

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

Friday, December 7

Candlelighting at 4:11 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat begins at 5:30 pm

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

Hanukkah Dinner at 6:30 pm (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, November 29. There are two ways to do this: call 212-452-2310, ext 39 or log into your Chaverweb account and select 2018-19 Hanukkah Dinner in the pull-down menu.



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 Or Zarua's musical experience and holiday celebrations. If you love to sing (that's the only prerequisite!), Bir'nana would welcome you. Please contact Aliza Kaplan (aliza.kaplan@gmail.com) with questions or to coordinate a visit during a rehearsal; 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: Tatiana Mross.*

**Celebrate the First Night of Hanukkah with Or Zarua  
Sunday, December 2, 6:30 pm, See Page 5**

## Seudah Shlishit Learning with Rabbi Bolton

### Do the Twelve Tribes Equal Jewish Pluralism?

Saturday, December 1  
Minhah begins at 3:30 pm  
followed by  
Seudah Shlishit & Ma'ariv

## Chaburah OZ Torah Study After Kiddush on Select Shabbatot

### November 17: Vayeitze with Evelyn Kenvin

Future sessions for this year include:

February 2: Rob Schaffer  
on Mishpatim

April 13 : Burt Biderman  
on Tzav

**Everyone is invited to attend.**

## Folk, Rock and More! A Concert with Mark Somerstein

Saturday night, December 15  
Havdalah 5:30 pm  
Concert Follows  
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# President's Message

by Diane Okrent



**E**tz hayim hi la-mahazikim bah, v'tom'kheha me'ushar. "It is a tree of life for those who grasp it and all who hold onto it are blessed" (Proverbs 3:18).

We chant these words each time we return the Torah scrolls to the ark. The Torah is our tree of life – the source of wisdom.

What an apt name for a synagogue! Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Congregation has been a source of Jewish life for more than 150 years. In 2010, the congregation merged with a much younger congregation, Or L'Simcha to form Tree of Life\*Or L'Simcha (light of joy and celebration). The building also houses the New Light Congregation.

The Tree of Life\*Or L'Simcha website describes a synagogue much like Or Zarua: "traditional, progressive and egalitarian" offering "a warm and welcoming environment where even the oldest Jewish traditions become relevant to the way our members live today."

This past Shabbat, those at Tree of Life\*Or L'Simcha in Pittsburgh were doing what we were doing at Or Zarua – gathering to pray and enjoy learning from the Torah. As we now know, the peace of Shabbat was shattered by the worst attack against the Jewish community in United States history.

We mourn with the members of Tree of Life\*Or L'Simcha and the entire American Jewish community. We resolve to reject anyone or any groups who feel emboldened and empowered to destroy those whose thoughts, looks and faith differ from theirs.

We pray that Tree of Life\*Or L'Simcha and the American Jewish community will find light at the end of the tunnel of these dark days. The best way for the Jewish community to dispel the darkness is for Jews everywhere to gather, as we do at Or Zarua, to learn, pray, participate and connect with one another.

A few weeks ago, we finished reading the Torah and we started all over again with Bereshit. In the very beginning of Bereshit, God's first creation is light. "And God said: 'Let there be light.' And there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness." (Genesis 1, 3-4) God is referred to as "light" and the Torah is "light." Light is essential to life and to our ability to see clearly.

As daylight fades earlier and earlier through mid-December, we seek light from many sources. Fortunately, true to our name,

Or Zarua (light is sown) provides much needed light to our community.

The light of learning glows at Or Zarua. The Hebrew School is now in full swing with 45 students from Kindergarten through 12th Grade. Our students are learning Hebrew, History, Torah, Talmud, Customs and Practices, and Jewish Life, as well as love of Israel, and Hesed. Our middle school and high school students are studying Hebrew language, and this semester, Jewish History. Nearly 20 students are studying with Rabbi Bolton at his monthly Sushi & Study classes.

Every Shabbat morning, we offer Torah Tots (Pre-K and younger) and Torah Kids (elementary school) programs, in addition to our monthly special Family Shabbat programs for children of all ages and their families.

Our adult education program has begun again, as well. On Mondays, members are studying Torah reading. On Tuesdays, Context class members are studying Song of Songs. On Wednesdays, members are studying Talmud. And, on Thursdays, members are studying Siddur.

Of course, on Shabbat we all study the weekly parasha and its application to our lives.

Hanukkah, our Festival of Lights, will bring more light to and from Or Zarua. Each night, December 2-9, we will light the menorah – both in our Sanctuary and in the window outside the Sanctuary. You will see our light from the street.

Before Hanukkah, we will collect gently used coats to bring light and warmth to needy seniors and children. And, we will send packages of food goodies and dreidels to our college students to share the light of Hanukkah with them and to brighten their final exam period.

During the evenings before Thanksgiving and Christmas, Or Zarua members will bring light and cheer to our neighbors by gleaning, packing and delivering food from Eli's and other local markets. The food will be delivered to Ronald McDonald House, Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter, and the South Bronx Salvation and Deliverance Church.

I invite you join us in these light-giving activities. We can only truly be a participatory congregation if you participate. Come and help us sow light in the winter darkness. Or Zarua latzadik Ul-yishrei leiv simcha – "Light is sown for the righteous and joy for the upright of heart."

B'Shalom!  
*Diane*

## OZ Gallery Goes Green(berg)

Son Steve, sportswriter Berkow remember baseball great at screening of film *The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg*

The game (Read: "Major League Mensches", the current exhibit in the OZ Gallery) is in the late innings and the fans (read: the people assembled at Or Zarua) were ready for one more big hit. And they got one!

Of course Hank Greenberg couldn't appear in person. (He played his last game in 1947 and died in 1986.) Rather, it was Hank's son Steve (on the right in photo) and award-winning sportswriter Ira Berkow who delivered, offering great personal insights and giving life to the cinema images of Greenberg in the film, *The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg*, screened at Or Zarua on Sunday, October 21. Steve Greenberg spoke of his father's warmth and humility and Berkow added insight into Greenberg's yiddishkeit, as well as his prodigious physical skills.

More than 100 people attended the screening, a turnout so large that the film had to be shown both in the OZ Library and in the OZ Gallery itself. Also attending

were the film's director, Aviva Kempner, and Jeff Aeder, whose collection of Jewish baseball memorabilia (the nation's largest) comprises almost all of the items on display in "Major League Mensches."

Mr. Aeder is also the founder of the online Jewish Baseball Museum. Special thanks to OZ Congregant Elaine Wolfensohn for inviting her friend Steve Greenberg to view the exhibition and share memories of his father and for sponsoring the event.

"Major League Mensches: Jewish Stars of Baseball" remains on display in the OZ Gallery through December.



Ira Berkow (left) and Steve Greenberg

## MERCAZ

2018 General Council Meeting at Or Zarua

Sunday, November 11, 1:00-4:00 pm

**Instilling Zionism  
in the Next Generation:  
Will Our Children Love Israel?**

### Program:

1:00 pm Registration & Lunch  
1:45 pm: 18 Year Old Israel Emissaries  
**Bringing the Spirit of Israel to our Kehillot**  
2:50 pm: Masorti on Campus  
**Engaging our College Students**  
4:00 pm: Business Meeting & Elections

### Registration:

The program is open to the public, but registration is required: Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/mercazOZNov2018>. Cost is \$36; lunch included. Register by November 2. Bring a photo ID.

**Visit our Website:**  
[www.mercazusa.org](http://www.mercazusa.org)

## Talmud & Siddur Classes with Rabbi Bolton

**Talmud Class, Wednesdays, 7:30–9:00 pm  
as noted in the OZ Calendar**



**Fasting, Praying, Planting, and Walking Through the Rain: Masekhet Ta'anit.** We will be studying Masekhet Ta'anit. In four chapters (30 pages), the Talmud explores ancient ideas about individual prayers, fasts, and communal practices to influence Heaven. Material addressed includes: prayers for rain, our relationship to the natural world (that is, rain, seasons, and agriculture), our power as "prayer-ers," and the Koheinic blessings that were performed in ancient days. A discussion of public fast days allows for a presentation and review of Jewish history. The Rabbis begin the discussion of which is more important: a focus on tragedies or a focus on moments of success and triumph? We will see some of the earliest material in the Talmud that deals with communal prayer, which, according to some scholarship, coalesced around public fast days that were declared for the purpose of beseeching God for communal needs. Join Rabbi Bolton on Wednesday evenings to explore this fascinating tractate.

**Siddur Class, Thursdays, 8:40–9:40 am  
as noted in the OZ Calendar**



**To the Finish Line: Prayers at the End of our Service.** Thursday mornings, the Siddur Class meets to explore the richness and depth of our liturgy and to consider the meanings we give to our Jewish prayers practices. Discussions center on the language of the prayerbook, as well as comparisons to siddur manuscripts throughout the Jewish ages. We also discuss the lived experience of prayer—how to engage, when it feels empty, infusing the minyan experience with meaning. Those wondering about how prayer life can be developed find as much a place around the table, as those whose interests lie in the Hebrew of the siddur and a historical look at our liturgy. Our focus this coming year will be the prayers at the end of our services. We will look again at Ashrei, and talk about psalms that have been included; the selection "U'va LTzion," with ideas of holiness and redemption at its core; and, Aleinu and Mourner's Kaddish. When are we ever done praying?! Come join the Siddur Class on Thursday mornings.

# Get Involved Through Or Zarua and Help Those in Need

“The Reward for Charity Depends Entirely Upon the Extent of the Kindness in it” -Talmud Bavli

## Hands on Tutoring with DREAM

DREAM, formerly Harlem RBI, is a youth development program that began as a baseball/softball program in East Harlem 26 years ago. DREAM now offers a charter school and an after-school program serving over 2,000 youth. The backbone of DREAM is its volunteers which are needed for two programs this fall:

1) 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.

2) College success mentors, a one year commitment to mentor a low-income student transitioning to college life. Communication for this commitment is mostly done by email and phone.

If you are interested in helping an under-performing student succeed, please contact Susan J. Lorin [hesed@orzarua.org](mailto:hesed@orzarua.org).

## OZ's Annual Coat Drive Begins November 1!

Help low income families and older adults in New York City by donating gently-used winter coats to OZ's Annual Coat Drive. All coat sizes are needed. Adult-sized coats will be donated to the Educational Alliance for their older adult population through Project ORE, a program for vulnerable and isolated older adults. The rest of the coats will be donated to New York Cares or a similar program. Donations will be accepted from November 1 to December 16; collection bins will be located in OZ Basement.

## Different Ways You Can Help the Hungry at NY Common Pantry

Did you know 1 in 5 New Yorkers is food insecure? We have three ways you can help:

1) Start your day off right and volunteer to help serve a hot breakfast at the NY Common Pantry, 8 East 109th Street on Tuesday, November 13, December 18, and/or January 15 from 7:00 to 9:00 am. Volunteers plate meals in the kitchen for 150 to 200 food insecure individuals. An OZ team did this in October and it was a great experience.

2) If the breakfast shift is too early for you, help with the packing and distribution of nutritious, fresh food pantry packages for families from 9 am to noon on Wednesday November 7, December 5, and/or January 9.

3) The Pantry's annual Thanksgiving food drive is underway. Please donate needed items by November 11: Canned Cranberry Sauce, Gravy (turkey preferred), Rice (1 lb), Corn Bread Mix, Stuffing Mix, Pasta (1 lb), Canned Beans, Dry Beans (1 lb), Juice (46oz cans/bottles), Shelf-stable Milk (1qt). Please, no glass jars. Donation bins located in the OZ social hall.

Contact Lesley Palmer at [hesed@orzarua.org](mailto:hesed@orzarua.org) to sign up or ask questions.

## Gleaning: Erev Thanksgiving and Erev Christmas

As in prior years, we need volunteers for Or Zarua's annual holiday gleaning projects—packing and delivering food donated by Eli Zabar—for our neighbors in need. This year's projects will take place on Erev Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 21, and Erev Christmas, Monday, December 24. Volunteers will pack up prepared foods, soups and baked goods at Eli's, 80th Street/Third Avenue, and the Eli's Essentials stores at 91st Street/Madison Avenue and at

87th Street/Lexington Avenue. The specific hours for each location will be confirmed soon. Donated food will be delivered by congregants to Ronald McDonald House on East 73rd Street (for families with children undergoing medical treatment), the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter residence on 81st Street, and the Salvation and Deliverance Church (on Marmion Avenue in the Bronx). Please contact Jeff Haberman at [jeff32449@verizon.net](mailto:jeff32449@verizon.net) or at 917-697-1677 for information or to sign up.

## 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](mailto:jeff32449@verizon.net), for information.

## Volunteer to Visit and Bring Cheer to Ill or Home-bound OZ Congregants

Volunteer to visit and bring cheer to ill or home-bound OZ Congregants. Contact Deborah Wenger: [dwenger@orzarua.org](mailto:dwenger@orzarua.org) or 212-452-2310, ext 12.

## 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 212-744-6697 or [stadin1@aol.com](mailto:stadin1@aol.com) to arrange for donations.

For more information about Hesed programs, contact Susan J. Lorin, Hesed Committee Chair, at [hesed@orzarua.org](mailto:hesed@orzarua.org).



**OZ's Gleaner's 2017.** This year our gleaning will take place on Wednesday, November 21 and Monday, December 24. Join us! Details above.



# Folk, Rock and More!

## Concert with Congregant Mark Somerstein

### Saturday night, December 15

### Havdalah 5:30 pm, Concert Follows

**C**ongregant Mark Somerstein is giving a Saturday night concert! Mark not only reads Torah; he also plays folk guitar, and beyond! Join us for havdalah followed by a concert of folk tunes, acoustic rock, a little Yiddish, and a tune or two that will make us laugh. Join the community for this concert, Saturday night, December 15, 5:30 pm beginning with a musical havdalah, nosh and drinks!

For middle and high school children there is a bowling night which begins after havdalah. For families with younger children, babysitting will be available; pizza will be available for children whose parents RSVP to Sigal Hirsch (shirsch@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 15). Both bowling night and babysitting will begin immediately after the havdalah ceremony (about an hour) so that parents may attend the concert.

#### 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 Sunday, December 2), please reply to Deborah Wenger (dwenger@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 12) by Tuesday, November 20, with your child's full name, complete school & email address, and cell phone number so that Rabbi Bolton can stay in touch.

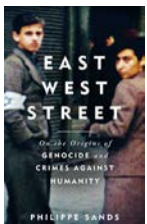
# Or Zarua Book Discussions

## East West Street: On the Origins of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity

by Philippe Sands

Sunday, December 9, 7:30 pm

To be led by Owen Pell



**L**aws for preventing genocide and crimes against humanity were driven by two Jews—Raphael Lemkin and Hersch Lauterpacht—who grew up at the same time in Lvov, Austria-Hungary. Philippe Sands' extraordinary book *East West Street* uses this coincidence to examine how justice came to be meted out to the Nazis who perpetrated the Holocaust. In a tale that reads like a detective story, Sands unearths the intertwined histories of these Jews from Lvov (including his own grandfather), and considers the legal principles born of this history.

—Owen Pell

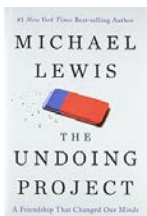
**O**wen Pell is an attorney at White & Case LLP. His work has included litigation seeking the return of art looted during the Holocaust. He is the Chairman of the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation, the largest NGO training government officials in the prevention of genocide and mass atrocity, having trained over 4,000 officials from over 80 nations in the last ten years.

## The Undoing Project: A Friendship That Changed Our Minds

by Michael Lewis

Sunday, January 27, 7:30 pm

To be led by Charlie Spielholz



**A**uthor Michael Lewis continues his study of market inefficiencies in his nonfiction work *The Undoing Project*. By exploring the research on heuristics in judgment and decision making processes performed by two Israeli academic psychologists, Daniel Kahneman and Amos Tversky, he enlightens readers about irrational and inefficient decision-making actions as understood by the tenets of behavioral economics. Unfortunately, these two Israeli psychologists show that we are not the logical creatures that we think of ourselves as being.

### Celebrate with Or Zarua on the First Night of Hanukkah

Sunday, December 2, 6:30 pm

OZ will provide the soft drinks, wine and jelly donuts and you will order your dinner from several options. Don't forget to bring your menorah; OZ will provide the candles!

**Details regarding reservations and menus will be available soon.**

## Or Zarua's Young Professionals

#### Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 9

6:00 pm Happy Hour

6:30 pm Shabbat Services

7:15 pm Shabbat Dinner

Early Bird Cost., Members: \$18

Early Bird Cost, Non Members: \$24

Late Cost, Members: \$25

Late Cost, Non Members: \$29

Early Bird RSVP: Sunday, November 4

RSVP online:

<https://tinyurl.com/YP-11-09-18>.

#### Hanukkah Events

Watch our Facebook page or contact OZ's Young Professionals for details

#### Shabbat Dinner

Friday, December 21

6:00 pm Happy Hour

6:30 pm Shabbat Services

7:15 pm Shabbat Dinner

Early Bird Cost., Members: \$18

Early Bird Cost, Non Members: \$24

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RSVP information will

be available soon.

For more details, follow our Facebook page (Or Zarua's Young Professionals). Contact OZ's Young Professionals via email: [OZYoungPros@gmail.com](mailto:OZYoungPros@gmail.com).



**Or Zarua's Young Professionals Hiking in the Mountains, October 2018**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 • 23 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class	2 • 24 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit 5:33p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p B'nei Mitzvah Cohort Shabbat Dinner	3 • 25 Heshvan 9:00a Shaharit <b>Haye Sarah</b> 11:00a Torah Tots 11:00a Torah Kids After Services: Pittsburgh Solidarity Shabbat Luncheon 6:28p Shabbat Ends
4 • 26 Heshvan <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	5 • 27 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:30p Rock Ivrit 7:00p Torah Reading Class	6 • 28 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Context	7 • 29 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit 9:00a NY Common Pantry 4:00p Hebrew School 7:30p Talmud Class	8 • 30 Heshvan <b>Rosh Hodesh</b> 7:00a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class	9 • 1 Kislev <b>Rosh Hodesh</b> 7:00a Shaharit 4:26p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00p OZYP Happy Hour 6:30p OZYP Shabbat Services 7:15p OZYP Shabbat Dinner	10 • 2 Kislev 9:00a Shaharit <b>Toledot</b> 10:30a Family Learning Experience 10:30a Shabbat & Me 10:30a Shabbat Buddies 12:30p Family Shabbat Lunch 5:20p Shabbat Ends
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<p><b>2 • 24 Kislev</b> <b>Erev Hanukkah</b> 8:45a Shaharit 10:00a <i>Crime &amp; the Kehillah: Accusation &amp; Response</i> with Barry Feldman 6:30p Order Your Own Hanukkah Dinner 8:00p Bir'nana Rehearsal Light 1 Candle at night</p>	<p><b>3 • 25 Kislev</b> <b>Hanukkah</b> 7:15a Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p Hebrew School Hanukkah Celebration 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:30p Rock Ivrit 7:00p Torah Reading Class Light 2 Candles at night</p>	<p><b>4 • 26 Kislev</b> <b>Hanukkah</b> 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Context Light 3 Candles at night</p>	<p><b>5 • 27 Kislev</b> <b>Hanukkah</b> 7:15a Shaharit 9:00a NY Common Pantry 4:00p Hebrew School 7:30p Talmud Class Light 4 Candles at night</p>	<p><b>6 • 28 Kislev</b> <b>Hanukkah</b> 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class Light 5 Candles at night</p>	<p><b>7 • 29 Kislev</b> <b>Hanukkah</b> 7:15a Shaharit Light 4 Candles before Shabbat 4:11p Candlelighting 5:30p Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15p Bir'nana performs in the sanctuary 6:30p Hanukkah Dinner (RSVP required)</p>	<p><b>8 • 30 Kislev</b> <b>Rosh Hodesh/Hanukkah</b> 9:00a Shaharit <b>Miketz</b> 11:00a Torah Tots 11:00a Torah Kids 5:08p Shabbat Ends 5:30p Family Hanukkah Havdalah Light 7 Candles at night</p>
<p><b>9 • 1 Tevet</b> <b>Rosh Hodesh/Hanukkah</b> 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Book Discussions: <i>East West Street</i> by Philippe Sands <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i> Light 8 Candles at night</p>	<p><b>10 • 2 Tevet</b> <b>Hanukkah</b>/7:15a Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 5:30p Sushi &amp; Study, Middle School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:30p Sushi &amp; Study, High School 6:45p Torah Reading Class</p>	<p><b>11 • 3 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Context</p>	<p><b>12 • 4 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 7:30p Talmud Class</p>	<p><b>13 • 5 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class</p>	<p><b>14 • 6 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit 4:11p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:00p Shabbat and Me and Young Family Dinner</p>	<p><b>15 • 7 Tevet</b> 9:00a Shaharit/<b>Vayigash</b> 11:00a Torah Tots 11:00a Torah Kids 5:10p Shabbat Ends 5:30p Musical Havdalah followed by Concert with Mark Somerstein and Middle &amp; High School Bowling Night</p>
<p><b>16 • 8 Tevet</b> 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>17 • 9 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:30p Rock Ivrit 6:45p Torah Reading Class</p>	<p><b>18 • 10 Tevet</b> <b>Tzom Asarah B'Tevet</b> <b>Fast of the 10th of Tevet</b> 5:41a Fast Begins 7:00a NY Common Pantry 7:15a Shaharit 5:02p Fast Ends 6:30p Context Make Up Day (if necessary)</p>	<p><b>19 • 11 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 7:30p Talmud Class</p>	<p><b>20 • 12 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class</p>	<p><b>21 • 13 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit 4:14p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00p OZYP Happy Hour 6:30p OZYP Shabbat Services 7:15p OZYP Shabbat Dinner</p>	<p><b>22 • 14 Tevet</b> 9:00a Shaharit <b>Vayehi</b> <i>No Shabbat Youth Programs</i> 5:12p Shabbat Ends</p>
<p><b>23 • 15 Tevet</b> 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>24 • 16 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit Evening, TBA: Christmas Gleaning <i>No Hebrew School</i></p>	<p><b>25 • 17 Tevet</b> 8:45a Shaharit <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>26 • 18 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit TBA: Family NYCP Pack-A-Thon <i>No Hebrew School</i> <i>No Talmud Class</i></p>	<p><b>27 • 19 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Siddur Class</i></p>	<p><b>28 • 20 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit 4:18p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p><b>29 • 21 Tevet</b> 9:00a Shaharit <b>Shemot</b> <i>No Shabbat Youth Programs</i> 5:17p Shabbat Ends</p>
<p><b>30 • 22 Tevet</b> 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i></p>	<p><b>31 • 23 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Hebrew School</i></p>	<p><b>1 • Jan 24 Tevet</b> 8:45a Shaharit <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>2 • Jan 25 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School <i>No Talmud Class</i></p>	<p><b>3 Jan • 26 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Siddur Class</i></p>	<p><b>4 Jan • 27 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit 4:24p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p><b>5 Jan • 28 Tevet</b> 9:00a Shaharit <b>Vaera</b> 10:30a Family Learning Experience 10:30a Shabbat &amp; Me 10:30a Shabbat Buddies 12:30p Family Shabbat Lunch 5:22p Shabbat Ends</p>



**Above:** On Columbus Day, Families made Thanksgiving cards for older adults of DOROT.



**For information about Youth Education and Programming contact Sigal Hirsch, Director, at [shirsch@orzarua.org](mailto:shirsch@orzarua.org) or 212-452-2310, ext 15.**

# Celebrate Shabbat with Or L'Atid

## Family Shabbat

**Saturday, November 10 and December 1**

Youth and family programs begin at 10:30am

**Shabbat & Me** (Pre-K and younger)

**Family Learning Experience** (Elementary School and parents)

**Shabbat Buddies** (Middle School and High School)

After services, join us for **Shabbat Lunch!** RSVP to Sigal at: [shirsch@orzarua.org](mailto:shirsch@orzarua.org) or 212-452-2310, ext 15.

## Family Shabbat Dinner

**Friday, November 16, 6:30 pm**

Families with children, from infants to teens, join us on November 16 for our first Family Shabbat Dinner of the year. Celebrate Shabbat with family and friends and a delicious meal! Sign up on Chaverweb.

## Shabbat & Me and Young Family Shabbat Dinner

**Friday, December 14, 5:00 pm**

Usher in Shabbat with Shabbat & Me Friday!

Welcome Shabbat together with

songs, stories, simple prayers, and activities.

For families with children from birth through age 6.

Older siblings welcome. Light dinner to follow. \$18 per family.

Registration required; sign up on Chaverweb.





**B'nei Mitzvah Cohort  
Shabbat Dinner**  
Friday, November 2, 6:30 pm

Families of the 2nd Cohort of our new B'nei Mitzvah program are invited to join us for Shabbat dinner!

**Kaballat Shabbat and Ma'ariv begin at 5:30 pm, with dinner to follow.**

RSVP to Sigal:  
shirsch@orzarua.org  
or 212-452-2310, ext 15.

**Serve Lunch at  
Project ORE**

Monday, November 12  
11:00 am – 1:00 pm  
**Manny Cantor Center**  
197 East Broadway

Join us to serve lunch to the older adults of Project ORE. We are looking for 10 people in total (kids & adults). First come, first serve (pun intended!), so be sure to sign up if you'd like to participate. RSVP to Miriam Quart: miriamquart@aol.com.



**Middle & High School  
Bowling Night**

Saturday, December 15  
Havdalah at OZ at 5:30 pm  
Followed by Bowling

Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers are invited for a fun night of bowling out in NYC! Details to follow.

**Hebrew School Hanukkah Celebration**  
Monday, December 3, 5:00 pm

Parents and siblings are invited to our schoolwide elementary school Hanukkah celebration.

**Family Hanukkah Havdalah**  
Saturday, December 8, 5:30 pm



**Pages 8 and 9:** Kids of all ages and parents had a great time celebrating Sukkot with Or L'Atid! Our Hebrew School Family Dinner, Sushi & Study with Rabbi Bolton, Sukkah Sleepover and more were all a great success!



# 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](mailto:hsanto@orzarua.org) or 212-452-2310, ext 14.

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.



# Join Or Zarua for Daily Minyan



**Minyan Trivia:** At Or Zarua we say the *Psalm of the Day* aloud. The reason we do this is not because of a minhag or a Talmudic decision. It is because the Minyan Committee decided that saying the *Psalm of the Day* aloud each morning would help increase our Hebrew-speaking skills and literacy.

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 Or Zarua start at 7:15 am on weekday mornings, 8:45 am on Sundays, and 7:00 am on Hol Hamoed and Rosh Hodesh.

## Jews and Christians Read the Song of Songs

With Robert Harris, PhD

JTS Context Class at Or Zarua

Six Tuesdays beginning November 6, 6:30 pm



**O**ur next JTS Context class is a six-session course presented by Dr. Robert A. Harris, associate professor of Bible and Ancient

Semitic Languages at JTS. Dr. Harris teaches courses in biblical literature and commentary, particularly medieval Jewish biblical exegesis.

This course will explore how the meaning of *Song of Songs* developed from ancient love poems into a time-honored allegory - essentially shared by both rabbinic sages of the Talmud and the fathers of the Church and then how medieval sages came to understand the book not only as an allegory of the love God has for the people of Israel (or, in Christianity, the love of God for "His Church"), but also as a poetic narrative

about the erotic love between a young couple in biblical days. In particular, we will see how reading this biblical book according to its peshat, or contextual meaning, allowed "the voice of the woman" to emerge as a narrator of this poetic composition. Finally, we will examine how a variety of other interpretations (Jewish kabbalah as well as Christian mysticism) re-allegorize the Song into a kind of "radical midrash."

The course meets in the OZ library and begins on November 6 (see the OZ calendar); tuition is \$325. This reading-intensive seminar is designed for graduates of the Me'ah or Context two-year program or for those with similar Jewish learning backgrounds. If you are uncertain whether the course is right for you or for more information regarding registering, please contact Lynn Feinman at 212-678-8821 or lyfeinman@jtsa.edu.

**Or Zarua's 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 and aesthetics 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 gravesite purchases, contact Helene Santo at 212-452-2310, ext. 14.

### Save The Date

#### The Annual Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture

**Christine Hayes, PhD**  
**Robert F. & Patricia Ross Weis**  
**Professor of Religious Studies**  
**Yale University**

**Thursday, February 7, 2019**

### Sponsor Kiddush or Minyan Breakfast

The custom of sponsoring a kiddush or a minyan breakfast 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 or morning minyan experience. Contact Deborah Wenger (212-452-2310, ext 12) for details.

## Helping Or Zarua

**O**r Zarua is a vibrant community, and all communities need their members. Here are some quick and easy ways to help:

Choose to **pay via ACH** when using Chaverweb. This is a direct debit from your checking account. It saves OZ the higher credit card transaction fees.

Still want to pay via credit card? Choose to **include the transaction fee** in your payment! It covers that transaction fee so the entire payment comes to OZ.

Start your **shopping at Amazon Smile!** Go to **smile.amazon.com** when you shop on Amazon and choose Or Zarua as your beneficiary. Then shop as usual. OZ earns a percentage of every eligible purchase.

**Sponsor a lecture!** Our T'shuvah and Lucy Dawidowicz Lectures are important features of OZ programming. You can sponsor a portion, one, or both! Sponsorship defrays the costs of these wonderful events. Please contact Rabbi Bolton or Helene Santo for information.

**Stuff envelopes!** We send out mailings. You can come in and stuff envelopes or fold newsletters. It gets mailings out in a quick and efficient manner and requires only a few minutes of dedication. Contact Helene Santo for more information.

### Would you like to Learn to Leyn or Lead Services at Or Zarua?

If so, contact Mark Somerstein by calling the synagogue office:  
212-452-2310, ext 12.



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**“More than the Jewish People has kept Shabbat,  
Shabbat has kept the Jewish People.”—Ahad HaAm**

### **Together With Pittsburgh Solidarity Shabbat Luncheon Saturday, November 3, 2018, after services**

After Shabbat services join with the community for a sit-down lunch sponsored by Betsy and Ira Dizengoff. All OZ members are welcome; appropriate children's space and food will be provided. No charge, but RSVP to Helene Santo (hsanto@orzarua.org) so we can plan.

We will gather this Shabbat in even greater numbers and with deeper intentionality. Our Shabbat celebration will be to affirm the Jewish People's eternal presence, and to echo the American values espoused by our first President, George Washington,

**“To bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance.”**

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018

## **Crime and the Kehillah: Accusation and Response**

### **Jewish History with Barry Feldman**

Sundays: November 11 & 18 and December 2, 10:00 am–12:00 pm (note change in dates)



**T**his November, Or Zarua Congregant Barry Feldman will be completing his four-session course covering the history of the Kehillah.

In 1906, New York City Police Commissioner Theodore Bingham asserted that half the city's criminals were Jews. Although a widespread backlash forced Bingham to issue a retraction, Bingham's message was loud and clear. New York's Jewish population was considered a menace to more "polite" [that is, "native"] New York society. The Jewish response was the New York Kehillah: an attempt to organize communal activities under a single umbrella and present a united productive image of Jews as New Yorkers and Americans.

How was the Kehillah organized? Who were the leaders? What challenges did it face? Did it meet expectations? Using primary documents to spark discussion,

this class will examine the successes and challenges of the Kehillah.

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, Jewish Harlem, and other New York neighborhoods. He has been teaching at OZ since 2014.



**Each year, OZ Congregant Barry Feldman teaches a four-session class on NYC Jewish history.** Past classes have included “*Machlokis, Tzuris & Achdus: Disputes, Troubles, and Unity During the Iconic Period of Jewish Settlement in NYC*” and “*Life in the Streets on the Lower East Side During the Iconic Period of Immigration and Settlement.*” The class attracts up to 30 people per session. 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 continue to study NYC Jewish history with Barry.