



PLAY BALL!! Major League Mensches Take the Field at the OZ Gallery

All-Star lineup of Jewish baseball players on display
Sunday, May 6, 6:00 pm; Gallery talk, 7:00 pm
by Gerry Solomon

As the new baseball season swings into high gear, an All-Star lineup of Jewish major leaguers from several generations steps up to the plate at the OZ Gallery. The new exhibit, "Major League Mensches: Jewish Stars of Baseball," features historic and rarely-seen memorabilia from nine Jewish ballplayers—from the 19th century to last year's World Series champions. It is a tribute to the contribution of Jewish athletes to America's national pastime.

Items in "Major League Mensches" are on loan from Jeff Aeder, a Chicago real estate developer, restaurateur, civic leader and philanthropist, and the owner of the nation's largest collection of Jewish baseball memorabilia. Aeder is the founder of the online Jewish Baseball Museum and is a son of OZ Congregants Willi Aeder and her late husband Arthur Aeder.

"First pitch"—opening night for the exhibit—is Sunday, May 6, at 6:00 pm, and Jeff Aeder will speak about his extensive collection at 7:00 pm. Ballpark refreshments will be served.

Since the 19th century, only 170 Jews have played in the major leagues. In the new exhibit, nine of the most prominent Jewish players will be featured, along with colorful, classic memorabilia and related items. Among the exhibit highlights:

- An unused **Lipman Pike** bat. Pike

(nicknamed the "Iron Batter") was the first professional Jewish baseball player. His career ran from 1871 to 1887.

- A 1929 team contract and a handwritten letter to his brother from **Moe Berg**, a catcher, who played in the major

leagues for 15 seasons. The letter relates Berg's activities with the Office of Strategic



Services (OSS) during World War II. Berg is perhaps now best remembered not for his play on the field, but for his espionage work. (The movie, *The Catcher Was a Spy*, based on a book of the same name, is scheduled for theatrical release in June.)

- **Hank Greenberg**, the great slugger ("Hammerin' Hank") is represented by his "butterfly-style" first baseman's glove and several rarely-seen photographs

- The great lefthander **Sandy Koufax** is seen via his 1955 rookie baseball card, World Series tickets, a sew-on patch, a figurine, and numerous photos. A commemorative bat from Koufax's induction to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, in 1972, signed by him and other inductees, will also be displayed.



- A Louisville Slugger bat with a Jewish star carved into the knob, used by **Ron Blomberg**, baseball's first designated hitter.

- A bobblehead doll and game-used bat of **Alex Bregman**, infielder for the Houston Astros, winners of the 2017 World Series.

- Other athletes featured in the exhibit:

Jimmie Reese, coach, infielder, and onetime roommate of Babe Ruth; **Al Rosen**, Cleveland Indians infielder, nicknamed "The Hebrew Hammer," and a former baseball executive; **Shawn Green**, home-run hitter, two-time All-Star, and onetime New York Mets right fielder, who later played and coached for the Israeli national baseball team in the 2013 World Baseball Classic.

"Major League Mensches: Jewish Stars of Baseball" remains on display in the OZ Gallery until Fall 2018.



JUNE 3, 2018, 11am-4pm
Fifth Avenue, 57th-74th Street



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The Celebrate Israel Parade Sunday, June 3, 2018 An Or Zarua Call to Action March As a Congregation

This year's parade theme is:

70 and Sababa!

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OZ's theme will be:

Israel Helps the World

All are welcome—children and adults—to join us for this spirited and exciting show of support for Israel, a country that helps the world with irrigation, health care advances, disaster relief, and many other contributions.

Sign up for your t-shirt! Contact:
Deborah Wenger (dwenger@orzarua.org.).
T-shirts will not be available at the parade.

Assembly location, step-off time and other details will be available as the parade date approaches.



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A Message From the Executive Committee



In their April 3 letter Rabbi Scott Bolton and OZ President Sara Stone requested with passion that a gift from the heart be made to our Synagogue. Here are reasons why you should take it to heart:

Your gift will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000, by an Anonymous Donor and the Trustees, all of whom are contributing to this Pesah/Shavuot campaign.

Or Zarua is succeeding in its mission. Spearheaded by Sigal Hirsch, the Boltons, and dedicated lay leadership, the number of students in our school has more than doubled. Attendance has been strong at our family and adult education programs. Young professionals hold regular meetings on premises. The Rabbi and Congregation are always “here for you.” Word is getting around. New members are joining.

To balance our budgets and retain our excellence going forward, we must supplement our dues and Kol Nidre appeal with vigorous supplementary fundraising.

As we count the days to Shavuot, reflecting on what the gift of Torah has done for our people, let us count on every one of us to show thanks for the blessings we have through Tzedakah. We will keep you posted in the coming weeks on our progress.

Please act now by mailing your donation to the OZ office. Donate via credit card using the form located at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZPesahShavuotAppeal2018> Or go to the link below to make your donation through Chaverweb at: <https://tinyurl.com/OZChaverweb>.

With appreciation from the Executive Committee of Congregation Or Zarua

Talmudic Takes on Shavuot with Rabbi Mordecai Schwartz, PhD Mixing Milk and Meat on Shavuot Wednesday, May 16, 7:00 pm



The custom of eating dairy on Shavuot may be older than you think. Not only that, but it may be linked to the sacrificial calendar of Ancient Israel and the origin of the prohibition on cooking milk and meat together. Come and hear and decide for yourself.

Talmudic Takes, led by Rabbi Schwartz, PhD, Beit Midrash Director at JTS, are scholarly presentations about major themes of our holidays. The goal is to expand on profound ideas and practices that enrich the holidays. Rabbi Schwartz led our two-year hevruta program. Please join us for this unique opportunity to study with a master teacher of Talmudic and Rabbinic texts in preparation for Shavuot. Talmudic Takes is open to everyone.

Shavuot Begins Saturday Night, May 19 Join OZ for Services, Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Panel, Dairy Desserts, and Late-Night Learning with Rabbi Bolton and Congregant Marc Ashley

Ma'ariv Begins at 9:00 pm

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Panel

Roots from Around the World: Global Jewish Experiences, Impressions, and Lessons

Join us for this year's Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Panel with Congregants Said Hawa, David Moche, and Laura Sebi as they present their international Jewish experiences and roots. Each hails from a different place around the globe and has an international perspective. We will listen to our friends address a variety of questions, including: What impressions were left with from your Jewish experience in other lands? What cultural realities made an impression on you there? How do they inform your life or life choices as a Jew today? Do you have unique Jewish traditions that were carried here to New York from lands far away?

What do Jews in America have to learn from Jews in other parts of the world?

Rabbi Bolton will moderate the panel, and we will have an opportunity to once again learn from one another at our Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Panel right after Yom Tov Ma'ariv Services.

After the Panel: Dairy Desserts

Including chessecake and ice cream.

Late Night Tikkun (2 Sessions)

Session 1: Congregant Marc Ashley

The Dual Torah:

Traditional Proofs for the Revelation of the Oral Law

Session 2: Rabbi Bolton

L'Shana Tova at Shavuot? The New Year of Fruits and Metaphors for Torah from the Natural World

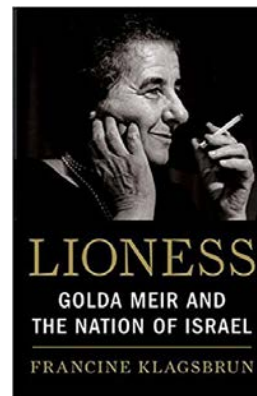
Our learning expands this Shavuot! Join Or Zaru'a's first late-night Tikkun with two sessions of engaging learning beginning after our dairy desserts. Our traditional Tikkun

Leyl Shavuot Panel remains in place right after evening services. After the Panel discussion, we will enjoy cheesecake and ice cream at our traditional evening dairy Kiddush. But this year, after dessert, pull up a chair to join the late-night learning sessions with Rabbi Bolton and Marc Ashley in the Social Hall for our first "After Cheesecake Learning," for Shavuot 5778.

The Teen & College Tikkun Leyl Shavuot begins at 10:00 pm (see page 9)

OZ Book Discussions *Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel* by Francine Klagsbrun Sunday, May 6, 7:30 pm in the OZ Library

Francine Klagsbrun's book is the 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 received the



2017 National Jewish Book Award/Everett Family Foundation Book of the Year.

Francine, a founding member of OZ, teaches annually at our 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*.

Please join us in the OZ Library on Sunday, May 6, 7:30 pm, for a discussion of this comprehensive and immensely readable story of the dramatic life of an amazing woman who played a key role in the founding and development of the State of Israel.

Copies of *Lioness* are available from booksellers. To order from Amazon go to: tinyurl.com/FranLioness



Or Zaru'a Book Discussions meet in the OZ library on select Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm. Attendance is open to members, guests, and newcomers. For additional information contact Deborah Wenger in the OZ office, 212-452-2310, ext 12.

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The Best Little Library On the Upper East Side

OZ Library open house, Thursday, May 10, 7:00 pm with Barry Feldman



The old adage, “Jews are people of the Book,” is well documented at Or Zarua. The Library, on the fourth floor, is well stocked, offering books of varied interest.

One section contains religious texts including prayer books, volumes of Talmud, megillot, hagadot, Pirke Avot, midrashim and other texts. Books in this section may not be removed from the Library.

Another section includes multiple genres of nonfiction of Jewish interest. Books on these shelves are alphabetized by author’s last name. There are also shelves of novels and biography.

For Yiddish readers, the complete works of Sholem Aleichem and other Yiddish authors are available. Dictionaries, atlases, encyclopedias, and annuals are available in the reference section. Additionally, periodicals ranging over several years are also available.

The Library is always open, except when it is occupied by Or L’Atid or other synagogue groups. Congregants are welcome to visit, browse, and borrow. Borrowers are required to note the book borrowed in the folder located on the table in the rear of the library.

Contributions of books to the library are welcome, but there are conditions and restraints. Books must be of Jewish content and in good condition. Because space is limited all books must be screened before being accepted for the Library. The need to discard duplicates creates additional responsibility for synagogue staff.

To acquaint Congregants with the Library’s holdings, I am inviting Congregants to an OZ Library open house on Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 pm. I will highlight each section and discuss various holdings and how to negotiate sections. Additionally, I will speak about the role of libraries in education and citizenship preparation during the iconic period of immigrations and settlement.

I hope to see you there.

—Barry Feldman

Would you like to learn to leyn (read) Torah or lead services at Or Zarua?

If so contact Mark Somerstein (msmrstn@aol.com) or call the synagogue office 212-452-2310, ext 12.

Yiddish Theater Returns to Or Zarua

Film Screening: *Golden Age of Yiddish Theater*

Wednesday, May 23, 7:00 pm

by Barry Feldman

As Upper East Siders, we know the Second Avenue Deli. We pass it walking on First Avenue, eat there, inhale the aromas. Abe Lebewohl, founder of the deli, arrived in New York from a displaced persons camp after World War II. He opened the original Second Avenue Deli downtown in 1954, eventually expanding it from 12 to 250 seats. Following a corned beef or pastrami sandwich with a pickle spear on the side, satisfied patrons stopped to admire the Yiddish Walk of Fame, embedded in the sidewalk in front of the restaurant, searching for familiar names. Reminiscences were shared, and occasionally a chorus of *Bei Mir Bist du Schon* surprised passers-by.

Among the Yiddish Walk of Stars icons were founder of Yiddish theater Abraham Goldfaden; leading ladies Jenny Goldstein, Bertha Kalisch, and Molly Picon; leading men Boris Thomashefsky, Hyman Yablakoff, and Aaron Lebedoff; and popular performing couples, such as Pesach Burstein and Lillian Lux. A total of almost 60 names were embedded in the sidewalk in front of the Second Avenue Deli. Yiddish theater was in decline, but the stars perpetuated the memory of the glittering Yiddish Rialto of Second Avenue.

The deli has moved uptown. The granite plaques on the Yiddish Walk of Stars are now badly deteriorated; crumbling pavement threatens their survival. The Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation, the Bowery Alliance of Neighbors, and

cooperating partners are campaigning to preserve these historic markers and perpetuate the memory of the vibrant Yiddish theater and the performers who entertained Yiddish speakers for decades.

On Wednesday, May 23, at 7:00 pm, Or Zarua will be hosting a showing of the film *Golden Age of Yiddish Theater*. The film celebrates Yiddish theater in America from its early days on the Bowery to its Second Avenue heyday. It includes rare footage of Second Avenue scenes of Yiddish plays; movies; and actors; Paul Muni, Celia Adler, and Molly Picon.

Rita Silverstein, wife of the documentary’s producer, and Sharon Lebewohl, Abe Lebewohl’s daughter, will introduce the film and discuss the efforts to save the sidewalk star plaques. Admission is free, but seating space is limited. Your attendance will indicate interest in preserving Yiddish culture in New York. **Reservations are required; RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/OZYiddishMay2018>.**



The Paradox of Pharaoh’s Heart: Free Will in Jewish Thought

Marc Ashley’s adult education course between Pesah and Shavuot

Last Class: Sunday, May 6, 10:00 am

The core Jewish principles of human free will and divine providence coexist in tension. Although we believe in our capacity to shape our own destinies, the traditional Jewish perspective of God’s intimate role in human affairs raises challenging questions. If God hardened Pharaoh’s heart and thereby deprived him of the free will to release the Israelite slaves or of the opportunity to perform repentance, did God act fairly in inflicting him with plagues? In the Torah’s depiction of God’s recurring intervention in history on both an individual and national scale, are human beings merely pawns in an unfolding divine drama? Please join the final session of Marc Ashley’s adult education class, “The Paradox of Pharaoh’s Heart: Free Will in Jewish Thought,” on Sunday, May 6 at 10 am in the Or Zarua library, for an intriguing discussion of these important issues. Even if you haven’t attended the prior sessions, you are welcome and encouraged to join the conversation.

OZ is on Facebook. Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/OrZarua/>

Say Yes! To Hessed Programs

Get involved through Or Zarua and help those in need

Do you have one morning to fight hunger?

Join OZ volunteers at the NY Common Pantry, the city's largest community-based food program. Or Zarua volunteers help with the distribution of nutritious, fresh food pantry packages for families the first Wednesday (9 am to noon) of every month and of supplemental food for seniors the third Monday (10 am to 1 pm) of each month (with adjustments for holidays). Upcoming Wednesday dates are June 6, July 11 (no July 4 date) and August 1 and upcoming Monday dates are June 18, July 16 and August 20. To sign up, or request info, please contact Lesley Palmer: lesleypalmer123@gmail.com. You can also donate non-perishable food items for the pantry at OZ, such as whole wheat pasta, canned soups, and beans. Collection bins are located in the social hall and the basement.

A Note of Thanks from Stacy Gonzalez Volunteer Associate New York Common Pantry

“Thank you so much for helping us distribute groceries to seniors today at New York Common Pantry. Because of your help we were able to help serve 169 seniors! I was told by the staff downstairs that this is the fastest we have ever finished senior grocery distribution! Thank you so much for all of your assistance today, I hope you can join us again in the future.”



Above: Or Zarua volunteers participated in Dorot's annual Passover package delivery for seniors on Sunday, March 18, bringing treats and companionship before the holiday.

The Hessed Committee will be meeting on Thursday morning June 7, 2018, 8:30 am in the library to start planning for next year's activities. If you are interested in the Hessed committee activities, please join us.

If you cannot join us, but would like to be involved, please contact Susan J. Lorin at lorin@sewkis.com or 212-717-4647

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 J. Lorin (lorin@sewkis.com).

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 and families in the South Bronx. 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.

Kiddush Celebration of Israel@70 With Bir'nana Shabbat, May 5



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. Members of the group are, from left to right: Aliza Kaplan, Susan March, Amy Bolton, Marcia Kalin, Vera Silver, Dore Hollander, Aaron Shelden, Terry Krulwich, Chris Miller, Alan Yaillen, and Peter Wolf Smith.

Bir'nana needs additional singers. If you love to sing (that's the only prerequisite!), Bir'nana would welcome you. Please contact Aliza Kaplan by email (aliza.kaplan@gmail.com).

Happier Together: A Community Conversation with Tal Ben-Shahar Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 7:00 pm



Want to know the secret to a happy life? Join Congregation Or Zarua, UJA, and 45 other Manhattan synagogues to hear from Israeli happiness expert, best-selling author, and Harvard's most popular professor, Tal Ben-Shahar.

He'll speak about the power of positive psychology, the joy of community, and his unique perspectives on Israel in honor of Israel@70.

Hosted at The Temple Emanu-El Strecker Center, 10 East 66th Street, New York City. Couvert: \$18. Your gift represents a charitable contribution to UJA-Federation of New York. To register, visit: ujafedny.org/HappierTogether.

The Or Zarua Social Hall is available to rent.

For information contact Helene Santo, 212-452-2310, ext. 14

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		1 May • 16 Iyar 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Context	2 May • 17 Iyar 7:15a Shaharit 9:00a NY Common Pantry 4:00p Hebrew School 7:30p Talmud Class Lag B'Omer begins this evening	3 May • 18 Iyar Lag B'Omer 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class	4 May • 19 Iyar 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:37p Candlelighting	5 May • 20 Iyar 9:00a Shaharit Emor 11:00a Torah Kids 11:00a Torah Tots 1:00p Bir'nana (after kiddush) 8:42p Shabbat Ends
6 • 21 Iyar 8:45a Shaharit 10:00a <i>Paradox of Pharaoh's Heart</i> with Marc Ashley 6:00p OZ Gallery Opening: <i>Major League Mensches</i> 7:30p Book Discussion: <i>Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel</i> <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	7 • 22 Iyar 7:15a Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:30p Teen Sushi & Study with Rabbi Bolton	8 • 23 Iyar 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Context	9 • 24 Iyar 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 7:30p Talmud Class (last day for this year)	10 • 25 Iyar 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class 7:00p OZ Library Open House with Barry Feldman	11 • 26 Iyar 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:43p Candlelighting	12 • 27 Iyar 9:00 am Shaharit Shabbat Hayaed Behar-Behukotai 10:30a Family Learning Experience 10:30a Shabbat & Me 10:30a Shabbat Buddies 8:49p Shabbat Ends
13 • 28 Iyar Yom Yerushalayim 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	14 • 29 Iyar 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a NY Common Pantry 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:30p Rock Ivrit	15 • 1 Sivan Rosh Hodesh 7:00a Shaharit	16 • 2 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 7:00p Talmudic Takes on Shavuot with Rabbi Mordecai Schwartz	17 • 3 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class (last day for this year)	18 • 4 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Minhah/Ma'ariv 5:15p Shavuot & Me 6:15p OZ Young Professionals Dinner 7:50p Candlelighting	19 • 5 Sivan Erev Shavuot 9:00a Shaharit/ Bemidbar 11:00a Torah Kids & Tots Light Candles after 8:51p 9:00p Ma'ariv, Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Panel, Dairy Desserts, Late Night Study 10:00p Teen & College Tikkun Leyl Shavuot
20 • 6 Sivan Shavuot First Day 9:00a Shaharit Light Candles after 8:52p <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	21 • 7 Sivan Shavuot Second Day 8:45a Shaharit Yizkor 9:04p Festival Ends <i>No Shalom Sing-A-Long</i> <i>No Hebrew School</i> <i>OZ Office Closed</i>	22 • 8 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit	23 • 9 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 7:00p Film Screening: Golden Age of Yiddish Theater (RSVP)	24 • 10 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit	25 • 11 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:57p Candlelighting	26 • 12 Sivan 9:00a Shaharit Naso 9:02p Shabbat Ends <i>No Youth Programming</i>
27 • 13 Sivan 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	28 • 14 Sivan Memorial Day 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Shalom Sing-A-Long</i> <i>No Hebrew School</i> <i>OZ Office Closed</i>	29 • 15 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit	30 • 16 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 6:30p OZ Annual Meeting Dinner 8:00p OZ Annual Meeting	31 • 17 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit		

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Above: Students continue to excel in t'filah, leading and participating with ru'ah. Right: 3rd-4th Grade students plant seeds in conclusion of their unit on and in celebration of Tu B'Shvat.

Parents, Children and All Members of the Or Zarua Community Join Us As We Celebrate Or Zarua's Youth on Shabbat HaYeled! Saturday, May 12

We will begin at 10:30 am with:
Shabbat & Me Saturday, 10:30 am

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, 10:30 am

For elementary school children & parents

Enrich your lives with monthly parent-child learning.

Shabbat Buddies, 10:30 am

For middle and high school students

Middle Schoolers pair up with High School buddies to develop skills and knowledge for participation on Shabbat!

Advanced sign up required.

After our programs, all families will proceed to the Sanctuary for the end of services when all children will be invited up to the bimah to lead the community in the concluding prayers.

Families will join the Congregation for a special kiddush celebrating all the youth of Or Zarua.

Parents, grandparents, and community members are invited to sponsor kiddush on Shabbat HaYeled to celebrate the accomplishments of their children and grandchildren and of all of our youth this year. Contact Deborah, dwenger@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310 x12, to celebrate your children with a kiddush sponsorship!



Sushi & Study with Rabbi Bolton Monday, May 7, 6:30 pm

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

Join us in May for

“The TEN COMMANDMENTS — A Leadership Guide”

We'll explore the famous collection of commandments that in our tradition we call “The Ten.”

We will also see where and when these commandments have come under attack in America.

Do we need more than “The Ten” as a guide for our lives? Less? Come explore.

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

Teen and College Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Saturday, May 19, approximately 10 pm (following the congregational tikkun)

Teens and College Students:

Join us for our annual Teen Tikkun for Shavuot!

Learn from your peers—our very own college students and high school seniors—about topics of their choosing.

If you are interested in teaching, contact Sigal (shirsch@orzarua.org).

Hebrew School Siyyum — Last Day Monday, June 4, 4:30 pm

All Hebrew School families are invited to join our students on Monday, June 4, at 4:30 pm for our end-of-year Siyyum ceremony!

We'll begin with t'filah at 4:30 pm, after which we'll have a special concluding program sharing and celebrating the accomplishments of the students this year.



Family Hangout Saturday, June 9, 1 pm

Enjoy the final day of Youth Programs before we break for the summer. Play games together, enjoy special snacks, and head to Central Park (weather permitting)!



Clockwise from top right: Families pack vegetables at our Spring Break NY Common Pantry Pack-A-Thon. Little ones fly to Israel with Captain Rabbi Bolton at Shabbat & Me Friday. Hebrew School Students learn about the seder at our special school-wide Pesah program.

CPR and AED Training at OZ Additional trained OZ members are welcome

Several members of Congregation Or Zarua are trained to perform CPR and to use an automated external defibrillator (AED). OZ maintains three AEDs in the synagogue building. These devices are located in alarmed cabinets in the back vestibule of the building on the first (Social Hall), second (Sanctuary), and sixth (Hebrew school) floors.

To ensure that we have a sufficient number of people skilled in CPR and the use of an AED, Or Zarua provides a training program to those who are able to learn the requirements and pass a practical exam. The training standards are those set by the American Heart Association. Each trained person must be recertified and tested every two years. Currently, Anthony Banfield, Ellen Hawa, Sigal Hirsch, Marcia Kalin, Eric Schmutter, Reed Schneider, Charlie Spielholz, and Deborah Wenger are trained in CPR and the use of an AED. In addition to CPR and AED skills, this group can help when someone is choking and in situations where EMTs need to rapidly enter and exit the building. If you suspect someone is not breathing, is choking, is having a heart attack, or some other emergency medical emergency call 911 and alert one of these trained people.

We would like to increase the number of OZ members who are certified to perform CPR and use the AED. If you would like to be trained, or if you have recently received training in an approved program that meets the standards of the American Heart Association, please contact Helene Santo (212-452-2310, ext 14).

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.



OZ Cemetery For Members and Their Families

The OZ section at Beth El Cemetery is located in Washington Township, NJ, 10 miles from the George Washington Bridge. The cemetery is well maintained, and its design provides a serene and beautiful final resting place that reflects the values of Congregation Or Zarua. Gravesites within the OZ section are available for sale to members of our congregation. Burial is limited to persons of the Jewish faith. For information concerning gravesites, contact Helene Santo at 212-452-2310, ext. 14.



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**First Night Shavuot
Programming at Or Zarua
Saturday, May 19, 9 pm**

**Ma'ariv
Tikkun Leyl Panel
Post-Panel Dairy Desserts
After Dessert: Late Night Tikkun
with Rabbi Bolton & Marc Ashley**

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MAY?JUNE 2018

Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 30

Dinner, 6:30 pm (Rooftop or Social Hall)

Meeting, 8:00 pm (Sanctuary)

During the meeting we will elect trustees and officers, review the Treasurer's Report and hear remarks from the Board President and Rabbi Bolton.

According to the By-Laws, a quorum is required to conduct synagogue business at our Annual Meeting. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Please make reservations for dinner and the meeting through your ChaverWeb account (<https://tinyurl.com/OZAnnualMeeting2018>) or by calling the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, ext 39, by Thursday, May 24.

Upcoming Events OZ's Young Professionals

**Friday, May 18, 6:15 pm
Shabbat Dinner**

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

Talmud & Siddur Class with Rabbi Bolton

Talmud Class: The Gates Are Unlocked: The Yom Kippur Experience in the Talmud

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, as shown on the OZ Calendar

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.

Siddur Class: The Torah Service

Thursdays, 8:40 am, as shown on the OZ Calendar

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.