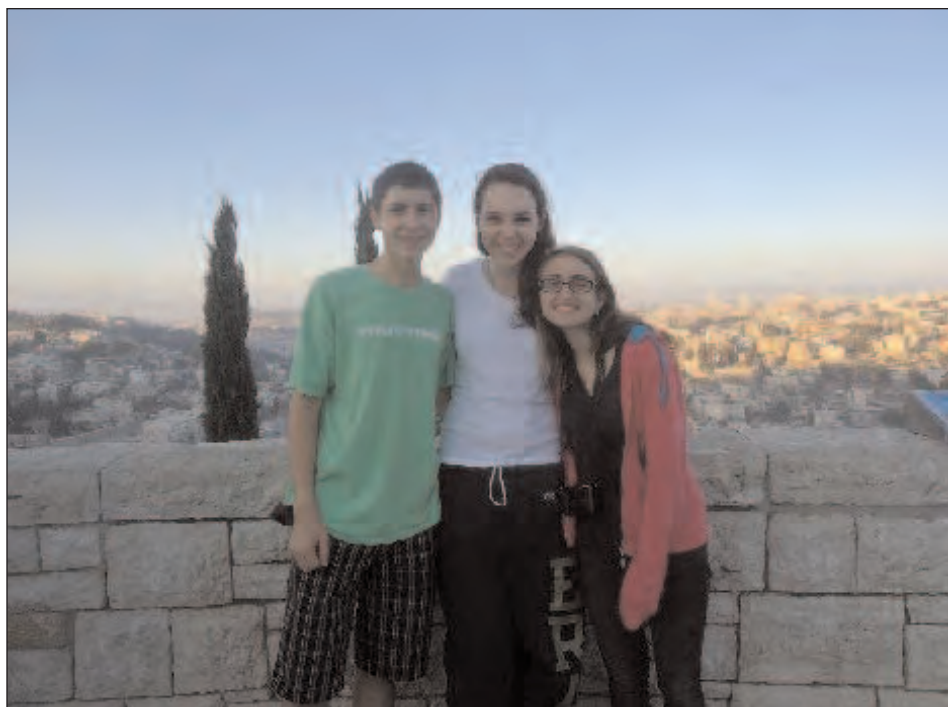
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Of course, the most exciting part of the trip was going to Israel! Some people in our group had never been there before. This was my third time visiting Israel, but as we stepped off the airplane, after going to all of those places in Eastern Europe where such horrible things occurred, it felt like a breath of fresh air. Being in Israel was different for me this time. It was 5:00 a.m., the sun had not even come up yet, and none of us had slept on the plane, but it did not matter. Israel was more beautiful than it had ever been before, because this time it stood for hope to all of us.

We spent four weeks in Israel. For two of them, we stayed at the Agron hostel in Jerusalem, which is also the base for USY's Nativ yearlong Israel program (see www.nativ.org). During our travels in Israel we did many things. We slept in Bedouin tents, waking up at 4:00 a.m. to hike up Masada. We shopped around Ben Yehuda Street and in Tzfat. We enjoyed visits to Eilat, the Dead Sea, the Golan Heights, and everywhere in between. We spent a night camping in the desert, while the day before we had gone to a lovely restaurant where we ate—what else, falafel! Every Shabbat we were given a choice of where we wanted to pray. It could have been anywhere from an ultra-Orthodox shul in the center of Jerusalem to a place that lets women participate equally.

Of course, a trip to Israel would be nothing without a few visits to the Kotel. Those of our group who were newcomers to Israel had a look of awe as they



Overlooking Jerusalem.

stepped past the security and saw the great crowds surrounding The Wall. Recalling having seen The Wall for myself the first time as a day school student at Schechter Manhattan made seeing my friends' faces as they saw it for the first time one of the best parts of this adventure. This trip was definitely a life-changing experience for me. I am more well traveled and independent, plus my Hebrew improved. But, most importantly, I am much more appreciative of everything I have now in a way that I was not before.

HEBREW SCHOOL CALENDAR

November 2012

- Mon 5** Classes in session
- Wed 7** Classes in session
- Sat 10** Junior Congregation, 10:30 a.m.
- Mon 12** Veterans Day (*no classes*)
- Wed 14** Classes in session
- Mon 19** Classes in session
- Wed 21** Thanksgiving (*no classes*)
- Mon 26** Classes in session
- Wed 28** Classes in session

December 2012

- Mon 3** Classes in session
- Wed 5** Classes in session
- Mon 10** Classes in session
- Wed 12** Classes in session
- Mon 17** Classes in session
- Wed 19** Classes in session
- Mon 24** Winter Break (*no classes*)

January 2013

- Wed 2** Classes resume

OZ YOUTH ART CALENDAR 5773

Fundraiser for Or Zarua's Youth Education Department

The OZ Youth Education Department has produced a calendar featuring artwork by student-aged members of the Or Zarua community. Each month of the calendar features artwork from a different young member of Congregation Or Zarua.

Copies of the calendar were mailed to Congregants during the summer in an effort to raise funds for the Or Zarua Youth Education Department. We hope you are enjoying the calendar and will show your support by sending a donation to the Or Zarua office.

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.

PJ Library in the Sukkah



Rabbi Bolton read stories to children participating in the PJ Library program held during Sukkot in OZ's rooftop sukkah. For additional information about the PJ Library, please contact Ilana Burgess, OZ's Youth Education Director, at iburgess@orzarua.org.

Annual OZ Talent Show

Sunday, November 18, 4:00 p.m.

On Sunday, November 18, at 4:00 p.m., Or Zarua's Youth Education Department will host its Annual Talent Show. Children, teens, and adults are all welcome to participate. If you sing, play music, tell jokes, or know magic tricks, it would be great to have you perform with us.

Proceeds from the Talent Show will benefit the new indoor game facility in

S'derot, Israel. This facility was built with the support of the JNF to give the children of S'derot a place to gather and enjoy themselves that is safe from incoming missiles that emanate from some of Israel's neighbors. Lizzy Lawrence and her family are sponsoring the event.

If you wish to participate in the Annual OZ Talent Show, RSVP to iburgess@orzarua.org, or come early so we can add you to the program.

Family and Youth Activities

November 2012

Friday, November 9 •

following Kabbalat Shabbat services
FAMILY AND FRIENDS SHABBAT DINNER
RSVP required. See page 1 for details.

Saturday, November 10 • 10:30 a.m.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION/TEEN-LED SERVICE
For 2nd grade and older. Service led by students, teachers, and parents.

Sunday, November 18 • 4:00 p.m.

ANNUAL TALENT SHOW
See above for details.

December 2012

Monday, December 10 • 5:00 p.m.

OZ YOUTH HANUKKAH FESTIVAL
Celebrate with candle lighting, latke making, plus arts and crafts.
See below for details.

Friday, December 14 •

following Kabbalat Shabbat services
FAMILY AND FRIENDS HANUKKAH DINNER
RSVP required. See page 1 for details.

OZ YOUTH HANUKKAH FESTIVAL

Monday, December 10, 5:00–6:00 p.m.

All children, siblings, day school students, parents, and grandparents are invited to celebrate Hanukkah at Or Zarua on Monday, December 10, beginning at 5 p.m. The program will include candle lighting, latke making, as well as various arts and crafts related to Hanukkah.

HANUKKAH GIFT, COAT, AND CLOTHING DRIVE

Congregation Or Zarua's Youth Education Department is collecting new, unwrapped gifts for school-age children, such as educational toys, books, and CDs, as well as clothes and coats in good condition, for the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty from Sunday, November 18, through Wednesday, January 2. Collection boxes will be located on the 6th and 7th floors and in the social hall. Coats and clothing will be collected in the coatroom on the basement level.

The Evolution of Or Zarua's Sukkah

A chapter from OZ's Oral History Project

The original Or Zarua sukkah belonged to founding member David Glasser's family. In 1989, it was assembled on the roof of the 92nd Street Y, enabling Or Zarua to hold its first Sukkot in its own sukkah. Unfortunately, the panels of that structure were unable to hold up to the rigors of future festivals and were replaced. However, when Or Zarua moved the location of its sukkah to the yard behind the OZ office at 1384 Lexington Avenue, Congregant and sukkah builder Bill Tannenbaum, z"l, found that it would be much more effective to use the existing walls around the yard to support the sukkah's roof than to construct a set of walls inside the yard. For several years, construction of the OZ sukkah was done by Ran Eisenbruch and Jeremy Posner under Bill's leadership. Jay Palmer soon joined the crew.

With the Spring 2002 opening of our new synagogue building on East 82nd Street, Rabbi Wechsler asked Congregant Jeremy Posner to obtain a sukkah for the building's roof. The purchase of this sukkah was supported by OZ Congregants Barry and Mimi Alperin in memory of their parents. Jeremy procured a prefabricated sukkah from Sukkah Depot. The Alperin sukkah was put into use for Sukkot in September 2002. Jeremy recalled that he, Jay, and Ran had to carry many of the parts up the stairs, since they were too large to fit in the building's elevators! Bill oversaw the construction of the sukkah for OZ's first sukkot in our new synagogue building in 2002. In subsequent years, Jay Palmer has overseen sukkah construction, always working with a dedicated team of volunteers.

The Or Zarua Oral History Committee continues to collect memories and artifacts from the Congregation's early days. If you have a memory, a story, a photograph, or an object that you would like to submit for inclusion in the Oral History Project, please contact Caroline Golden or Gerry Solomon or Meredith Katz at mekatz@jtsa.edu.

—MEREDITH KATZ



OR ZARUA ARCHIVES



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Or Zarua's first post-minyan breakfast in our rooftop sukkah on Monday, September 23, 2002. *Top (left to right):* Dan Beller, Regina Stein, Herb Shapiro, Randy Feld, Terry Krulwich, Sheldon Adler, Jared Greisman, and Richard Stadin. *Above (left to right):* Laura Reskinoff, Rabbi Wechsler, Herb Shapiro (obscured), Jeremy Posner, Barry Feldman, Terry Krulwich, Randy Feld (obscured), and Richard Stadin.

KEVA AND KAVANNA:

Our Fixed Prayers and Windows of Inspiration

Thursdays at 8:45 a.m. in the OZ Library

This new siddur class, taught by Rabbi Bolton, studies the history, laws, teaching, and approaches to Jewish prayer. Prior knowledge is not required.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 • 16 7:15 am Minyan 8:45 am Keva and Kavanna: Siddur Class	2 • 17 7:15 am Minyan 5:33 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	3 • 18 9:00 am Shaharit Vayera 10:30 am. Junior Congregation 6:38 pm Shabbat ends
4 • 19 8:45 am Minyan <i>Daylight Savings Time ends</i>	5 • 20 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Mark Somerstein Torah Reading Class	6 • 21 Election Day 7:15 am Minyan <i>No Context classes</i>	7 • 22 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	8 • 23 7:15 am Minyan 8:45 am Keva and Kavanna: Siddur Class	9 • 24 7:15 am Minyan 4:25 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat Family and Friends Dinner	10 • 25 9:00 am Shaharit Haya Sarah 5:30 pm Shabbat ends
11 • 26 8:45 am Minyan 10:15 am Crafts Club	12 • 27 Veterans Day 7:15 am Minyan <i>Hebrew School closed</i> <i>No Torah Reading Class</i>	13 • 28 7:15 am Minyan 7:00 pm Context Seminar: Dr. Kraemer	14 • 29 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	15 • 1 Kislev Rosh Hodesh Kislev 7:00 am Minyan 8:45 am Keva and Kavanna: Siddur Class 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm Jewish Museum Tour, "Crossing Borders"	16 • 2 7:15 am Minyan 4:19 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	17 • 3 9:00 am Shaharit Toldot 5:24 pm Shabbat ends
18 • 4 8:45 am Minyan 4:00 pm Youth Education Department Talent Show	19 • 5 7:15 am Minyan <i>No Torah Reading Class</i>	20 • 6 7:15 am Minyan 7:00 pm Context Seminar: Dr. Kraemer	21 • 7 7:15 am Minyan <i>Hebrew School closed</i> <i>No Talmud Class</i>	22 • 8 Thanksgiving 8:45 am Minyan <i>Office closed</i>	23 • 9 7:15 am Minyan 4:14 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat <i>Office closed</i>	24 • 10 9:00 am Shaharit Vayetze 5:19 pm Shabbat ends
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9 • 25 8:45 am Minyan 10:15 am Crafts Club Hanukkah: 2 Candles	10 • 26 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Mark Somerstein Torah Reading Class 5:00 p.m. OZ Youth Hanukkah Festival Hanukkah: 3 Candles	11 • 27 7:15 am Minyan 7:00 pm Context Seminar: Dr. Kraemer Hanukkah: 4 Candles	12 • 28 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class Hanukkah: 5 Candles	13 • 29 7:15 am Minyan 8:45 am Keva and Kavanna: Siddur Class Hanukkah: 6 Candles	14 • 1 Tevet Rosh Hodesh Tevet 7:00 am Minyan 4:11 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat Family and Friends Dinner Hanukkah: 7 Candles	15 • 2 9:00 am Shaharit Miketz 10:30 am. Junior Congregation 5:16 pm Shabbat ends Hanukkah: 8 Candles
16 • 3 8:45 am Minyan Bat Mitzvah of Gert Slevin Hanukkah: Last Day	17 • 4 7:15 am Minyan <i>No Torah Reading Class</i>	18 • 5 7:15 am Minyan 7:00 pm Context Seminar: Dr. Kraemer	19 • 6 7:00 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	20 • 7 7:15 am Minyan 8:45 am Keva and Kavanna: Siddur Class	21 • 8 7:15 am Minyan 4:14 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	22 • 9 9:00 am Shaharit Vayigash 5:19 pm Shabbat ends
23 • 10 Fast of Tevet 8:45 am Minyan 9:45 am "Fast" Talk by Rabbi Bolton	24 • 11 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Mark Somerstein Torah Reading Class <i>Hebrew School closed for Winter Recess</i>	25 • 12 8:45 am Minyan <i>No Context classes Office closed</i>	26 • 13 7:15 am Minyan <i>Hebrew School closed for Winter Recess No Talmud Class</i>	27 • 14 7:15 am Minyan 8:45 am Keva and Kavanna: Siddur Class	28 • 15 7:15 am Minyan 4:18 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	29 • 16 9:00 am Shaharit Vayehi 5:23 pm Shabbat ends
30 • 17 8:45 am Minyan	31 • 18 7:15 am Minyan <i>Hebrew School closed for Winter Recess No Torah Reading Class</i>					

Celebrating Sukkot at Or Zarua, 5773

A photographic sampling of a festive season

Congregation Or Zarua celebrated Sukkot in its rooftop sukkah. The photographs presented here depict only a portion of the activities that

occurred in our synagogue. There were also lunches, dinners, discussions, and post-Shaharit (morning prayer service) breakfasts held in the sukkah. We hope that you had the opportunity to participate

in some of them.

We encourage you to look through this *Newsletter* and watch for email alerts informing you about classes, programs, and events offered at Or Zarua.



Building the sukkah.



Decorating the top.



Decorating the bottom.



Making the decorations.



Doing the mitzvah of lulav and etrog.



Helping others do the mitzvah.

Celebrating Sukkot at Or Zarua, 5773

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AMY BOLTON

Decorating the sechach.



SCOTT BOLTON

Hol Hamoad Sukkot services in the OZ sanctuary.



DARA SHAPIRO

Sushi in the Sukkah for young singles, couples, and families was held on Hoshanah Rabbah.



DARA SHAPIRO

The PJ Library in the sukkah.



DARA SHAPIRO

The PJ Library attracted a large crowd to the OZ sukkah.

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, extension 14.

November 9 and December 14

FAMILY AND FRIENDS SHABBAT DINNER
\$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 WITH CHEESECAKE AND ICE CREAM, \$1,500

May

ANNUAL MEETING DINNER, \$2,500

June

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

Hesed Events and Programs

“The world exists for the sake of kindness.”—Rashi

Erev Thanksgiving and Erev Christmas

● Hands, vans, and hearts needed to glean, pack, and deliver food from Eli's and The Vinegar Factory on Wednesday, November 21, and Monday, December 24. The food will be delivered to Ronald McDonald House on East 73rd Street, Neighborhood Coalition Residence (East 81st Street), Yorkville Common Pantry (East 103rd Street), and Salvation Deliverance Church (South Bronx). Volunteers, please contact Richard Stadin at stadin1@aol.com or 212-879-0448.

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.

WELCOMING GUESTS AT CONGREGATION OR ZARUA

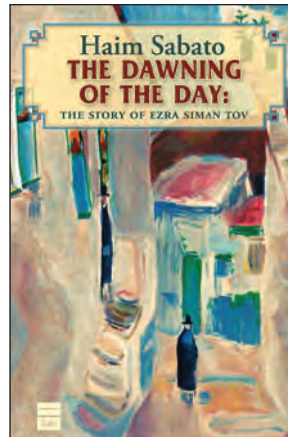
It is important for us as a community to make guests and new members at our services and kiddushim feel comfortable and welcome. If you are seated next to someone whom you do not know, please reach out and introduce yourself. Making this effort is consistent with our culture and will repay dividends.

Or Zarua Book Discussions

The Dawning of the Day by Haim Sabato, Sunday, December 2, 7:30 p.m.

Please join us on Sunday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Or Zarua library, when Rabbi Bolton will lead our discussion of one of his favorite books, Haim Sabato's third novel, *The Dawning of the Day* (translated from the Hebrew *Ke'afapey Shachar*).

Ezra Siman Tov works at a laundry near Machane Yehuda, cleaning and pressing prayer shawls. A humble and observant Jew, he prays, and tells stories—stories that enthrall and captivate his friends in their neighborhood of Jerusalem. His brother-in-law, Professor Tawil, gives him grudging respect; Torah scholars listen surreptitiously; and the Great Writer who befriends him takes his stories and gives them form. But along



with his stories, Ezra also has a shame and a secret, which overshadow his family and never leave him. Sabato re-creates a lost world in which faith provides a framework for life and a deep source of comfort. A bestseller in Israel among both secular and religious readers, *The Dawning of the Day* provides New Yorkers like us much inspiration and comfort.

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Sabat

Haim Sabato descends from a long line of rabbis from Aleppo. His family had lived in Egypt for two generations, before moving to Israel when he was six. He served in the tank corps in the 1973 Yom Kippur War, and is the founder of a Yeshiva near Jerusalem. Sabato's first novel, *Aleppo Tales*, appeared in 1997. His second novel, *Adjusting Sights*, was awarded the prestigious Sapir Prize for Literature in 2000 and the Yitzchak Sadeh Prize for Literature in 2002. It was very well received at our Or Zarua book discussion.

If you would like more information on Or Zarua book discussions or have a book suggestion, please contact Reed Schneider at 212-860-8611 or Deborah Wenger in the synagogue office at dwenger@orzarua.org.

TALMUD CLASS

**Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
in the OZ Library**

This year we are continuing our study of Tractate Sanhedrin, Chapter 4. Tractate Sanhedrin deals with the laws of capital punishment, the composition of the courts, and judicial procedures.

Anyone may join the class at any time; it is not necessary to have participated in Talmud class previously to join the class now. Talmud class will be taught by Rabbi Wechsler. When he is out of town, Rabbi Bolton will teach.

No prior knowledge of Talmud, Hebrew, or Aramaic is required.

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.

Thanksgiving Drive

for Yorkville Common Pantry

The Yorkville Common Pantry (YCP), located on East 109th Street, works to reduce hunger, improve nutrition, increase self-sufficiency, and promote dignity for people in need living in East Harlem and other New York City communities. For Thanksgiving 2012, YCP needs our help in the form of donations of food or money.

Requested nonperishable food donations include gravy (turkey preferred), stuffing mix, corn bread mix, rice, and

canned cranberry sauce. Do not donate products in glass containers. Please bring food items to the Or Zarua office by Wednesday, November 14.

A contribution of \$30 will offset YCP's purchase of turkeys and fresh produce. Mail your check, payable to Yorkville Common Pantry, to 8 East 109th Street, New York, NY 10029, and specify that it is a "Turkey Donation." Contributions to YCP are tax-deductible; mention Or Zarua when making your donation.

OZ's College Connection

Holiday gift packages for college students

We are once again collecting the school addresses of all Congregants' children who are away at college in order to mail gift packages to the students on Hanukkah and Purim. To help us remain in contact with these family members while

they are away from home, please send your child's name, school address, and email address by November 15 to Deborah Wenger at dwenger@orzarua.org, or mail the information to the synagogue office, attention "College."

“Crossing Borders” at The Jewish Museum

Private tour of manuscript exhibit for OZ members, Thursday, November 15

OZ Congregants and Jewish Museum docents Pat Davidson and Charlotte Schwartz will be leading private tours of the museum’s current exhibit, “Crossing Borders: Manuscripts from the Bodleian Libraries.” Currently two tours are scheduled on Thursday, November 15, one at 5:00 p.m., and a second at 6:00 p.m. These private tours are designed for the convenience of OZ Congregants.

The Bodleian Library at Oxford contains medieval manuscripts collected by Thomas Bodley (1545–1613), a British diplomat and scholar. The Bodleian Library is one of the world’s richest collections of manuscripts and printed books related to medieval European Jewish culture. The exhibit at the Jewish Museum contains 60 Hebrew, Latin, and Arabic manuscripts from the collection. The manuscripts, many of

them exquisitely illuminated, illustrate the fertile exchanges among Christians, Muslims, and Jews in the fields of religion, art, science, and literature. The exhibit includes the Kennicott Bible, as well as two manuscripts written by Maimonides. Many of the works in the exhibition are on view in the United States for the first time.

The cost of the tour is \$36 per person (including those with membership privileges). Each tour is limited to 20 people (for a total of 40 people). RSVP to the Or Zarua office at 212-452-2310, extension 39, or www.orzarua.com, by Thursday, November 8, and indicate choice of time.

If you can’t make the special tour with

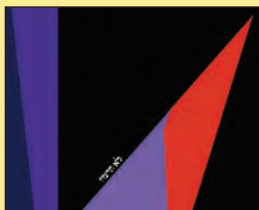
Pat or Charlotte, do try to visit the exhibit on your own. Please see The Jewish Museum’s website for details (www.thejewishmuseum.org), or call 212-423-3200. The Jewish Museum is located at 1109 Fifth Avenue, at East 92nd Street.



Part of the exhibit “Crossing Borders,” now on display at The Jewish Museum

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 exhibition 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?

If you have Bar/Bat Mitzvah memorabilia, please schedule a time to bring them in so that we can consider including them in the gallery show. You may contact either Joanne Feerman at 212-876-4803 or Bobbi Coller at 212-987-2067 or bcoller@rcn.com.



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

Rabbi Bolton Judges Kosher Food

First Annual Kosher Grilling Challenge, sponsored by Fairway



ARON SHELDEN

Rabbi Scott N. Bolton (center) of Congregation Or Zarua was honored to be a judge at the Kosher Grilling Challenge, sponsored by Fairway in partnership with Smokey Joe's Restaurant, at the 92nd Street Y Street Fest on Sunday, September 23. Rabbi Bolton liked how the winning entry, a chicken and vegetable tikka masala, challenged the typical Ashkenazic palate!

Rabbi Silber Presented His Annual Lecture

High Holy Days 7553 at Congregation Or Zarua



SCOTT BOLTON

Rabbi David Silber, founder and dean of the Drisha Institute, held his annual study session for the High Holy Days 5773 at Congregation Or Zarua on September 19. He spoke of the meaning of Rosh Hashanah as introducing Yom Kippur and Sukkot—elements of both repentance and celebration. Many of Rabbi Silber's past presentations, as well as other presentations given by guest speakers, are available on Or Zarua's web-site. Visit www.orzarua.org, click on the "Learn" drop-down menu, choose "Adult Study," and then "Recorded Talks." That will bring you to a page containing many of the presentations given at Or Zarua.

RABBI WECHSLER TEACHES ON SIRIUS XM RADIO

Sundays at 5:00 a.m., 7:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m.



SIRIUS XM

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.

The Or Zarua Community

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OZ Cemetery

Gravesites for 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. For information concerning gravesite purchases, please contact the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 14.



A view of the Or Zarua cemetery section.

HARVEY BRENNER

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.

By clicking on the drop-down menu titled "Learning" and choosing "Adult Study," followed by "Recorded Talks," you can also access lectures by Professors James Kugel, David Roskies, and Ruth R. Wisse, and Rabbis David Silber and Harlan J. 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!

OR ZARUA ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

The Oral History 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.

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.



CONGREGATION OR ZARUA

127 East 82nd Street
New York, NY 10028-0807

November/December Checklist

- Meet Rabbi Bolton in an informal gathering. Available dates are Sunday, November 4; Wednesday, November 7; Monday, November 12; and Tuesday, November 20. See page 3 for additional information.
- Shabbat Dinner with Family and Friends, Friday, November 9, after Kabbalat Shabbat. RSVP required (see page 1).
- Private tour for OZ members of “Crossing Borders: Manuscripts from the Bodleian Libraries” at The Jewish Museum, Thursday, November 9 (see page 16 for details).
- Annual OZ Talent Show, Sunday, November 18, 4:00 p.m. (see page 8).
- Shabbat Hanukkah Dinner with Family and Friends, Friday, December 7 after Kabbalat Shabbat. RSVP required (see page 1).
- OZ Youth Hanukkah Festival, Monday, December 10, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. (see page 8).
- Rabbi Bolton will be participating in a USCJ panel discussion on Tuesday, December 11, 7:00 p.m., at Park Avenue Synagogue. Admission is free, but reservations are required (see page 4).
- *Fast Talk*: Thirty minutes of inspiration on the Fast of the 10th of Tevet with Rabbi Bolton. Sunday, December 23, 9:45 a.m. (see page 1).
- Rabbi Bolton’s Siddur Class meets Thursdays at 8:45 a.m. in the OZ Library (see page 9).
- Talmud class meets on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. (see page 15).
- Information on the upcoming program “The Fifth Commandment Series: Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother” is on page 5.
- If you wish to provide material for the next OZ Gallery Show, please see page 16.
- Submit memories and artifacts from the early days of Or Zarua to the Oral History Project (see page 19).
- The next Or Zarua Book Discussion, led by Rabbi Bolton, will feature *The Dawning of the Day* by Haim Sabato, Sunday, December 2, 7:30 p.m. (see page 15).
- Help out with a Hesed program (see page 14).
- OZ Hanukkah gift, coat, and clothing drive begins on Monday, December 5 (see page 8).
- Thanksgiving drive to support the Yorkville Common Pantry is ongoing (see page 15).
- Sign up for the morning minyan (see page 15).
- Torah and haftarah readers are needed (see page 4).
- Have you seen the OZ Youth Art Calendar? See page 7.
- Call the Or Zarua office (212-452-2310) if you have questions about or wish to sponsor any OZ program or event.
- Have an idea or article for the OZ newsletter? If so, please contact Charlie Spielholz (cssrs@earthlink.net).