

Join Us for The Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture
***Revealed Beauty and Hidden Danger:
On Jewish Books of Time in Early Modern Europe***
with Elisheva Carlebach, Thursday, February 1, 7:30 pm

If you attend this year's Lucy Dawidowicz lecture, by Professor Elisheva Carlebach, one of the world's foremost Jewish studies scholars, you will never again take a calendar for granted.

Through an animated talk and visual exhibit based on her erudite book



Palaces of Time: Jewish Calendar and Culture in Early Modern Europe, Dr. Carlebach will illuminate the surprising significance and symbolism of Jewish calendars, themselves rich repositories of Jewish

culture and acculturation within the majority Christian societies from which they emerged. Through their calendars, now found in Judaica collections around the world, Jews constructed their sense of their own differences from their neighbors and reflected their precarious existence as minorities in often unsympathetic host societies. Jewish calendars transmitted both historical anxieties and achievements.

Jewish communal norms and values were encoded within beautiful illustrated calendars that carried hidden messages to counter the allure of the competing Christian religious timetables.

Dr. Carlebach will show that calendars serve to structure time and activities,



and thus both mirror and shape experience. Jews throughout history have been insightful commentators and compelling storytellers, and their elegant calendars tell us much about how they conceived of time, their surroundings, and themselves. Jewish calendars conveyed Jewish culture.

Professor Carlebach is the Salo Baron Professor of Jewish History, Culture, and Society at Columbia University, and director of its Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies, specializing in the cultural, intellectual, and religious history of the Jews in early modern Europe. Her areas of particular academic interest include the intersection of Jewish and Christian culture and its effect

on notions of tolerance, religious dissent, conversion, messianism, and communal governance. Her other books include *The Pursuit of Heresy* (1990), awarded the National Jewish Book Award, and *Divided Souls: Converts from Judaism in Early Modern Germany* (2000). She has twice held fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and was a fellow at the New York Public Library Center for Scholars and Writers, NYU Law School, and Katz Center at the University of Pennsylvania. She has served as president of the American Academy for Jewish Research, and in 2017 was awarded the Lenfest Distinguished Columbia Faculty Award.

Please join us for what promises to be a highly informative and stimulating lecture by a world-class scholar, given in memory of a preeminent Jewish historian and beloved former Or Zarua Congregant. Your perspective on the measure and meaning of time will be forever changed.



**New Chabura:
OZ Torah Study
After Kiddush
on Select Shabbatot**

Or Zarua is initiating a Torah study group that will meet after kiddush once per month. A Congregant will present a 15-minute exposition on the Parsha which will then be followed by a discussion with the attendees.

The first three sessions are:
February 3: Marc Ashley on Yitro
March 17: Arthur Rosenbloom on Vayikra
April 14: Karen Kaplan on Shemini

Everyone is invited to attend.

**Shabbat Shirah Shabbaton with Pizmon
A Cappella at OZ to Inspire**

Friday and Saturday, January 26 and 27

Shabbat Shirah is a time for musical inspiration! Moses, Miriam, and the Jewish People sang songs of praise and thanks after they crossed the Sea, and we delight in music during Shabbat Shirah, the Sabbath of Song, for Parshat Beshalah.

Or Zarua has invited Pizmon, the dynamic a cappella group of Columbia University, the Jewish Theological Seminary, and Barnard College, to be our guests during Shabbat Shirah. At dinner Friday night, January 26 dinner (RSVP required), Pizmon will give an exclusive short-set concert and musical workshop. Those dining together will learn

part of a song that will come into play at the group's concert Saturday afternoon. During Shabbat morning services, Pizmon will deliver a Sermon in Song. After our OZ Birthday kiddush, Pizmon will perform a Shabbat afternoon concert (approximately 1 pm). Later in the day (4:45 pm) there will be a workshop for our own OZ a cappella group, Bir'nana. Ma'ariv (5:50 pm) will be followed by a Community and Family Havdalah (6:15 pm) and a light dinner. At Havdalah, Pizmon will make a cappella come

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President's Message

by Sara Stone



When did you last say "Happy New Year"

to a tree? You will have an opportunity very soon. This year we celebrate the festival of Tu B'Shevat on January 31. This is the perfect time to say Happy New Year to a tree.

Why would anyone care about a day from which to date a tree? Why not just remember when you planted it in the ground? But as everyone knows, Judaism does not work this way. Eating the fruit of a tree during its first three years is prohibited, and the fruit of the fourth year is to be brought to Jerusalem as a tithe. So it is not until a tree is five years old that one can enjoy its fruits. This would be difficult to enforce if each tree had its own birthday. Hence, Tu B'Shevat.

And why pick a date in mid-winter, which is hardly the time for planting a tree? The Rabbis explain that in the Mediterranean region, the rainy season begins at the time of the Festival of Sukkot. It takes approximately four months for the rains of the New Year to saturate the soil and trees and to produce fruit. Thus, any fruit produced prior to Tu B'Shevat is fruit of last year's rains and is tithed in that year. Accordingly, Tu B'Shevat was the last day of levying the tithe on the fruit of the trees.

Obviously, since a tithe is essentially a tax, there was no ritual associated with Tu B'Shevat. After all, how would one celebrate being taxed? But once the Second Temple was destroyed, tithes were no longer collected. By the 16th century, the Kabbalists originated a "Feast of Fruits" modeled on the Passover seder. Such a ritual has grown in popularity in recent times.

But if you do not want to have a Tu B'Shevat seder, another way to celebrate is by eating from the seven species described in the Torah as being abundant in the land of Israel: wheat, barley, grapes (vines), figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates (honey). It is easy to make a nice vegetarian dinner combining all of these elements. A pilaf of cooked bulgar wheat (or wheat berries and barley) topped with figs, dates, raisins (grapes), and pomegranate seeds served with a dressing of olive oil, balsamic vinegar (grapes), pomegranate juice, and honey

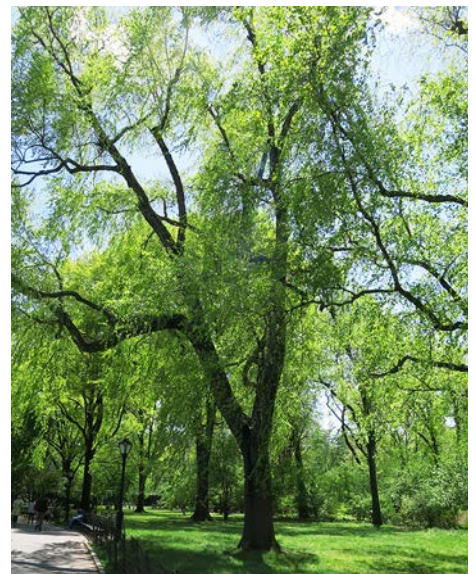
includes all the seven species and is so easy to do. And, of course, a glass of wine (grapes)! Let's all celebrate Tu B'Shevat with this nutritious meal.

A more contemporary take on Tu B'Shevat is as a festival that honors the environment. When the early Jewish settlers arrived in Palestine, the land was barren, so they began planting trees. Today, Israel leads the way in caring for the environment: it purifies and reuses 75% of its waste water each year for agricultural use; builds the solar panels which sit atop 90% of Israeli homes and is one of only two countries in the world that ended the 20th century with more trees than it started with. Tu B'Shevat is the time to think about what we can do to preserve our environment for the future.

And lastly, Tu B'Shevat is a harbinger of spring. It is said to be the day that sap starts to rise in the trees, thus enabling them to bud. According to Rabbi Menachem Meiri (1249-1310), the winter season extends from Tevet until Nissan. Tu B'Shevat (15th of Shevat) is the midpoint between fall and spring. Once half the winter has passed, its strength has weakened, the cold is not as intense, and the budding process begins. Thus, Tu B'Shevat marks a turning point, a time when under all the cold and snow, the sap of the trees is rising. Tu B'Shevat reminds us that sometimes it is from the darkest and coldest moments of our lives that new blossoms burst forth.

Happy New Year to the Trees!

Sara



Shabbat Shirah Shabbaton with Pizmon

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alive for our families and children with a special show. See the box, at right, for a summary of scheduling and RSVP information.

Pizmon (which in Hebrew means "chorus" or "refrain") is a Jewish a cappella singing group whose energetic music has traveled the globe touching communities of all ages. Now finishing its 20th year, Pizmon was established by four friends wanting to perform Jewish music in nursing homes. In

recent years, the group and its purpose have grown, and the ensemble is now 12 members strong. Check out some of its great music at:

<http://www.pizmon.org/videos.html>

Both the kiddush and the Pizmon concert are sponsored by our members Dr. Allen and Valerie Hyman. Sponsorships and dedications for the Friday night dinner, Bir'nana workshop, and family havdalah are available.



Purim at Or Zarua! Purim begins Wednesday night, February 28, after the Ta'anit (the Fast of) Esther. Ma'ariv, and the Reading of Megillat Esther, will begin at 6:40 pm, followed by our Purim Bash with Bir'nana (photo above from Purim 5777/2106). Purim services and festivities will be preceded by a Kids' Purim Party at 5:30 pm. Times are summarized on the OZ calendar; details will be available via eblast.

Matanot LaEvyonim, the mitzvah of giving gifts to the needy, will be observed at OZ with a food drive. You will have the opportunity to donate nonperishable food items or a check to the cause. For other hesed opportunities at OZ, please see page 4.

Purim Campus Connection

Or Zarua strives to maintain contact with our young adults who are away at college. For Purim, we send a "holiday package" to remind them that they are still part of our extended family. This year Purim is Thursday, March 1. If your children at college have received a package from OZ for Hanukkah this year, they will receive a Purim package. However, if your children are not in our College Connection file or if their college address has changed, and you would like them to receive a free package, please reply to Deborah Wenger (dwenger@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 12) by Thursday, February 8, with their name, and complete school addresses. Also, please include their email address and cell phone numbers so that Rabbi Bolton can stay in touch with them.

Zayin Adar Dinner

Save the Date: Thursday, February 22, 6:30 pm

Zayin Adar, the traditional yearzeit of Moses, is observed annually as a time to acknowledge the accomplishments of the Hevra Kadisha. This year's Zayin Adar dinner will be on Thursday evening, February 22, 6:30 pm. Topic and other information regarding the Zayin Adar Dinner will be available via eblast and the OZ website.

Shabbat Shirah with Pizmon

Friday, January 26

5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

6:30 pm Shabbat Dinner with a mini-concert by Pizmon; RSVP Required
\$50 for adults, \$30 for children from ages 5 through 12, no charge for children under 5. RSVP by Monday, February 6, through Chaverweb at: <https://tinyurl.com/Shabbat-Shirah-1-26-18> or, contact Deborah Wenger at 212-452-2310, ext. 39 or dwenger@orzarua.org.

Saturday, January 27

9:00 am Shabbat Services begin
Pizmon presents a *Sermon in Song*.

12:00 pm OZ Birthday Kiddush
We are 29 years old!

1:00 pm Pizmon Post-Kiddush Concert

4:45 pm Bir'nana Workshop

5:45 pm Family Story Time
(See Youth Programming on pages 8 & 9)

5:50 pm Ma'ariv

6:15 pm Musical Family Havdalah
No charge, but to help with planning, RSVP to Sigal Hirsch at 212-452-2310, ext. 15, or shirsch@orzarua.org.

The Community Alliance for Jewish-Affiliated Cemeteries (CAJAC) and The New York Board of Rabbis invites you to a Cemetery Security Conference.

Wednesday, March 14
8:30 am - 12:00 pm
UJA Federation

Keynote Speaker
NYPD Commissioner
James P. O'Neill

The Safety of Jewish Cemeteries in Challenging Times: What is Our Responsibility as a Community to Maintain Their Sanctity and Security?

Rabbinic Panel
Cemetery Vandalism and Desecration: Halachic Issues and Solutions

Go to <http://www.cajac.us> for additional information or to register

Say Yes! To Hesed Programs

Get involved through Or Zarua and help those in need

OZ Doubles Commitment to NY Common Pantry Adds second monthly shift

More OZ volunteers are needed to help at the city's largest community-based food program as we have taken on a second monthly shift. OZ volunteers at the pantry take food orders from clients and help bag food the first Wednesday of every month and, with the Pantry's newest program, pack food for seniors the third Monday of each month (with adjustments for holidays). Upcoming Monday dates are January 22, February 12, March 19, and April 16; upcoming Wednesday dates are January 10, February 7, March 7, and April 4. To sign up, or request more information, please contact Lesley Palmer (lesleypalmer123@gmail.com). As always, we are also collecting food for the pantry this month, particularly whole wheat pasta and canned soups, and beans. Collection bins are located in the social hall and the basement.

New In-person Tutoring Opportunity with Local Children

DREAM, formerly Harlem RBI, is a youth development program that began as a baseball/softball program in East Harlem 26 years ago, and today offers a charter school and after-school program serving over 2,000 youth. DREAM's after-school tutoring program, TeamBuilders, is looking for volunteer tutors to work with middle-schoolers one afternoon a week, helping with homework, test preparation, remediation, and general enrichment. Tutors must make a commitment of one afternoon per week for

a minimum of three months. Training will be provided. If you are interested in helping an under-performing student succeed, please contact Susan Lorin (lorin@sewkis.com).

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 Lower 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.

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



On Erev Thanksgiving and Erev Christmas several dozen members of Or Zarua performed hesed by gleaning Eli's Market and Eli's Essentials. Gleaners packed their harvest into vans and sent it to Ronald McDonald House and the Salvation and Deliverance Church in the Bronx.

Tzedakah Super Bowl Party Supporting Project ORE

Sunday, February 4, 5:00 pm

OZ members and their guests are invited to our 16th Annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 4, beginning at 5:00 p.m. with Minnah. Viewing the game on a large-screen HDTV and eating kosher food from Dougie's BBQ in Teaneck, NJ, while socializing in a family-friendly atmosphere is a great way to enjoy the Super Bowl. Please make reservations at 212-452-2310, ext. 39, or email dwenger@orzarua.org, by noon on Tuesday, January 30.

As is our tradition, the OZ Super Bowl Party is free to OZ members and their guests, but we rely on your generous contributions to raise funds for charities that serve the Jewish poor and elderly. This year, our designated charity is Project ORE. Since

1987, Project ORE has served emergency kosher meals and provided counseling, case management, and other support services to isolated, poor, homeless, and mentally ill Jews. Project ORE is the only program of its kind in New York City and offers kosher, family-style community meals, including a buffet breakfast, and a hot lunch, as well as food packages for Shabbat.

Project ORE holds classes in art, poetry, and health and wellness; organizes educational trips, and provides a Jewish experience through a weekly Oneg Shabbat. Licensed clinical social workers provide assistance with housing referrals, entitlements and benefits, referrals for psychiatric counseling and medical treatment, and crisis intervention for

emergency situations.

If you want to learn more about Project ORE from the people who directly benefit from its programs, use this link: <https://vimeo.com/29672314>.

The party is sponsored by Sheldon and Marcel Adler in memory of his parents.



Last year's Annual Super Bowl party filled the OZ Gallery and raised a significant amount of funding for Project ORE.



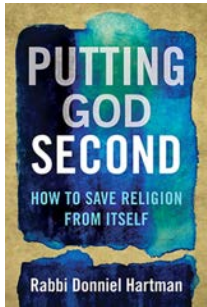
Sunday in the Park With OZ

Inspired by *That Tree: ההעץ ההוא*, the exhibit in the OZ Gallery, a group of OZ congregants went into the woods of Central Park to look at the trees, specifically one of the park's few Bur Oaks (left). The Bur Oak was the singular focus of photojournalist Mark Hirsch, whose year-long, one-a-day, iPhone images of a bur oak near his Wisconsin home resulted in his gorgeous photo book, *That Tree*, and the images (example shown right) now in display in the OZ Gallery. The works are available for purchase; contact the office (212-452-2310, ext 12) for details. *That Tree: ההעץ ההוא*, remains on view in the OZ Gallery until spring.



Or Zarua Book Discussions

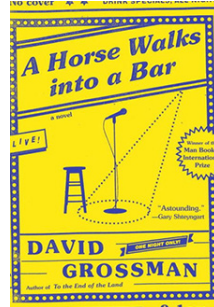
**Putting God Second:
How to Save Religion from Itself**
by Donniel Hartman
Sunday, January 7, 7:30 pm
To be led by Rabbi Scott Bolton



Rabbi Donniel Hartman, president of the Shalom Hartman Institute, poses the question "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 on individual religious devotion. Rabbi Hartman shows how this can be done.

**A Horse Walks into a Bar:
A Novel**
by David Grossman
Sunday, March 4, 7:30 pm
To be led by Mark Somerstein



Dov Greenstein is performing stand-up comedy in an Israeli town. Through the eyes of District Court Judge Avishai Lazar, an audience member and Dov's childhood friend, the reader is taken back in time.

We learn that Dov's mother is a Holocaust survivor and his father doesn't support his passions. School, growing up, and military service present challenges to be overcome. During this one show, the novel provides a description of how Dov confronted life and grew in spite of it.



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

In addition to the two titles listed above, *Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel* by OZ Congegant Francine Klagsbrun, will be discussed on May 6. 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.

Private Guided Tour of the Arthur Szyk Show at the New-York Historical Society January 11, 4:15 pm

Private guided tour of the show *Arthur Szyk: Soldier in Art* led by the exhibition curator, the foremost authority on Szyk, and dynamic speaker, Irvin Ungar, at the New York Historical Society Museum & Library. There are a limited number of spots available. Please be in touch with Helene Santo if you are interested. The cost is \$23 per person; \$20 for seniors.



Graduation. Many of us were unaware that Rabbi Bolton applied to, was accepted by, and has now completed a "Fellowship for Visionary Leaders" offered through the Synergy program of UJA-Federation of New York. This 18-month fellowship was created to provide mid-career rabbis in the New York area an opportunity to refine and give voice to their rabbinic visions. Organized as a spiral curriculum that continuously refined and deepened exploration of the course's themes, each fellow benefitted from eight coaching sessions that provided individualized training and support. Our Strategic Planning Committee has benefited enormously from all that Rabbi Bolton learned. Congratulations to Rabbi Bolton on his successful completion this endeavor!

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Contact Helene Santo, 212-452-2310, ext. 14

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18 • 3 Adar 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	19 • 4 Adar President's Day 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Shalom Sing-A-Long</i> <i>No Hebrew School</i>	20 • 5 Adar 7:15a Shaharit	21 • 6 Adar 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 7:30p Talmud Class	22 • 7 Adar 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class 6:30p Zayin Adar Dinner	23 • 8 Adar 7:15a Shaharit 5:22p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	24 • 9 Adar Shabbat Zakhor Bat Mitzvah: Shira Mack 9:00a Shaharit Tetzaveh 11:00a Torah Kids 11:00a Torah Tots 6:27p Shabbat Ends
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Family Shabbat with Family Shabbat Lunch Saturdays, January 6 and February 10

Join us for Youth and Family Shabbat Programs beginning at 10:30 am. Then, after the community kiddush, all families are invited to our Family Lunch in the Social Hall!

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. **Join us this month as we learn about the Torah Service and study the parasha together!**

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 signup 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!



Shabbat & Me Friday Friday, January 19, 5:15 pm

Usher in Shabbat together with songs, stories, simple prayers, and special Shabbat activities.

For families with children from birth through age 6. Older siblings welcome. Light dinner to follow. \$18/family. Registration required.

Register on Chaverweb by Wednesday, January 17.

Musical Family Havdalah Saturday, January 27, 6:15 pm

Join us as we end Shabbat Shirah and bring in the new week with a meaningful and songful family Havdalah ceremony. Young families, join us before Havdalah, at 5:45 pm, for a Family Storytime to end Shabbat.

After Havdalah, a light dinner will be served, and then stick around for a night of music and fun with other families!
RSVP by Wednesday, January 24, to Sigal Hirsch: shirsch@orzarua.org.



Photos, page 8: Hebrew school students enjoyed special visitors. Counter clockwise beginning from top left: Students announced Rosh Hodesh to classmates and put on a play about Ya'akov and Esav; Rabbi Bolton taught about the Torah Service and Shalom Aleichem; Congregant Marc Ashley taught about the Kedushah.

Sushi & Study with Rabbi Bolton Mondays, January 8, February 5, 6:30 pm

All teens are invited to attend Rabbi Bolton's monthly Sushi & Study class

Join us in January for
**Rock the Boat, Don't Tip the Boat Over:
Protest, Silence, and Speech in Jewish Tradition**

More to come in February with
Waste Not, Want Not—Environmentalism in Jewish Tradition

Teens not registered may join the class. RSVP: shirsch@orzarua.org.



Yom Give Back Sunday, February 11, 11:00 am

The entire Or Zarua community is invited to Yom Give Back, a day of hesed for the Or Zarua and Camp Ramah communities.

No need to be affiliated with Camp Ramah. People of all ages are welcome as we sort donated goods, make sandwiches for the hungry, and perform other hesed projects throughout the OZ building.

Connect with members of the OZ and Ramah communities over brunch. Contact Sigal Hirsch or yomgiveback@gmail.com for more information.

Celebrate Purim with Or L'Atid

Sing Song Purim

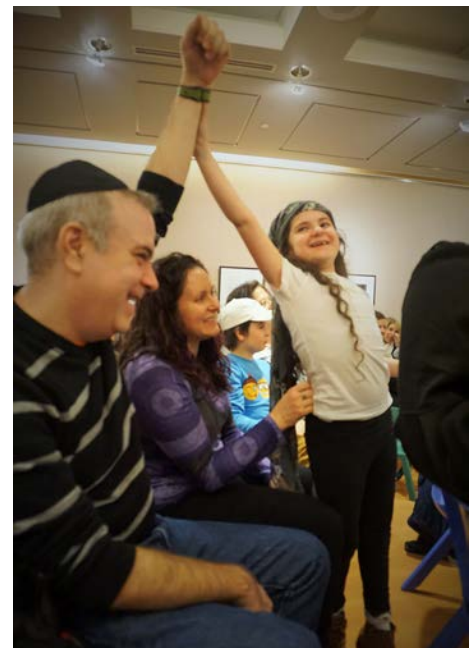
Sunday, February 25, 10:00 am

Sing, dance, and play the Purim way! Join Bracha, our Shalom Sing-A-Long leader, for a morning of fun-filled Purim songs, stories, and more!
*Geared towards Early Childhood.
Older children welcome.*

Kids' Purim Party

Wednesday, February 28, 5:30 pm

Join us for fun and games as we celebrate Purim together.
Details to follow.



Photos, page 9: Kids and parents had a blast at our Family Hanukkah Party featuring the Bible Players. Thanks to Marcia Kalin and Stephen Rayport for generously sponsoring the evening.

The Or Zarua Community

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Minyan Fund continued

Joan Ehrlich in memory of Lillian and Herman Ehrlich
 Tamara Jasper in memory of her grandmother, Anna Regan Wallis
 Susan March and Louis Barash
 Shira Novack and Raanan Korinow in honor of Henry Glanternik

Rabbi Bolton's Discretionary Fund

Shira Bortniker
 Brenda Goldman in memory of her sister, Edith, and her pets
 Joy and Benno Kimmelman in memory of Joy's father, Solomon Noveck
 Jane Levere
 Susan March and Louis Barash
 Donna Mildvan-Hamann in memory of her father, Kiva Carl Mildvan
 Xiomara and Charles Scheidt
 Robert Skolnick in memory of Ellen Skolnick
 Diana and Brad Stoler
 Judy Sykes and Fred Seid in appreciation of Rabbis Scott and Amy Bolton
 Nora and Barry Yood in memory of Gregg Grossman, son of Susan Zilberman

Tzedakah Fund

Dara Murray in memory of her dear brother, Robert Marc Prisant, on his Yahrzeit

Youth Programming Fund

Janet Katz in honor of Micah Charkow's becoming Bar Mitzvah

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.

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.

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.



Addiction, Wilderness Therapy, and Jewish Community. This past November, OZ sponsored a panel that raised our awareness about addiction and approaches to treatment. Our speakers, were OZ Congregant Susan Zilberman of greggsgift.org, a non-profit organization established in memory of her beloved son, Gregg (z"l); Jory Hanselman, director of BaMidbar Wilderness Therapy, the nation's first Jewish wilderness therapy program; and Dr. Michael Grody, psychiatrist at Weill Cornell Medical College. Gregg's Gift was established to "positively impact the lives of addicted young adults, their families, and our community, through patient scholarships, education, and advocacy. BaMidbar Wilderness Therapy (a program of Ramah in the Rockies) provides clinical treatment, wilderness-based experiences, and Jewish learning and values for a uniquely Jewish pathway to recovery.



First Time for the First Light! OZ had an order-your-own-dinner community candle-lighting for the first night of Hanukkah this year. A multi-generational gathering with blessings, sufganiyot and songs helped usher in our Festival of Lights.



Help keep our daily minyan strong! 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.



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Bir'nana, OZ's a cappella group, rehearsing for a performance. The group will be part of our Purim bash on February 28 (page 3).

Bir'nana is always looking for new talent. Contact Aliza Kaplan via email at aliza.kaplan@gmail.com with questions.

Or Zarua's 29th Birthday Kiddush will be held during Shabbat Shirah on January 27. See the Shabbat Shirah Schedule on page 3 for information.

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 calender, 7:30 pm

Join us for the continuation of the last chapter of Yoma. This section focuses us on the meaning of Yom Kippur rituals and their message for the Jewish year. Additionally, philosophical discussions regarding repentance and relations with neighbors come into focus. Texts are studied in both the original language and are translated into English. Beginners to experienced students welcome. Join any class or make Wednesdays Talmud night! (7:30-9:00 pm). Text: Artscroll Yoma Vol. 2 or a Gemara Yoma that contains the last chapter.



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 calender, 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.

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, or suggestions, or just to say hi via email: OZYoungPros@gmail.com.