

Summertime at Or Zarua

Programs of Learning, Connecting and Prayer

Summer is a time to be inspired at Or Zarua. Summer programs are being offered for both members and non-members.

These events are free, and an RSVP is not required.

Love in the Talmud Summer Talmud Study with Rabbi Bolton

Wednesday, July 6 & 13, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, August 10, 7:30 pm

Discover the delight of Talmud study with Rabbi Bolton. This summer, the Talmud class will explore tales of love and passion in the Talmud. No Talmudic background or Hebrew language necessary; texts will be provided in both Hebrew and English.

Or L'Atid Kosher Cheese Tasting

Tuesday, July 12, 6:00 pm

Or L'Atid invites families for a Parents' Night Out. Join us for a kosher cheese tasting, and socialize on Or Zarua's roof. Please see page 4 for additional information about kosher cheese tasting and Or L'Atid.

OZ in the Park

Saturday, August 6, 4 pm

Let's spend Shabbat afternoon together with a little nosh on the great lawn. Rabbi Scott and Amy Bolton will bring some snacks. Feel free to bring your own treats, a blanket and Shabbat-friendly games.

Rabbi on the Roof! Rabbi's Reading Room

Monday, August 8

7:00 pm

Rabbi Bolton will lead a discussion of *Katerina* by Aharon Appelfeld, the poignant tale of prejudice, humanity and hope in the face of murder, in an age of aggression. Short, yet salient, the book offers a new glimpse on the gory and the glorious in life. (See page 9). Wine and cheese will be served.

Tish'ah B'Av Services and Lecture

Saturday, August 13, 8:45 pm

Sunday, August 14, 8:45 am & 6:45 pm

Chanting of Eicha in the evening of Tish'ah B'Av recalls dark hours of Jewish history. We remember our past to forge a

more promising future, for us and our world, beginning on Saturday evening, August 13th.

Rabbi Bolton will give a Tish'ah B'Av shiur (lecture) concerning the restoration of the Temple in Jerusalem, the impact of the *Beit HaMidrash* (study) in Jewish thought and possibilities for the future. Between Minhah and Ma'ariv of Tish'ah B'Av on Sunday evening, August 14th.

See the box on page 12 for a complete schedule of Tisha B'Av services at OZ.

Daily Minyan at OZ

Every morning; times vary

See the calendar, pages 6 & 7, for specific times.

Praying with community is inspiring, and enjoying a bagel and coffee afterwards is always a good way to start off a day. Please be part of our ongoing daily service. Getting up to make the minyan is worth it! Watch for Rosh Hodesh and Hol Hamoed for the chance to sing Hallel. On Mondays and Thursdays we read the Torah. Join the minyan at OZ: Take time to reflect and help provide the required minyan for those saying kaddish.



SPRING PICNIC ON THE ROOF. Or Zarua offers a variety of programs, including rooftop events, where you can learn, pray, participate and connect. Read through this newsletter to discover some of the events scheduled for this summer and fall including lectures, classes, services, and Or L'Atid youth programs.



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President's Message

by Marc D. Ashley



We are about to complete installation of new lighting fixtures in our beautiful sanctuary. Soon, our beloved place of communal prayer will be more

inviting and meaningful than ever, newly adorned with memorial wall plaques and illuminated by improved lighting. This is more than a mundane facilities adjustment. Rather, it is an occasion for celebration and introspection. Or Zarua is steeped in light, both in its very name and in its core mission.

We must first celebrate the achievement of more effective and efficient lighting in our sanctuary as a notable practical milestone. The completed lighting project will be a testament to the vision and hard work of many dedicated people, congregants and administrative staff alike.

The project of renewed lighting was facilitated through the abundant generosity of congregants who understood that our physical space nourishes our spiritual experiences, and that enhancements to our physical space are not inexpensive. Cultivating our religious experiences at Or Zarua requires maintenance of our elegant building, which – it is worth reminding ourselves – requires the tzedakah of committed congregants. Such charitable giving to a holy cause permits us all to enjoy our physical surroundings as we learn, pray, participate and connect within them.

Financial support of our improved sanctuary lighting was accompanied by the passionate diligence of all those who contributed to the conception, planning and execution of the project. Aesthetic vision as well as pragmatic wisdom were needed to get us from the old to the new, from relative darkness to renewed glory. Even finally transporting the new lighting fixtures into our second-floor sanctuary required ingenuity, coordination and (not least of all) patience. This lighting project was an overall team effort, and our team comprised an impressive array of talent.

Our new and improved sanctuary lighting is a physical embodiment of our bright future at Or Zarua. Yet it is also a concrete bridge to our illustrious past. The new fixtures over our bimah replace our careworn chandelier, which was ultimately burdened by use and time. That replaced chandelier served Or Zarua well for many years, and was itself a proxy for the amazing effort that went into the planning and construction of our building. As we discard that chandelier and celebrate our beautiful new lighting fixtures, we must pause to remember and appreciate what the first generation of Or Zarua accomplished in allowing us to reach this point.

This noteworthy transition from old to new sanctuary lighting should prompt us to value what connects us to our past and what animates our visions of the future. Our founding principles at Or Zarua still guide and inform our daily decisions about the shul, which have always been made thoughtfully and purposefully. Almost nothing about the formation and development of Or Zarua has been arbitrary, including our synagogue's name. Indeed, the selection of a name for our synagogue, Or Zarua – "light is sown" – captures a motif that goes to the heart of our mission. Or Zarua is about generating light, within our building and beyond.

The wellspring of "Or Zarua" is the upbeat verse from the Psalms (97:11): "Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright of heart." The apt name was chosen before the congregation's first service and has inspired our growth ever since. Light is a symbol for all that is good and beautiful in the world. The Torah speaks of light as a process of elevation, as escalation toward holiness. Or Zarua – "light is sown" – should be both our name and our motto.

As we go from generation to generation at Or Zarua, and as we enjoy the brightness and vibrancy of our surroundings over the coming summer months, let us celebrate the enduring presence of light in our lives. We must not take that light for granted, practically or spiritually.

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Elul and Tishrei: High Holy Days and Festival Programming

During the final month of the Jewish year, Elul, we prepare for the High Holy Days as an important prelude to the High Holy Days.

Welcome Back Kiddush

Shabbat, September 10

After services

Congregation Or Zarua welcomes everyone back to our sanctuary in preparation for the High Holy Days with a Kiddush lunch, immediately after services.

The Talmudic Take on the High Holy Days with Rabbi Mordechai Schwartz, Ph.D.

Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 pm

Explore Talmudic passages on themes related to Elul, Rosh Hashannah and Yom Kippur with visiting scholar Rabbi Mordechai Schwartz, Ph.D.

High Holy Days Zimriyah

Shabbat, September 17

After kiddush

After kiddush, join us for a review of High Holy Day melodies that inspire our services. Pull up a chair and join us for the first Zimriyah of the year.

Author's Talk Safekeeping by Jessamyn Hope

Sunday, September 18, 7:30 pm

Or Zarua's Book Discussion group will begin its season with the novel *Safekeeping*.

The book's author, Jessamyn Hope, will attend this discussion. (See page 9).

Rabbi Bolton's Fall Talmud Class Living Generously! Tzedakah in the Talmud

Begins Wednesday, September 21, 7:30 pm

For the first semester of 2016 – 2017, we will study Talmudic passages regarding tzedakah (charity), gemilut chassadim (bestowal of kindnesses), and righteousness. No background necessary; texts in Hebrew and English will be provided. On Wednesdays, beginning before the High Holy Days on Wednesday September 21, 7:30pm, and continuing on Wednesdays as of November 2. Dates will appear on the OZ Newsletter calendar.

Selichot Sinful Desserts Learning with Rabbi Bolton Selichot Services

Saturday, September 24

8:00 pm Dessert

8:30 pm Study

9:30 pm Selichot

After Shabbat, we will indulge in excellent (dairy) desserts before Selichot study. This year's Selichot topic will be "13th Century Versus 20th Century Teshuvah-Rabbeinu Bachya and Netivot Shalom on Repentance." We will end 5776 by studying concepts of repentance from the writings of the two masters we have studied through the year. Selichot services follow.

Art for Inspiration Curator Talk with our member Brooke Kamin Rapaport

September 25, 7 pm

What is the public role in public art? Brooke Kamin Rapaport, OZ congregant and director and Martin Friedman Senior Curator of Mad. Sq. Art at the Madison Square Park Conservancy, will share her perspective on the current show of modern sculpture at Madison Square Park. We will also hear her reflections on the role of public art, the public's role in public art and modern sculpture as inspiration.

Annual Teshuvah Lecture with Rabbi Michael Carasik, Ph.D.

Thursday, October 6, 7:30 pm

"Repentance—or Return? The Great Bible Commentators Talk about Teshuvah" with Rabbi Michael Carasik, Ph.D., creator of the Jewish Publication Society's *The Commentators' Bible*, an English Language *Mikraot Gedolot* ("Rabbinic Bible").

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Erev Sukkot, Sunday, Oct 16

Congregational Dinner

Hol Hamoed Sukkot, Tuesday, Oct 18

Teen dinner

Hol Hamoed Sukkot, Thursday, Oct 20

OZ's Young Professionals Sushi in the Sukkah

Shabbat Hol Hamoed, Friday, Oct 21

Bring your own Shabbat dinner

Motzi Shabbat Sukkot, Oct 22

Youth Sleepover in OZ's rooftop Sukkah

Erev Simhat Torah, Monday, Oct 24

Ice cream at Sinai youth event

Simhat Torah celebration in the sanctuary.

Upcoming Book Talk

Wednesday, November 2

Guest Talmudic scholar Rabbi Reuven Hammer

*Details on these and other fall events will appear in future issues of the newsletter
RSVP required for dinner events



SELIHOT STUDY WITH RABBI BOLTON IN THE OR ZARUA LIBRARY. This year's Selichot topic will be "13th Century Versus 20th Century Teshuvah - Rabbeinu Bachya And Netivot Shalom On Repentance." The schedule for Selichot and other events for September is given above.



A Message from Sigal Hirsch

Director of Youth Education and Programming

Dear Or Zarua Community,



It has been an exciting first year of Or L'Atid. I have been privileged to become a part of this wonderful community, and I look forward to continuing to build up our already vibrant community of youth and families. This year has been one filled with learning, not just for the students in Or L'Atid's Hebrew School, and the participants in our many programs, but for me as well.

I have seen great successes amongst the youth of Or L'Atid and its programs, but I have also seen the great potential for growth and improvement. This year, we will continue to adapt and evolve the curriculum we provide for families, working towards a program filled with even more engaging and exciting opportunities for Or Zarua's youth and families.

If you've never participated in one of Or L'Atid's many programs, I encourage you to try one this coming year. If you're unsure what program would be the best fit for you and your family, please reach out to me. I hope to have the chance to meet and get to know every family at Or Zarua, and would welcome a phone call, email, or a cup of coffee.

If you're not new to Or L'Atid, I look forward to seeing you again at programs this year. Please feel comfortable reaching out with

advice, suggestions or comments on our programs. Or L'Atid is here for you, and so I welcome your insight as to how to make it the best it can be. I also invite you to connect other families to Or Zarua; families who may be interested in any of our many offerings through Or L'Atid.

Please join us for the Parents' Night Out on Tuesday evening, July 12 for a night of Kosher Cheese Tasting. Take the opportunity to get to know me, Rabbi Bolton and fellow Or Zarua parents and members. Invite friends to come as well, for a fun night out, and a chance to check out Or Zarua!

Finally, be sure to check future issues of the OZ Newsletter for more information on our youth and family programs for the coming year. While this issue describes our Hebrew School offerings, we also have programs on Shabbat and High Holy Days, Shabbat dinners, family Havdalah programs, tween and teen programming, and more, all of which will be described in future OZ Newsletters! Have a great summer!

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**Or L'Atid
Parents' Night Out
and
Kids' Pajama Party
Tuesday, July 12, 6:00 pm**

Or L'Atid invites all families to enjoy a Parents' Night Out! Join us for a kosher cheese tasting on the roof with "The Cheese Guy" Brent Delman. Connect with the Or L'Atid community, have a nosh and learn all about kosher cheese!

Enjoy the night out while your kids are in camp or bring them along for our **KIDS' PAJAMA AND PIZZA PARTY!**

Invite friends to experience all that Or Zarua has to offer.
RSVP to shirsch@orzarua.org by Friday, July 8.



Or L'Atid's first year was filled with fun and learning for families and youth of all ages. Beginning clockwise from the middle top photo, teens made their own homemade gelato; Hebrew school students studied Torah with Rabbi Bolton; students celebrated the end of school year with their families at a siyum in an activity led by OZ parent, congregant and chef Nancy Wolfson-Moche.

Hebrew School at Or Zarua

Hebrew school registration is open

Register now for the 2016-2017 school year!

Call Sigal Hirsch, Director of Youth Education & Programming
212-425-2310, ext 15



Year 2 of Or L'Atid, Youth Education and Programming at Or Zarua, brings with it exciting opportunities for learning. Our inaugural year was filled with deep learning, growth and engaging, exciting experiences. Our second year promises to be filled with continued success and growth. Below is a brief description of what the Hebrew School at Or L'Atid offers. We hope that your children can join us!

Elementary School Students, join us for Hebrew School 2.0.

Kindergarten-2nd grade students: Build a deep foundation in the Hebrew language—learning to read and write, while beginning to establish a rich vocabulary. Spend Monday afternoons connecting to the Jewish people through the exploration of a language that our people have spoken for millennia. Strengthen your bond with modern Israel, as you learn the letters and words of its inhabitants, steeping yourself in its culture.

3rd-5th grade students: Experience Judaism through the Etgar Yesodi curriculum on Mondays and Wednesdays. Think deeply and understand the roots and practices of Jewish life as never before. Explore our unique holidays and their practices. Connect to halakha and to the values that guide our lives. Study texts from the Tanakh, Mishnah and Talmud in their original Hebrew, and stories from Jewish history. Learn about Israel; its history, culture and people. Connect to Jewish tradition, and live Judaism.

On Mondays and Wednesdays: Participate in t'filah. Kindergarten-5th graders, come together to grow our vibrant prayer community. Sing along with our music teacher on Mondays, and step into the leadership role on Wednesdays, leading your peers in prayer and song. Gain and strengthen skills to participate richly in Jewish life.

Middle School Students

The journey doesn't end with Hebrew School 2.0

6th-8th grade students: Join us for B'nei Mitzvah Scholars. Continue your Hebrew language education with HALLEL (Hebrew Language and Literature). Learn new vocabulary and put it to use, speaking with your peers. In JAMM (Judaism for the Modern Mind), spend the fall semester learning Talmud and Mishnah, understanding the foundations of Jewish law and ritual that we still practice today. In the spring, connect to the Jewish state, learning about Israel's vibrant history and culture. Understand the complexities of our national homeland, while weaving yourself into the fabric of its history.

High Schoolers, participate in our exciting new slate of courses.

High school students: Continue to learn the language of ground-breaking scientists, Nobel Prize winners, world-class musicians and actors, artists and authors in **ROCK-IVRIT** (Hebrew) on Mondays. Explore Hebrew language through news & journal articles, music, poetry, stories, movies, TV and more! Strengthen grammar skills, read and speak with comfort and confidence, and connect to Eretz Israel and its vibrant culture. Plus, foreign languages look great on college resumes!

You can also sign up for **Sushi & Study** with Rabbi Bolton, joining him once each month for an evening of rich text study, engaging discussion, and dinner! (Non-fish option provided.)

Post B'nei Mitzvah students can sign up for our brand new teen **Megillah Reading** class with Mark Somerstein. Learn a skill that will last a lifetime, and prepare to read Megillah for the congregation this year (and beyond) on Purim! Develop a new way to be an active participant in life at OZ

Teens, looking for something else? Organize a group of at least 4 students, choose a day and time, and of course, a topic, and we'll make it happen!

Registration for Hebrew School is easy: Log in to your Chaverweb account, click "School Registration" and select your class.

SCHEDULE OF HEBREW SCHOOL CLASSES

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Hebrew School 2.0		MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL choose one or both classes		POST B'NEI MITZVAH
Kindergarten through Grade 2	Grade 3 through Grade 5	B'nei Mitzvah Scholars	ROCK-IVRIT (Hebrew)	Sushi & Study with Rabbi Bolton	Megillah Reading with Mark Somerstein
MONDAYS 4:00 - 6:00 pm	MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS 4:00 - 6:00 pm	MONDAYS 6:00 - 8:00 pm	MONDAYS 5:30 - 6:30 pm	MONDAYS Once per Month 6:30 - 8:00 pm	SELECT TUESDAYS Beginning in November 6:00 - 6:45 pm



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 • 25 7:15a Shaharit 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:13p Candlelighting	2 • 26 9:00 am Shaharit Shelah Lekha 9:18p Shabbat Ends
3 • 27 8:45a Shaharit	4 • 28 Independence Day 8:45a Shaharit <i>OZ Office Closed</i>	5 • 29 7:15a Shaharit	6 • 30 Rosh Hodesh 7:00a Shaharit 9:00a NYCP 7:30p Talmud Class	7 • 1 Tammuz Rosh Hodesh 7:00a Shaharit	8 • 2 7:15a Shaharit 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:11p Candlelighting	9 • 3 9:00 am Shaharit Korah 9:16p Shabbat Ends
10 • 4 8:45a Shaharit	11 • 5 7:15a Shaharit	12 • 6 7:15a Shaharit 6:00p Or L'Atid Kosher Cheese Tasting	13 • 7 7:15a Shaharit 7:30p Talmud Class	14 • 8 7:15a Shaharit	15 • 9 7:15a Shaharit 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:08p Candlelighting	16 • 10 9:00 am Shaharit Hukkat 9:13p Shabbat Ends
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24 • 18 Fast 17th Tammuz (observed) 8:45a Shaharit	25 • 19 7:15a Shaharit	26 • 20 7:15a Shaharit	27 • 21 7:15a Shaharit	28 • 22 7:15a Shaharit	29 • 23 7:15a Shaharit 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:56p Candlelighting	30 • 24 9:00 am Shaharit Pinhas 9:01p Shabbat Ends
31 • 25 8:45a Shaharit						

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	1 • 26 7:15a Shaharit	2 • 27 7:15a Shaharit	3 • 28 7:15a Shaharit 9:00a NYCP	4 • 29 7:15a Shaharit	5 • 1 Av Rosh Hodesh 7:00a Shaharit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:48p Candlelighting	6 • 2 9:00a Shaharit Mattot & Masey 4:00p OZ in the Park 8:53p Shabbat Ends
7 • 3 8:45a Shaharit	8 • 4 7:15a Shaharit 7:00p Rabbi's Reading Room / Rabbi on the Roof	9 • 5 7:15a Shaharit	10 • 6 7:15a Shaharit 7:30a Talmud Class	11 • 7 7:15a Shaharit	12 • 8 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:39p Candlelighting	13 • 9 Shabbat Hazon 9:00a Shaharit Devarim Erev Tish'ah B'Av 7:56p Fast Begins 8:44p Shabbat Ends 8:45p Ma'ariv / Eikha
14 • 10 Tish'ah B'Av 8:45a Shaharit 6:45p Minhah, Shiur Ma'ariv 8:31p Fast Ends	15 • 11 7:15a Shaharit	16 • 12 7:15a Shaharit	17 • 13 7:15a Shaharit	18 • 14 7:15a Shaharit	19 • 15 Tu B'Av 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30p Candlelighting	20 • 16 Shabbat Nahamu 9:00a Shaharit Vaethannan 8:35a Shabbat Ends
21 • 17 8:45a Shaharit	22 • 18 7:15a Shaharit	23 • 19 7:15a Shaharit	24 • 20 7:15a Shaharit	25 • 21 7:15a Shaharit	26 • 22 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:19p Candlelighting	27 • 23 9:00a Shaharit Ekev 8:24a Shabbat Ends
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New Or Zarua Board Members

Eight Congregants join the class of 2019

Sheldon Adler



Sheldon has previously served on the Or Zarua Board of Directors from 2003 to 2015. Sheldon has also served in two vice president positions—legal and strategic—at various times during his tenure on the

Board. Sheldon is responsible for organizing the Or Zarua morning minyan and Sheldon and his wife Marcel sponsor our annual Super Bowl Party, which raises money for charities that aid the poor and hungry.

Sheldon has been a partner in the Mergers and Acquisitions department of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom since 1988. Sheldon has specialized in mergers and acquisitions in the energy and public utility industries and has worked on many major transactions in those industries. Since 2014, he has been a visiting clinical lecturer at Yale Law School, where he teaches a course on the drafting and negotiation of merger and acquisition transactions.

Sheldon and Marcel have been Or Zarua members for over 20 years. They have two children—Dena and Jonah. Dena is in her final year at Yale, working towards a joint degree from the Law School and the Graduate School for Environmental Studies, and Jonah has just completed his sophomore year at Dickinson College.

Pat Davidson



Pat's college degree is from Pennsylvania College for Women (Chatham University). A chemistry major, after graduation she started a masters in biochemistry while working in the field. All of this came to a halt when her husband was drafted into the Air Force. Stationed at Cape Kennedy, there were no positions in her field. And like many women at the time, her career was postponed until later in life.

During the child-rearing years, she focused on her love of reading and exploration of the changing art world. These loves have led to the world in which she now participates.

After their youngest child started school, she worked part time in a physician's office as a bookkeeper and receptionist. That momentary impulse lasted 26 years.

Upon the physician's retirement, Pat explored the art and museum world, and for the last 20 years, she has been a docent at the Jewish Museum. She joined the docent core at Museum of Art and Design in 2008, and continues to learn and tour.

Pat now leads three book groups, discussing contemporary literature, using techniques learned from science and museum training.

Pat has served on the advisory board of Park Avenue Synagogue, was a past vice president of the Board of Directors of OZ, and the Board of Directors of Camp Ramah in the Berkshires.

Pat is married to Alan Davidson, MD. They have three daughters and seven especially wonderful grandchildren.

Randy Feld



Randy and his wife Cherise have been members of Or Zarua since 2002. He was initially attracted to Or Zarua because of its participatory and intellectually honest atmosphere. He has enjoyed being part of the morning minyan and reading from the Torah. Or

Zarua has been an integral part of his family's life as they have celebrated the birth of their children and look forward to celebrating a Bar Mitzvah there in the new year. He has always felt that Judaism is built on three principles; Torah, Avodah and G'milus Chasadim. Or Zarua's intellectual and warm Jewish environment has therefore been a natural fit for him and his family. He is a cardiologist in full-time clinical practice, and holds an academic appointment at Northwell Health. He also holds an MBA in Health Care Administration. He resides in New York City and Glen Cove, New York, with his wife and two children, Joshua and Hannah.

Barry Feldman



After extensive shul shopping, Barry realized Or Zarua was the right synagogue for him. He affiliated in 2000. He is a member of the daily minyan, enjoys working in the OZ library and participating in the gallery committee, and teaching at OZ.

After retirement as a senior school district administrator and college teacher, and following a fellowship at YIVO, Barry turned to other interests, including urban history and the ethnicity of Jews in America. Presently, he is a popular New York City licensed tour guide, an urban historian at the Museum at Eldridge Street, past president of the Lower East Side Jewish Conservancy, and guest lecturer at the New School. He also is active in historic and building preservation organizations.

Barry looks forward to joining the board and to resume teaching at Or Zarua this fall.

Laura Fisher



Laura joined Or Zarua with her husband Adi Raviv and their three daughters Micaela, Jessica and Gabriella in 2005. Laura attended Brown University and obtained her MD degree there. She has a private practice in Manhattan specializing in

internal medicine, preventive care, Lyme disease and travel medicine.

Laura grew up in a family with a strong love of Israel and of all things Jewish. She attended New Jersey's YMHA camps and Camp Ramah. She was a teen ambassador to Israel and spent a semester of her junior year at Hebrew University. She married Adi, a native of Israel and a finance executive, in 1997. Their oldest daughter, Micaela, will be a freshman at Brown University this fall. Jesse will be a senior at Bronx Science, and Gabriella will be a junior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. All three attended OZ's Hebrew School, are members of its USY chapter and attend OZ's Shabbat and holiday services. They are volunteers and board members of Chabad's Friendship Circle. They attended Camp Ramah's day camp in Nyack and sleep-away camp in the Berkshires. Laura and Adi are proud of their starting an advocacy group called NYCTeens4Israel to combat anti-Jewish and anti-Israel sentiment on high school and college campuses.

Dana Gross

Dana Gross is pleased to join the Or Zarua board as a first-time member. Born and raised on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, she graduated from Ramaz and went on to earn her BA at Barnard College and her MBA at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She spent much of her career in the music industry, and then moved on to general marketing and advertising, which she currently does on a freelance basis. She was the founding PTA President at PS 527, serving in that role for three years. Her children, Harry and Allison, attend elementary school there and attend Hebrew School at Or Zarua, where Dana has been serving on the Youth and Education Committee. Dana also serves on the board of Central Park Skate Patrol as the treasurer. Dana is married to Jeff Gandel, an attorney specializing in the entertainment and technology industries. In her spare time, she may be found singing cabaret and teaching inline skating in Central Park.

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Join Or Zarua's minyan for Shaharit (morning service), followed by breakfast. Start times are listed on the calendar. You will meet other Congregants and enjoy coffee, OJ, bagels, cake and yogurt.

BRIEF VIEW OF THE HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICE SCHEDULE AT OZ

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, October 2
Evening Service, 6 pm (OZ)

First Day Rosh Hashanah

Monday, October 3 (Wallace Hall)
Morning Service, 8:30 am (Wallace Hall)
Tashlikh, 5:30 pm (Central Park Reservoir)
Evening Service, 6:30 pm (Or Zarua)

Second Day Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday, October 4
Morning Service 8:30 am (Wallace Hall)
Evening Service 6:15 pm (Or Zarua)

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, October 11
Minhah, 1:30 pm (Or Zarua)
Kol Nidre, 5:45 pm (Wallace Hall)

Yom Kippur

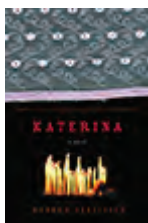
Wednesday, October 12
Services 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Additional High Holy Day and ticket information will arrive by mail and email and will be published in the September – October issue of the OZ Newsletter

Or Zarua Book Discussions

Monday, August 8, 7:00 pm

Katerina by Aharon Appelfeld
Led by Rabbi Bolton
On Or Zarua's Roof
Wine and Cheese Served



In Ukraine in the 1880s, Katerina, a teenage, Christian peasant is taken in by a Jewish family and becomes their housekeeper. The family's parents are murdered in pogroms. Katerina is sent to prison for murdering the murderer of her Jewish lover. Released from prison after the end of the war, she discovers that the Jewish communities of Ukraine have been decimated.

Sunday, September 18, 7:30 pm

Safekeeping by Jessamyn Hope
We will be joined by the author.
In the OZ Library



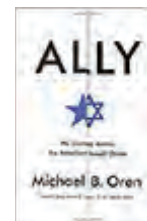
Adam, a drug addict from NYC, is attempting to turn his life around. He travels to Israel with the intention of returning a sapphire brooch to a woman his grandfather loved when he was a

Holocaust refugee on a kibbutz near the end of the war. The story deals with redemption, brevity of life and the history of a priceless medieval brooch.

Sunday, October 30, 7:30 pm

Ally: My Journey Across the American-Israeli Divide by Michael B. Oren
Led by Congregant Arthur Seltzer

Michael B. Oren, former Israeli ambassador



to the United States describes his view of the relationship between the United States and Israel from 2009 to 2013. The book is an eye-opening portrait of the sometimes tense relationship between the Obama and Netanyahu administrations.

OZ's Book Discussions are open to all. For additional information about the Or Zarua Book Discussions, call the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, or simply show up.

RABBI BOLTON'S SIDDIR CLASS

This fall we begin an exploration of Tachanum and the Torah Service. Join us beginning Thursday, November 3, as we continue to translate and delve into our daily liturgy.



Sanctuary lighting update. The OZ sanctuary is full of scaffolding. The old lighting fixture that hung above the bimah, seen above, has been removed. Electricians are putting the new fixture in place. The project should be complete by mid-July.



ARTHUR SZYK SOCIETY PRESIDENT Irvin Unger gave an illuminating illustrated talk about the life and work of artist Arthur Szyk at the opening of the current exhibit in the OZ Gallery, *Justice Illuminated: The Art of Arthur Szyk*. he artist was a Polish Jew who escaped Europe in the wake of the Holocaust and emigrated to the U.S. in December 1940. This traveling exhibit shows the distinctive and powerful art of Szyk, Jewish illustrator, artist and political satirist. The exhibit focuses on three main themes: World War II and the Holocaust; America; and Jewish response. *Justice Illuminated* will be on display at the OZ Gallery until early November.
-Gerry Solomon

New OZ Board Members

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Said Hawa



Said grew up in the Iraqi Jewish community in Tehran, Iran. After attending Haifa University, Said returned to Tehran and began his career as a businessman. He immigrated to the United States with his mother and brother after the Iranian Revolution in 1980. Said met Ellen after settling in New York, and the two married in 1990. Said and Ellen have twin daughters, who attended Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan and the High School of Math, Science and Engineering at CCNY and are now engineering students at different universities in Canada. Said was an active Schechter parent and engaged member of the High School of Math, Science and Engineering at CCNY Parent Association.

The Hawa family joined Congregation Or Zarua in 2002, and Said has enjoyed attending services, volunteering during the Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives, and participating in the book club. Said has a keen interest in world events, particularly the Middle East, and spends his free time jogging, cooking, catching up with family and friends, watching sports, and reading. Said is excited to bring his tireless sense of humor and unique insight as an Iraqi-Iranian-New Yorker to the table as a member of the Or Zarua Board.

Reed Schneider



Reed joins the board after 25 years as a member of Or Zarua. Reed and his wife, Anne, joined as soon as their daughter Lauren was old enough to circle-dance to Hinei Rakevet and David Melech Yisrael with other pre-schoolers at the parent-led youth services at Or Zarua's original location on the second floor of the 92d Street Y. In due time, Lauren, and three years later, her younger sister, Mariel, celebrated becoming Bat Mitzvah at Or Zarua. Anticipating Lauren's Bat Mitzvah and not having chanted Torah at his own Bar Mitzvah, Reed was inspired to join Ezra Friedland-Wechsler's Torah-reading class and become part of the rotation of lay Torah readers. Reed has been an active participant in Or Zarua's many learning opportunities. He also has managed the Or Zarua book discussion series for many years. Reed is special counsel at a midtown law firm specializing in property tax litigation, having worked previously for 30 years in that field on behalf of the City of New York.



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TISH'AH B'AV SERVICES

Erev Tish'ah B'Av

Saturday, August 13
7:56 pm Fast Begins
8:45 pm Ma'ariv
Reading of Eicha

Tish'ah B'Av

Sunday, August 14
8:45 am Shaharit
6:45 pm
Minhah
Shiur with Rabbi Bolton
Ma'ariv
8:31 pm Fast Ends

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Or Zarua Hessed Programs

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

Volunteers needed for DOROT!

• Or Zarua is participating in DOROT's annual Rosh Hashanah package delivery on Sunday, Sept. 25, 10:30 am. Bring holiday joy and goodies to a senior on the East Side. Volunteers will meet at Sutton Place Synagogue, 225 E 51st St (between 2nd and 3rd Aves). Plan on two hours for the project: each visit with a senior should last about one hour, plus time to travel to and from the senior's home on the East Side (between 14th and 96th streets). It's a wonderful way to connect with seniors during holiday time. Families welcome. Please contact Lesley Palmer with any questions or to register.

A Solution to Hunger

• Help feed the hungry in our community by donating to or volunteering with the New York Common Pantry. Each month, collection bins are placed in the social hall for food donations of healthy (low-sodium, whole wheat, low-fat or nonfat), packaged grocery items. Volunteers from OZ are needed the first Wednesday of each month, from 9:00 am to noon, in the pantry's distribution

center, located off Fifth Avenue at 8 East 109th Street. Contact Lesley Palmer at lesleypalmer123@gmail.com to sign up for July 6, August 3 and September 7.

Home Visit Volunteers

• Volunteer to visit and cheer ill or home-bound Or Zarua congregants. Please contact Deborah Wenger at dwenger@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, extension 12, if you are interested.

Monday Night Pasta and Salad at NCS

• Or Zarua congregants serve hot food and good cheer at the Neighborhood Coalition Shelter's East 81st Street Residence from 6:00 to 6:45 pm on the last two Mondays of each month. Volunteers are needed, as are donations to the Hessed Fund. Please contact Jeffrey Haberman at jeff32449@verizon.net.

For additional information about any of these programs, please contact Susan J. Lorin, Hessed Committee Chair, at lorin@sewkis.com or 212-717-4647.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Letters regarding renewal of membership at Or Zarua were mailed. Please contact the synagogue office at 212-452-2310 with any questions regarding membership at Congregation Or Zarua.

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