

That Tree: העץ ההוא One Tree, One iPhone, One Year Photography by Mark Hirsch

Exhibit opening in the OZ Gallery, Sunday, November 12, 6:00 pm

The new exhibition at the OZ Gallery features the inspiring work of photojournalist Mark Hirsch. In 2012,

after discovering a majestic oak tree near his home in Wisconsin, Hirsch committed to photographing the tree each day for a year, using only his iPhone camera. The project was transformative for the artist. The resulting images in Hirsch's book *That Tree* captivate the viewer with the miraculous beauty and variety of the natural world.

In Judaism, we have our own metaphorical tree—the Torah—that inspires us. Week to week and year to year we look at the same passages and words to gain insight and inspiration. Stories that include trees in the Talmud and Midrash help us reflect on our relationship with creation, our mortality, and our deep roots in tradition. The exhibit *That Tree* will juxtapose breathtaking photographs of one special tree with quotations from Jewish sources about trees.

Join us on Sunday, November 12,

Addiction, Wilderness Therapy, and Jewish Community

Thursday, November 2, 7:00–9:00 pm



What is our responsibility? We must raise our awareness of addiction and develop effective approaches to treat this disease. During this program, we will hear from OZ Congregant Susan Zilberman, whose life was impacted

beginning at 6:00 pm for the opening of *That Tree*. The photographer, Mark Hirsch, will be speaking at 7:00 pm on "Shades of Wisdom." All are welcome to attend; there is no charge. However, to help with organizing the event, RSVP to Deborah Wenger in the OZ office at dwenger@orzarua.org.

And stay tuned for information about an Or Zarua tour of the trees in Central Park, including a Bur Oak.

by the addiction her son (of blessed memory) experienced.

Jory Hanselman, director of the nation's first Jewish wilderness therapy program, BaMidbar Wilderness Therapy (a program of Ramah in the Rockies), will discuss the intersection of Judaism, wilderness, and

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Global, Jewish Lives: Auto-Biographical Reflections from Sir James and Elaine Wolfensohn Post-Kiddush Talk Shabbat, November 18, 1:00 pm


Join us for a special Shabbat afternoon to meet our OZ Congregants Jim and Elaine Wolfensohn. They will be discussing how their Jewish roots helped them flourish in their global lives.

With regard to their global lives, Elaine and Jim have said "we kept our Judaism front and center." We will hear about small town Judaism, Australian roots, the pathway to the World Bank, debates with world leaders, and concerns about the global economy. Elaine will interview Jim and will share from the chapters of her own and their lives when it came to building a global, Jewish life.



Sir James Wolfensohn, Chairman of Wolfensohn & Company, LLC, was Chairman of Citigroup International Advisory Board, President of the World Bank Group, and held the post of Special Envoy for Gaza disengagement for the quartet of the Middle East. He is Chairman Emeritus of the board of trustees of Carnegie Hall and the John F.

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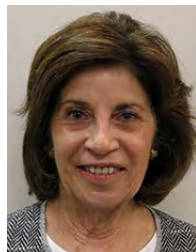
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President's Message

by Sara Stone



Before looking forward, let's reflect on our fall holiday experiences. We had record attendance on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, with over 500

people joining our services. Our Family Learning Experience on Yom Kippur had an overwhelming response as almost 100 people, children together with their family members, attended. Sukkot was also a great success. We had two nights of congregational dinners in our sukkah, and both were sold out. About 80 Or Zarua youth and their families participated in the sukkah sleepover and parents night out on Saturday night, and yes, most of the children actually slept. Lastly, the Young Professionals Sushi in the Sukkah was also a sell-out. Many thanks to all of those who worked so hard to make this happen and to everyone who participated and enjoyed being a part of our community.

Looking forward, the darkest days, after winter solstice, is upon us. It's time to think about how to cast light into the darkness. This is what Hanukkah is all about. This year, I intend to dedicate each light on my menorah to shedding light upon areas that are meaningful to me. While my priorities may not be yours, I hope all of you will join me in dedicating each candle of your menorah to issues and causes that are important to you. In this way, at the end of the eight days of Hanukkah, we will have truly lit up the world.

Candle #1: Dark winter days are especially difficult for the frail elderly and the ill who dare not venture out in the cold and slippery weather. This is when they are least able to have contact with the outside world. Let us all shed light into their lives by visiting them. If a visit is not possible, a telephone call could be a welcome gift of light.

Candle #2: Let's light up literacy. We are fortunate that our Hesed Committee has found a project by which we can change a life through the light of literacy. Please contact Lesley Palmer by email (lesleypalmer123@gmail.com) to participate in this effort.

Candle #3: Or zarua—light is sown. The light of Or Zarua is sown through Torah (study), avodah (prayer), and acts of lovingkindness. We engage with our

community in many ways: enjoying our worship services, learning in our various classes, and participating in our many programs. As we do so, we become a part of the light that is sown by Or Zarua.

Candle #4: The fourth night of Hanukkah is Shabbat, always a time for families to be together. As we each light our own menorah, the light of our love for each other will shine along with the light from the candles of our 12 menorahs. The memories of this special glow will brighten my days all winter long.

Candle #5: Let's celebrate this holiday by renewing our bonds with friends old and new. This is the moment to connect with people who were part of our lives in the past. The light of our earlier days lives on as we connect with those who made a difference in our lives.

Candle #6: Or L'Atid—light for the future. Let us all share our Jewish heritage with future generations by celebrating Hanukkah together, thus creating traditions that will live on in years to come. I'dor va-dor, from generation to generation, we light up the future.

Candle #7: Israel is always a light in my life. And this year, we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. Our lives as Jews, even in the United States, are blessed by the light of Israel.

Candle #8: As Hanukkah ends, let the light of eight candles on all our menorahs shine into the world with a message of peace.

Wishing all of you the blessing of light in your lives.

Sara



Talmud & Siddur Classes with Rabbi Bolton

Talmud Class

The Gates Are Unlocked: The Yom Kippur Experience in the Talmud
Wednesdays as listed on the OZ calendar, 7:30 pm

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. Talmud class participants should purchase Artsroll Yoma Vol. 2 or a Gemara Yoma that contains the last chapter.

All levels of learners are welcome to join Talmud Class.



Talmud class meets on Wednesday nights in the OZ Library at 7:30 pm as noted on the calendar.



Siddur Class: The Torah Service

Thursdays as listed on the OZ calendar, 8:40 am

We will continue investigating the history and meaning of the siddur and Jewish prayer experience. We are 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 Shabbat after the Torah reading, as well. The class meets Thursday mornings (8:40–9:40 am).

Siddur class meets on Thursday mornings in the OZ Library at 8:40 am as noted on the calendar.

Although classes have already begun, you may join either class at anytime; class sessions are independent of one another. Talmud classes are recorded and can be found under “adult study” on the OZ website: orzarua.org.

Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner with OZ’s a cappella group, Bir’nana

Friday, December 15

Candlelighting at 4:11 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat begins at 5:30 pm

Bir’nana performs in the Sanctuary at 6:15 pm

Dinner following Bir’nana’s performance

Enjoy Shabbat Hanukkah at Or Zarua with a community dinner beginning after Kabbalat Shabbat services.



Bir’nana will be performing to help us welcome Shabbat and to celebrate

the holiday. Traditional and popular Hanukkah songs will be sung in beautiful harmony.

Reservations are required for dinner: \$45 for adults, \$25 for children ages 5–12, no charge for children under 5. RSVP by Thursday, December 7, by calling 212-452-2310, ext 39, by logging into your Chaverweb account and selecting “Hanukkah Dinner 12-16-2016” in the pull-down menu, or by going to: <http://tinyurl.com/2017-18-Hanukkah-Dinner-12-15>.

Bir’nana

Help Make “Joyful Song” at Or Zarua

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, as well as modern Israeli and American songs. Conducted by Rabbi Amy Bolton, Bir’nana enhances OZ’s musical experience and holiday celebrations. During the past year, the group performed on Sukkot, Hanukkah, Purim, and Yom HaShoah. If you love to sing (that’s the only prerequisite!), Bir’nana would welcome you. Contact Aliza Kaplan (aliza.kaplan@gmail.com) with questions or just drop in to any of the group’s rehearsals; rehearsal dates are listed on the OZ calendar.



Members of Bir’nana, from left: Aliza Kaplan, Susan March, Rabbi Amy Bolton, Marcia Kalin, Vera Silver, Dore Hollander, Aaron Shelden, Terry Krulwich, Chris Miller, Alan Yaillen, and Peter Wolf Smith. Not pictured: Barbara Bluestone.

Hanukkah Campus Connection

Every year, Or Zarua strives to maintain contact with our young adults who are away at college. For Hanukkah, we send a gift “care package” to remind them that they are part of our extended family while they are away at school. If you would like to have a free package sent for Hanukkah (the first night is December 12), please reply to Deborah Wenger (dwenger@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 12) by Tuesday, November 21, with your child’s full name and complete school and email address and cell phone number so that Rabbi Bolton can stay in touch.



Say Yes! To Hessed Programs

Get involved through Or Zarua and help those in need

Erev Thanksgiving and Erev Christmas

Every year on Erev Thanksgiving and Erev Christmas members of Or Zarua glean, pack and deliver food generously donated by Eli Zabar from certain of his stores. This food in turn been donated to Ronald McDonald House (East 73rd Street), the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter residence (East 81st Street) and the Salvation and Deliverance Church in the South Bronx. While we do not yet have specific locations for this year's gleaning we are again in need of hands and hearts. The gleanings will happen on Wednesday evening, November 22 and on Sunday evening, December 24.

Our efforts have always been well-appreciated by the beneficiaries and participating in the gleaning is an especially nice mitzvah, particularly for our kids of all ages. Most of us at OZ are blessed with the resources to provide for ourselves and our families on holidays and other simchas but not everyone is so blessed. What better work is there than to help those in need?" Volunteers, please contact Jeffrey Haberman at jeff32449@verizon.net.

Embrace the Needy with Winter Warmth! Annual Coat and Clothing Drive

Please help low income families and older adults in New York City by donating to OZ's Annual Coat and Clothing Drive. Our distribution partner is the Educational Alliance which provides services on the East Side. Items needed include new and gently-used children's and adult winter coats (any size welcome). We are especially looking for extra-large (XL and XXL) coats,

hoodies, sweatpants and warm clothing for the Alliance's Project Ore, which serves vulnerable and isolated older adults. Children's coats will benefit K-5th grade students in the Alliance's after school program at PS 140.

One in Five NYC Children Rely on Food Programs

Please remember to donate food for or volunteer 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 November 1, December 6, January 3, or February 7. 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 at jeff32449@verizon.net, for information.

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



Or Zarua volunteers participated in Dorot's annual Rosh Hashanah package

delivery on Sunday, September 17, bringing holiday treats and home visits to seniors on the East Side. Participants included Rabbi Bolton and his sons Shiya and Yonah; Adam Gardner and his daughter Callie; Michelle Gorenstein and her daughter Sarah; Linda Greenblatt and her daughter Lindsay; Susan Katz; Aaron and Hannah Kranich and their children Jacob, Sonia and Dahlia; Lesley Palmer and her daughter Jordanna.

Help Keep Our Daily Minyan Strong

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

One hour of your 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. And great conversation. 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, 8:45 am on Sundays, and 7:00 am on Hol Hamoed and Rosh Hodesh.



Or Zarua Book Discussions

Moonglow

by Michael Chabon

Sunday, November 5, 7:30 pm

To be led by Pat Davidson



Pulitzer Prize-winning author Michael

Chabon's novel *Moonglow* begins with a deathbed confession by a man to his grandson. The man, known as "my grandfather," describes his view

and the implications of American history and technological development during his lifetime, beginning with the Jewish slums of prewar Philadelphia. "Written as a faux-memoir of the recollections of the narrator's grandfather...Chabon renders an entire era within a single deathbed confession" –*New Yorker*, November 20, 2016.

Putting God Second:

How to Save Religion from Itself

by Donniel Hartman

Sunday, January 7, 7:30 pm

To be led by Rabbi Scott Bolton



Rabbi Donniel Hartman, president of the Shalom Hartman Institute, poses the question of "Why have monotheistic religions failed to produce societies that live up to their ethical ideals?" To answer

his question, Hartman uses Judaism as his model in discussing how religions lose focus on moral values. He places greater importance on the interaction of people with each other than to individual religious devotion. Using Judaism as his model, Hartman shows how this can be done.



Or Zarua Book Discussions meet in the OZ library on select Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm.

In addition to the two dates listed above, future Book Discussion dates (and titles) are March 4 (*A Horse Walks into a Bar* by David Grossman) and May 6 (*Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel* by OZ Congegant Francine Klagsbrun; see column on the right). Additional information and updates will be published 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.



OZ's Tshuvah Lecture with Rabbi Dov Weiss, PhD is online. Rabbi Weiss's presentation, *Rabbinic Irreverence: Imagining a Repentant God*, was attended by over 60 people. A recording of the presentation is available on the OZ website and can be accessed directly by using the following link: http://www.orzarua.org/audio/DovWeiss_170924.mp3

Francine Klagsbrun's Book

Lioness

Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel

is published!



Or Zarua founding member Francine Klagsbrun launched her new book, *Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel*, to an audience of over

250 people gathered in the auditorium of the Jewish Museum on Thursday night, October 19, 2017. This book is a definitive biography "of the iron-willed leader, chain-smoking political operative, and tea-and cake-serving grandmother who became the fourth prime minister of Israel." The book was called "majestic" by Tom Brokaw and "a masterwork" by Cynthia Ozick.

After an introduction by Gary Rosenblatt, editor and publisher of the *Jewish Week*, Francine presented the packed auditorium, which included many OZ Congregants, with a taste of Golda Meir's life. Francine dealt with topics

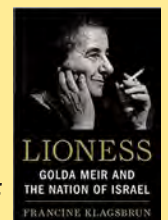
as diverse as the prime minister's relationships with heads of state of other countries,



her interactions with the Knesset, and her personal and family life. After the presentation, Francine answered questions about the woman who led a nascent nation that was asserting itself and presenting itself to a world that was not completely receptive. A book signing followed the presentation.

In early December, Francine will be a guest on Rabbi Wechsler's SiriusXM Satellite radio program.

Francine teaches annually at OZ's Yom Kippur services. She is the author of more than a dozen books, including *The Fourth Commandment: Remember the Sabbath*



Day, and was the editor of *Free To Be... You and Me*. And if you have a copy of the book, she will be happy to sign it for you.

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19 • 1 Kislev Rosh Hodesh Teen Trip to Philadelphia 8:45a Shaharit 10:00a <i>Life in the Streets</i> <i>on the Lower East Side</i> with Barry Feldman 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	20 • 2 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:30p Rock Ivrit	21 • 3 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Context	22 • 4 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School <i>No Hebrew School</i> <i>No Talmud Class</i> TBA: Hesed Holiday Gleaning	23 • 5 Kislev Thanksgiving 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Siddur Class</i> <i>OZ Office Closed</i>	24 • 6 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit 4:14p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat <i>OZ Office Closed</i>	25 • 7 Kislev 9:00 am Shaharit Vayetze <i>No Youth Programs</i> 5:19p Shabbat Ends
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<p>17 • 29 Kislev Hanukkah 8:45a Shaharit Light 6 Candles at night <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i></p>	<p>18 • 30 Kislev Rosh Hodesh Hanukkah 7:00a Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 5:30p Family Hanukkah Party 7:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:00p Rock Ivrit Light 7 Candles at night</p>	<p>19 • 1 Tevet Rosh Hodesh Hanukkah 7:00a Shaharit Light 8 Candles at night</p>	<p>20 • 2 Tevet Hanukkah 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 7:30p Talmud Class</p>	<p>21 • 3 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class</p>	<p>22 • 4 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 4:14p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p>23 • 5 Tevet 9:00a Shaharit Vayigash <i>No Youth Programs</i> 5:19p Shabbat Ends</p>
<p>24 • 6 Tevet 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i> TBA: Hesed Holiday Gleaning</p>	<p>25 • 7 Tevet 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Shalom Sing-A-Long</i> <i>No Hebrew School</i></p>	<p>26 • 8 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit</p>	<p>27 • 9 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 10:30a NYCP Family Pack-A-Thon (Bronx Location) <i>No Hebrew School</i> <i>No Talmud Class</i></p>	<p>28 • 10 Tevet Tzom Asarah B'Tevet Fast of the 10th of Tevet 6:07a Fast Begins 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Siddur Class</i> 5:13p Fast Ends</p>	<p>29 • 11 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 4:19p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p>30 • 12 Tevet 9:00a Shaharit Vayehi <i>No Youth Programs</i> 5:24p Shabbat Ends</p>
<p>31 • 13 Tevet 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i></p>	<p>1 Jan • 14 Tevet New Year's Day 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Shalom Sing-A-Long</i> <i>No Hebrew School</i></p>	<p>2 Jan • 15 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit</p>	<p>3 Jan • 16 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 9:00a NY Common Pantry 4:00p Hebrew School 7:30p Talmud Class</p>	<p>4 Jan • 17 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class</p>	<p>5 Jan • 18 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 4:25p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p>6 Jan • 19 Tevet 9:00a Shaharit Shemot 10:30a Shabbat & Me 10:30a Shabbat Buddies 10:30a Family Learning Experience 12:30p Family Lunch 5:30p Shabbat Ends</p>



Teen Trip to Philadelphia Sunday, November 19

Or Zarua and Town & Village teens in grades 8-12 are invited to a day trip to Philadelphia! Join us for a walking tour of Philadelphia's historic sites with a costumed guide. Explore our history as American Jews at the National Museum of American Jewish History. Consider new perspectives on being Jewish in America, explore new places, meet new people, and enjoy a fun day out of Manhattan!

Register by Monday, October 30. Contact Sigal (shirsch@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 15) for information about how to register or for more information. Cost of \$100/person includes transportation, snack, ice cream, walking tour, museum admission and dinner upon return to NY.



Celebrate Shabbat with Family and Friends

Family Shabbat (once/month)

November 4 & December 2

Youth Programs 10:30-11:45 am

followed by a Family Shabbat Lunch

Shabbat & Me Saturday

For pre-school children and younger
Families with children Pre-K and younger are invited to celebrate Shabbat through prayer, songs, stories, activities and a light snack.

Family Learning Experience

For elementary school children & parents
Enrich your lives with monthly parent-child learning. Study the kedushah in November. More learning to come in December.

Shabbat Buddies

For middle and high school students
Middle Schoolers pair up with High School buddies to develop skills and knowledge for participation on Shabbat! **Advance sign up required for Shabbat Buddies so that we can pair up our Middle School and High School Shabbat Buddies. Please contact Sigal (shirsch@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 15) to sign up!**

Family Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 17

Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:18pm

Dinner begins at 6:00 pm

Families with infants to teens:

Join us for our first Family Shabbat Dinner of the new year!

Celebrate Shabbat with family and friends and a delicious Shabbat meal. Members and non-members are welcome.

Please invite friends to join us!

Sign up for dinner: \$25 per adult, \$10 per child ages 5-12, \$70 per family maximum. First-year members eat free but please still sign up so we know whom to expect! Sign up with Chaverweb by selecting "2017-18 Family Shabbat Dinner."

Call 212-452-2310 x12 with any questions.



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Students are having a great time in Hebrew School, learning about the holidays and Hebrew language, even making letters with their bodies



Hanukkah Brings more Celebration for Youth and Families

Hanukkah & Me

Friday, December 8, 5:15 pm

Usher in Shabbat with our special Hanukkah edition of Shabbat & Me Friday!

Welcome Shabbat together with songs, stories, simple prayers, and a special snack, and learn all about Hanukkah with extra special songs and activities.

For families with children from birth through age 6. Older siblings welcome.



Photos on Page 9: Kids and parents had a blast in the beautiful Or Zarua Sukkah and at the Sukkah Sleepover, playing games, shaking the lulav, and socializing with old and new friends! Hebrew School Students also learned about Sukkot with Sigal in the Sukkah.



Family Hanukkah Party

Monday, December 18, 5:30 pm

All families are invited to join us for our first Family Hanukkah Party!

Join us as we light Hanukkah candles together as a community and enjoy a light dinner and special Hanukkah treats! Plus, fun and games for all!

Hebrew School will meet with minor adjustments to the schedule:

K-5: 4:00-5:30 pm

B'nei Mitzvah Scholars: 7:00-8:00 pm.

All can join the party: 5:30-7:00 pm.



Do Hesed with Or L'Atid

**New York Common Pantry
Winter Break Family Pack-A-Thon
Wednesday, Dec. 27, 10:30-11:30am
at NYCP's new Bronx location:
1290 Hoe Avenue**

Make this winter break meaningful with your family as we give back together. Kids (minimum age 5) will help pack fresh fruits and vegetables for pantry families to receive the next day!

The Or Zarua Community

Or Zarua's Memorial Wall

For information about plaques for our Memorial Wall, please contact Helene Santo at hsanto@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 14. We will place another order when we have sufficient interest.



Global, Jewish Lives: Auto-Biographical Reflections from Sir James and Elaine Wolfensohn

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Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. He was Chairman of the board of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, has served on the boards of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the Rothschild Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, as well as many other such groups. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a Member of the American Philosophical Society. He has a BA and LLB from the University of Sydney and an MBA from the Harvard Graduate School of Business. Sir James is the recipient of many national and international medals and awards in recognition of his public service and his support for the arts, including the 2017 Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy.

Elaine Wolfensohn has been involved in

the field of education and arts education while raising her family. She has taught in private schools, created teen tutoring programs in inner city schools, and trained adult volunteers to tutor high school students in Australia and the United States. She her BA from Wellesley College, an MA in French Literature from Columbia and a MEd in counseling psychology from Teachers College. She chaired the Program Committee of the National Board of Young Audiences, is President emeritus of the Board of Directors of the American Friends of the Israel Philharmonic and serves on the boards of MFA, Master teachers of math and science, the Open University Foundation, and the Davidson School at the Jewish Theological Seminary. She is on the

Oversight board of Park City Math Institute, the Advisory Council of BRAC, and the Presidential Advisory Committee of Teachers College. During her husband's presidency of the World Bank, Mrs. Wolfensohn worked closely with the Bank on issues of early child development, education, and gender equity. With the Wolfensohn Development Center at Brookings, she was engaged in work on early childhood development and Middle East youth inclusion.

Please join us after kiddush on Shabbat, November 18, for this unique opportunity to learn how a couple kept their Jewish traditions, values, and lives in complex, multi-cultural world.

Join Barry Feldman for the Final Sessions of Life in the Streets on the Lower East Side

During the Iconic Period of Immigration and Settlement

Sundays: November 19 and December 3, 10 am–12 noon (Note Date Changes!)



Orzarua Congregant Barry Feldman will be completing his ethnographic and historical inquiry into institutions and incidents that shaped American Jewry during the

iconic period of immigration at the turn of the 20th century. Even if you were not able to attend the first two sessions of this series, you are welcome to attend the final two; sessions are independent. Discussion and class participation is urged.

During the iconic period, fire escapes became bedrooms, stoops doubled as living rooms, storefronts became social halls, Hester and Orchard Streets were precursors of contemporary malls. Using ethnographic and primary sources, this course examines how overcrowding, frigid winters, oppressive

heat waves, poor ventilation, and lack of sanitary facilities fostered accommodation to life in New York City.

For session three (November 19), we will be reading from oral histories and memoirs that offer insight to social institutions and cultural patterns of the period.

The fourth session (December 3), will be a tour and accompanying narrative: courtship, romance and marriage on the Lower East Side. Details for gathering for the tour will be provided in class, by email and in the next issue of the newsletter.

Barry is an urban historian, museum educator, and licensed New York City tour guide. He has created and developed tours of the Jewish Lower East Side covering the late 18th century to the present. In the fall of 2014, he taught a class at OZ about the growth of the Jewish population of New York

from the end of the 19th to the beginning of the 20th century.



Housing conditions from 1880 to 1925 were discussed in the first class of "Life in the Streets on the Lower East Side During the Iconic Period of Immigration and Settlement." Barry's classes are open to all, prior knowledge is not required, and you may attend any or all sessions. We hope to see you this year as we study NYC Jewish history with Barry.

Rabbi Wechsler Teaches

On SiriusXM Satellite Radio
Sundays, 4:00 am & 8:00 pm
Channel 106
www.siriusxm.com

Sponsor Kiddush or Minyan Breakfast

The custom of 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.

Addiction, Wilderness Therapy, and Jewish Community

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whole-health wellness as an approach to addiction therapy. The program incorporates clinical treatment, wilderness-based experiences, and Jewish learning and values for a uniquely Jewish pathway to recovery.

Dr. Michael Grody, Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry (Weill Cornell Medical College), will address the clinical understanding and treatment of the disease of addiction. Rabbi Bolton will initiate a discussion about how our community can play a supportive role for those in the healing process. Please join us for this important program that addresses a condition that

receives insufficient attention and support.



Wilderness hikers in the Rockies.



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Bir'nana, OZ's a cappella group, rehearsing for a performance at our annual Shabbat Hanukkah dinner, Friday, December 15. See page 3 for information about the dinner and Bir'nana.

Or Zarua's Young Professionals Photos from Sushi in the Sukkah Upcoming Program: The Joy of Text

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's Young Professionals). Contact OZ's Young Professionals with any questions or suggestions, or just to say hi, via email: OZYoungPros@gmail.com.

Or Zarua's Young Professionals Present The Joy of Text

Thursday, November 16, 6:30-9:00 pm

A panel discussion on the intersection of Judaism and sexuality with special guest speakers

Rabbi Dov Linzer and Dr. Bat Sheva Marcus.



Enjoy wine and cheese while learning about one of the least talked about topics in Judaism!

