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Summer Learning with Rabbi Bolton Where the Talmud Meets the Zohar

Three Wednesdays: July 12 and 26, and August 2, 7:00 pm

In the Belly of a Big Fish

One Wednesday: August 16, 7:00 pm

t is always fascinating to discover how one Jewish masterwork makes great use of other Jewish texts. With the Zohar, the great medieval compendium of mystical commentary and exploration, it is evident that the authors knew, respected, loved, and integrated the Talmud into their

work. Time and again references to Talmudic passages and principles enliven the pages of the Zohar, in order to create bridges to the ancient world of the Rabbis. Medieval Jews who adopted Kabbalistic ideas could feel more



authentically part of the tradition with which they wanted an unbroken chain.

The Zohar itself introduced the world to a new language for exploring God and Torah, the meaning of Jewish practices and what and where the God of Israel is and could be located. The Divine realm was poetically divided into aspects, or sefirot, and through

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action in the world below, "sides" of God could be united or activated to create more radiant, divine effluence of divine energy in the world below. Kabbalistic passages dealing with the soul and names of God, and other spiritual matters, seemed to build off understandings mentioned only in a cursory way in Talmudic literature, if at all. Nonetheless, the desire to create bridges between Talmudic and Zoharic literature was a core motivation of the authors of the Zohar. Come explore passages that introduce Kabbalistic and Zoharic concepts, and that link us back to the age of the Rabbis and the great work of the Rabbinic Age, the Talmud.

he Book of Jonah is chanted on Yom Kippur afternoon as the haftarah at minhah. The basic story may be well known—a reluctant prophet, a storm at sea, three days in a whale—but important details about Jonah's refusal to be a prophet, the sea voyage and his companions, reactions, and his time in the belly of a big fish (not a whale!) help us learn the lessons that stand at the center of this great work.

Among the themes we will explore are: Jonah's relationship, and thus Jews'

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Hebrew School Registration See Page 9 relationships, to the nations of the world; Jonah's prayer life and the possibilities of prayer; linguistic connections between Jonah and other important stories in the Tanakh (Jewish Bible). Beyond that, fascinating



midrashim and other commentaries help fill in the details of the story beyond those we have in the biblical book. We will also look at some art that relates to the Jonah tale. Come to this lecture on one of the most treasured books of the Tanakh;

we never study it enough on Yom Kippur afternoon when we hear it chanted!

All are welcome to join the summer Talmud Class. Knowledge of Hebrew, Aramaic, or Talmud is not required. As each class is independent of the others, you may attend any or all of the classes. For additional information, contact Rabbi Bolton (rabbibolton@orzarua.org).

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

President's Message

by Sara Stone



iven the chaotic daily world in which we live, we are indeed lucky that Or Zarua offers a place of sanctuary, safety, and sanity

as well as the assurance of tradition. And yet, over the past several years, Or Zarua, too, has undergone significant changes. The first was the retirement of our founding rabbi, Rabbi Harlan Wechsler, and the introduction of Rabbi Scott Bolton to our congregation. Next was the reimagining and reenergizing of our youth programming as Or L'Atid ("Light for the Future") under the able direction of Sigal Hirsch, our Director of Youth Education and Programming.

So now is the time to sit back, take a deep breath, enjoy a moment of calm, and absorb these changes. Or so I thought when I agreed to become President of Or Zarua. What an easy job, just business as usual, no new mountains to climb.

But as I thought more about the Or Zarua that I know, I realized that now was not the moment to rest on our laurels, but rather the time to imagine what our future as a congregation could and should look like as we move forward.

In the changing world of today's Jewish community, what role do we want to play? Let us look at the past, present, and future concerns of our community with an openness to new ideas and alternative approaches; look for the opportunities that lie before us; and find anew our role in the ever changing Jewish landscape in which we live. Let us all together look at Or Zarua with a fresh set of eyes and begin envisioning our vibrant future and building toward it.

I am indeed fortunate to have some amazing leaders to help in this process. These leaders include Rabbi Bolton, who will ensure that we do not betray our sacred mission; Art Rosenbloom, Vice President of Strategic Development, who will frame our thoughts into a coherent whole and an organized plan for us to follow; and Jay Palmer, Chair of the newly renamed Nominating and Leadership Committee, who will "build our bench" (as they say in baseball), helping us to identify and mentor our leaders of tomorrow.

As always, it is an exciting time to be at Or Zarua. I look forward to working with all of you as we imagine the next years of our congregation and take our first steps down that path. Please join me on this journey.



Celebrate Israel Parade: Snapshots of OZ



Tish'ah B'Av Services and Shiur

Erev Tish'ah B'Av Monday, July 31

8:12 pm Fast Begins 8:15 pm Ma'ariv Reading of Eikha Tish'ah B'Av Day Tuesday, August 1

7:00 am Shaharit 7:30 pm Minhah Shiur with Rabbi Bolton Ma'ariv 8:43 pm Fast Ends

T'fillin in the Afternoon: Wrapping Up Tish'ah B'Av A Shiur with Rabbi Bolton

Tuesday, August 1, between Minhah & Ma'ariv

The custom on the 9th of Av is to fast all day and don tallit and t'fillin at the minhah service. How does this custom reflect the spirit of the day on which we commemorate the destruction of the Temples and other disasters that have befallen the Jewish people?

Hesed Programs

Get involved through Or Zarua and help those in need

Have you ever thought about joining OZ's Hesed Committee?

Are you interested in what we do or in learning more? Do you have ideas to help others?

Would you like to launch those ideas with like-minded members of Or Zarua?

Want to help others or get your family involved in OZ Hesed projects?

Come check out the OZ Hesed Committee!

Our next meeting is Thursday, July 13 at 8:30 am in the OZ library.

Contact Susan Lorin, OZ Hesed Committee Chair, at Iorin@sewkis.com to RSVP or with any questions.

Be Part of the Solution

Feed the hungry in our community by donating to or volunteering with New York Common Pantry. OZ volunteers are needed the first Wednesday of each month, 9:00 am to noon, in NYCP's distribution center, 8 East 109th Street. Contact Lesley Palmer (lesleypalmer123@gmail.com) to sign up for July 5, August 2, or September 6. Collection bins are in the Social Hall for food donations of healthy (low-sodium, whole wheat, low-fat or nonfat) packaged grocery items.

Home Visit Volunteers

Volunteer to visit and bring cheer to ill or home-bound OZ Congregants. Contact Deborah Wenger: dwenger@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext. 12, if you are interested.

South Bronx Salvation and 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 South Bronx Salvation and Deliverance Church, whose members are housekeepers caring for their own local needy. Contact Richard Stadin at (212) 879-0448 or stadin1@aol.com to arrange for donations.

Monday Night Pasta and Salad at NCS

OZ congregants serve hot food and good cheer at the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter's East 81st Street Residence from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm on the last two Mondays of each month. Contact Jeffrey Haberman, jeff32449@verizon.net, for information.

For information about Hesed programs, please contact Susan J. Lorin, Hesed Committee Chair, at Iorin@sewkis.com or 212-717-4647.

Movie Night on OZ's Rooftop

"The Women's Balcony"
Monday, August 14, 8:00 pm*

"The Women's Balcony" is an Israeli-made film that became a hit and is a critics' pick by both the NY and LA Times.

*Details, including RSVP information, will appear in OZ eblasts

Building Jewish Libraries for Or Zarua's Teens Providing Critical Reading

ive books stronger. That is how we can describe Or Zarua Teens' bookshelves, after OZ sent each teen important Jewish books over the last four years.

With separate, generous donations from Ellen and Dr. Alain Roizen (four years) in memory of loved ones and one from Diana and Brad Stoler in honor of their newborn daughter, we have been able to build the Jewish content of the libraries of our teens.

The books we have sent so far have the capacity to bolster our young members' understandings of Jewish history, their connections to Jewish tradition, and help them to develop stronger ties to Am Yisrael and Israel. Titles include:

Radical Then, Radical Now by Rabbi Jonathan Saks

Lawrence In Arabia by Scott Anderson **The Fourth Commandment** by

Francine Klagsbrun

Not In God's Name by Rabbi Jonathan Saks **The Case for Israel** by Alan Dershowitz

Or Zarua's innovative program of sending books of serious Jewish import to teens helps meet the challenge of inviting more points of connection for our high school and college youth. Who knows when the right read will deepen or spark new attachments to all that we hold dear. To sponsor a book speak to Rabbi Bolton (rabbibolton@orzarua.org). And you also may enjoy reading those already on the list!

Membership Renewnal

Letters regarding renewal of membership at Or Zarua are being mailed.

Please contact the synagogue office at 212- 452-2310 with any questions regarding membership at Congregation Or Zarua.

New Or Zarua Board Members

Three Congregants Join the Class of 2020

David Berkowitz



avid is honored to join the board of Or Zarua. He grew up outside of Boston and graduated from MIT with degrees in Chemical Engineering and from Harvard Business School with

an MBA. He moved to New York City in 1992, where he met his wife, Nancy. They have two children, Sarah (20) and Jonathan (15). Sarah is studying Social Work at Syracuse University and Jonathan is a rising junior at the Heschel High School. Nancy and David previously belonged to Congregation Habonim and B'nai Jeshurun on the Upper West Side. It was Jonathan's Bar Mitzvah in Israel during the summer of 2014 and the spiritual journey he was inspired to make that led David and his family to OZ. They were looking for a serious, traditional and intimate t'filah experience. Thanks to Rabbi Bolton and the entire community, they immediately felt welcomed and comfortable at OZ.

David is an alumnus of the Wexner Heritage Program and has served for the past 20 years as a board member of the Marks Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst. He works in investment management as Co-Chief Investment Officer and Portfolio Manager at RiverPark Funds. Nancy is a docent at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. They live on the Upper West Side.

Vivian Sun Kenvin

vivian was born in Hong Kong and spent her elementary school years in Taiping, Malaysia. In 1983, she and her family emigrated from Hong Kong to New York, settling in West Hempstead.

After her sophomore year at New York University, Vivian embarked on her first trip to Israel for a summer internship with Dan Hotels; she went on to earn her BS from NYU. Vivian has worked in hospitality for Hyatt Hotels and Ian Schrager Hotels, taught as an adjunct faculty member at New York University and worked as a consultant at American Express.

Vivian is married to Fred, and they joined OZ in 1995. Vivian studied with Rabbi

Weschler for her conversion to Judaism. She and Fred have two children, Matthew and Sarah. Matthew is a rising sophomore in high school, and Sarah attends Hebrew School at OZ and is busy preparing to become a Bat Mitzvah in 2018.

Vivian serves as member of the board of trustees at Parents In Action, a non-profit organization in NYC, and she is looking forward to joining the board at OZ.

Jeremy Seltzer



eremy grew up as an active member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun outside of Philadelphia, and became a New Yorker during his time at Columbia University,

from which he graduated with a degree in Chemical Engineering in 2009. Jeremy continued his professional education in Israel at the Weizmann Institute of Science and subsequently at Ben Gurion University.

At the end of 2009, just three weeks after moving to Israel, Jeremy sent the most important email of his life to the Adat Shalom-Emanuel Masorti Synagogue. Jeremy wanted to let the shul know that he was new to Rehovot, and would be joining as a congregant for Shabbat services. He received an email reply from Linda Avitan, a long time leader of the synagogue, inviting him for Shabbat lunch. It was at that Shabbat lunch that Jeremy met his wife, Linda's (incredible!) daughter, Liora Avitan Seltzer. Jeremy is a big believer in Einstein's famous quote: "Coincidence is simply God's way of remaining anonymous."

After Jeremy and Liora's wedding in December 2011, they moved to NYC and joined Or Zarua, working to organize the OZ Young Professionals program. Jeremy and Liora had the pleasure of welcoming their first child, Leo Tuvya Seltzer, to the Or Zarua community in 2016.

Today, Liora is a fourth-grade Jewish studies and Hebrew teacher at The Heschel School on the Upper West Side, and Jeremy serves as the Vice President of Worldwide Sales at Movable Ink. Jeremy is honored to join the Or Zarua Board and continue to make Or Zarua a home for young couples and young families alike.

OZ's Young Professionals are a group in their 20s and 30s committed to building a welcoming and vibrant Jewish community within Or Zarua. For more details follow their Facebook page (Or Zarua Young Professionals). Contact OZ's Young Professionals with any questions, suggestions or just to say hi via email: OZYoungPros@gmail.com.

Welcome-Back Kiddush Saturday, September 9 after services

Congregation Or Zarua
welcomes everyone
back with a post summer kiddush
beginning immediately after services.
Guests and newcomers
are welcome to attend.

High Holy Days 5778

Selihot

Saturday, September 16

Dessert Reception, Study, and Services, 8:00 pm (OZ)

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 20

Evening Service, 6:15 pm (OZ)

First Day Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 21

Morning Service, 8:30 am (Wallace Hall) Tashlikh, 6:00 pm (Central Park)) Evening Service, 7:00 pm (OZ)

Second Day Rosh Hashanah Friday, September 22

Morning Service, 8:30 am (Wallace Hall) Evening Service, 6:15 pm (OZ)

Kol Nidre

Friday, September 29

Minhah, 1:30 pm (OZ) Evening Service, 6:15 pm (Wallace Hall)

Yom Kippur

Saturday, September 30

Morning Service, 9:00 am (Wallace Hall)

For information about the Family Learning Experience, please see page 8

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.

Erev Sukkot is on Wednesday evening, October 4, 2017 at Or Zarua.

Write for Orot 5778



Cover of Orot 5777

rot is Or Zarua's
High Holy Day
journal of reflections,
scholarship, and stories
written by Congregants. If
you would like to contribute
a personal recollection,
essay, or poem that
pertains to the High Holy
Day liturgy, themes, or

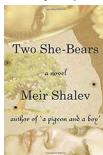
experiences, please contact our Orot editor, Congregant Joanne Feierman at feierman@gmail.com, or Rabbi Bolton, at rabbibolton@orzarua.org.

We also welcome articles that relate to our central Or Zarua values of "Learn, Pray, Participate, Connect."

With the 5778 edition of Orot, we hope to increase the number and variety of contributors. OZ's Young Professionals and new members are encouraged to contribute, as are those who have not taken the opportunity to contribute to previous editions.

Or Zarua Book Discussions

Sunday, September 10, 7:30 pm



r Zarua's Book Discussions will resume Sunday, September 10, 7:30 pm, with Two She-Bears, by Israeli author Meir Shalev. This novel is a story of a murder that occurred in the early days of British rule over

Palestine, as recalled by a school teacher 70 years later. The author was born in 1948

on Nahalal, Israel's first moshav (agricultural cooperative). His novels have been translated into more than 25 languages.

OZ Book Discussions meet in the OZ library on select Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm. Specific dates for the discussion of future titles will be annouced in upcoming issues of the OZ Newsletter, in eblasts, and on the OZ website. Attendance is open to members, guests, and newcomers. For additional information, contact Deborah Wenger in the OZ office, 212-452-2310, ext. 12.

Bir'nana



Bir'nana, which means "in joyful song" in Hebrew, is Or Zarua's a cappella group. Its repertoire includes Israeli, Ashkenazic, and Sephardic liturgical pieces from the 18th through 20th centuries, and modern Israeli and American songs. Co-conducted by Rabbi Amy Bolton and Judith Buchman-Ziv, Bir'nana enhances OZ's musical experience and holiday celebrations. During the past year, the group performed on Sukkot, Hanukkah, Purim, and Yom HaShoah. Bir'nana is looking for additional singers; if you would like to join, contact Aliza Kaplan (aliza.kaplan@gmail.com). Rehearsal dates are listed on the OZ calendar. Members of Bir'nana are pictured above. Back row (from left): Vera Silver, Susan March, Aliza Kaplan, Rabbi Amy Bolton, Aaron Shelden, Alan Yaillen, Peter Wolf Smith. Front row (from left): Judith Buchman-Ziv, Dore Hollander, and Marcia Kalin. Members not pictured: Barbara Bluestone, Mark Hoffman, and Terry Krulwich.

Jews and Genes









In June, Dr. Barry Coller and Rabbi Elliot
Dorff discussed the ethics of gene editing
as applied to human biology. After Dr. Coller
and Rabbi Dorff made their presentations,
a question session was moderated by Rabbi
Scott Bolton. If you missed Jews and Genes,
a recording of the presentation is available on
the OZ Website; use this quick link to access
the recording:

https://tinyurl.com/OZJewsandGenes2017

Rabbi Bolton's Source Sheets are on Sefaria

Sefaria is a web-based program of Jewish texts that allows users to prepare source sheets. Rabbi Bolton has used the platform to prepare lecture handouts and class supplements. Go to:

https://www.sefaria.org/ search for "Scott Bolton," click "Sheets," and you will find Rabbi Bolton's collection of materials.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 • 7 Tammuz 9:00a Shaharit Hukkat 9:18p Shabbat Ends
2 • 8 Tammuz 8:45a Shaharit No Bir'nana Rehearsal	3 • 9 Tammuz 8:45a Shaharit Office Closed	4 • 10 Tammuz Independence Day 8:45a Shaharit Office Closed	5 • 11 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit 9:00a NY Common Pantry	6 • 12 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit	7 • 13 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:12p Candlelighting	8 • 14 Tammuz 9:00a Shaharit Balak 9:17p Shabbat Ends
9 • 15 Tammuz 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	10 • 16 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit 6:00p Or L'Atid Annual Parents Night Out	11 • 17 Tammuz Fast 17th Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit	12 • 18 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit 7:00p Summer Learning with Rabbi Bolton	13 • 19 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit 8:30 am Hesed Committee Meeting	14 • 20 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:08p Candlelighting	15 • 21 Tammuz 9:00 am Shaharit Pinhas 9:13p Shabbat Ends
16 • 22 Tammuz 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	17 • 23 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit	18 • 24 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit	19 • 25 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit	20 • 26 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit	21 • 27 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:04p Candlelighting	22 • 28 Tammuz 9:00 am Shaharit Mattot/Masei 9:09p Shabbat Ends
23 • 29 Tammuz 8:45a Shaharit No Bir'nana Rehearsal 30 • 7 Av 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	24 • 1 Av Rosh Hodesh 7:00a Shaharit 31 • 8 Av 7:15a Shaharit Erev Tish'ah B'Av 8:12p Fast Begins 8:15p Ma'ariy/Eikha	25 • 2 Av 7:15a Shaharit	26 • 3 Av 7:15a Shaharit 7:00p Summer Learning with Rabbi Bolton	27 • 4 Av 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p OZ Poetry Group	28 • 5 Av 7:15a Shaharit 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:57p Candlelighting	29 • 6 Av Shabbat Hazon 9:00 am Shaharit Devarim 9:02p Shabbat End



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 • 9 Av Tish'ah B'Av 7:00a Shaharit 7:30p Minhah, Shiur Ma'ariv 8:43p Fast Ends	2 • 10 Av 7:15a Shaharit 9:00a NY Common Pantry 7:00p Summer Learning with Rabbi Bolton	3 • 11 Av 7: 15a Shaharit	4 • 12 Av 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:50p Candlelighting	5 • 13 Av Shabbat Nahamu 9:00 am Shaharit Vaethanan 8:55p Shabbat Ends
6 • 14 Av 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	7 • 15 Av 7:15a Shaharit	8 • 16 Av 7:15a Shaharit	9 • 17 Av 7:15a Shaharit	10 • 18 Av 7: 15a Shaharit	11 • 19 Av 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:41p Candlelighting	12 • 20 Av 9:00a Shaharit Ekev 8:46p Shabbat Ends
13 • 21 Av 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	14 • 22 Av 7:15a Shaharit 8:00p Movie on the Roof "The Women's Balcony"	15 • 23 Av 7:15a Shaharit	16 • 24 Av 7:15a Shaharit 7:00p Summer Learning with Rabbi Bolton	17 • 25 Av 7:15a Shaharit	18 • 26 Av 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:31p Candlelighting	19 • 27 Av 9:00a Shaharit Re'eh 8:36p Shabbat Ends
20 • 28 Av 8:45a Shaharit No Bir'nana Rehearsal	21 • 29 Av 7:15a Shaharit	22 • 30 Av Rosh Hodesh 7:00a Shaharit	23 • 1 Elul Rosh Hodesh 7:00a Shaharit	24 • 2 Elul 7:15a Shaharit	25 • 3 Elul 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:21p Candlelighting	26 • 4 Elul 9:00a Shaharit Shoftim 8:26p Shabbat Ends
27 • 5 Elul 8:45a Shaharit No Bir'nana Rehearsal	28 • 6 Elul 7:15a Shaharit	29 • 7 Elul 7:15a Shaharit	30 • 8 Elul 7:15a Shaharit	31 • 9 Elul 7:15a Shaharit	1 Sept • 10 Elul 7:15a Shaharit 6:15p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:10p Candlelighting	2 Sept • 11 Elul 9:00a Shaharit Ki Tetze 8:15p Shabbat Ends



High Holy Day Family Learning Experience

For families with infants through 6th graders

Parents, grandparents and children learn together with Rabbi Amy Bolton at the Family Learning Experience, a one-of-a-kind, inter-generational opportunity to learn and pray together at our holiest time of the year.

September 22, September 30 10:45am-12:45pm

Details on Or L'Atid High Holy Day programming for youth of all ages coming soon!

Annual Or L'Atid Parents' Night Out Cocktails and Canapés on the OZ Roof

Monday, July 10, 6:00 pm

Join us for our annual Parents' Night Out on OZ's roof!
Enjoy an evening of fun and socializing with other parents
in the Or Zarua community with Hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and games.
Be sure to arrive by 6:15pm for our special program featuring a
demonstration by Smokey Joe on how to make
a specialty hors d'oeuvre and a summer cocktail!
Invite friends to join us. All are welcome!
Bring your kids along for pizza, ice cream and a movie!

RSVP to Sigal Hirsch at sigalhirsch@orzarua.org by Friday, July 7.





Last year the Annual Or L'Atid Parents' Night Out featured wine and cheese with wonderful views of the neighborhood on Or Zarua's rooftop.

Or L'Atid Gallery Opening

n Sunday, May 7, Hebrew School students and families, Or L'Atid families, and members of the Or Zarua community came together for our Or L'Atid Gallery Show opening. The exhibit showcases our Hebrew school students' learning and achievements throughout this school year.





Attendees had the joy of hearing from several of our student artists, who shared their experiences in Hebrew School, and about the added value of artistic expression in their explorations of Judaism and Jewish identity.

For those who have not had a chance



to view the Or L'Atid Hebrew School gallery show, it will be on view through November.

Show your support for our students and their ongoing learning by making a donation to the Or L'Atid fund in honor of this special event.



Photos from the Spring Gallery Opening beginning clockwise from bottom left: (1) Sigal Hirsch and Rabbi Bolton with students from OZ's Hebrew School who presented their at the gallery opening (2) Members of the OZ Community viewed the art of our Or L'Atid Hebrew School students. (3) Students spoke about their experiences at Hebrew School and shared how creating art enhanced their Jewish learning. (4) Bobbi Coller, chair of OZ's Gallery Committee, Caroline Golden Ilberman, congregant and artist, and Sigal Hirsch, Director of Youth Education and Programming, celebrating the Spring Gallery Show.

Hebrew School Registration Open for the 2017–2018 School Year Sign up now!

Course Offerings for the 2017-2018 School Year:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Hebrew School 2.0		MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL Choose one or both classes		
Kindergarten to 2nd Grade	3rd Grade to 5th Grade	B'nei Mitzvah Scholars	Rock-Ivrit (Hebrew)	Sushi & Study with Rabbi Bolton	
MONDAY 4:00-6:00pm	MONDAY and WEDNESDAY 4:00-6:00pm	MONDAY 6:00-8:00pm	MONDAY 5:30-6:30pm	MONDAY (once per month) 6:30-8:00pm	

Contact Sigal Hirsch (shirsch@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 15) or visit www.orzarua-orlatid.org for more information about Or Zarua's Hebrew School.

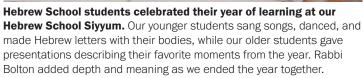














Poetry Club "The Good Life: Striving for Meaning" Thursday, July 27, 6:30 pm

n Thursday, July 27, Rabbi Scott Bolton and Nir Yarden will host the second meeting of the OZ Poetry Group dedicated to reading and discussing works of poetry that have a common theme on important aspects of our lives.

The theme for this upcoming meeting will be "The Good Life: Striving for Meaning." What do the great poets teach us about how to live meaningful life? How should we react to setbacks and emotions such as irresolution and confusion? Why is action so important?

Join us for a stimulating evening of readings and discussion. Or just come to listen and be inspired. All poems to be read will be distributed at the meeting so there is no need to bring anything.

The selections that we'll be reading and discussing at this meeting are:

Miriam Waddington: "Advice to the Young"
Yeshoshua November: God's Optimism
William Shakespeare: Hamlet, Act 3,
Scene 1 ("To be, or not to be...")
Ecclesiastes: Chapter 3, Verses 9 - 17
("What do the workers gain from their toil?")

Walt Whitman: O Me! O Life!

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: A Psalm

of Life

Avner Trainin: Sunbeams Maya Angelou: Still I Rise

John Keats: When I have Fears that I May

Cease to Be

Charles Baudelaire: *Get Drunk*The OZ Poetry Club is open to all. For additional information, call the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, ext 12.

Upcoming this Fall Talmud & Siddur Classes with Rabbi Bolton

The Gates Are Unlocked: The Yom Kippur Experience In The Talmud. The last chapter of Masekhet Yoma (Tractate Yom Kippur) begins with the Mishnah about how we observe Yom Kippur. The chapter includes philosophical reflections on repentance and deals with practical matters such as what happens if a person is unable to fast. Join the class on Wednesday evenings (7:30-9:00 pm) this fall. Participants should purchase Artscroll Yoma Vol. 2 or a gemara Yoma which contains the last chapter.

Siddur Class. We will continue investigating the history and meaning of the siddur and Jewish prayer experience. We're up to the part in the siddur when the Torah is on the table. How ancient are the blessings we say? Blessings done over the reading come from a different age than prayers for the sick or for remembering loved ones. We will look at the prayers we insert on the Sabbath after the Torah reading, as well. The class will meet Thursday mornings (8:40-9:40 am) beginning this fall.

Both classes start after the Tishrei holidays.

See the fall calendars in the next issue of the Newsletter for specific meetings days.

Help Keep Our Daily Minyan Strong

Please donate ONE hour ONE morning a month to attend our morning minyan.



Your hour's time one morning a month will allow members who have lost loved ones to say Kaddish. You'll be doing a mitzvah and helping them to do one, as well. If you choose a Monday or Thursday, having a minyan will allow us to read Torah, something that isn't allowed without a minyan. And so that you leave the shul filled both spiritually and nutritiously there's always a breakfast with cake, coffee and tea, orange juice, bagels, yogurt and cottage cheese. Contact Sheldon Adler (sadler@ skadden.com) and tell him the day that's best for you. Services at OZ start at 7:15 am on weekday mornings and 8:45 am on Sundays.

Sponsor Kiddush or Minyan Breakfast

Consider sponsoring a Shabbat kiddush or minyan breakfast. Sponsoring a kiddush can be a meaningful way to remember your loved ones or celebrate a birthday or anniversary with fellow congregants while enhancing the community's Shabbat experience.

Contact Deborah Wenger (212-452-2310, ext 12) for details.

The Or Zarua Social Hall
is available to rent
for appropriate functions.
Contact Helene Santo,
212-452-2310, ext 14, for information.

OZ is on Facebook Find us at www.facebook.com/OrZarua/



Or Zarua's Memorial Wall

An order for plaques for the Memorial Wall in the OZ sanctuary will be placed on Monday, July 24.

Order forms are available online at http://tinyurl.com/OZMemorialPlaque or from the OZ office by calling Deborah Wenger at 212-452-2310, ext 12.

> Our goal is to install plaques ordered by July 24 in time for Shabbat Shuvah (September 23).



For questions about plaques for the Memorial Wall, please contact Helene Santo at hsanto@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 14.

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Or Zarua at the 2017 Celebrate Israel Parade. This year we were third in line. If you missed us at the parade, watch a recording of OZ at the Parade on line at the **Celebrate Israel Parade Website** courstey of **WWOR 9** using this link: http://celebrateisraelny.org/parade-video/. (Yes! OZ was on TV! **Watch the first three minutes!**) More photos of OZ at the Celebrate Israel Parade are on page 2.