



The Music of Jewish Prayer

Come Before God with Singing

The Psalms urge us to “raise a shout for the Lord; worship the Lord in gladness; come into His presence with singing.” Prayerful song is a pervasive theme in the ancient Psalms, and it has enjoyed a revival today. Come to Or Zarua and listen, and you will hear the Psalmist’s admonition fulfilled. You will hear our joyful prayer, enlivened with happiness and spirit.

Among the diverse activities offered at Or Zarua, the primary function of the shul is to bring us together in prayer, generally filled with singing. We gather as a community to pray on a daily and weekly basis, for Shabbatot and holidays, at liturgical times of solemnity and frivolity. We also sing together at many other communal celebrations throughout the year. We should not take for granted that we regularly assemble to engage in prayer and song, which we should aspire to make more powerful and spiritual, to fuel our commitment and enhance our enthusiasm.

There is a power in musical prayer that can invigorate and inspire us. But fulfilling the task of joyful prayer requires the effort and participation of all of us. It is the job not of a select few, but of the entire community acting in concert. We are taking steps to make our davening more aesthetic and energetic, more meaningful and compelling. Our goal is to fuse uplifting song and prayer, and thereby infuse our services with as much ruach as we can muster.

The musical quality of our services indeed matters, and it is sustained through a collaborative effort of skilled service leaders and engaged participants.

We are striving to elevate the experience for everyone, for those who come to shul to sing heartily, to hum quietly, or just to listen. There has been a surge of musical creativity in contemporary Jewish life, and we should embrace the energy and excitement that is animating Jewish prayer across the world.

Following up on our musical seminars with Joey Weisenberg in recent years, through which we added melodies to our repertoire for Shaharit, Hallel, Musaf, and Kabbalat Shabbat, we are scheduling activities over the coming months to bolster our efforts in fostering musical prayer. The objectives of our upcoming music-related programming are to expand our collective familiarity with traditional and innovative tunes, to educate ourselves about historical patterns of communal prayer, and to empower Congregants to join in and nurture our participatory services.

On January 26, Shabbat Shirah—the Sabbath commemorating the Israelites’ song of praise to God after crossing safely through the Reed Sea—we will be highlighting new melodies in our Shabbat service. In March, we will host Dr. Eliezer Diamond for a unique scholarly and musical Shabbaton that will mesh his extraordinary expertise in rabbinic texts and Jewish music. Finally, we will have a series of musical workshops in the spring, led in part by guest lecturers, designed to teach Congregants about varieties of music in Jewish prayer. Those events may be followed by initiatives to create a CD of Or Zarua music

and to establish a shul a cappella group.

We need your active help to achieve our objectives and to renew our momentum. Our lay-led services require our Congregants’ enthusiastic participation, both to lead and to respond, to sing and sometimes just to listen. Please join our ongoing efforts to make our tefillah and singing, in our sanctuary and social hall, more musical, more participatory, and more meaningful. Let us come together in the presence of God—and of each other—with joyful prayer and singing, and be reconnected, uplifted and inspired in the process.

—MARC ASHLEY

SHABBAT DINNER WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Friday, February 8

immediately following services

Join the OZ community for Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday night, February 8. The evening will include a festive dinner with singing. Guests and nonmembers are welcome.

Children’s activities and babysitting will be provided.

RSVP by Monday, February 4

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

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President's Message

by Diane Okrent



After Hanukkah and after we ring in the secular new year, we experience a certain let down. The lights of December dim and the

hectic rounds of festivities are over. January can be part of that let down—although not in our family and not at Or Zarua. Both my son and I have January birthdays and Or Zarua celebrates a birthday, as well.

Congregation Or Zarua started 24 years ago with its first Shabbat services on January 28, 1989. We will celebrate our birthday with the annual Lucy S. Dawidowicz lecture on Wednesday, January 23, when Dr. Marjorie Lehman will address us regarding “Talmudic Sons and their Talmudic Mothers.” She will contrast their relationships with those we have been reading about in Bereshit (Genesis).

Our birthday celebration will continue with a lavish Kiddush lunch on Shabbat, Saturday, January 26. This will be a particularly festive Shabbat, which will feature special musical services in honor of Shabbat Shirah (Sabbath of Song). On that Shabbat, we will read parashat Beshallach, which includes “Song at the Sea,” that was sung by the Children of Israel after they successfully crossed the Reed Sea on their way out of Egypt.

With daylight lasting a little longer each day, there will be more learning opportunities and celebrations to enjoy at Or Zarua.

In February, while Shabbat still starts early, we will have a Family and Friends Dinner on Friday evening, February 8. These dinners are wonderful opportunities for members and guests, and their children and grandchildren, to welcome Shabbat together.

On Saturday, February 9, we will be honored to host Israel's Consul General to New York, Ido Aharoni, who will address us

at Shabbat morning services.

February will end with a bang as we celebrate Purim, Or Zarua style—in our own building. Purim starts right after Shabbat on February 23. We will read the megillah that evening. Then, on Sunday morning, we will read the megillah and enjoy the 17th Annual Or Zarua Purim Spiel in the Or Zarua sanctuary. In order to accommodate the maximum number of people, the Purim Spiel will be performed twice—at 11:00 am. and 2:00 p.m. It will be a day not to be missed!

During January and February, we read Shemot (Exodus), taking us from the birth of Moses to the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. This is the story of our peoplehood. According to Nahum Sarna in the introduction to his book, *Exploring Exodus*, “It is no wonder that Exodus is the pivotal event in the Bible, and that the experiences connected with it—the slavery of the Israelites, their liberation from Egypt, the covenant between God and His people at Sinai, and the journey in the wilderness toward the Promised Land—all constitute the dominant motif of the Scriptures in one form or another.” The exodus from Egypt and God's role in delivering our people from slavery to freedom are recurrent themes in the Torah and in many of our prayers. Our people's experience informs our ethics, e.g., “You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the feelings of the stranger, having yourselves been strangers in the land of Egypt.” (Exodus 23:9) We are enjoined never to forget from whence we came as we journey forward.

As we commemorate Congregation Or Zarua's 24th Birthday, the first with Rabbi Bolton, we should look back with pride at our roots and our history, never forget who we were or how we got here, but plan for a wonderful future for ourselves and our children.

I wish you a very happy, healthy, peaceful, and prosperous 2013!

OR ZARUA'S BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH

Saturday, January 26, following services

Celebrating Congregation Or Zarua's 24th birthday. All are invited.

Matanot LaEvyonim: Purim Food Drive

Helping the hungry in our community

Observe the Purim mitzvot of *Matanot LaEvyonim* (Gifts to the Needy) and *Mishloah Manot* (Giving of Food and Drink) by donating nonperishable food items or a check when you come to the Purim Spiel on Sunday, February 24.

Food items can be placed in the boxes that will be set up in the OZ social hall and coatroom.

Helping those in need is a year-round

responsibility for Jews, but on Purim it is a special mitzvah to remember the poor.

Donated food will be distributed through the Yorkville Common Pantry (YCP), one of the city's largest providers of emergency food. Recommended items include dry milk, pasta, cereal, canned food of all kinds, peanut butter, rice, and beans. Don't just clean out your cabinets—add these items to your shopping list.

Current levels of unemployment

remain high, and many people are under significant economic duress. The current economic conditions have caused an increase in the need for food packages at pantries like YCP.

In addition to donations of non-perishable food, financial assistance is needed. Please make checks payable to Congregation Or Zarua, marked for the Purim Food Drive. Checks can be mailed to the OZ office.

PURIM SPIEL REHEARSALS

Begin Thursday, January 3

Actors, singers, dancers, and stagehands—it's time to join the OZ Players as we prepare for our 2013 Purim Spiel! Rehearsals begin on Thursday, January 3, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday rehearsals will begin on January 6, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All rehearsals will be in the OZ sanctuary.

Rehearsals will continue on successive Thursdays and Sundays at the same times, except that two of the Sunday rehearsals (TBD) will run from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dress rehearsal will take place on Thursday, February 21. Children are encouraged to attend all rehearsals, but are required to attend only the Sunday rehearsals.

The Spiel will be performed twice, at 11 a.m. and again at 2:00 p.m., on Purim, Sunday, February 24, in the OZ sanctuary.

Participation is fun and is guaranteed to add vocabulary words that will boost your SAT scores. Don't be shy; give it a try!

For answers to your questions about the Purim Spiel, please contact Barbara Sassoon at barbdee@mac.com.

PURIM SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 23

at Congregation Or Zarua

127 East 82nd Street, NYC

7:00 p.m.

Ma'ariv and Megillah reading

in the Or Zarua sanctuary

Sunday, February 24

at Congregation Or Zarua

127 East 82nd Street, NYC

In order to accommodate everyone, two performances of the Spiel will be presented, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., in the OZ sanctuary.

8:45 a.m.

Shaharit and Megillah reading

in the Or Zarua sanctuary

11:00 a.m.

Children's Costume Parade

Purim Spiel (First Performance)

in the Or Zarua sanctuary

Members of OZ only. Reservations required. RSVP 212-452-2310, extension 39, or www.orzarua.org.

Following the first performance

Brunch

in the Or Zarua social hall

2:00 p.m.

Purim Spiel (Second Performance)

in the Or Zarua sanctuary

Reservations required. RSVP 212-452-2310, extension 39, or www.orzarua.org.

Following the second performance

Coffee and cake

in the Or Zarua social hall

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How Can We Achieve a Heart of Wisdom?

by Rabbi Scott N. Bolton



Psalm 90 presents the idea of accounting for our days quite poetically: “Teach us, God, to number our days, so that we may

attain a heart of wisdom.” The hope expressed within the Psalm is that we find joy and meaning in the opportunities we are granted. The psalmist encourages us to release ourselves from the burdens of life, in order to prosper the work of hands.

In Jewish terms, people often associate numbering our days with ideas about shiva or shloshim, the seven-day or 30-day mourning periods that we engage in when a loved one dies. This kind of numbering is important for tough times, but the Psalm is asking us to number our days in a different way—to consider living on Jewish time weekly.

Each day of the week is the first day, or the second day, or the third towards

Shabbat! While every 12 months there are new numbers to write on checks (Happy 2013!), every week there is a way to count up to seven and to make life sweeter.

When the calendar becomes a count up to Shabbat on a weekly basis, there is wonderful anticipation about spending time together, singing beautiful prayers, tasting delicacies, and enjoying the grandeur and beauty of the world around us.

As we account for the passing of time both on the Jewish calendar (it’s already Tevet!) and with the 2012/2013 transition, the question for us is like that of the psalmist: How will we make the most meaning of our lives?

Connecting to others and to Jewish rituals, attending cultural events, and doing acts of kindness, through Or Zarua, can be a way to make each day more meaningful. You may participate in a class, join the daily minyan or Shabbat services, or attend one of the many programs that will be offered by OZ over the next few months.

I would also like to continue extending

an invitation to members of all ages to make a personal appointment to meet either in my study or over a cup of coffee or tea at a local café. And if you would like for me to pay a visit at your home or at some other spot (I have met several members at great museums), I am happy to do so. Please be in touch with Deborah Wenger in the office (212-452-2310, extension 12) to schedule a time or email me directly at rabbibolton@orzarua.org.

Reading through this *Newsletter* and the weekly email messages that you receive, you will discover the rich set of programs Or Zarua will be offering. There will be a lecture series about honoring parents, classes in support of our movement to become a more musical congregation, the fun and simcha of Purim, the Spiel, book discussions, functions related to Israel, and presentations by world-class Talmudists in honor of our 24th birthday in January and for a Shabbaton in March. How many ways can we achieve a heart of wisdom? That’s a number worth reflecting upon.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Show: “Today I Am...”

Opening soon in the Or Zarua Gallery

This photographic gem shows OZ Congregant Fred Mendelsohn’s father, Norman Mendelsohn, posing with his Bar Mitzvah class in Reading, Pennsylvania. Norman is standing in the second row, second from the left. Note that in 1918, Bar Mitzvah boys wore knickers for formal portraits.

The next exhibition, “Today I Am...,” will examine the changes in Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies and celebrations. It will be illustrated with photographs and memorabilia from Or Zarua Congregants, like this delightful photo from 1918.

We are in the process of mounting the exhibition. We look forward to seeing you when the opening is announced.

A 1918 Bar Mitzvah class in Reading, Pennsylvania.



The Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture

Marjorie Lehman on Wednesday, January 23, 8 p.m.



Marjorie Lehman

The 2013 Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture will be given by Dr. Marjorie Lehman, associate professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at The Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS). The title of her presentation is "Talmudic Sons and Their Talmudic Mothers."

Dr. Lehman explains that mothers figure prominently in the biblical narrative, molding history through their sons. In the Babylonian Talmud, however, mothers and sons are portrayed differently from these biblical accounts. The mother/son relationships that appear in the Talmudic Aggadic narrative material suggest a

greater degree of ambivalence about the nature of this relationship than do the earlier biblical narratives. Dr. Lehman will guide us through an exploration of what the rabbinic depiction of the mother/son relationship tells us about the Talmudic rabbis as compared with their biblical predecessors.

Dr. Lehman received her B.A. from Wellesley College and her M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. from Columbia University. Prior to her position at JTS, she was assistant professor of Talmud and the director of Rabbinic Civilization at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia. Dr. Lehman teaches a variety of courses on Talmud at JTS and lectures widely. Currently, she serves as co-chair of the board of the Association of Jewish Studies

Women's Caucus.

The author of many scholarly papers, Dr. Lehman has diverse research interests, including the study of *Ein Yaakov*, an early sixteenth-century collection of Talmudic Aggadah, and the study of women and festival observance in the Babylonian and Palestinian Talmudim. Her book, *The Ein Yaakov: Reinventing the Study of Talmudic Aggadah*, was published recently. She is also working on a feminist commentary to tractate Yoma.

After Dr. Lehman's presentation, dessert and birthday cake will be served in honor of Or Zarua's 24th birthday.

Please help us with planning by contacting the office at 212-452-2310, extension 39, with a reservation for the lecture by Monday, January 21.

Zayin Adar Brunch: Sunday, February 17

in honor of the Hevra Kadisha and the Hesed Committee

This year's Zayin Adar celebration will be observed at a brunch on Sunday, February 17, following the morning minyan. Zayin Adar, the traditional *yahrzeit* of Moses, is observed as a time to recognize the accomplishments of the Hevra Kadisha.

In what planners hope will become an Or Zarua tradition, members of the Hevra Kadisha and Hesed Committee will come together at this event in appreciation of the shared good works performed by each group. Rabbi Bolton will give a presentation about hesed, shiva, and shloshim entitled

"Seven, Thirty and Beyond Measure—Should Kindness and Mourning Ever Stop?"

All are invited to attend. For additional programming details and reservation information, go to www.orzarua.org, or call the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 39. —GERRY SOLOMON

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.

RABBI AMY BOLTON TO OPEN EVENING SERIES BEGINNING ON MARCH 4

The Fifth Commandment: Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother

On Monday, March 4, Rabbi Amy Bolton will open a series on elder care and responsibilities in caring for aging family members. She will speak on "Giving Care and Caring for Ourselves: The Spiritual Odyssey of the Mitzvah of Respecting Your Parents." The sessions will be held on occasional Monday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Or Zarua library. All are invited.

OZ CRAFTS CLUB The next meeting of the Or Zarua Crafts Club will be on Sunday, January 13, at 10:15 a.m. in the OZ library. No experience is necessary to join the Crafts Club, and older children and nonmembers are welcome to attend.

Annual Super Bowl Party

Special auction event: six- or seven-night stay in two-bedroom villa in Disney World, Orlando

OZ members and their guests are invited to watch the Super Bowl with their friends at our 10th annual Or Zarua Super Bowl Party, to be held in the synagogue on Sunday, February 3. Enjoy a family-friendly atmosphere and great kosher food, including ribs, chili, giant “sub” sandwiches, buffalo wings (all from Dougie’s BBQ in Teaneck), sushi, dessert, and much more.

Minhah/Ma’ariv starts at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The game will be shown on a large-screen TV in the social hall beginning shortly after 6:00 p.m. For planning purposes, RSVP to the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 39, or www.orzarua.org by noon on Monday, January 21, if you plan to attend the Super Bowl Party.

As you are probably aware, the party

raises badly needed funds for Met Council and local food pantries. We are once again encouraging everyone to make a donation to help fund kosher food pantries. Last year, Or Zarua raised \$25,000, and we are hoping to make a strong contribution again this year. Kosher food pantries in our area are struggling to provide kosher food for poor Jewish families and are in desperate need of additional funds.

Please consider making a generous contribution to our food pantry fund. Checks payable to Congregation Or Zarua should be designated “Kosher Food Pantry Fund” on the memo line. All monies raised will be contributed to the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty Food Pantry Network.

This year, we are also auctioning a six- or seven-night stay in a two-bedroom villa at Disney’s Boardwalk Resort or select other Disney villa resorts and

donating the proceeds to the Met Council Food Pantry Network. The vacation package will be available for stays between June 1, 2013 through November 17, 2013, subject to availability. Stays will be for either six or seven nights depending on dates and resort chosen. Disney’s Boardwalk Resort is a first-class resort located in Disney’s Epcot Resort area. Disney’s Epcot and Hollywood Studios theme park are reached by ferry and Disney bus service is available to all other Disney theme parks.

An overview of Disney Boardwalk can be found online at <http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/resorts/boardwalk-villas>.

We hope that this auction will raise additional funds for the Met Council Food Pantry Network and also provide a bargain vacation opportunity for the winning bidder. Further details will follow by email or mail.

Tu B’Shevat Night at Ronald McDonald House

Help bring a respite to young children and their families

Congregation Or Zarua will host its 11th annual dinner at the Ronald McDonald House, a residence for children with serious illnesses who are in treatment at local hospitals and their families.

The evening has a Tu B’Shevat theme and features entertainment by OZ members, along with the opportunity to interact with young patients and their families from around the globe.

OZ provides the residents with a buffet

dinner and a welcoming evening, allowing the families a respite from their daily experiences through song, dance, and friendship. The Hesed Committee needs up to 15 volunteers to help set up, serve, sing, and schmooze. We need donations of kosher desserts and small table accents of potted green plants or flowers for the evening. We are also in need of some new musical instruments—such as maracas, small drums, and tambourines—since the ones we have used in the past

are worn or have been given to the children.

We are speaking with the Ronald McDonald House to determine a convenient date in either January or February for the event. More details will follow. Please note that children under the age of 18 cannot volunteer. Space is limited, so volunteers will join us on a first-come basis.

Please contact Lynda Wertheim at lwertheim@whitecase.com or 917-929-9417 if you are interested in helping.

—LYNDA WERTHEIM

THE RHYTHM OF THE TALMUD; THE PURPOSE OF JEWISH LIVING

A scholarly and musical Shabbaton with Rabbi Eliezer Diamond
Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16

Eliezer Diamond, the Rabbi Judah Nadich Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary, will be the scholar-in-residence at Congregation Or Zarua for a Shabbaton on March 15 and 16. Additional details will be published in the March/April issue of the *OZ Newsletter* and in email messages.

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 March/April 2013 issue should be received by Monday, February 4.

Inspiration of Hanukkah

at Ronald McDonald House

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE, NYC



Rabbi Amy Bolton offering her "Blessing of the House" at the Ronald McDonald House holiday party.

I have never been so inspired by a holiday party. Last week, I had the blessing of sharing a beautiful evening with the children, families, staff, volunteers, and supporters of Ronald McDonald House at their "Light a Light, Share a Night" holiday celebration. The entrance lobby was filled with music, lights, holiday decorations, and a hanukiah. Kids and adults alike donned bell necklaces and festive hats. I was given the honor of offering a "Blessing of the House" with the lighting of the hanukiah right after a wonderful Catholic sister, a chaplain at one of the local hospitals, offered a blessing as they lit up the Christmas tree. Two traditions, but one message: praying for hope, light, peace, and faith. And most importantly, for healing for the children snuggled in their parents' laps, looks of pure joy on their faces as they joined in the festivities, despite their bare heads and bandages due to chemotherapy and other treatments we wish upon no one and can hardly fathom a child's having to endure. But for those few hours, of music, blessings, food, and amazing evidence of tzedakah all around (one company donated new sheets for all of the rooms and special packages for the kids), I felt the presence of God, the power of community, and evidence that great miracles happen here, today.

—RABBI AMY BOLTON

Rabbi Amy Ruth Bolton "Blessing of the House" Kislev 5773; December 6, 2012 Ronald McDonald House, New York

God of light and darkness
of Fall/Winter cold and wind and glittery snow
God of mysteries and miracles

At this darkest time of year
Illuminate this house, this home,
with Your blessings.

Bless us as you did the Maccabees in the Hanukkah story
with courage and perseverance,
tenacity and strength
to overcome the seemingly insurmountable odds we face.

Bless all who dwell and work here
with kindness, wisdom, patience and understanding.

Help us continue work together as Your partners
to bring forth miracles into the world.

And please,
Send healing
and hope
and peace
to us all.

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Ahavat Israel on Israel's 65th Anniversary

Something we can all agree about!

The Or Zarua Israel Committee invites you to participate in the following programs in 2013 which demonstrate Ahavat Israel—love of Israel.

On Sunday, January 27, at 7:30 pm, Pat Davidson will lead the OZ book discussion on *The People of Forever Are Not Afraid* by young Israeli author Shani Boianjiu (see page 15).

On Shabbat morning, February 9, Ambassador Ido Aharoni, Consul General of Israel in New York, will speak with the Congregation. He has been a member of



**Ambassador
Ido Aharoni**

Israel's Foreign Service since 1991 and has served Israel in several capacities, including senior advisor to Israel's foreign minister and vice prime minister in charge of media and public affairs and as head of Israel's Brand Management Team in Jerusalem. Ambassador Aharoni has also served as a policy advisor to the director general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem, consul for

media and public affairs at the Consulate General of Israel in New York, and as consul for communications and public affairs at the Consulate General of Israel in Los Angeles. He was educated in both in Israel (B.A. in film and television, sociology, and anthropology from Tel Aviv University) and the United States (M.A. in mass communications from Emerson College, Boston). He served as a company commander in the infantry, Israel Defense Forces, during the first Lebanon war and recently retired as a Major from the reserves.

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Family and Youth Activities

Winter programs for all ages

January 2013

Thursday, January 3 • 7:00–9:00 p.m.

PURIM SPIEL REHEARSALS BEGIN

All are welcome. Details on page 3.

Saturday, January 12 • 10:30 a.m.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

For 2nd grade and older. Services led by students, teachers, and parents.

Wednesday, January 23 • 8:00 a.m.

THE LUCY S. DAWIDOWICZ LECTURE

by Marjorie Lehman, Associate Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at JTS.

Reservations required. Details on page 5.

Saturday, January 26 • 10:00 a.m.

TEEN-LED MINYAN

In the library.

Saturday, January 26 • following services

OR ZARUA'S 24TH BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH

All are invited.

February 2013

Sunday, February 3 • 5:00 p.m.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Reservations required. Details on page 6.

Friday, February 8 •

following Kabbalat Shabbat services

FAMILY AND FRIENDS SHABBAT DINNER

RSVP required. Details on page 1.

Saturday, February 9 • 10:30 a.m.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

For 2nd grade and older. Services led by students, teachers, and parents.

March 2013

Saturday, March 9 • 10:00 a.m.

TEEN-LED MINYAN

In the library.

Saturday, March 16 • 10:30 a.m.

SHABBAT HAYELED

Celebrating our children.

Friday–Saturday, March 15–16

SHABBATON WITH ELIEZER DIAMOND, Rabbi Judah Nadich Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at JTS.

Reservations required. Details on page 6.

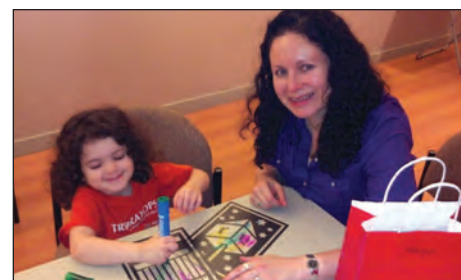
Learning Hanukkah Basics

Classes and programs for OZ Youth



Students and teens participating in classes and programs offered by OZ's Youth Education Department studied the story of Hanukkah, learned about the significance of the oil, and reviewed the Halaka of lighting the hanukiah as described in the Talmud. Emphasis was placed on the meaning of the phrase "Holiday of Lights." The hope that this phrase brings to people was demonstrated with the building of hanukiyot from hollowed-out potatoes.

—ILANA BURGESS



ILANA BURGESS AND SCOTT BOLTON

Annual Or Zarua Talent Show 2012

OZ kids supporting kids in S'derot, Israel

On November 18, a beautiful, sunny Sunday, members of Congregation Or Zarua gathered to enjoy the Youth Education Department's Annual Talent Show. The show is a fundraiser for the Gil School in S'derot, Israel. S'derot is located in the western part of the Negev, less than a mile from the border with Gaza. The town is a target of rocket attacks emanating from Gaza.

The participants in the Annual Talent Show, most of whom are Hebrew School students and their families, entertained us with song, humor, and music. This annual fundraiser for S'derot takes place the Sunday before Thanksgiving. This year, Israel was under attack by Hamas, which added a level of concern to the talent show participants. While we were safe in our synagogue building, the children in the south of Israel spent significant time in safety rooms fearing the worst. For kids living in S'derot, it was a different kind of sanctuary.

Unlike most talent shows, the OZ Annual Talent Show is not a competition. It is an "open-mic" for our entire OZ community and includes both adults and children. I hope that we will increase participation from the Congregation at large next year and, ideally, that we can direct our funds elsewhere, not because the families of S'derot aren't deserving, but because it is hoped that Israel will have peace with all its neighbors.

—ILANA BURGESS



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Some of the participants in Congregation Or Zarua's 2012 Annual Talent Show.

HEVRA KADISHA PROGRAMS

Meeting with Rabbi Bolton

Thursday, January 24, 7:30 p.m. (see page 13)

Zayin Adar Brunch with the Hesed Committee

Sunday, February 17 (see page 5)

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 or see a new face at kiddush, please reach out and introduce yourself. Making this effort is consistent with our culture and will repay dividends.

OZ 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 at caroline@carolinegolden.com or Gerry Solomon at gsolomon2@aol.com. Questions should be directed to Meredith Katz at mekatz@jtsa.edu.

Ahavat Israel Programs

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From Saturday, April 13 to Friday, April 19, members of OZ have the opportunity to celebrate Israel's 65th Anniversary on Independence Day with the UJA-William Rosenwald Mission to Israel. For more information, contact Aliza J. Kaplan at 212-779-3300, extension 105, or to register, please contact Susan Flanders at flanderss@ujafedny.org or 212-836-1813.

On Monday, April 15, Erev Yom

Ha'atzmaut, will be celebrated with delicious food, drink, and song!

On Sunday, June 2, Congregation Or Zarua will march as a group up Fifth Avenue with the Celebrate Israel Parade! We will have some preparation activities prior to the parade, so please watch for additional information, including our step-off time and location.

—OR ZARUA ISRAEL COMMITTEE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 • 19 Tevet New Year's Day 8:45 am Minyan <i>No Context classes</i> <i>Office closed</i>	2 • 20 7:15 am Minyan <i>Hebrew School closed</i> <i>No Talmud Class</i>	3 • 21 7:15 am Minyan <i>No Siddur class</i> 7:00 pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal	4 • 22 7:15 am Minyan 4:23 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	5 • 23 9:00 am Shaharit Shemot 5:28 pm Shabbat ends
6 • 24 8:45 am Minyan 3:00 pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal	7 • 25 7:15 am Minyan Hebrew School resumes 8:00 pm Mark Somerstein Torah Reading Class	8 • 26 7:15 am Minyan 7:00 pm Context Seminar: Dr. Kraemer	9 • 27 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	10 • 28 7:15 am Minyan <i>No Siddur class</i> 7:00 pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal	11 • 29 7:15 am Minyan 4:30 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	12 • 1 Shevat Rosh Hodesh Shevat 9:00 am Shaharit: Vaera Bar Mitzvah of Theodore Danzig 10:30 am Jr. Congregation 5:35 pm Shabbat ends
13 • 2 8:45 am Minyan 10:15 am Crafts Club 3:00 pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal	14 • 3 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Mark Somerstein Torah Reading Class	15 • 4 7:15 am Minyan 7:00 pm Context Seminar: Dr. Kraemer (<i>final session</i>)	16 • 5 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	17 • 6 7:15 am Minyan 8:45 am Keva and Kavanna: Siddur Class 7:00 pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal	18 • 7 7:15 am Minyan 4:38 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	19 • 8 9:00 am Shaharit Bo 5:43 pm Shabbat ends
20 • 9 8:45 am Minyan 3:00 pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal	21 • 10 Martin Luther King, Jr., Day 8:45 am Minyan <i>No Torah Reading Class</i> <i>Hebrew School closed</i> <i>Office closed</i>	22 • 11 7:15 am Minyan	23 • 12 7:15 am Minyan <i>No Talmud Class</i> 8:00 pm Lucy Dawidowicz Lecture	24 • 13 7:15 am Minyan 8:45 am Keva and Kavanna: Siddur Class 7:00 pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal	25 • 14 7:15 am Minyan 4:46 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	26 • 15 Tu B'Shevat Shabbat Shirah <i>Special Shabbat Melodies</i> 9:00 am Shaharit Beshallah 10:00 am Teen-Led Minyan OZ 24th Birthday Kiddush 5:51 pm Shabbat ends
27 • 16 8:45 am Minyan 3:00 pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal 7:30 pm Book Discussion	28 • 17 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Mark Somerstein Torah Reading Class	29 • 18 7:15 am Minyan	30 • 19 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	31 • 20 7:15 am Minyan 8:45 am Keva and Kavanna: Siddur Class 7:00 pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal		

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					1 • 21 7:15 am Minyan 4:55 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	2 • 22 9:00 am Shaharit Yitro 6:00 pm Shabbat ends
3 • 23 8:45 am Minyan 3:00 pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal 5:00 pm Super Bowl Party	4 • 24 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Mark Somerstein Torah Reading Class	5 • 25 7:15 am Minyan	6 • 26 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	7 • 27 7:15 am Minyan 8:45 am Keva and Kavanna: Siddur Class 7:00 pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal	8 • 28 7:15 am Minyan 5:03 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat Family and Friends Dinner	9 • 29 Shabbat Skekalim 9:00 am Shaharit Mishpatim Amb. Ido Aharoni, Speaker 10:30 am Junior Congregation 6:08 pm Shabbat ends
10 • 30 Rosh Hodesh Adar 8:45 am Minyan 3:00 pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal	11 • 1 Adar Rosh Hodesh Adar 7:00 am Minyan <i>No Torah Reading Class</i>	12 • 2 7:15 am Minyan	13 • 3 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	14 • 4 7:15 am Minyan 8:45 am Keva and Kavanna: Siddur Class 7:00 pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal	15 • 5 7:15 am Minyan 5:12 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	16 • 6 9:00 am Shaharit Terumah 6:17 pm Shabbat ends
17 • 7 8:45 am Minyan 9:30 am Zayin Adar Brunch 3:00 pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal	18 • 8 Presidents' Day 8:45 am Minyan <i>No Torah Reading Class</i> <i>Hebrew School closed</i> <i>Office closed</i>	19 • 9 7:15 am Minyan	20 • 10 7:15 am Minyan <i>Hebrew School closed</i> <i>No Talmud Class</i>	21 • 11 Fast of Esther 7:15 am Minyan <i>No Siddur class</i> 7:00 pm Purim Spiel Dress Rehearsal	22 • 12 7:15 am Minyan 5:20 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	23 • 13 Shabbat Zakhor 9:00 am Shaharit Tetzaveh 6:25 pm Shabbat ends Erev Purim 7:00 pm Ma'ariv and Megillah Reading at OZ
24 • 14 Purim 8:45 am Shaharit 9:30 am Megillah Reading 11:00 am and 2:00 pm Purim Spiel (Sanctuary)	25 • 15 Shushan Purim 7:15 am Minyan Hebrew School resumes 8:00 pm Mark Somerstein Torah Reading Class	26 • 16 7:15 am Minyan	27 • 17 7:15 am Minyan 8:00 pm Talmud Class	28 • 18 7:15 am Minyan 8:45 am Keva and Kavanna: Siddur Class		

The Celebration of Hanukkah at Or Zarua

OZ's Youth Hanukkah Festival

On Monday evening, December 10, the third night of Hanukkah, Or Zarua's younger members took over the synagogue's social hall. Sponsored by OZ's Youth Education Department, the event attracted more than 50 participants, including students from the Or Zarua Hebrew School, Jewish Day Schools, and private and public schools.

The kids spent the evening creating holiday decorations, making Hanukkah candles, and frying latkes. Some of the kids thought the latkes produced that evening were the best they ever had! Of course, lighting the hanukiah, reciting the blessings, and singing traditional Hanukkah songs were the highlights of the Youth Hanukkah Festival.

Please enjoy these photos, which capture some of the energy of that night. Special thanks to Elizabeth Lawrence, Talia Spielholz, and Aliza Yaillen, who volunteered their time and skills to help make the OZ Youth Hanukkah Festival a success.

—ILANA BURGESS



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.



ILANA BURGESS

Hanukkah

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Hevra Kadisha Meeting

Thursday, January 24, 7:30 p.m.

Or Zarua's Hevra Kadisha will meet with Rabbi Bolton on Thursday, January 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the synagogue social hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to introduce Rabbi Bolton and the Hevra Kadisha to each other. The meeting is open to anyone who might be interested in learning more about the Hevra or possibly joining its ranks. Hevra Kadisha, in longstanding tradition within Jewish communities, provide support for

families during the immediate days after the loss of a loved one; serve as "shomerim," watchers or guards of the deceased who recite psalms; and perform "taharat," ritual cleaning and dressing of the deceased, through which a state of dignity and peace is restored. The Hevra works in conjunction with other Hevra Kadishas from neighboring synagogues. All are welcome to attend this meeting; no reservations are required.

—VERA SILVER

OZ's College Connection

Staying in touch with our college-age youth

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 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 January 23 to Deborah Klee Wenger at dwenger@orzarua.org, or mail the information to the synagogue office, attention "College."

HEBREW SCHOOL CALENDAR

January 2013

- Wed 2** School resumes
- Mon 7** Classes in session
- Wed 9** Classes in session
- Sat 12** Junior Congregation, 10:30 a.m.
- Mon 14** Classes in session
- Wed 16** Classes in session
- Mon 21** Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (no classes)
- Wed 23** Classes in session
- Mon 28** Classes in session
- Wed 30** Classes in session

February 2013

- Mon 4** Classes in session
- Wed 6** Classes in session

- Sat 9** Junior Congregation, 10:30 a.m.
- Mon 11** Classes in session
- Wed 13** Classes in session
- Mon 18** Presidents' Week Break (no classes)
- Wed 20** Presidents' Week Break (no classes)
- Mon 25** Classes in session
- Wed 27** Classes in session

March 2013

- Mon 4** Classes in session
- Wed 6** Classes in session
- Mon 11** Classes in session
- Wed 13** Classes in session
- Sat 16** Shabbat Hayaed

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.

January 23

LUCY S. DAWIDOWICZ LECTURE
Sponsored in full

January 26

OZ 24TH BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH, \$3,000

February 3

SUPER BOWL PARTY, Sponsored in full

February 8

FAMILY AND FRIENDS SHABBAT DINNER
\$2,000

February 24

PURIM SPIEL, Sponsored in full

February 17

ZAYIN ADAR BRUNCH, \$1,500

March 15-16

SHABBATON
with Rabbi Eliezer Diamond
Sponsored in full

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

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 and Hummingbird Garden

● “Green thumbs” are needed from spring through fall to help care for Ronald McDonald House’s 7th Floor Terrace Butterfly and Hummingbird 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 on the third and fourth Monday of each month 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

● 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 Jewish 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.

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

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@chadbourn.com) or Jay Palmer (jpalmer@nyc.rr.com). You may also sign up online at www.orzarua.org by choosing “Read Torah” under the “Prayer” drop-down menu.

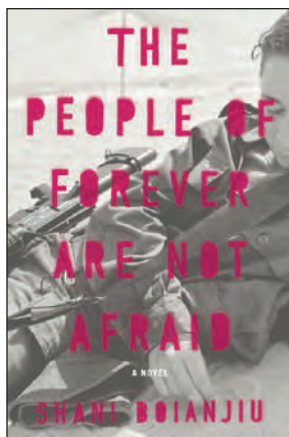
Or Zarua Book Discussions

The People of Forever Are Not Afraid by Shani Boianjiu, Sunday, January 27, 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for our next Or Zarua book discussion on Sunday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m. in Or Zarua's library.

Pat Davidson will lead our discussion of a new novel by the young Israeli writer Shani Boianjiu.

Yael, Avishag, and Lea grow up together in an Israeli village, attending a high school consisting of trailers for classrooms, and passing notes to each other to alleviate the common boredom of teenagers. When they are conscripted into the army, their lives change in unpredictable ways, influencing the women they become and struggling to sustain their friendship. Yael trains marksmen and flirts with boys. Avishag stands guard and sees things for which she was not prepared. Lea, posted at a checkpoint, imagines the stories behind the familiar faces that pass by her day after day. They gossip about boys and whisper of the violence in the



world just beyond view. They drill, preparing for a moment that may never come. They live inside that single, intense second just before danger erupts.

In a relentlessly energetic and arresting voice marked by humor and fierce intelligence, Shani Boianjiu creates an unforgettably intense world, capturing that unique time in a young woman's life when a single moment can change everything.

Vogue magazine calls this book, "a searing debut" about three young women coming of age, "experiencing the absurdi-

ties of life and love on the precipice of violence." *The Wall Street Journal* included this novel among its Ten Best of 2012 Fiction and wrote: "Shani Boianjiu gives us an unsparing picture of the youth of a country warped by terrorism and hostile borders....[a] dark, riveting window into the mind-state of Israel's younger generation."

Shani Boianjiu, born in 1987 in a small town near Israel's border with Lebanon, served for two years in the IDF. She is the youngest recipient of the National Book Foundation's 5 Under 35 Award.

This book discussion will be a good lead-in to Or Zarua's Ahavat Israel (Love of Israel) programs in 2013 (see page 7 for additional information).

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, which 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.

OZ Building Maintenance

by Benjamin Marcus

Congregation Or Zarua's building is in fine shape—safe and secure! But like all buildings in Manhattan covered in masonry, we are required by New York City's "Local Law #11" to inspect our exterior on a regular basis and report back to the city about just how healthy we are. This will be the first such program since our building was erected in 2001, and we're using the occasion to conduct

routine but important maintenance and repairs to our building envelope. Weather-proofing, stone and mortar, and rooftop equipment will all be addressed in an orderly campaign.

We expect the work to take about 12 weeks, and except for the scaffold protecting our entry—which will be safely illuminated 24/7 for the duration—no disruption is expected to any of our regularly scheduled classes, events, or services.

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, teachings, and approaches to Jewish prayer. Prior knowledge is not required.

Or Zarua Responds with Hesed

Helping those in need

Congregation Or Zarua's Hesed Committee added a new responsibility to its Hesed agenda by responding to the people who were harmed by Hurricane Sandy. In support of the Hurricane Sandy program at the Yorkville Common Pantry (YCP), 25 Congregants obtained the materials and provided the assembly-line labor to produce 1,000

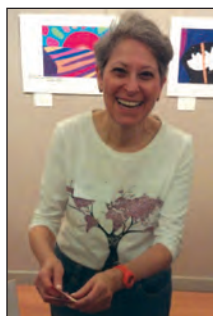
sandwiches packaged with juice boxes and snack bars in brown paper lunch bags. The bags were then delivered to the YCP, which handled the distribution to people in the areas of our city that were damaged by Hurricane Sandy.

As the year ended, the Hesed Committee, in partnership with the Vinegar Factory and Eli's Manhattan, helped to provide meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas to

the Neighborhood Coalition Shelter, Ronald McDonald House, and YCP (all located on the Upper East Side) and the Salvation Deliverance Church in the Bronx.

The photographs below capture just a portion of OZ's hesed activities. (The Christmas Eve project occurred after the deadline for publication of this issue of the OZ Newsletter).

—THE HESED COMMITTEE



Congregants making brown-bag lunches, assembly-line style, for victims of Hurricane Sandy. The lunches then were delivered to the Yorkville Common Pantry for distribution in the affected areas of our city.



Thanksgiving gleaners at Eli's Manhattan on Third Avenue at 80th Street (left) and at the Vinegar Factory on East 90th Street near York Avenue.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF SCOTT BOLTON, HARVEY BRENNER, AND THE HESED COMMITTEE

OZ Fishing Crew's Newest Member

October fishing in Long Island waters



HENRY GLANTERNIK

Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler, Or Zaru'a's newest fisherman, caught some wonderful bluefish off Long Island in October. His favorite recipe, using sliced garlic and fresh sage, is reprinted at right. "[Shabbat] is a time to delight in all kinds of pleasures: fatted geese, quail, and fish" (Translation of a verse from Mah Y'didut from *In One Voice*, published by United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism).

BLUEFISH WITH GARLIC AND SAGE

SERVES 4

Sage is a bold herb, not often used with fish. Here it has met its match—the distinctive, full-flavored, almost meaty-tasting bluefish, the closest fish available in the U.S. to fresh sardines.

- 1 bluefish fillet (about 12 ounces)
- 1 clove garlic, cut into slivers
- 12 medium fresh sage leaves
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- Salt and black pepper
- Lemon wedges

Line a 15" x 10" jelly-roll pan with foil; coat the foil with no-stick spray. Place the bluefish, skin side down, in the prepared pan. Dot with the garlic and sage. Drizzle with the lemon juice; add salt and pepper to taste.

Bake at 425° for 10 to 15 minutes, or until the fish turns opaque and just begins to flake when gently pressed.

To serve, cut the bluefish into 4 pieces and lift the pieces from the pan, leaving the skin. Garnish with the lemon wedges.

Preparation time: 10 minutes
Baking time: 15 minutes

Chef's note: If bluefish is not available, substitute another dark, rich fish such as tuna or mackerel.

Per serving: 137 calories, 1.6 g. fat (31% of calories), 0.2 g. dietary fiber, 35 mg. cholesterol.

FRUIT OF THE SEA

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VISIT WWW.ORZARUA.ORG

Explore Or Zaru'a's past, present, and future



There are many other resources on the Or Zaru'a 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!

Have you missed an Or Zaru'a lecture, class, or discussion? Would you like to hear a presentation a second time? Or Zaru'a'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 Zaru'a Klezmer Band.

RABBI WECHSLER TEACHES ON SIRIUS XM RADIO

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



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CONGREGATION OR ZARUA

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013

January/February Checklist

- Purim Spiel rehearsals begin on Sunday, January 3, in OZ's sanctuary. All are welcome to attend (see page 3).
- The Lucy S. Dawidowicz lecture will be given on Wednesday, January 23, at 8:00 p.m. by Dr. Marjorie Lehman, associate professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at JTS (see page 5).
- Send the name and address of your college-aged children to OZ's College Connection by January 23, so that they may receive a Purim package (see page 13).
- The Hevra Kadisha will be meeting with Rabbi Bolton on Thursday, January 24 at 7:30 p.m. (see page 13).
- Saturday, January 26 is Shabbat Shirah and Or Zarua's 24th Birthday. We will celebrate with "Special Shabbat Melodies" and a birthday kiddush. All are invited (see pages 1 and 2).
- OZ Book Discussion features *The People of Forever Are Not Afraid* by Shani Boianjiu on Sunday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m. This event is part of OZ's Ahavat Israel program (see page 15).
- Volunteers are need for Tu B'Shevat Night at Ronald McDonald House (see page 6).
- The Annual Super Bowl Party in support of Met Council Food Pantry Network is on Sunday, February 3, beginning at 5:00 p.m. RSVP required (see page 6).
- Shabbat Dinner with Family and Friends, Friday, February 8, after Kabbalat Shabbat. RSVP required (see page 1).
- Ambassador Ido Aharoni, Consul General of Israel in New York will speak at OZ on Shabbat morning, February 9, as part of OZ's Ahavat Israel program (see page 7).
- The Hevra Kadisha Zayin Adar Brunch is Sunday, February 17, after the morning service (see page 5).
- Purim is Saturday night, February 23 and Sunday, February 24. Please see page 3 for the schedule of Purim services and Spiel performances. This year, all Purim events will be held at OZ.
- Donations to the Purim Food Drive can be made on Sunday, February 24 (see page 3).
- A series on elder care and responsibilities in caring for aging family members will open with Rabbi Amy Bolton on Monday evening, March 4 (see page 5).
- Celebrate Israel's 65th Anniversary with the UJA-William Rosenwald Mission to Israel, Saturday, April 13 to Friday, April 19, as part of OZ's Ahavat Israel program (see page 7).
- A scholarly and musical Shabbaton with Rabbi Eliezer Diamond of JTS is scheduled for Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16. (see page 6). More detailed information will follow.
- The next exhibit in the Or Zarua Gallery is titled "Today I Am..." and will be opening soon (see page 4).
- Talmud class meets on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. (see page 15).
- Rabbi Bolton's Siddur Class meets Thursdays at 8:45 a.m. in the OZ library (see page 15).
- Join the OZ Crafts Club on Sunday, January 23, at 10:15 a.m. in the OZ Library (see page 5).
- Help out with a Hesed program (see page 14).