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ELANA MENDELWITZ

**OR ZARUA TEENS** in their newly decorated room dedicated to Havdalah and Hangout programs for youth. OZ offers several programs for young people, including Shabbat services, youth programs, the PJ Library, and Hebrew School. Please see pages 5 and 10 for details and schedules.

## Shabbat Dinners with Family and Friends

Friday, November 8, and Friday, January 10, following services

Join the OZ community for two festive dinners, on Friday nights, November 8 and January 10, beginning after Kabbalat Shabbat services. There will also be singing. Guests and nonmembers are welcome.

Children's activities and babysitting will be provided.

Dinner reservations are required:

### FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

RSVP by Monday, November 4  
at <http://tinyurl.com/OZ-Dinner-Nov-8>

### FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

RSVP by Monday, January 6  
at <http://tinyurl.com/OZ-Dinner-Jan-10-2014>

or call 212-452-2310, extension 39

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

## OZ EVENTS

November 2013/January 2014

### Authors Speak Series

**Ruth Wisse**

"NO JOKE: MAKING JEWISH HUMOR"  
Sunday, November 3, 7:30 p.m.

### Torah Learning Coalition

**7th Night, 7 Teachings**

"TORAH'S LIGHT AT HANUKKAH"  
Tuesday, December 3, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Synagogue  
See page 3 for details.

### OZ Cooking Competition

**Field a team or share a favorite recipe**

TOP LATKE  
Sunday, December 15, 2:00 p.m.  
See page 7 for details.

### Share-a-Night

**at Ronald McDonald House**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
Thursday, December 5, 5:30 p.m.  
See page 7 for details.

### Holiday Gleanings

**at Eli's and The Vinegar Factory**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
Wednesday, November 27  
Thursday, December 24  
See page 12 for details.

### Shabbat Shirah

**A cappella group**

TIZMORET  
January 10–11  
See page 6 for details.

### Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture

**Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole**

"SACRED TRASH: THE LOST AND  
FOUND WORLD OF THE CAIRO GENIZA"  
Thursday, January 23, 7:30 p.m.  
See page 3 for details.



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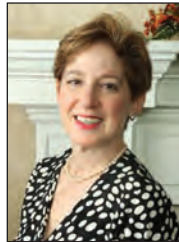
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# President's Message

by Diane Okrent



In high school, I loved USY (United Synagogue Youth). And my involvement with USY was crucial to setting me on the path to where I am today.

I grew up in a semi-observant Jewish home on Long Island. We always gathered for a wonderful Shabbos dinner, but only occasionally went to shul on Saturday. We went more often on Friday nights, because my mother was in the choir, which sang at Friday night services about once a month. We certainly went to shul on the High Holy Days and strictly observed Pesah.

We belonged to a Conservative synagogue, where my brothers and I attended afternoon Hebrew School and had our respective Bat and B'nai Mitzvah. But afternoon Hebrew School in the 1950s and 1960s was boring at best, and by the 7th grade, I was ready to call it quits on my Jewish education. Fortunately, that summer I went to sleepaway camp with a girl who she convinced me to try the synagogue's Confirmation Class, a two-year program of weekly classes with the rabbi to learn about the elements of prayer, Jewish ethics, and history. I enlisted my cousin and friends (there's a photo of the Confirmation Class in the Or Zarua social hall), but my best friend would only join me if I joined USY with her. So, I did.

USY was a revelation. Here was a group of teenagers actively participating in Jewish life of their own volition. At chapter meetings, we discussed the ethics of hot topics of the day, e.g., Soviet Jewry, racial segregation, integration, and the death penalty. We participated in tikkun olam projects. At division and regional gatherings and USY Encampment, we ran our own services—reading Torah and haftarah, giving divrei Torah, and discussing the Parsha. This was completely different from my synagogue experience, where only the rabbi and cantor led services. It is no wonder that I loved Or Zarua immediately; it was USY grown up! The “kids” were leading services.

USY allowed us to take leadership

roles in our own community and provided me with a large group of Jewish friends, which was not possible at my high school.

This background influenced my religious observance in college and beyond. While in college, I was a USY advisor and Sunday School teacher. I studied Yiddish and Hebrew, and continued after college. Then, at Or Zarua, I took the Me'ah course and have taken many Context classes.

My personal story informs my conviction that it is of the utmost importance for us to support Or Zarua's programs for our tweens and teens. I applaud the members who have provided the financial wherewithal for us to hire advisors for our youth programs. This past month, our teens and then our tweens had Havdalah and Hangout programs on consecutive Saturday nights. Both evenings were very successful. The tweens and teens have their own Shabbat services once a month. They also are participating with neighboring synagogues in Kadimah and, yes, USY activities.

Our youth programs have already engendered enthusiasm in our tweens and teens, and are attracting their friends. We are building the youth community so that they can come and spend time together. We anticipate that more young people will join the group as these great activities continue.

Recently, much has been made of the Pew Research Center study of U.S. Jews. While there is reason for concern, we cannot despair. Rabbi Bolton's analysis of the study is that the more opportunities we create for social engagement for our youth, the more likely they will connect with the Jewish community later in life. The best way to ensure Jewish continuity is to educate our children and to continue to provide opportunities for them to explore their Jewish heritage and create their Jewish future. The last Al Heyt on Yom Kippur is the sin of giving in to despair. We must be optimistic that the future of the Jewish community is bright. To ensure that future, we must support youth activities.

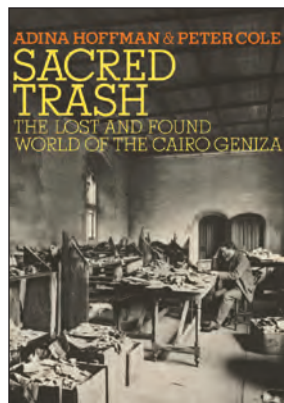
As we approach Hanukkah, the festival of lights, let us remember: *Or Zarua La Tzadik, u'lishrei lev simcha*. Light is sown for the righteous and joy for the upright of heart.

# The Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture

Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole on Thursday, January 23, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

The Lucy S. Dawidowicz lecture, which honors the memory of a great historian of the Jewish people, who was one of Or Zarua's early members, will itself be a fascinating exploration of Jewish history and Jewish historiography. Our speakers will be Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole, authors of *Sacred Trash: The Lost and Found World of the Cairo Geniza*.

The authors will discuss their book, which is a double history. It tells, first, of the once-lost Jewish world of medieval North Africa, whose details and character were restored to light by the rediscovery of a vast trove of documents that had lain forgotten and unread in the geniza of the Ben Ezra Synagogue in Fustat (Old Cairo). Second, the book recounts the unlikely series of events by which the documents were found and their meaning and significance deciphered. Among the key actors



in the second drama was Solomon Schechter, who would afterwards go on to become the leader of early Conservative Judaism, serving as president of the Jewish Theological Seminary from 1902 to 1915.

*Sacred Trash* is a work not only of careful history, but of high literary merit. Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole, in addition to being skilled historical researchers, are also both gifted writers, and the book reflects their special mix of skills. As *The Wall Street Journal* wrote in its review,

their book is “a wonderfully passionate and lively account of a civilization we could not have imagined existed and of the men and women whose enthusiasm and dedication brought it to light.”

Copies of *Sacred Trash* will be available for purchase in the Or Zarua office two weeks prior to the lecture and at the event. Also for sale will be two anthologies translated and edited by Peter Cole, *The Poetry of Kabbalah* and *The Dream of the Poem: Hebrew Poetry from Muslim and Christian Spain, 950–1492*, and a collection of his own verse, *Things on Which I've Stumbled*.

After the presentation, dessert and birthday cake will be served in honor of Or Zarua's 25th birthday. Please help us to plan by contacting the office at 212-452-2310, extension 39, with a reservation for the lecture by Monday, January 20.

—MICHAEL W. SCHWARTZ

## Maintaining the Jewish Milieu

Banding together like the Maccabees for Torah learning



The dedication of which we speak at Hanukkah is that of personal conviction about and attachment to our Jewish identities. A small group of devoted nation builders—people who kept a Jewish way of life privately and publicly—overcame great forces. It was not only Antiochus's troops that provided the threat; assimilation and turning away from the foundational ideas and experiences of Jewish life were also attacking our identity. By standing up to those forces, both physically and spiritually, we have survived to this day.

The Maccabean Revolt taught us that we do not have to entirely fall into society's zeitgeist. Although Hasmonean leadership used Greek-based names and limited participation in Hellenistic culture was accepted and engaged in by our Jewish

ancestors of that time, essential Jewish principles, rituals, and cultural attachments were faithfully held.

In our time, we too must rally and band together to hold on to what is essential for the Jewish people to thrive now and into the future. Not only do we find great radiance and beauty in lighting the Hanukkah lights, keeping the Sabbath, and reading from our Torah publicly at our synagogue, but we also find inspiration and enlightenment from Jewish learning. Our community continues to have weekly classes on Wednesday nights in Talmud, and Thursday mornings in the siddur. On Thursday evenings this coming winter, there will be a class in siddur Hebrew. There will be a Megillah trope class serving as a post-bar and bat mitzvah endeavor for our teens to continue building their skills and providing an opportunity to reflect on essential stories of our tradition.

For Hanukkah, the East Side Torah

Learning Coalition (TLC) is inviting everyone in the group of partner synagogues to “7th Night, 7 Teachings” at 7:00 p.m. on the seventh night of the Festival of Lights. The event is being hosted by Central Synagogue, which recently joined the Coalition. We will come together to kindle lights and to learn. Participants will be able to choose from seven classes, each taught in two time blocks of learning. A sufganiyah (jelly donut) will help make the night sweet!

As we band together with those who are in the TLC, we will keep the Jewish people's flame bright. As we maintain the energy and participation in services, programs, and learning at OZ, we get the sense that our story, like the Maccabees' in their day, continues the triumph. We must be the ones to dedicate ourselves to the Jewish way of life that can be blended enough with modern culture, but that is anchored in an authentic Jewish milieu.

—Rabbi Scott N. Bolton

# Sukkah Sleepover: A Night at Or Zarua

by Ortal Isaac

Last weekend, I returned to my synagogue for yet another sukkah sleepover—but this one was to be quite different from my previous ones. This year, I came back not as a kid, but as a staffer. Rather than walk over to Or Zarua from home with my parents, I took the subway from my dorm room on the Columbia University campus, where I'm currently a student, and got to the familiar building, sleeping bag and pillow in tow. I was greeted by a wonderful sight: the social hall downstairs already alive with the laughter and chatter of kids busy telling jokes and playing a game of ping-pong, along with children gathered in the library and on other floors busy doing similar things. The building I remember so well from my own years at Or Zarua's Hebrew School was humming with energy. I could tell that the building and school had changed and grown in wonderful ways since I had left it.

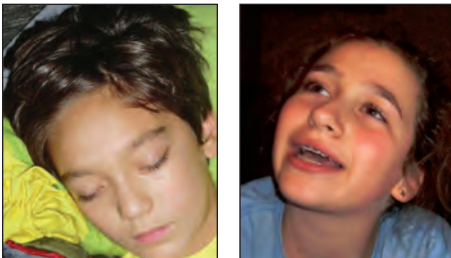
When we gathered everyone in the sukkah for havdalah and sang the blessings together, I was overjoyed to see the new generation of Or Zarua children do the same things I remember doing when I was their age, all together on the same roof I remember from years before. New memories are being made in our Hebrew School, throughout the synagogue, and on that very roof, each year.

The sukkah overnight was relatively new when I began attending it, excitedly braving the elements with my friends each year. A little less than 10 or so years later, here I was, in the same place, witnessing this event having grown into a true tradition anticipated and loved by so many—like many other activities Or Zarua's wonderful Youth Education Director Ilana Burgess has helped create. This time, more children than I could have ever imag-

ined gathered in the sukkah—a wonderful progression from the more intimate beginnings of this great annual event.

It was particularly wonderful to see children I have watched grow taller and mature during my years in the congregation be joined by many others who were newer to the synagogue, and how close to each other they have grown. When it was time for lights-out, whispers kept going through the room; these kids couldn't stop talking and sharing jokes, anecdotes, and laughs. The close friendships among all of these kids was heartwarming to witness (even though it was a bit of an endeavor to get the kids to sleep as a result!).

Ultimately, I left this year's Or Zarua sukkah overnight with a sense of overwhelming joy. Seeing the same path through Jewish education that I once took being continued, loved, and renewed with so much energy by younger generations was tremendously rewarding and wonderful.



ILANA BURGESS

Or Zarua youth were invited to sleep in the sukkah on Saturday, September 21, after Shabbat. Activities included a pizza dinner, ice cream sundaes, ping-pong, pool, foosball, board games, and a movie.

## HANUKKAH CAMPUS CONNECTION

Holiday packages for OZ college students

Every year, Or Zarua strives to maintain contact with our young adults who are away at college. For Hanukkah, we send a "care package" to remind them that they are still part of our extended family.

If you would like your child to receive a free package,

please reply to Deborah Wenger at [dwenger@orzarua.org](mailto:dwenger@orzarua.org) or 212-452-2310, extension 39, by Thursday, November 7, with your child's name and complete school mailing address (including dormitory room, apartment, or P.O. box number, if applicable), as well as his or her email address and phone number.

# Or Zarua's Youth Community is Happening

Shabbat opportunities for children expand

Or Zarua seeks to meet the needs of every member. This year, our youth community has had a new infusion of energy through a youth advisory initiative and fresh, new Shabbat programs that have increased the depth and ruach (spirit) of what OZ is all about.

We have engaged **Sigal Hirsch** (top) and **Elana Mendelowitz** as Co-Youth



Advisors for Or Zarua. Their goals are to create opportunities for OZ youth to socialize and have Jewish experiences within our community. In addition, they are connecting our youth to other Jewish youth in the area.



Beyond being here for Shabbat and heading up our "Mah Zeh Shabbat!" minyan (which loosely translates as "whoa, this is

SOME Shabbat minyan! You wouldn't believe it!), Sigal and Elana are creating spaces, both metaphorically and physically, for our youth from Hebrew, public school, private, and Jewish day schools to hang out with each other and enjoy Jewish and social experiences.

Elana and Sigal have already hosted Havdalah Hangouts for middle school (grades 5-8) and high school students, making our synagogue a unique destination for our teens on Saturday night. Our middle school and high school youth have painted a room on the 7th floor to create a

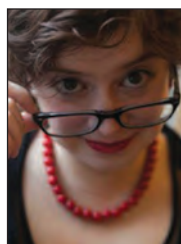
youth lounge and their own address at OZ. Jewish friends from outside our community are welcome to be part of the OZ hevra (group), just as they participate with area Kadima and USY chapters.

Sigal and Elana are also building bridges to area Jewish youth group leaders with whom we have had historical bonds or with whom we are making new connections. From experience at Camp Ramah, Schechter schools, and their own Jewish youth groups, Elana and Sigal are preparing activities and programs that are engaging and fun. Future plans include more social events at the synagogue, hangouts on Saturday nights, tzedakah activities, and participation in OZ programs.

As mentioned above, another feature of our new youth engagement has been to expand our Shabbat morning programming. Elana and Sigal run our "Mah Zeh Shabbat!" minyan. Two students from the Davidson School of Education at JTS,



**Hannah Grossman** (top) and **Eliana Light**, lead our minyan for elementary school students (K-3) called "Ruach Shabbat" (the spirit of Shabbat). Both of these minyanim have a formal



and informal component, with children learning, reciting, studying the meaning of Shabbat prayers, and engaging in stimulating Torah discussion. "Kef Shabbat," is for our youngest members, aged 0 through pre-K.

Supervised by volunteer members of OZ, it is filled with songs, introductory prayers, dancing, Parsha activities, and stories. All Shabbat youth services end with something sweet to eat as part of the draw!

For information about the new OZ youth programs, please contact Sigal Hirsch at sigal.c.hirsch@gmail.com or Elana Mendelowitz at elanamend@gmail.com. And be sure to like Or Zarua on Facebook, which will be used to display photos and news about OZ events.

## OZ YOUTH EVENTS

**Saturday, November 2 • 1:00 p.m.**

SHABBAT HANGOUT

Middle and High School students  
7th Floor Youth Lounge

**Saturday, November 16 • 10:30 a.m.**

TEEN SHABBAT

4th grade and up  
Library

**Saturday, November 16 • 6:00 p.m.**

THANKSGIVIKKAH EVENT

Middle School Students  
Or Zarua

**Sunday, December 1 • 4:00 p.m.**

DREIDEL SPINOFF

Middle and High School students  
Or Zarua

**Saturday, December 7 • 7:00 p.m.**

MEXICAN FIESTA

Middle School students  
Or Zarua

**Saturday, December 14 • TBA**

BOWLING NIGHT

Middle and High School students



*Middle schoolers decorating a wall in their Hangout room at Or Zarua.*

ELANA MENDELOWITZ

# CAJAC

## Saving Jewish at-risk cemeteries

On October 17, 2013, with support from Plaza Jewish Community Chapel and the New York Board of Rabbis, the Community Association for Jewish At-Risk Cemeteries (CAJAC) organized its conference, "Ensuring the Future of Jewish Cemeteries." The conference drew diverse representation including clergy, Jewish community leaders, and those involved in Jewish end-of-life issues. Representing Congregation Or Zarua were Rabbi Scott Bolton and Congregant Barry Yood. Barry serves as a vice-president of CAJAC's Board of Directors.

Dr. Jonathan Sarna offered the keynote address, which focused on the religious, cultural, and historical significance of Jewish cemeteries. He highlighted the role of burial societies, a frequent topic of discussion among CAJAC and its partners.

Following Dr. Sarna's address, a panel addressing several essential cemetery matters, such as cemetery regulatory compliance, financial management, and best practices for operations, convened.

Conference participants learned firsthand about the complex nature of cemetery operations and gained a clearer understanding of the "typical" cemetery concerns, including perpetual care, grounds maintenance, and gravestone care.

"Ensuring the Future of Jewish Cemeteries" captured CAJAC's mission-critical purpose of educating and building awareness within the broader community regarding our individual and collective responsibilities for preserving Jewish cemeteries. For additional information on CAJAC and its work, please visit [www.cajac.us](http://www.cajac.us) or contact Andrew Schultz, Executive Director, at [aschultz@cajac.us](mailto:aschultz@cajac.us) or 914-357-4198.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

If you have an idea or article that is suitable for publication in the *OZ Newsletter*, please contact Charlie Spielholz at [cssrs@earthlink.net](mailto:cssrs@earthlink.net). All copy for the January/February 2014 issue is due by Monday, December 9.



TIZMORET.COM

**TIZMORET**, will perform at Or Zarua for Shabbat Shirah, January 10–11, 2014. This professional Jewish a cappella group from Queens College Hillel, which has toured the East Coast and won several music awards, sings classic Jewish melodies, contemporary Israeli tunes, and American pop songs. We will welcome Shabbat Shirah, together with the members of Tizmoret, beginning with Kabbalat Shabbat, followed by dinner. Festivities will continue Saturday morning with services for Shabbat, lunch, Minhah, Seudat Shlishit, Ma'ariv, and Havdalah. Details, including event times and deadlines for dinner and lunch reservations, will be announced in the next issue of the *Or Zarua Newsletter*, on the website, and in email messages.



Eric Goldman

JACOB BUCKENSHAF



Rabbi Bolton, Marc Ashley, and Ruth Calderon

CHARLIE SPIELHOLZ



Rabbi Bolton, Abraham Foxman, Marcia Kalin, and Stephen Rayport

HELENE SANTO

**OR ZARUA BEGAN 5774 WITH THREE PRESENTATIONS.** During the Days of Awe, Dr. Eric Goldman presented "Rated R: Repentance in American Film and Jewish Cinema." Abraham Foxman, National Director of the ADL, spoke about "Addressing Today's Hot Topics" during Hol Hamoed Sukkot. MK Dr. Ruth Calderon discussed how her understanding of Talmud has affected her role in the Israeli Knesset. Future presentations at OZ will include the Lucy S. Dawidowicz lecture, Shabbatons with art and music, and the Authors Speak series. Information will be published in the *Or Zarua Newsletter*, email messages, and on the OZ website.

# Share-a-Night Hanukkah Celebration

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 5:30 P.M.**

**Volunteer musicians, singers, hosts, and servers needed; all pre-registered guests are welcome**

**R**onald McDonald House, located at 405 East 73rd Street, will be celebrating its annual Share-a-Night on Thursday, December 5, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tours of the House will include retrospectives from resident families and volunteers. Entertainment will feature performances by well-known celebrities.

This year the reception also will include a special post-Hanukkah celebration, with a menorah lighting ceremony by Rabbis

Scott and Amy Bolton. Or Zarua, in partnership with Temple Emanuel, will be serving latkes and jelly donuts and providing dreidels and Hanukkah gelt to all who visit with us in the 9th-floor solarium.

Or Zarua's recently launched a cappella group, Bir'nana, will be performing at the holiday event to bring additional joy to the candle-lighting ceremony and brighter smiles to the faces of the children. This will be Bir'nana's inaugural performance and, hopefully, the first of many to come.

Bir'nana has been practicing earnestly for several months, and will display the fruits of its efforts at an Or Zarua program or service in the near future. Please attend the event to hear the group sing!

All members of the community who wish to attend must pre-register. If you can volunteer to help with the event, musicians, Israeli dancers, hosts, and servers are all needed. To volunteer or register as a guest, please contact Richard Stadin at [stadin1@aol.com](mailto:stadin1@aol.com) or 212-879-0448.

## JEWISH ART SALE

**in time for Hanukkah**

**O**r Zarua will welcome artist Mordechai Rosenstein for a weekend filled with both educational opportunities and hands-on projects for all ages from Friday, February 28, through Sunday, March 2, 2014. In the meantime, please visit Rosenstein's website, [www.rosensteinarts.com](http://www.rosensteinarts.com), and take the opportunity to purchase one or more of his works. Use the form under "Contact/Order," and be sure to specify that you are a member of Or Zarua. A portion of all purchases will go to OZ. Call the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 12, if you have any questions.

## SIDDUR CLASS:

**History, Meaning, and Commentaries on the Jewish Prayer Book**

**Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the OZ social hall**

**C**ongregation Or Zarua's siddur class, taught by Rabbi Bolton, studies the history, laws, teachings, and approaches to Jewish prayer. Prior knowledge is not required.



**BIR'NANA, OZ'S A CAPPELLA GROUP, rehearses most Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m., as noted on the OZ calendar. Register to hear Bir'nana's debut performance at the Ronald McDonald House Share-a-Night celebration on Thursday, December 5, as described above.**

## Top Latke Competition

**Post-Hanukkah Cook-off at OZ, Sunday, December 15, 2:00 p.m.**

**D**o you prepare the best latkes? Do you have the perfect latke recipe? OZ wants to know. On Sunday, December 15, OZ needs four to five teams to take part in a latke cooking competition. The teams will do their "quickfire" cooking in the OZ kitchen and latkes will be evaluated by three judges, one of which will be Rabbi Bolton.

Each team, which can consist of up to four individuals, must sign up and submit

the entrance fee of \$40 by Monday, December 2. Entrance fees cover the cost of common ingredients: potatoes, onions, matzoh meal, oil, apple sauce, and sour cream. Teams will have the option of using non-traditional ingredients, but these must be pre-approved for kashrut purposes.

Interested in fielding a team? Contact David Bergman at [dmb270@gmail.com](mailto:dmb270@gmail.com), or Helene Santo at 212-452-2310, extension 14, or [hsanto@orzarua.org](mailto:hsanto@orzarua.org), for sign-up information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 • 28 Heshvan 7:15 am Minyan 5:35 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	2 • 29 9:00 am Shaharit Toledot 1:00 pm Youth Hangout 6:40 pm Shabbat ends
3 • 30 <b>Rosh Hodesh Kislev</b> <i>Daylight Savings Time ends</i> 8:45 am Minyan 7:30 pm Authors Speak with Dr. Ruth Wisse 6:00 pm Bir'nana rehearsal	4 • 1 Kislev <b>Rosh Hodesh Kislev</b> 7:00 am Minyan Hebrew School in session	5 • 2 <b>Election Day</b> 7:15 am Minyan 7:00 pm Context Seminar	6 • 3 7:15 am Minyan 7:30 pm Talmud Class Hebrew School in session	7 • 4 7:15 am Minyan 8:30 am Siddur Class	8 • 5 7:15 am Minyan 4:27 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat Family and Friends Dinner	9 • 6 9:00 am Shaharit Vayetze 5:32 pm Shabbat ends
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24 • 21 8:45 am Minyan	25 • 22 7:15 am Minyan <i>Hebrew School in session</i>	26 • 23 7:15 am Minyan 7:00 pm Context Seminar	27 • 24 7:15 am Minyan Hesed Holiday Gleaning <i>No Hebrew School</i>  <b>Erev Hanukkah: 1 Candle</b>	28 • 25 <b>Thanksgiving</b> 8:45 am Minyan <i>Office closed</i>  <b>Hanukkah: 2 Candles</b>	29 • 26 8:45 am Minyan 4:12 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat <i>Office closed</i>  <b>Hanukkah: 3 Candles</b>	30 • 27 9:00 am Shaharit Miketz 5:17 pm Shabbat ends  <b>Hanukkah: 4 Candles</b>



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>1 • 28 Kislev</b>            8:45 am Minyan            4:00 pm Middle and High School Dreidel Spinoff</p> <p><b>Hanukkah: 5 Candles</b></p>	<p><b>2 • 29</b>            7:00 am Minyan  <i>Hebrew School in session</i></p> <p><b>Hanukkah: 6 Candles</b></p>	<p><b>3 • 30</b>  <b>Rosh Hodesh Tevet</b>            7:00 am Minyan            7:00 pm Context Seminar            7:00 pm TLC program at Central Synagogue</p> <p><b>Hanukkah: 7 Candles</b></p>	<p><b>4 • 1 Tevet</b>  <b>Rosh Hodesh Tevet</b>            7:00 am Minyan            7:30 pm Talmud Class  <i>Hebrew School in session</i></p> <p><b>Hanukkah: 8 Candles</b></p>	<p><b>5 • 2</b>            7:00 am Minyan            8:30 am Siddur Class            5:30 pm Ronald McDonald House Share-a-Night</p> <p><b>Hanukkah: Last Day</b></p>	<p><b>6 • 3</b>            7:15 am Minyan            4:10 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p><b>7 • 4</b>            9:00 am Shaharit Vayigash            5:15 pm Shabbat ends            7:00 pm Middle School Mexican Fiesta</p>
<p><b>8 • 5</b>            8:45 am Minyan            7:30 pm Book Discussion            7:30 pm Bir'nana rehearsal</p>	<p><b>9 • 6</b>            7:15 am Minyan  <i>Hebrew School in session</i></p>	<p><b>10 • 7</b>            7:15 am Minyan            7:00 pm Context Seminar</p>	<p><b>11 • 8</b>            7:15 am Minyan            7:30 pm Talmud Class            TBA Middle and High School Bowling Night  <i>Hebrew School in session</i></p>	<p><b>12 • 9</b>            7:15 am Minyan            8:30 am Siddur Class</p>	<p><b>13 • 10</b>  <b>Fast of Tevet</b>            7:15 am Minyan            4:11 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p><b>14 • 11</b>            9:00 am Shaharit Vayehi            5:16 pm Shabbat ends</p>
<p><b>15 • 12</b>            8:45 am Minyan            2:00 pm Top Latke Cooking Competition            7:30 pm Bir'nana rehearsal</p>	<p><b>16 • 13</b>            7:15 am Minyan  <i>Hebrew School in session</i></p>	<p><b>17 • 14</b>            7:15 am Minyan            7:00 pm Context Seminar  <i>(Make-up session, if needed)</i></p>	<p><b>18 • 15</b>            7:15 am Minyan            7:30 pm Talmud Class  <i>Hebrew School in session</i></p>	<p><b>19 • 16</b>            7:15 am Minyan            8:30 am Siddur Class</p>	<p><b>20 • 17</b>            7:15 am Minyan            4:13 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p><b>21 • 18</b>            9:00 am Shaharit Shemot            5:18 pm Shabbat ends</p>
<p><b>22 • 19</b>            8:45 am Minyan</p>	<p><b>23 • 20</b>            7:15 am Minyan  <i>No Hebrew School</i></p>	<p><b>24 • 21</b>            7:15 am Minyan            Hesed Holiday Gleaning</p>	<p><b>25 • 22</b>            8:45 am Minyan  <i>No Hebrew School</i>  <i>Office closed</i></p>	<p><b>26 • 23</b>            7:15 am Minyan            8:30 am Siddur Class</p>	<p><b>27 • 24</b>            7:15 am Minyan            4:17 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p><b>28 • 25</b>            9:00 am Shaharit Vaera            5:22 pm Shabbat ends</p>
<p><b>29 • 26</b>            8:45 am Minyan</p>	<p><b>30 • 27</b>            7:15 am Minyan  <i>No Hebrew School</i></p>	<p><b>31 • 28</b>  <b>New Year's Eve</b>            7:15 am Minyan</p>				

# Family and Youth Activities

## November 2013

**Saturday, November 2 • 1:00 p.m.**

SHABBAT HANGOUT

Middle and High School students

**Friday, November 8 • after Ma'ariv**

FAMILY AND FRIENDS DINNER

RSVP required. See page 1 for details.

**Saturday, November 16 • 10:30 a.m.**

TEEN SHABBAT

**Saturday, November 16 • 6:00 p.m.**

THANKSGIVIKKAH EVENT

Middle School Students

**Saturday, November 23 • 5:00 p.m.**

PJ LIBRARY

Arts, crafts, dancing, singing, a story read by Rabbi Bolton, and pizza.

RSVP required. See page 11 for details.

**Wednesday, November 27 • evening**

HESED HOLIDAY GLEANINGS

See page 12 for details.

## December 2013

**Sunday, December 1 • 4:00 p.m.**

DREIDEL SPINOFF

Middle and High School students

**Tuesday, December 3 • 7:00 p.m.**

TORAH LEARNING COALITION

Central Synagogue

See page 3 for details.

**Saturday, December 7 • 7:00 p.m.**

MEXICAN FIESTA

Middle School students

**Saturday, December 14 • TBA**

BOWLING NIGHT

Middle and High School students

**Sunday, December 15 • 2:00 p.m.**

TOP LATKE COOKING COMPETITION

RSVP required. See page 7 for details.

**Thursday, December 24 • evening**

HESED HOLIDAY GLEANINGS

See page 12 for details.

## January 2014

**Friday, January 10 • after Ma'ariv**

FAMILY AND FRIENDS DINNER

RSVP required. See page 1 for details.

**January 10–11 • various times**

SHABBAT SHIRAH WITH TIZMORET

See page 6 for details.

**Thursday, January 23 • 7:30 p.m.**

LUCY S. DAWIDOWICZ LECTURE

Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole

*Sacred Trash: The Lost and Found World of the Cairo Geniza*

See page 3 for details.

## Weekly Programs

**Shabbat • during services**

KEF SHABBAT: 0 through pre-K

RUACH SHABBAT: K through 3rd grade

MAH ZEH SHABBAT: 4th grade and above

See page 5 for details.



DARA SHAPIRO

**FIRST DAY OF HEBREW SCHOOL.** Ilana Burgess (right), OZ's Youth Education Director, opened the new year with Rob Silverbush playing guitar for Hebrew School students. Direct all inquiries about OZ's Hebrew School and Youth Education programs to Ilana Burgess at 212-452-2310, extension 15, or iburgess@orzarua.org.

## TOY, BOOK, AND GAME DRIVE

**For Chai Lifeline**

Or Zarua's Youth Education Department is collecting new toys, books, games (including electronic games) for Chai Life, a charity based in New York City that supports the emotional, social, and financial needs of seriously ill children and their families. Boxes are set up in the social hall and on the 6th and 7th floors. The drive ends on Friday, December 6.

**WWW.ORZARUA.ORG**

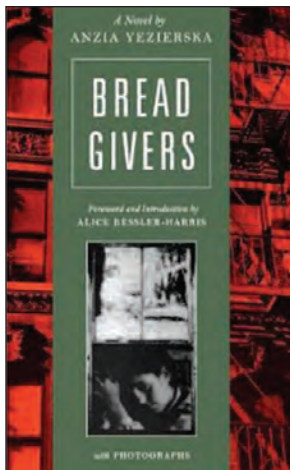
Some of the many resources on the Or Zarua website include upcoming events, service schedules, current art gallery shows, minyan sign-up, guest speaker presentations, and much more. So take a moment to explore [www.orzarua.org](http://www.orzarua.org)!

# Or Zarua Book Discussions

*Bread Givers* by Anzia Yezierska, Sunday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.

**P**lease join us for our next Or Zarua book discussion on Sunday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Or Zarua's library. Natalie Friedman will be leading our discussion.

*Bread Givers*, a masterpiece of American immigrant literature set in the 1920s on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, tells the story of Sara Smolinsky, the youngest daughter of an Orthodox rabbi, who rebels against her father's rigid conception of Jewish womanhood. Sara's struggle towards independence and self-fulfillment resonates with a passion all can share. Recently published in a third



edition, redesigned page for page with the previous ones, *Bread Givers* is an essential historical work.

Dr. Friedman, who recently joined Or Zarua with her family, is a dean at Barnard College and teaches immigrant fiction. *Bread Givers* is one of the many examples of the genre, which we chose for our discussion on her recommendation.

If you would like more information on Or Zarua book discussions or have a book suggestion, please contact Reed Schneider by calling Deborah Wenger in the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 12, or emailing [dwenger@orzarua.org](mailto:dwenger@orzarua.org).

## HEBREW LANGUAGE CLASS

by Mark Somerstein

**M**ark Somerstein will teach a class on the siddur, establishing a lexicon of prayer, ritual, and ceremony. In addition to exploring derivations, the class will ultimately lead to modern Hebrew.

Beginning on Thursday, January 16, the class will meet on consecutive Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. (with the exception of January 23), for a total of seven sessions.

For additional information or to sign up for the class, please contact Mark at 646-303-1076, or the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 12.

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK.** Please look for Congregation Or Zarua on Facebook and "Like" us. It will help spread the word about us!



Dancing, music, and story reading with Rabbi Bolton at PJ Library in OZ's rooftop sukkah.

## PJ Library at Or Zarua

Saturday, November 23, 5 p.m.

**T**he next PJ Library event will take place Saturday, November 23, beginning at 5:00 pm. Families with young children are invited to join together for Havdalah and melave malka (dinner after Shabbat) with pizza, followed by crafts, readings, songs, and dances on the theme of Hanukkah and Thanksgiving.

The photos at left are from the PJ Library event that was held during Sukkot in OZ's rooftop sukkah. The PJ Library event held at the end of October featured a visit to Abraham and Sarah's tent with a reading of "Why Sarah Laughed."

To sign your child up for PJ Library, go to [www.pjlibrary.org](http://www.pjlibrary.org) and find OZ using zip code 10028. Your child will receive 12 monthly mailings of free, wonderful Jewish children's books and CDs.

# 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 27, and Tuesday, December 24. The food will be delivered to Ronald McDonald House on East 73rd Street, Neighborhood Coalition Residence (East 81st Street), Common Pantry (East 103rd Street), and Salvation Deliverance Church (South Bronx). Volunteers, please contact Richard Stadin at [stadin1@aol.com](mailto:stadin1@aol.com) or 212-879-0448.

## Share-a-Night at Ronald McDonald House

● Volunteer to help with this special post-Hanukkah celebration. Musicians, Israeli dancers, hosts, and servers are all needed (see page 7 for details).

## Home Visit Volunteers

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

## 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.

## Monday Night Pasta and Salad at NCS

● Or Zarua congregants serve hot food 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 last two Mondays of each month from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m., when the residents’ government checks are depleted.

## 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.

## Winter Caps and Scarfs

● Or Zarua congregants create attractive knitted caps and scarfs for children in need.

*To participate in any of these Hesed programs, please contact Richard Stadin at [stadin1@aol.com](mailto:stadin1@aol.com) or 212-879-0448.*

## 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 “Rabbi Wechsler Teaches” on Channel 107. Nonsubscribers can obtain a free, three-day trial at [www.siriusxm.com](http://www.siriusxm.com).

## TALMUD CLASS

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Talmud class meets on most Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. with Rabbi Bolton. This year, we are studying Chapter 16 of Masekhet Shabbat (Artscroll Shabbat Vol. 4 or Koren Steinsaltz Shabbat Vol. 2).

Anyone may join the class at any time; it is not necessary to have participated in Talmud class previously to join the class now.

Rabbi Wechsler will be teaching the class in January 2014.

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

# Support the Common Pantry

Bring food or purchase a FreshDirect gift card

The Common Pantry (formerly the Yorkville Common Pantry) helps to fill the kitchen cabinets of those who are hungry in New York City. You can help by dropping off food (using the list below) at Or Zarua. Or you can donate a FreshDirect gift card by going to [www.freshdirect.com/ycp](http://www.freshdirect.com/ycp).

## Common Pantry Grocery List

Whole wheat pasta  
Tomato sauce

Tea and coffee  
100% real fruit juice  
Packaged dry beans  
Canned soup or stew (low sodium)  
Whole grain items  
Brown rice  
Oatmeal  
Peanut butter  
Canned tuna, salmon, chicken  
Shelf-stable milk (Nonfat or 1%, such as 32 oz. Parmalat)

## OZ MINYAN

Contact Sheldon Adler at [sadler@skadden.com](mailto:sadler@skadden.com) or choose “Daily Minyan” under the “Pray” menu on [www.orzarua.org](http://www.orzarua.org) to sign up for a day or two each month.

# In an Emergency

OZ staff and members trained to use AED and perform CPR

**M**embers of the Or Zarua community have been trained to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) and perform CPR.

Congregation Or Zarua maintains three AEDs in the building as required by New York State Law. An AED is located in the back vestibule of our building on the first (social hall), second (sanctuary), and sixth (Hebrew school) floors.

The AED is a device used in conjunction with cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). It first diagnoses arrhythmia and then delivers an electric shock to the heart, stopping the arrhythmia and allowing the heart the opportunity to start with a normal rhythm.

Emergency Skills, Inc. provides the training to members of the OZ community according to standards set by the American Heart Association. Each trained person must be re-certified every two years. Our

trained members are able to deal with situations in which a person is not breathing, is choking, or is having a heart attack, and to use the AED, when necessary. Only people specifically trained and certified in its use should operate an AED.

The members of our synagogue community who are trained to use the AED include a mix of congregants and OZ staff. Trained staff are: Facilities Manager Anthony Banfield and Hebrew school teacher Yael Goren. Trained congregants are Jonathan Kaplan, Michael Katz, Alan Mayer, Diane Okrent, Jay Palmer, Laura Resnikoff, Gerry Solomon, and Charles Spielholz.

If you suspect someone is not breathing, is choking, or is having a heart attack, first call 911 and then alert one of these trained people.

To volunteer for AED and CPR training at OZ, please contact Laura Resnikoff by calling the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 12.



HARVEY BRENNER

A view of the Or Zarua cemetery section.

## OZ Cemetery

For members and their families

**T**he 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 Executive Director Helene Santo at 212-452-2310, extension 14.

## LIFE EVENTS AT 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, so that Rabbi Bolton can be informed.

## WELCOMING GUESTS AT OR ZARUA

**A**s a community, it is important for us 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.



CHARLIE SPIELHOLZ

**IN THE OZ GALLERY.** "Today I Am: Jewish Coming of Age Rituals" examines the origins and practices of Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies and celebrations. The exhibit features several OZ congregants. Above, Barry Feldman stands next to a photo from his Bar Mitzvah.

## 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.

# The Or Zarua Community

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## Rabbi Wechsler in Israel

With students from Ein Prat—The Academy of Leadership

**R**ecently, Rabbi Wechsler spoke about “Jewish Identity and Conservative Judaism in America” at Ein Prat—The Academy of Leadership, in Kfar Adummim, Israel. After completing high school, Ein Prat students spend a year studying before performing their Army service. The goal of their studies is to

develop personal skills as well as their Jewish and Zionist identities so that they can best serve the State of Israel and the Jewish people in a leadership capacity. Graduates are serving as officers in elite units, in the Ministry of Education, and in other not-for-profit organizations.

Rabbi Wechsler will return to Or Zarua in January to teach the Talmud class.



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## 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 at [mashley@chadbourn.com](mailto:mashley@chadbourn.com) or Jay Palmer at [jpalmer@nyc.rr.com](mailto:jpalmer@nyc.rr.com). You may also sign up online at [www.orzarua.org](http://www.orzarua.org) by clicking "Reading Torah" under the "Pray" heading.

## OR ZARUA YOUTH ART CALENDAR

Fund raiser for the Youth Education Department



The OZ Youth Art Calendar is a fund raiser for the Youth Education Department. This year's calendar, which consists of collages of the faces of OZ youth, was created by one of our young congregants, Talia Spielholz. A copy of the calendar has been mailed to each OZ membership unit. While there is no cost for the calendar, all money raised will help to support holiday celebrations, field trips, and tzedakah projects for the Or Zarua Hebrew School. We hope that you enjoy the calendar and will show your support by sending a donation to the synagogue office.



**CONGREGATION OR ZARUA**

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# November/December Checklist

- Middle and High School Shabbat Hangout, Saturday, November 2, 1:00 p.m. (pages 5 and 10).
- “No Joke,” Authors Speak Series with Dr. Ruth Wisse, Sunday, November 3, 7:30 p.m.
- Addresses for Hanukkah Campus Connection for OZ college students are due Tuesday, November 7 (page 4).
- Friends and Family Dinner, Friday, November 8, after Ma’ariv. RSVP by Monday, November 4 (page 1).
- Teen Shabbat, Saturday, November 16, 10:30 a.m. (pages 5 and 10).
- Middle School Thanksgivikkah Event, Saturday, November 16, 6:00 p.m (pages 5 and 10).
- PJ Library, Saturday, November 23, 5 p.m. (page 11).
- Middle and High School Dreidel Spinoff, Sunday, December 1, 4:00 p.m. (pages 5 and 10).
- Torah Learning Coalition, 7th Night, 7 Teachings, “Torah’s Light at Hanukkah” at Central Synagogue, Tuesday, December 3, 7:00 p.m.
- Toy, book and game drive for Chai Lifeline. Donations needed by Friday, December 6 (page 10).
- Middle School Mexican Fiesta, Saturday, December 7, 7:00 p.m. (pages 5 and 10).
- Or Zarua Book Discussion, *Bread Givers* by Aniza Yeziarska, led by Dr. Natalie Friedman, Sunday, December 8, 7:30 p.m. (page 11).
- Middle and High School Bowling Night, Saturday, December 14, time TBA (pages 5 and 10).
- Top Latke, OZ Cooking Competition, Sunday, December 15, 2:00 p.m. Teams must sign up by Monday, December 2 (page 7).
- Holiday Gleanings at Eli’s and The Vinegar Factory, Wednesday, November 27, and Thursday, December 24 (page 12).
- Volunteers Needed for OZ’s role in Share-a-Night at Ronald McDonald House, Thursday, December 5, 5:30 p.m. (page 7).
- Bir’nana, OZ’s a cappella group, will be meeting on Sundays at 7:30 p.m. in November and December 8 and 15 (page 7).
- Jewish Art Sale for Hanukkah prior to Artist-in-Residence Shabbaton with Mordechai Rosenstein, February 28–March 2 (page 7).
- Friends and Family Dinner, Friday, January 10, after Ma’ariv. RSVP by Monday, January 6 (page 1).
- Hebrew language class taught by Mark Somerstein begins Thursday, January 16 (page 11).
- Upcoming: Shabbat Shirah with Tizmoret, January 10–11 (page 6).
- Upcoming: Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture, Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole, authors of *Sacred Trash: The Lost and Found World of the Cairo Geniza*, Thursday, January 23, 7:30 p.m. (page 3).
- Rescheduled: Eric Kandel, “The Age of Insight,” Sunday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.
- Talmud Class, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. (page 12).
- Siddur Class with Rabbi Bolton, Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. (page 7).
- Support the Common Pantry (page 12).
- Help spread the word about Or Zarua: “Like” us on Facebook.