



Beyond 120: Jewish Conceptions of the Afterlife

Next class is Sunday, May 15, 10:00 a.m.

The primary focus of Jewish thought and practice is on the dynamics of this world, on how we should conduct ourselves in relation to God and our peers.

To fulfill our prescribed roles as committed Jews, we must engage meaningfully with the world around us and strive to improve it through purposeful and diligent action. But does Judaism also provide useful guidance about the prospects of an after-life? Do Jewish perspectives on life after

death offer a sense of consolation and hope?

Please join Congregant Marc Ashley on several Sunday mornings in May and June as we together explore these important issues in his annual adult education course between Pesah and Shavuot. In "Beyond 120: Jewish Conceptions of the Afterlife," we will discuss classical Jewish notions of what the ultimate future may hold in store for us.

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HEBREW SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE. Did you miss our open house this past April? If so, no worries! Or Zarua will be hosting another Hebrew School Open House on Monday, May 16, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more information about Or L'Atid programs for youth and families at Or Zarua or registering for Hebrew School, see page 8.

A TASTE OF SPRING

Thursday, May 12, 7:30 p.m.

Asia Society, 725 Park Avenue



CHEF JONATHAN WAXMAN

There are still tickets available for OZ's social event and fundraiser, "A Taste of Spring" with Chef Jonathan

Waxman. If you haven't already marked your calendar, the event is this coming Thursday, May 12, at the Asia Society, beginning at 7:30 p.m. You can order tickets on the Or Zarua website at <http://www.orzarua.org/chef.shtml>.

The event promises to be a wonderful evening for our community to celebrate together and to help support Or Zarua. The evening features a cooking demonstration by Chef Jonathan Waxman, the acclaimed restaurateur, author, and owner and chef of Barbuto in the West Village. Chef Waxman has been a culinary pioneer in New York City and across the country. The evening will feature delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts. And, in keeping with OZ tradition, there will be a great Scotch bar.

If you haven't seen the latest selection of raffle prizes, check it out online. It is the largest raffle OZ has ever put together. You do not have to be present to participate in the raffle; you can buy raffle tickets online. There will also be a live auction and appeal.

We look forward to seeing everyone at "A Taste of Spring." For additional information, please contact the OZ office at 212-452-2310, extension 12.

—TASTE OF SPRING COMMITTEE



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President's Message

by Marc D. Ashley



Have you ever noticed—and considered the significance of—the Hebrew letters “kuf kuf” inscribed before the name of our synagogue

on our building exterior to the right of our entrance? Those two simple Hebrew letters are an acronym for *kehillah kedoshah*, or “holy congregation.” They constitute the longstanding honorific prefix to the formal names of traditional synagogues. That time-honored label is eminently suitable for Or Zarua—we are indeed a sacred community.

Historically, the appellation *kehillah kedoshah* was employed by Ashkenazic Jewry in Eastern Europe to refer to the Jewish community as a whole, because each community of Jews did not represent merely an ethnic group but rather was a religious unit devoted to service of God and betterment of the world. The dignified “holy congregation” descriptor was transferred to individual synagogues as Jewish communities splintered and migrated to other lands. Wherever it has been used, the *kehillah kedoshah* label has connoted a striving towards Jewish communal unity, identity, and mission, informed by classical Jewish texts and behavioral norms.

Significantly, Jewish prayer that highlights the theme of God’s holiness—such as the *kaddish* and *kedushah*—must be said by a communal minyan; individuals by themselves cannot achieve a sufficient dimension of holiness to proclaim such prayers declaring that God is holy. Community prayer, therefore, can attain a level of sacredness that is unavailable to individuals. We are more potent—and potentially more holy—when we gather together in sacred community.

Judaism teaches that, through prayer, study, and human interaction, holiness can emerge when we engage in productive communal experiences. A genuine and holy community is marked by a compelling sense of belonging, caring, and purpose, in which community members care deeply about each other and the fate of their

community. Or Zarua is such a community.

Or Zarua—as an intimate haven of Torah, *avodah* (worship), and *gemilut hasadim* (acts of lovingkindness)—can become a refuge in a large city from the challenging and competitive world outside our walls. Inside our building, we can discover wisdom and warmth, and foster deep connections with those who share a commitment to the values that animate our institution. Or Zarua is an extended sanctuary in which we together create pockets of holy time and space.

At Or Zarua, we create holy experiences on a daily and weekly basis. From a spirited Purim celebration spanning the generations to sophisticated learning about foundational texts and practices before and during Pesah, from energetic youth programs to passionate adult education, and at shiva minyanim packed with Or Zarua Congregants, we have created moments of holiness both fleeting and enduring. Those holy moments may be only sporadic, but they generate energy and inspiration that are lasting.

But creating—and maintaining—a *kehillah kedoshah* at Or Zarua is no easy matter. It takes much effort, commitment, and financial support, from many people in varying contexts. Sustaining a holy community requires one individual after the next dedicated to a valuable cause. At Or Zarua, we need not all have the same interests, but we each must seek ways to contribute. When we join in holy community, we are far more than the sum of our parts.

And holy communities should periodically gather to celebrate what they have built together and what they will achieve in the future. Come celebrate with us at our upcoming gala, at which we will experience pride in our one-of-a-kind synagogue, as well as raise funds required to facilitate all the wonderful services and programs that are so important to our community. Or Zarua needs and values—and deserves—your enthusiastic participation and generous support.

Two thousand years ago, Hillel the Elder said: “*Al tifrosh min ha-tzibur*”—don’t distance yourself from the community (Pirkei Avot 2:5). That timeless wisdom is still true and relevant.

Scholars at Shul

"It's Not About Eternity: Rosh Hodesh and the Shape of Jewish Time"
with Dr. Alan Mintz, Saturday morning, May 21



Professor of Hebrew Literature at JTS,
Dr. Mintz founded *Response* magazine and

Dr. Alan Mintz will be presenting the last discussion for this year in our Scholars at Shul program. The Chana Kekst

cofounded, with Dr. David Roskies, *Prooftexts: A Journal of Jewish Literary History*. The author of numerous publications, he is currently focusing his research work on the writings of the Noble laureate S. Y. Agnon.

Dr. Mintz will discuss Rosh Hodesh and the Jewish concept of time after the Torah reading and after kiddush on Saturday morning, May 21.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 24

6:30 p.m. Dinner/8:00 p.m. Meeting

The agenda will include

- The election of trustees and officers
- Treasurer's Report
- Remarks from the President and Rabbi

According to the By-Laws, we need a quorum of approximately 200 members to conduct synagogue business at our Annual Meeting. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Please make reservations for dinner and the meeting through your ChaverWeb account or by calling the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 39, by Thursday, May 19.



LAURIE DIEN

THE CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE, with a theme of Sight, Sound & Spirit of Israel, will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2016. The parade will begin at 57th Street and go up Manhattan's Fifth Avenue to 74th Street. It is always an amazing sight to behold: Ahavat Israel from all points on the various spectra come together to let Israel know that we love her! Congregants of all ages, please sign up with Deborah Wenger (dwenger@orzarua.org) or Sigal Hirsch (sigalhirsch@orzarua.org) to obtain a T-shirt in your size. (Please note that T-shirts will not be available at the parade this year.) Step-off time and other details will be available as the parade date approaches.

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After canvassing the biblical and rabbinic foundations of traditional Jewish views of the afterlife, including speculation about the mechanics of the anticipated resurrection of the dead and the contours of an otherworldly future age, we will navigate pivotal medieval and modern debates implicating core Jewish beliefs.

The class will continue to meet in the Or Zarua library at 10:00 a.m. on May 15, May 22, and June 5. No prior knowledge is required. Please join our vibrant discussion of fascinating Jewish views about the afterlife—ideas that go to the very essence of our poignant sense of human mortality and destiny.

OZ Memorial Wall Plaques

Order by May 31 for Rosh Hashanah 5777



The price for each plaque is \$720. There is a 20% discount for purchases through May 31, 2016. Orders placed by May 31 will ensure that plaques will be installed by Rosh Hashanah 5777. Plaques will be inscribed with both English and Hebrew names. You will receive a digital photo of each plaque you purchase.

Please use

The memorial wall in Congregation Or Zarua's sanctuary is ready for the installation of plaques. Memorial wall plaques are a way to remember loved ones, as we sanctify and strengthen our lives through their blessed memories.

the form mailed to all members in early March to order your memorial wall plaques, or click <http://tinyurl.com/OZMemorialWall> to download the form.

Please contact Helene Santo at hsanto@orzarua.org or 212 452 2310, extension 14, with any questions.

RABBI BOLTON'S SIDDUR CLASS

The Amidah: Central Prayer, Centering Ourselves

Thursdays, 8:30–9:30 a.m., Library, as shown on the OZ calendar

Rabbi Bolton's Siddur Class began on October 29, but you may join at any time. Our exploration of the Amidah continues with both liturgy studies and reflections on personal meaning. Analysis of the prose and poetry, with comparison of various versions of each section of the Amidah, inspires a deeper understanding of this central part of our liturgy.

Prior knowledge is not required. As each class is independent of the others, you may attend any or all of the classes.

SUMMER TALMUD CLASS

"Love Stories in the Talmud"

Wednesdays, July 6, July 13, and August 10, 7:30–9:00 p.m.

Put a little Talmud learning in your summer experience. Come to any or all three stand-alone classes.

We Are Prepared

OZ Congregants and staff trained in CPR and AED skills

Members of the Or Zarua community have been trained to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) and perform CPR. OZ maintains three AEDs in the building as required by New York State law. An AED is located in the back vestibule of the building on the first (social hall), second (sanctuary), and sixth (Hebrew school) floors.

Emergency Skills, Inc. provides the training 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 those specifically trained and certified in its use should operate an AED.

The members of our synagogue community who are trained are Anthony Banfield, Ellen Hawa, Sigal Hirsch, Marcia Kalin, Jonathan Kaplan, Laura Resnikoff, Lisa Schmutter, Reed Schneider, Charles Spielholz, Deborah Wenger, and Alan Yaillen. In addition to CPR and AED skills, this group can help in situations where EMTs need to rapidly enter and exit the building.

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

OROT

OZ's Holy Day Journal

This year many of us missed OROT, the journal previously distributed at our High Holy Day services, so we are moving forward to be sure a new edition of OROT greets you next Rosh Hashanah. If you would like to contribute a personal recollection, essay, or poem that pertains to the High Holy Day liturgy, themes, or experiences, please contact Joanne Feerman at feerman@gmail.com or Rabbi Bolton at rabbibolton@orzarua.org. We also welcome articles that relate to our central Or Zarua values of "Learn, Pray, Participate, Connect." We hope that you will be involved in—and enriched by—our forthcoming OROT journal.

Or Zarua Hesed Programs

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

Hesed Purim Party at Project ORE

● Volunteers are needed for a pre-Purim morning of song, megillah, and fun with Project ORE, a program for elderly, vulnerable, Jewish adults living on the Lower East Side. Please join us at 331 East 12th Street on Sunday, March 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Contact Susan Lorin at lorin@sewkis.com 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 a.m. 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 June 1 and July 6.

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 p.m. on the last two Mondays of each month. Volunteers are needed, as are donations to the Hesed Fund. Please contact Jeffrey Haberman at jeff32449@verizon.net.

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



HESSED COMMITTEE

HESSED PURIM PARTY AT PROJECT ORE.

OZ volunteers supported a pre-Purim party at Project ORE. The festivities included food, songs, and reading of the megillah. Project ORE provides programs for elderly, vulnerable Jewish adults living on the Lower East Side.

YOM HASHOAH

Holocaust Memorial Service

Wednesday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.

We will be commemorating Yom HaShoah with our annual Holocaust Memorial Service on May 4. This short, moving service involves the participation of adults and teens from our community.

For additional information, please email Ilana Burgess at hebrew_teacher@hotmail.com.

TALMUD CLASS WITH RABBI BOLTON

For the Sake of the Community: The Talmudic Backstory of Tikkun Olam, "Repairing the World," Chapter 4 of Masekhet Gittin
Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., as shown on the OZ calendar



Modern times have seen the use of the term Tikkun Olam for social action. The term originates in the Talmud and has been repurposed. This spring, we will continue to study the pages that introduce the concept of Tikkun Olam. We will also learn the interesting tale of how this term has been repurposed.

Talmud class meets on most Wednesdays, as shown on the OZ calendar, in the OZ Library from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with Rabbi Bolton. Anyone may join the class at any time; previous participation is not necessary. No prior knowledge of Talmud, Hebrew, or Aramaic is required. You can also begin to build your own Jewish library by ordering Volume I of Tractate Gittin (Artscroll). If you can't make every class, please join when you can; it's easier than you think to be a Talmud learner and to enjoy the material. Contact Rabbi Bolton directly with any questions. All you need to bring is your life experience.

See the box on page 4 for information about Rabbi Bolton's Summer Talmud class.

OZ MINYAN 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 get your morning cup of coffee, OJ, bagels, yogurt, and other delicacies. You can be a minyanaire by contacting Sheldon Adler at sadler@skadden.com or just by attending.

RABBI WECHSLER TEACHES ON SIRIUS XM RADIO

Sundays at 4:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.



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Rabbi Wechsler can be heard on SiriusXM Stars Channel two times each Sunday. Subscribers to SiriusXM Satellite Radio can access "Rabbi Wechsler Teaches" on Channel 106. Nonsubscribers can obtain a free, three-day trial at www.siriusxm.com.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 • 23 Nisan 8:45a Shaharit Minyan 10:00a Marc Ashley's Class 7:00p Bir'nana Rehearsal	2 • 24 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:00p Talmud Hevruta Seminar	3 • 25 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:00p Teens@OZ	4 • 26 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 9:00a NYCP 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 7:00p Holocaust Memorial Service <i>No Talmud Class</i>	5 • 27 Yom HaShoah 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 8:30a Siddur Class 7:30p Talmud Class	6 • 28 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:40p Candlelighting	7 • 29 9:00a Shaharit/Aharei Mot 10:30a Mah Zeh Shabbat?! 10:30a Torah Kids 10:30a Shabbat & Me Sat. After kiddush, Bir'nana Celebrates Yom Ha'atzmaut 8:45p Shabbat ends
8 • 30 Rosh Hodesh Iyyar Mother's Day 8:45a Shaharit Minyan 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	9 • 1 Iyyar Rosh Hodesh Iyyar 7:00a Shaharit Minyan 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:00p Talmud Hevruta Seminar	10 • 2 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:00p Teens@OZ	11 • 3 Yom HaZikaron 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 6:30p Yom Ha'atzmaut Community Celebration, Park Avenue Synagogue <i>No Talmud Class</i>	12 • 4 Yom Ha'atzmaut 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 8:30a Siddur Class 7:30p A Taste of Spring	13 • 5 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:47p Candlelighting	14 • 6 9:00a Shaharit Kedoshim Bat Mitzvah of Ariel Knaster 10:30a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots 8:52p Shabbat ends
15 • 7 8:45a Shaharit Minyan 10:00a Marc Ashley's Class 6:00p Gallery Opening	16 • 8 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 5:00p Or L'Atid Open House 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars <i>No Talmud Hevruta Seminar</i>	17 • 9 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:00p Teens@OZ	18 • 10 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 7:30p Talmud Class	19 • 11 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 8:30a Siddur Class	20 • 12 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 5:15p Shabbat & Me Friday 6:30p Young Professionals Board Game Shabbat 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:54p Candlelighting	21 • 13 9:00a Shaharit Emor Scholars at Shul 10:30a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots 8:59p Shabbat ends
22 • 14 Pesah Sheni 8:45a Shaharit Minyan 10:00a Marc Ashley's Class 10:00a The Art of King David: Teen Mini-Course 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal 7:30p Book Discussion	23 • 15 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 5:00p Family Parade Prep 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:00p Talmud Hevruta Seminar (final class)	24 • 16 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:00p Teens@OZ 6:30p Dinner on the Roof 8:00p Annual Meeting	25 • 17 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 Last Day of Hebrew School 7:30p Musical & Mystical Lag B'Omer <i>No Talmud Class</i>	26 • 18 Lag B'Omer 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 8:30a Siddur Class	27 • 19 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00p Candlelighting	28 • 20 9:00a Shaharit Behar 10:30a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots 9:05p Shabbat ends
29 • 21 8:45a Shaharit Minyan	30 • 22 Memorial Day 8:45a Shaharit Minyan <i>OZ Office closed</i>	31 • 23 7:15a Shaharit Minyan				

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5 • 28 Yom Yerushalayim 8:45a Shaharit Minyan 10:00a Marc Ashley's Class TBA Israel Day Parade	6 • 29 7:15a Shaharit Minyan	7 • 1 Sivan Rosh Hodesh Sivan 7:00a Shaharit Minyan	8 • 2 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 7:30p Talmud Class	9 • 3 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 8:30a Siddur Class	10 • 4 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat TBA Young Professionals Board Game Shabbat 8:09p Candlelighting	11 • 5 9:00a Shaharit/Bamidbar 10:30a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots 9:14p Shabbat ends Erev Shavuot Light candles after 9:14p 9:15p Ma'ariv, followed by Tikkun Leyl Shavuot and Youth Tikkun Leyl
12 • 6 Shavuot: First Day 9:00a Shaharit Light candles after 9:15p	13 • 7 Shavuot: Second Day 8:45a Shaharit/Yizkor 9:15p Festival ends <i>OZ Office closed</i>	14 • 8 7:15a Shaharit Minyan	15 • 9 7:15a Shaharit Minyan	16 • 10 7:15a Shaharit Minyan	17 • 11 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:12p Candlelighting	18 • 12 Shabbat HaYeled 9:00a Shaharit/Naso 10:30 Shabbat & Me Sat. 10:30a Mah Zeh Shabbat?! 10:30a Torah Kids and Hebrew School Service 1:00p Family Afternoon in the Park 9:17p Shabbat ends
19 • 13 Father's Day 8:45a Shaharit Minyan	20 • 14 7:15a Shaharit Minyan	21 • 15 7:15a Shaharit Minyan	22 • 16 7:15a Shaharit Minyan	23 • 17 7:15a Shaharit Minyan	24 • 18 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:13p Candlelighting	25 • 19 9:00a Shaharit Beha'alotekha 9:18p Shabbat ends
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Or L'Atid: Youth Education and Programming

Hebrew School Registration is Now Open

The Hebrew School at Or Zarua offers a special Jewish learning experience, immersing children in our history, culture, values, religious life and laws, as well as arts and science.

Registration is open for students in grades K–8. Students enrolled this year who register by Memorial Day for next year will receive our re-enrollment discount. All students who sign up by July 1 will receive our Early Bird rates. Refer a friend to our Hebrew School program to receive an additional discount for every child who enrolls based on your referral.

To register, log in to your ChaverWeb account, click on "School Registration," and then select the appropriate class from the drop-down menu.

Hebrew School Open House

Monday, May 16, 5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Join us for a taste of the Or L'Atid Hebrew School at a special school-wide program to learn about our curriculum and meet Rabbi Bolton and Sigal Hirsch, Director of Youth Education and Programming.

For more information about Hebrew School offerings, contact Sigal Hirsch at 212-452-2310, extension 15, or shirsch@orzarua.org.

Shabbat HaYeled

Join us on Saturday, June 18, as we celebrate the youth of Or Zarua.

Families with children from birth–age 5 come together for our final Shabbat & Me before the summer.

Hebrew School families and children in grades K–5 attend our special Hebrew School-led Torah Kids, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Students will then lead the Congregation in the concluding prayers at the end of our service.

Middle School and High School students participate in services, then join us in the library for Torah Talk and Musaf at this year's last Mah Zeh Shabbat?!

Parents, grandparents, and community members are invited to sponsor kiddush on Shabbat HaYeled to celebrate the



accomplishments of their children and grandchildren, and of all of our youth this year. Contact Deborah Wenger at dwenger@orzarua.org or 212-452-210, extension 12, to add your name to the list of sponsors.

After kiddush, join us for an afternoon of fun and games in Central Park (weather permitting).

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

Saturday, June 11, after Ma'ariv

Middle School and High School youth are invited to join us for our annual Tikkun Leyl Shavuot, as we study into the night with our very own teen teachers! Come enjoy a night filled with learning, and, of course, cheesecake and ice cream sundaes!

The Art of King David: May Teen Mini-Course

Sunday, May 22, 10:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

This May, Or L'Atid will be offering a one-session mini-course incorporating an in-depth text study of Samuel I and Kings with critical examination of art objects representing King David from different

periods and cultures which are on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Teens will study texts from Samuel I and Kings depicting King David as a poet, shepherd, musician, warrior, author, prophet and, of course, ruler. We will also explore the relationships between King David and Bathsheva and King David and Avigail in order to gain insight into all sides of arguably the most famous Jewish ruler in history.

During our trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, we will view five objects representing King David. Together we'll attempt to understand the implications of each object for the time period in which it was created.

You don't want to pass up this unique opportunity!

Contact Sigal Hirsch for more information. To register, log in to your ChaverWeb account, click on "School Registration," and select "The Art of King David" from the drop-down menu.



Families with young children enjoy Pesah & Me, singing and dancing with Rabbi Bolton, and hearing a story about Bedikat Hametz with Sigal.

Your God is My God; Your People is My People

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot, Saturday, June 11, 9:15 p.m. after Ma'ariv



Join us as fellow Congregants Caroline Golden, Vivian Kenvin, and Liliana Richter relate their journeys of becoming Jewish. Shavuot is the holiday when we read the Megillah, the Scroll of Ruth; her story is among the first we have of a strong Jewish woman who is a "Jew by Choice." From this famous convert came the line of King David! Ruth

said it first, "Your God is My God; Your People is my People." We will hear from our fellow Congregants about their Jewish connections, what moves them, what resonates, whether it is one or the other—or both—God and the Jewish People. Our discussion will explore personal commitments yet touch on each of our own relationships with the community, the Jewish People, and God.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Shavuot and for the dairy treats afterwards!



SIGAL HIRSCH



Kids had a blast at the Kids' Purim Party, reveling in a puppet show with Harry the Hamentaschen, Private Eye, and participating in a fun activity with teen Micaela Raviv.

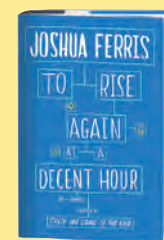
OZ BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Sunday, May 22

7:30 p.m., OZ Library

To Rise Again at a Decent Hour

by Joshua Ferris



"With the help of a somewhat petulant, loner dentist, the book takes on existential dread, what it means to be a Jew, and Red Sox fandom in a mix of the

absurd, the droll, and the profound. It's an eminently worthy nominee for the Booker Prize or any other."

—*Tablet Magazine*

OZ Book Discussions meets in the OZ Library on select Sunday evenings. All are invited. For additional information, contact Reed Schneider or Deborah Wenger, 212-452-2310, extension 12.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, May 11

6:30 p.m., Park Avenue Synagogue

Or Zarua is participating in a community-wide celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut to be held on Wednesday evening, May 11, at Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87th Street at Madison Avenue. Sponsored by 26 different Jewish organizations, the event will bring together the Upper East Side Jewish community to celebrate Israel's birthday. There will be a Megillah Reading of Israel's Declaration of Independence and a Cantorial Concert. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required at jnf.org/nycyomhaatzmaut.

Justice Illuminated: The Art of Arthur Szyk

Opening in the OZ Gallery, Sunday, May 15, 6:00 p.m



Irvin Ungar

Justice Illuminated: The Art of Arthur Szyk, a traveling exhibit about the life and distinctive art of the Jewish illustrator, artist, and political satirist Arthur Szyk—called “the greatest 20th-century master illuminator”—is the new presentation in the OZ Gallery. The featured speaker at the exhibition’s opening on Sunday, May 15, is Irvin Ungar, author, curator, and president of the Arthur Szyk Society, who will give an illustrated talk on the life and career of artist Szyk,

a Polish Jew who escaped Europe in the wake of the Holocaust and emigrated to the U.S. in December 1940. As noted in the exhibit, “For Szyk, the artist is a warrior: His arsenal...pens and brushes, paint and ink; His battlefield...a canvas, a sheet of paper; His enemies....injustice and oppression.” This powerful exhibit focuses on three main themes: World War II and the Holocaust; America; and Jewish response.

Since its inaugural showing in 2002, this exhibit has toured museums, universities, libraries, and cultural centers around the world. Light refreshments will be served.

—GERRY SOLOMON



“Hillel” by Arthur Szyk

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OZ's Young Professionals enjoying last year's Lag B'Omer celebration.

OR ZARUA'S YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Shabbat events in May and June

On May 20, the Young Professionals will host a board game Shabbat. There will be a Pre-Shavuot Shabbat on June 10, with wonderful dairy desserts! Feel free to contact us with any questions, suggestions, or just to say hi at OZYYoungPros@gmail.com. For more information about upcoming events, join our Facebook group, Or Zarua's Young Professionals.



**Join us for a
Musical &
Mystical
Lag B'Omer
May 25th**



**Join us for an evening of
Klezmer
A Taste of Torah
& Desserts
Wednesday, May 25th
7:30 PM**

Please email dwenger@orzarua.org if you plan to attend.

Celebrate Lag B'Omer at Congregation Or Zarua, on Wednesday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. Dessert will be served and music will be provided by the klezmer group Too Many Davids. There is no charge, but please RSVP to the synagogue office by email to dwenger@orzarua.org.

The Or Zarua Community

Fund contributions received between February 1, 2016, and March 31, 2016

Mazal Tov

Annie Sahn and her family, on her becoming Bat Mitzvah
Liora and Jeremy Seltzer, on the birth of their son, Leo Tuvya
Joey Spungen and his family, on his becoming Bar Mitzvah

Condolences

Our deepest sympathies to:

Alan Davidson, on the death of his brother, Edward W. Davidson
Judith Rubin Golub, on the death of her brother, Dov Rubin
Linda Waldman Haberman, on the death of her sister,
Sandra Ettus

Diane Okrent, on the death of her mother, Shirley Okrent
Emilya Sahn, on the death of her father, Valentin Gurevich

*May they and their loved ones be comforted among the
mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

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Charlotte Schwartz, in honor of Hebert Lukashok for his full
recovery, and in memory of her husband, Sidney M. Schwartz

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Goldstein

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MAY/JUNE 2016

Yom Ha'atzmaut Performance by Bir'nana

Shabbat, May 7, after kiddush



CHARLIE SPELHOLZ

Following an Israeli-style kiddush on Saturday, May 7, Or Zarua will celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, with Israeli songs performed by Bir'nana, OZ's a cappella group, which last performed on Purim to a packed social hall, as pictured above.