

The Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture The “Truth” About Torah with Christine Hayes, PhD Thursday, February 7, 7:30 pm



Jews have traditionally believed that the written Torah is of divine status and conveys eternal truth borne of God’s revelation at Mount Sinai. Yet the history of that traditional belief in the divinity of the Torah is complex and illuminating, both within Judaism and in the context of Jewish interaction with the outside world. When and why did some ancient

Jews begin to think of the Torah as conveying a single divine “truth,” and when and why did other ancient Jews resist this new way of thinking? What was at stake in the truth wars of Jewish antiquity, and what lessons can be drawn for the truth wars of our own time?

This year’s Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture will feature Christine Hayes, PhD, Robert F. & Patricia Ross Weis Professor of Religious Studies in Classical Judaica at Yale University. Professor Hayes, a first-rate scholar of ancient Judaism who specializes in Talmudic and midrashic studies, will trace the evolution of scriptural and legal authority in Jewish intellectual history. She will show that the Talmudic rabbis construed divine law in ways that would forever distinguish classical Judaism from Hellenistic and Christian conceptions, in an ancient debate that continues to shape and inform the foundations of Western thought.

Professor Hayes’s most recent book, *What’s Divine about Divine Law? Early Perspectives*, received the 2015 National Jewish Book Award in Scholarship, a 2016 PROSE award in Theology and Religious Studies from the American Publishers Association, and a 2016 Jordan Schnitzer Award from the Association of Jewish Studies. Her other scholarly monographs are *Between the Babylonian and Palestinian Talmuds* (winner of the 1997 Salo Baron prize for a first book in Jewish thought and literature) and *Gentile Impurities and Jewish Identities* (2003 National Jewish Book Award finalist). She has authored two introductory volumes (*The Emergence of Judaism* and *Introduction to the Bible*), and her edited works include *Jewish Law and Its Interactions with Other Legal Systems* (2014), the *Cambridge Companion to Judaism and Law* (2017), and *Classic Essays in Rabbinic Culture and History* (2018). Prior to her current position at Yale, she held a faculty position at Princeton, has had visiting faculty positions at Tel Aviv University Law School and the University of Pennsylvania law school, and was a 2018 fellow at the Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. She is a fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute and President of the Association for Jewish Studies.

Don’t miss what will surely be a fascinating and stimulating lecture by a preeminent Jewish studies professor, given in honor of Lucy Dawidowicz, z”l, world-renowned Jewish historian and beloved former Or Zarua member.

—Marc Ashley

New Exhibition at the OZ Gallery The Fabric of Survival: The Art of Esther Nisenthal Krinitz January 26 to May 27

In 1942, fifteen-year-old Esther Nisenthal was living with her family in the village of Mniszek in Poland. On a clear October day, the Nazis ordered them along with all of the other Jews of the town to report to a nearby train station for “relocation.” Esther and her thirteen-year-old sister broke away from the rest of the villagers and ran to find a place to hide. Turned away by friends and neighbors, the sisters assumed new names and evaded the Gestapo by pretending to be Catholic farm girls. With courage and stealth, they survived the war years but never saw their family again.

After the war, Esther married a fellow survivor and moved to the United States. She and her husband, Max Krinitz, had two daughters.




Road to Krasnik, one of the 36 fabric panels created by Esther Nisenthal Krinitz. Two additional examples are shown on page 12.

At the age of 50, Esther Krinitz began creating works of art using fabric and yarns to share her story of enduring the Holocaust. Trained as a dressmaker, she used those skills to create 36 fabric panels filled with vivid details and rendered with a sense of folk-like realism. Meticulously stitched words beneath each composition provide the

narrative of her precarious existence.

The combined effect of several pastoral landscapes with wartime terror creates a moving encounter with the personal experiences of two young girls who evaded capture in Poland.

The Fabric of Survival is a traveling exhibition circulated by Art and Remembrance. It is composed of high-quality photographic reproductions of the original fabric work of Esther Krinitz. The show will be in the OZ Gallery from January 26 through May 27, and we are planning to have a special evening program showing the documentary film about Esther’s work, *Through the Eye of the Needle*, followed by a discussion with the daughters of the artist.



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President's Message

by Diane Okrent



This is the season of new beginnings. Although the Jewish New Year started a few months ago, the secular new year affords us another opportunity to start anew.

This week we began the next book of the Torah – Shemot (Exodus) taking us from the birth of Moses to the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. This is the story of our peoplehood. According to Nahum Sarna in the introduction to his book, *Exploring Exodus*, “It is no wonder that Exodus is the pivotal event in the Bible, and that the experiences connected with it – the slavery of the Israelites, their liberation from Egypt, the covenant between God and His people at Sinai, and the journey in the wilderness toward the Promised Land – all constitute the dominant motif of the Scriptures in one form or another.” The exodus from Egypt and God’s role in delivering our people from slavery to freedom are recurrent themes in the Torah and in many of our prayers. Our people’s experience informs our ethics, e.g., “You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the feelings of the stranger, having yourselves been strangers in the land of Egypt.” (Exodus 23:9) We are enjoined never to forget from whence we came as we journey forward.

This is also the season to remember a new beginning that occurred 30 years ago. This month we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of Congregation Or Zarua. On January 28, 1989, Congregation Or Zarua held its first Shabbat morning service. The small group of pioneers who gathered in the 2nd Floor Chapel of The 92nd Street Y had no idea where that service would lead them – and us.

The founders were committed to creating a new synagogue on the Upper East Side dedicated to teachings in Pirke Avot: *Al sh'losha devarim ha'olam omeid: Al ha'Torah, v'al ha-avodah v'al gemilut hasadim.* The world stands on three things: On the Torah, on divine service and on deeds of loving-kindness.

Among our founding principles were to be traditional in our service, including the complete Torah reading each Shabbat; to be participatory in our lay-led services; and, to be completely egalitarian where women could participate equally with men.

We are still committed to those same principles. And, they have played out in ways few could have anticipated in 1989.

Certainly, women have learned to read Torah, Haftorah, and to lead services. And men, too, have studied and gained those skills. We have educated our children to read and lead. And, we continue to do so.

In 1989, other than Shabbat and holiday services, Or Zarua only had a Talmud class. That was it. No building, no Hebrew School, no other classes or events. Rented space and borrowed Torah scrolls.

Over the past 30 years, the founders and those who have gathered around them, built a synagogue community that continues the dedication to Torah – learning for adults and children; religious services – daily, Shabbat and Yom Tov; myriad programs – from our Book Club, Art Exhibits, Hesed activities, Hevra Kadisha and Bikkur Holim to Shabbat dinners, Shabbatons, Holiday gatherings, Lectures, and Israel programs.

We at Or Zarua learn together, pray together, participate and connect with one another and the community. Our celebration of our 30th Anniversary Year will continue that tradition.

Shabbat is always special at Or Zarua but the next few will be particularly engaging. After services and Kiddush on January 5, two of our college students will discuss the Israel advocacy programs on their respective campuses.

On January 12, Bir'nana, our a capella group, will bring joy and song to the 80th Street Residence.

After Kiddush on January 19, we will celebrate Shabbat Shirah by studying Jewish music with our own Marc Ashley.

After Shabbat services on Saturday, January 26, we will begin our 30th Birthday celebrations with a special Kiddush!

Rabbi Wechsler will speak at Shabbat services on February 2 about the founding of Or Zarua.

And, on Thursday, February 7 we will celebrate with the annual Lucy Dawidowicz lecture. Christine Hayes, Robert F. and Patricia Ross Weis Professor of Religious Studies at Yale University, will speak. Her talk will be followed by a champagne reception.

We have grown beautifully over the past 30 years and hope to continue for many years to come. Our future growth depends on contributions from our members – contributions of time, money and ideas. Please give generously.

We are all founders of Or Zarua's future. May we continue to be a light in our own community and beyond.

With best wishes for the start of a wonderful 2019.

Diane

Keshet Israel: Connect with Israel Israel Advocacy on Campus

with Sarah Berkowitz

CAMERA (Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America) Fellow,
Brandeis University

and Micaela Raviv,

President of Brown Students for Israel and StandWithUs Emerson Fellow,
Brown University

Saturday, January 5, following Kiddush

On Sunday, June 3, 2018, close to ninety OZ Congregants marched in support of Israel at the Celebrate Israel Parade, doubling the size of our contingent from the previous year. It truly was a joyous communal event, which brought together all ages—Or L'Atid students and their families, young professionals, and adults.

Continuing in this spirit, OZ will be offering a series of programs throughout the year that will deepen our connection with Israel and, we hope, will inspire, educate, and engage others to support Israel. This programming is called Keshet Israel. The Hebrew word “keshet” means linkage or connection, and hints at connecting Jewish people to their heritage and to one another.

Our first program, Israel Advocacy on Campus, will take place Saturday, January 5, following Kiddush. Join us in the social hall after services, families included, for Israeli food and treats, followed by a program led by two of our own OZ Congregants, Sarah Berkowitz and Micaela Raviv, who are college students leading Israel advocacy on their respective college campuses. They will share their efforts in engaging other students in advocating for Israel.

It is so important to be aware of the anti-Semitism and anti-Israel sentiment on campus and to support our next generation who are facing these challenges. Please attend!

Organized games will be provided for younger children on the fourth floor in the Library.

Save the dates for some of our future Keshet Israel programs:

March 30, 2019

Talia Tzour Avner, Chief Israel Emissary, JNF-KKL (Jewish National Fund, Keren Kayemet L'Yisrael)

Talia Tzour Avner fosters a close connection among the American Jewish community, the Israeli people, and KKL and JNF operations. With more than 25 years of JNF service, Ms. Tzour-Avner oversees the task forces focused on water solutions and cutting-edge development of Israel's Arava region.

May 8, 2019

**Honor Israel Independence Day
Movie: Above and Beyond**

In 1948, a group of American World War II pilots volunteered to fight for Israel in the War of Independence. This ragtag band of volunteers from abroad not only turned the tide of the war, preventing the possible annihilation of Israel at the very moment of its birth; it also laid the groundwork for the Israeli Air Force. *Above and Beyond* is their story.

June 2, 2019

55th Annual Celebrate Israel Parade

Celebrate Israel's 71st birthday and all of her achievements. Join Or Zaru'a's contingent and march proudly behind our banner along Fifth Avenue among 40,000 other marchers representing various American Jewish organizations.



Shabbat Shirah Saturday, January 19

This year we're making our own music! Rabbi Bolton will highlight musical traditions in his sermon.

After kiddush Marc Ashley will lead us in a special Chaburah. His study session will focus on the *Song of the Sea* in the rabbinic imagination, and on the significance and choreography of this majestic first song in the Torah.

Or Zaru'a turns 30!

**Birthday Kiddush
Saturday, January 26,
After Services**

**Musical Havdalah & Jazz Set
with OZ Congregant
Michael Schwartz
on keyboard.
Nosh & Drinks.
Saturday night, 6:00 pm**

Chaburah OZ Torah Study After Kiddush on Select Shabbatot

**January 19: Marc Ashley
Song of the Sea**

**February 2: Rob Schaffer
The Laws of Mishpatim**

**April 13: Burt Biderman
Tzav**

Everyone is invited to attend.

**Minhah, Seudah Shilshit,
Learning with Rabbi Bolton,
Ma'ariv**

**Saturday, February 23
4:30 pm**

Save The Date: Book Talk

***In Good Faith*
with the author Scott Shay**

**Saturday, March 9
After Kiddush**

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

Visit Seniors with DOROT

DOROT’s annual Winter Package Delivery is Sunday, February 3. OZ volunteers will visit DOROT seniors with bags of goodies. We need four families and adults. Children must be at least five years old. The program orientation will begin at 10:30 am at DOROT, 171 West 85th Street. To register or for questions, please contact Miriam Quart at hesed@orzarua.org.

Help the Hungry at NY Common Pantry

Did you know that one in five New Yorkers is food insecure? We have three ways you can help:

1) Start your day off right and help serve a hot breakfast at NY Common Pantry, 8 East 109th Street on Tuesday, January 15, February 19, or March 19 from 7:00 to 9:30 am. Volunteers plate meals in the kitchen for 150 food-insecure individuals.

2) Help with the packing and distribution of nutritious, fresh food packages for families from 9 am to noon on Wednesday, February 6 or March 6.

3) Donate non-perishable packaged food items in the bins in the OZ Social Hall.

Contact Lesley Palmer at hesed@orzarua.org to sign up or ask questions.

Join 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 third and fourth Mondays of each month. Contact Jeffrey Haberman at jeff32449@verizon.net, for information.

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:

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, contact Susan J. Lorin at hesed@orzarua.org.

The Hesed Committee will meet on Friday, January 25, 8:30 am in the Or Zarua library.

We will discuss our current projects and begin planning this year’s activities. If you are interested, please join us. If you cannot join us, but would like to be involved, please contact Susan J. Lorin at hesed@orzarua.org or 212-717-4647.

Help OZ Congregants in Need

Volunteer to visit and bring cheer to ill or homebound OZ Congregants. Contact Deborah Wenger: dwenger@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 12.

Help South Bronx Residents

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 include housekeepers caring for their own local needy. Contact Richard Stadin

at 212-744-6697 or stadin1@aol.com to arrange for donations.



Photos: Some of the OZ Congregants who gleaned for the holidays at Eli’s, Eli’s Essentials, & Whole Foods.



OZ Super Bowl Party: Tzedakah Support for Project ORE Sunday, February 3, 5:00 pm

OZ members and their guests are invited to our 17th Annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 3, beginning at 5:00 pm with Minhah.

At the OZ Super Bowl Party, you can view the game on a large screen HDTV while socializing with your friends in a family friendly atmosphere. Great kosher food will be served, including wings, ribs and chili from Dougie’s BBQ, sushi, dessert and much more. RSVP is necessary; please make reservations at 212-452-2310, ext 39, or email dwenger@orzarua.org, by noon on Tuesday, January 29. *Please be aware that for security purposes, only OZ members (and their guests) who have pre-registered and are on the security guard’s list will be admitted.*

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. Our designated organization 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.

To learn more about Project ORE and the people who directly benefit from its programs, use these links: <https://vimeo.com/88288247> <https://vimeo.com/194869758>.

OZ holds an annual Purim celebration with Project ORE. Details to be announced soon.

The OZ Super Bowl party is sponsored by Sheldon and Marcel Adler in memory of Sheldon’s parents.

Or Zarua Book Discussions

The Undoing Project: A Friendship That Changed Our Minds
by Michael Lewis

Sunday, January 27, 7:30 pm

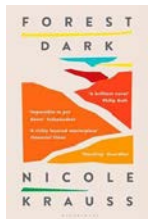
To be led by Charlie Spielholz



Analysis of data in the “hard sciences” has produced durable results that allow us to make informed decisions. For example, biomedical research has produced effective therapeutics that alter the course of deadly diseases. Twenty-year rolling-averages of heating degree-day and length of growing season data have clearly demonstrated the impact of climate change. But what about events and processes that require a good decision but are significantly influenced by the vagaries of human actions and behaviors? What effect does our “humanness,” which is not necessarily rational, have on subjects and events that cannot be easily analyzed by “gold standard” approaches of controlled experiments and number crunching?

In his book *The Undoing Project*, Michael Lewis continues his study of market inefficiencies. Focusing on the work of two Israeli academic psychologists, Daniel Kahneman and Amos Tversky, Mr. Lewis explores research on human judgment and decision-making processes. A key goal is to understand how irrational and inefficient decision-making actions of humans affect economics and how we might make useful predictions about markets and the economy with this knowledge. Please join us.

-Charlie Spielholz



Forest Dark by Nicole Krauss

Sunday, March 24, 7:30 pm;

To be led by Pat Davidson

Jules Epstein, a wealthy retiree, is missing in Tel Aviv. In NYC, novelist Nicole, with a dead-end life, travels to the Hilton Tel Aviv where she and her family have visited frequently. She learns of a man who died there which provides the impetus to write her next novel.

Shabbat Dinner

with NYC USY Alumni and
Or Zarua Young Professionals

WHEN: 1/25 at 6 P.M.

WHERE: Congregation
Or Zarua
127 E 82nd St.
New York, NY

RSVP:
www.uscj.org/event/nycusyalumni
\$18 until January 15th

Includes happy hour
before services



Questions?

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Alumni

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 directly via email: OZYoungPros@gmail.com.

Talmud & Siddur Classes with Rabbi Bolton

Talmud Class for 5779
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 “pray-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 for 5779
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 and 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 L'Tzion,” 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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 • 24 Tevet New Year's Day 8:45a Shaharit <i>Office Closed</i>	2 • 25 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School <i>No Talmud Class</i>	3 • 26 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Siddur Class</i>	4 • 27 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 4:24p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	5 • 28 Tevet 9:00a Shaharit Vaera 10:30a Family Shabbat 10:30a Shabbat & Me 10:30a Shabbat Buddies 12:30p Family Kiddush, Israel Advocacy on Campus, Choosing College 5:22p Shabbat Ends
6 • 29 Tevet 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	7 • 1 Shevat Rosh Hodesh 7:00a Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 5:30p Sushi & Study, Middle School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:30p Sushi & Study, High School	8 • 2 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit	9 • 3 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 9:00a NY Common Pantry 4:00p Hebrew School 7:30p Talmud Class	10 • 4 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class	11 • 5 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 4:31p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	12 • 6 Shevat Bat Mitzvah: Chloe Hershkowitz 9:00a Shaharit Bo 11:00a Torah Tots 11:00a Torah Kids 5:29p Shabbat Ends
13 • 7 Shevat 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	14 • 8 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:00p NCS (Hesed)	15 • 9 Shevat 7:00a NY Common Pantry 7:15a Shaharit	16 • 10 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 7:30p Talmud Class	17 • 11 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class	18 • 12 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 4:39p Candlelighting Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv	19 • 13 Shevat Shabbat Shirah 9:00 am Shaharit Beshalah 11:00a Torah Tot 11:00a Torah Kids 1:00p Chaburah: Post- Kiddush Torah Study 5:37p Shabbat Ends
20 • 14 Shevat 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal Erev Tu B'Shevat	21 • 15 Shevat Tu B'Shevat Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 7:15a Shaharit TBA: Family Hesed Event 6:00p NCS (Hesed) <i>No Hebrew School</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	22 • 16 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit	23 • 17 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 7:30p Talmud Class	24 • 18 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class	25 • 19 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 8:30a Hesed Committee Meeting 4:47p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00p OZYP Happy Hour 6:30p OZYP Shabbat Services 7:15p OZYP Shabbat Dinner	26 • 20 Shevat Bat Mitzvah: Elle Taylor 9:00a Shaharit/ Yitro 11:00a Torah Tots & Kids After Services: OZ's 30th Birthday Kiddush 5:43p Shabbat Ends 6:00p Havdalah & Jazz
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3 • 28 Shevat 8:45a Shaharit 10:30a Dorot Package Delivery 5:00p OZ Super Bowl Party: Tzedakah Support for Project ORE <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	4 • 29 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 5:30p Sushi & Study, Middle School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:30p Sushi & Study, High School	5 • 30 Shevat Rosh Hodesh 7:00a Shaharit	6 • 1 Adar I Rosh Hodesh 7:00a Shaharit 9:00a NY Common Pantry 4:00p Hebrew School 7:30p Talmud Class	7 • 2 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class 7:30p Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture: <i>The "Truth" About Torah</i> with Christine Hayes, PhD	8 • 3 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit 5:04p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:00p Shabbat and Me and Young Family Dinner	9 • 4 Adar I Bat Mitzvah: Callie Gardner 9:00a Shaharit Terumah 11:00a Torah Tots 11:00a Torah Kids 6:00p Shabbat Ends
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17 • 12 Adar I 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	18 • 13 Adar I Presidents' Day 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Bar Mitzvah: Raphael Katz 6:00p NCS (Hesed) <i>No Hebrew School</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	19 • 14 Adar I Purim Katan 7:00a NY Common Pantry 7:15a Shaharit <i>Office Closed</i>	20 • 15 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Hebrew School</i> 7:30p Talmud Class	21 • 16 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class	22 • 17 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit 5:21p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	23 • 18 Adar I 9:00a Shaharit Ki Tissa <i>No Shabbat Youth Programs</i> 4:30p Minhah/Seudah Shilshit & Learning with Rabbi Bolton/Ma'ariv 6:16p Shabbat Ends
24 • 19 Adar I 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	25 • 20 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:00p NCS (Hesed)	26 • 21 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit	27 • 22 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 7:30p Talmud Class	28 • 23 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class	1 March • 24 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit 5:29p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	2 March • 25 Adar I Shabbat Shekalim 9:00a Shaharit Vayakhel 10:30a Family Learning Experience 10:30a Shabbat & Me 10:30a Shabbat Buddies 12:30p Family Shabbat Lunch 6:24p Shabbat Ends



Celebrate Shabbat with Or L'Atid Family Shabbat

Saturdays, January 5 and February 2

Youth and family programs begin at 10:30 am

Shabbat & Me (Pre-K and younger)

Family Learning Experience (Elementary School and parents)

Shabbat Buddies (Middle School and High School)

Two Programs: Israel Advocacy

College Panel for High Schoolers Saturday, January 5, after services

Join us for a special Israeli Kiddush, followed by a presentation featuring two of our own OZ college students. Sarah Berkowitz and Micaela Raviv, who lead Israel advocacy groups at Brandeis University and Brown University, respectively, will discuss their on-campus experiences. This program is open to the entire community; younger children are invited to hang out and play games while older children and parents attend the panel.

Following the presentation, at about 1:45 pm, High School students are invited to an informal gathering with more of our OZ college students. Hear about their experiences in college, and ask them "How Did You Choose?"

Community Kiddush and Family Hangout Saturday, February 2, after services

Families are invited to join the community for kiddush, with a special treat!

After kiddush, hang out and play games with other families.

For information about Youth Education and Programming contact Sigal Hirsch, Director, at shirsch@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 15.



Above: Kids of all ages and adults had a blast as we celebrated Hanukkah together with story time, Havdalah, candle lighting and dinner. Then, while our Middle Schoolers headed out for a fun night on the town, the rest of the group made olive oil, which we lit in a Hanukiah!



Sushi & Study with Rabbi Bolton

Mondays, January 7 and February 4

5:30-6:30 pm for Middle School

6:30-7:30 pm for High School

Join Rabbi Bolton once each month for an evening of rich text study, engaging discussion, and dinner!

Not signed up? RSVP to Sigal Hirsch to drop in on a session!

Family Hessed Event

Monday, January 21

Stay tuned for more information!



Our Hebrew Schoolers celebrated Hanukkah together with their parents, learning all about the true miracle of Hanukkah—that the Maccabees prevailed and preserved Judaism. Students and parents thought about what aspects of Judaism they'd fight hardest to preserve. Each group wrote down their ideas on candles, and together we made a Hanukkah!



Middle & High School

Gelato Making

Saturday, February 2

7:00-9:00 pm

Middle and High Schoolers, join us once again for an evening of kosher gelato making at Mia Chef Gelateria! Make fresh gelato and bring home your own!

Cost is \$20 per person.

Register on Chaverweb.

Meet at Or Zarua at 6:15 pm to travel with the group, or at Mia Chef Gelateria, 379 3rd Avenue, at 7:00 pm.

Shabbat & Me and Young Family Dinner

Friday, February 8

5:00-7:00 pm

Usher in Shabbat with Shabbat & Me Friday! Welcome Shabbat together with songs, stories, simple prayers, and special Shabbat activities.

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

Light dinner to follow. \$18 per family.

Registration required.

Register on Chaverweb by

Tuesday, February 5.



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.

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.



Helping Or Zarua

Or 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.

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.

Join Or Zarua for Daily Minyan



One hour of your time one morning a month will allow members who have lost loved ones to say Kaddish. You'll be doing a mitzvah and helping them to do one, as well. If you choose a Monday or Thursday, having a

minyan will allow us to read Torah, something that isn't allowed without a minyan. And so that you leave the shul filled both spiritually and nutritiously, there's always a breakfast with cake, coffee and tea, orange juice, bagels, yogurt, and cottage cheese. And great conversation. Contact Sheldon Adler (sadler@skadden.com) and tell him the day that's best for you. Services at 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.

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The Or Zarua Social Hall is available to rent

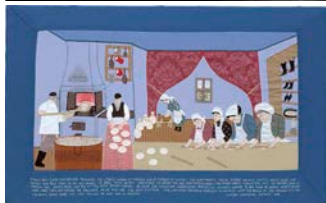
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The next exhibit in the OZ Gallery, *The Fabric of Survival:*

The Art of Esther Nisenthal Krinitz will be on display from January 26 to May 27. Shown above are two of the fabric panels that will be on exhibit: *The Bees Save Me* (upper image) and *Matzos* (lower). Please see page 1 for a feature article describing the exhibit.

Attention Comedy Writers and Others Who Create Silly Stuff: This year Or Zarua plans to publish a special issue of the OZ Newsletter for the holiday of Purim. To help with this noble goal we are inviting Congregants to make contributions to this first-time endeavor by OZ. If you wish to contribute, please contact Charlie Spielholz via email: cssrs@earthlink.net by Thursday, January 17.

Diaspora/Galut: At Home Abroad in Jewish Tradition With David C. Kraemer, PhD

Or Zarua Perspectives (formally JTS Context)
Six Tuesdays beginning March 26, 6:30 pm



Our next class is a six-session course presented by Dr. David C. Kraemer, Joseph J. and Dora Abbell Librarian and Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics.

Jewish historiography in recent years has often emphasized the centrality of the hope to return to Zion as a linchpin in Jewish ideology and history. But Jews have, for most of our existence, lived in diaspora, and—as one would expect—we have developed robust ideologies of diaspora, ones that have seen our abodes “away from home” as genuine homes, and even as “Zions.” In this class, we will examine examples of such expressions, from the teaching of the “prophet of the exile,” (Ezekiel), to the arguments of the

Babylonian rabbis in the Babylonian Talmud, to the teachings of Hasidic masters, whose “Holy of Holies” was in Galicia, not in Jerusalem. Of course, these often positive expressions are a product of the fact that Jewish experience in “exile” was not always suffering, but often peaceful and productive as well. Consideration of these realities will help us to re-balance our understanding of Jewish religious and political history.

The course meets in the OZ library and begins on March 26 (see the OZ calendar); tuition is \$350. 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. Registration will be done through the OZ office; details will be available soon.

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 21. 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, at dwenger@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 12, by Thursday, February 21, with their names, and complete school addresses. Also, please include their email addresses and cell phone numbers so that Rabbi Bolton can stay in touch with them.