



Shavuot Begins Saturday Night, June 8

Join OZ for Ma'ariv Services, our Annual Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Panel, and Dairy Desserts

Ma'ariv Begins at 9:00 pm followed by Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Panel

The Written Word in the Digital Age

with Community Members Hana Alberts, Jane Levere, and Arlene Simon

Moderated by Rabbi Bolton

The Jewish People has a love affair with the written word, and now there are more ways than stones, scrolls, parchment and paper to enjoy all forms of writing. In the last decades an explosion of online and digital publications have created new ways to read and new channels for journalism. Blogs and electronic libraries are replacing diaries and repositories of bound books alike. Volumes once relegated or reserved in specialized libraries are online. Newspapers and news services deliver articles in new digital formats. Has quality of writing improved, stayed the same, changed? What is the impact on the written word, as more writing, journalism and text books take digital formats?

Our panelists will present about their specialized areas of journalism and editing. Rabbi Bolton will reflect on whether a digital library of Torah volumes or Talmud and other Jewish sources retains its sanctity when it is digitalized. What is the future of "hard copy" textbooks, newspapers and Torah commentaries? Will the written word, in print, always be mightier than the mouse?

Hana Alberts



Hana R. Alberts is the home and travel editor of the New York Post. She oversees residential real estate coverage for a weekly print section and the website, as well as commercial

real estate and travel sections. Previously, she was senior editor at Curbed NY. Before that, she lived in Hong Kong, holding down staff jobs at *HK Magazine* and *Forbes* while freelancing for outlets including *The Wall Street Journal*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Travel & Leisure*, *BBC Travel*, *Newsweek*, and *New York Magazine*. She graduated summa cum laude with a degree in history of science from Harvard in 2006. She's passionate about the quirky underbelly of New York City and off-the-beaten-path destinations.

Jane Levere



Jane L. Levere is a highly experienced, New York-based journalist. She has been freelancing for many years about a wide variety of subjects—including leisure, business and online travel; the arts, design and

architecture; advertising and media; and commercial real estate—for a wide variety of publications, including *The New York Times*, *Financial Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Forbes*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Travel & Leisure*, *Architectural Digest*, *Metropolis*, and *The Architect's Newspaper*, among others. She previously was on staff at *Frequent Flyer*, *Travel Weekly* and *The Journal of Commerce*.

Arlene Simon



Arlene is originally from West Hartford, CT. She received a BA from Smith College and an MBA in Health Care Management from Boston University. She began a long career as a medical editor at the Harvard Medical

School in Boston and progressed to acting as an editing consultant while she and her family lived for 12 years in Columbus, Ohio. On relocating to New York, she worked at New York Medical College in Valhalla, NY, and at Weill Cornell Medical College. Her last major project was the editing of a pediatric neurosurgery textbook that is completely online. She continues to use her editing skills as a co-editor of *Or Zarua's Orot*.

After the Panel: Dairy Desserts

Including chessecake and ice cream.

The Teen & College Tikkun Leyl Shavuot begins at 11:00 pm (see page 9)



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President's Message

by Diane Okrent



A *l 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.

These words from *Pirke Avot* (Chapter 1, 2) reflect the founding principles of Congregation Or Zarua. And, we bring these to life each and every day in our community.

For our Congregation, Torah is paramount. We study the Torah portion each Shabbat and holiday — the central element of our services — and we read the entire parasha together, shared among volunteers. Members are encouraged to learn to read Torah and we have new readers every year.

Torah also refers to learning. We at Or Zarua pride ourselves in being a learning community—dedicated to learning for both children and adults. Every day and most evenings, the building is abuzz with learning.

Or L'Atid is thriving. Or L'Atid—our youth education program—includes Hebrew School, Shabbat morning, and holiday programs for children of all ages, a tot weekday music class, and a variety of learning opportunities for youth, teens and their parents. In total, around 125 children from birth to age 17 participate in some youth program throughout the course of the year.

It has been said that one of the greatest threats to Jewish continuity is Jewish cultural illiteracy. At OZ, we strive to enhance Jewish cultural literacy among our adults. We educate through classes in Talmud, Siddur, Torah and Haftarah reading, Oral Law and New York Jewish History. Since 2004, we have hosted Me'ah and Context classes first under the aegis of Hebrew College and then JTS. This year, we are sponsoring our own OZ Perspectives classes.

Shavuot begins on the evening of June 8. Shavuot commemorates the time when the first fruits were harvested and brought to the Temple (*Hag ha-Bikkurim* — the Festival of the First Fruits). Shavuot also celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai (*Hag Matan Torateinu*—the Festival of the Giving of Our Torah). We celebrate this holiday with a rededication to learning.

The second of Or Zarua's founding principles is *avodah*, translated as divine service or service to God. Our prayer services are central to our existence. We

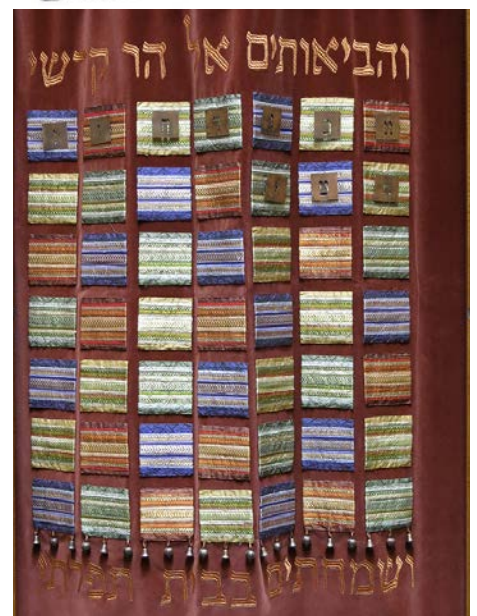
come together each morning for spiritual awakening and to support our members who are saying Kaddish. And, we come together on Shabbat and holidays to pray to God together. But, *avodah* also means work. We learn in *Pirke Avot* Chapter II, 2, that one must work for a living: *Rabban Gamliel*, son of *Rabbi Yehudah Ha-Nassi* taught: "The study of Torah is commendable when combined with a gainful occupation, for when a person toils in both, sin is driven out of mind."

The third principle, *gemilut hasadim*—that the world is sustained through acts of loving-kindness—is also well practiced at Or Zarua. We continue to feed the former homeless in our community, visit the elderly homebound, donate clothing to the less fortunate, collect money for the hungry in our own community and in Israel, and provide comfort to our members who are ill or in mourning. And 20 of us have been tutoring underprivileged readers in New York City public schools through TutorMate, an online literacy program.

The success of our congregation in fulfilling these three principles depends greatly on your participation as a learner, *davener*, volunteer and generous supporter. There are so many ways to be involved at Or Zarua, and the more you are involved, the more you will feel part of the community. So, I urge you to look to Shavuot to rededicate yourself to Or Zarua's founding principles as exemplified in our tagline, "Learn, Pray, Participate and Connect."

B'Shalom!

Diane



Talmud to TV: Shtisel, Srugim & Israeli Comedies Connecting Text and TV Screens “behind the scenes.”

Summer Learning with Rabbi Bolton

Four Wednesdays: July 24, 31 and August 7, 14, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Israeli drama and comedy series have been exploring religious identities, practice and social issues like never before. After watching clips from episodes of popular Israeli programs including *Shtisel* and

Srugim (dramas), as well as *Yehudim Ba'im* and *Eretz Nehederet* (comedies) we will study the texts that were brought to life.

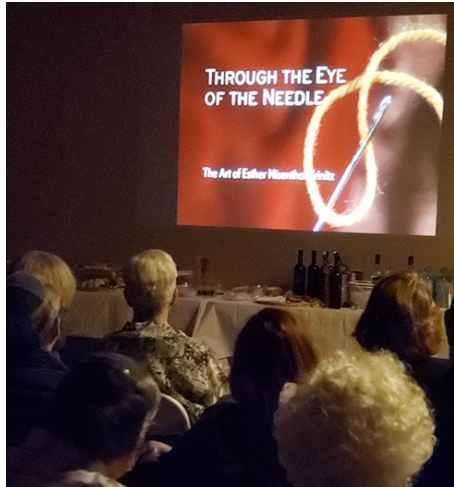
Join these sessions to take a deeper look at Talmudic passages, midrash, Jewish

thought and halakha as “lived” by characters on the screen.

Please register for the class by contacting Deborah Wenger (212-452-2310 ext 12 or dwenger@orzarua.org).



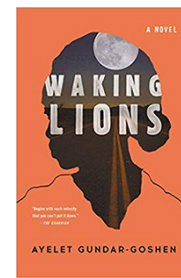
Sisters Helene McQuade (left) and Bernice Steinhardt gave voice to the textile art of their mother as they shared remembrances and told stories of the remarkable life of Esther Nisenthal Krinitz whose remarkable textile and yarn handwork and designs are on display in the OZ Gallery. More than thirty large fabric panels illustrate the dark story of young Esther's escape from death in Poland during World War II. Following a viewing of the exhibit and a thirty-minute film, *Through the Eye of the Needle: The Art of Esther Nisenthal Krinitz* her daughters spoke of their mother and answered questions. “My mother hoped her story-telling would move people's hearts and minds,” said daughter Bernice. The exhibit *The Fabric of Survival* remains on display in the Gallery through May.



Or Zarua Book Discussions

Waking Lions by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen

Sunday, May 5, 7:30 pm;
To be led by Dale Stern



Winner of the Jewish Quarterly Wingate Prize, *Waking Lions* is a thriller that explores an accidental death through the lens of a refugee crisis currently gripping Israel. Eitan Green, a successful neurosurgeon with a wonderful family, accidentally hits an African migrant while at the wheel of his SUV. While fleeing the scene, Dr. Green loses his wallet. Please join us.

A Case of Mixed Emotions: Love and Fear of God in Jewish Thought

Marc Ashley's adult education course between Pesah and Shavuot

Monday Evenings, May 6 and 13 at 7:30 pm (note change in dates & time)

The very first word of the first paragraph of the Shema prayer instructs—indeed, commands—us to love God, with all our heart, soul and might. Yet Proverbs counsels us that the “beginning of wisdom is the fear of God” These visceral emotions, at least at first glance, seem conflicting rather than complementary. So which is the core and foundation of our relationship with God—love or fear? Which approach takes priority?

As it turns out, Judaism demands that we experience our relationship with God as encompassing emotions that optimally reinforce each other but may in practice be competing. God as the creator of the universe can seem utterly transcendent, above and beyond our understanding. Yet God as the divine force that intervenes in history and shows solicitude for human beings can seem immanent, close at hand

and within our reach. The focus of our relationship with God may vary depending on the vagaries of our perception of God's interaction with us. As we sing several times during the High Holy Day liturgy in the *Ki Anu Amekha* prayer, we can relate to God variously as our parent, master, shepherd, guardian, creator, king, and beloved. Whether we are more inclined to love or fear God can shift with circumstances.

In fact, dictating emotion is notoriously difficult, and Jewish theology is prone to interpreting love and fear of God as anchored in conduct. How we are expected to feel emotionally about God is often translated into practical terms. Love and fear of God are expressed through deed.

Both love and fear of God are thus crucial religious directives. Fear of God generates a sense of humility, preventing God from becoming merely an imprimatur for our

decisions. Love of God can create a sense of our wondrous human potential, fostering our nearness to the realm of the infinite. Both approaches to God can be viable paths to the divine, but reconciling them can be challenging and even perplexing.

Please join congregant Marc Ashley for the remaining two sessions of his annual adult education class between Pesah and Shavuot. The final two sessions of this year's course, “A Case of Mixed Emotions: Love and Fear of God in Jewish Thought,” will be held on two Monday evenings, May 6 and May 13, at 7:30 pm in the Or Zarua library. You need not have attended the first session to participate in either of the final two sessions, and no prior knowledge is required. Please come and participate in this important conversation on a crucial theme in Jewish thought through the ages.

Flames of the Heart: Exploring the Symbolism of Fire in Jewish Tradition and the Power of Firemaking in Wilderness Therapy

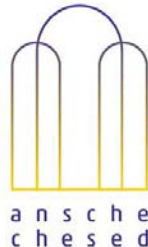
with Jory Hanselman, Director, BaMidbar Wilderness Therapy
 Wednesday, May 22, 7:30 pm (Lag B'Omer)



Join us for a Lag B'Omer evening of learning focused on health and wellness. How do we as a Jewish community increase awareness and decrease stigma around mental health challenges, to create healthy, whole, and supportive communities?

Rabbi Scott Bolton will explore the the symbolism of fire in Torah and other texts, and Jory Hanselman, featured presenter, will examine the intersection of Jewish tradition, wilderness experiences and whole health wellness. With a Lag B'Omer backdrop, we will celebrate as a community and take pride in opening our hearts to hear about firemaking and other therapeutic approaches of outdoor behavioral healthcare.

All are welcome to attend; RSVP to the OZ office at 212-452-2310, ext 12 or by email to Deborah Wenger at dwenger@orzarua.org.



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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*

Book Drive

The Residences of the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter, which we have supported for many years, and an affiliated program, Chance for Change, are looking for lightly used adult fiction and nonfiction books and DVDs for their residents.

We will collect books and DVDs for them from May 1 through May 23. Please deposit lightly used adult fiction and nonfiction books (no text books please) and DVDs in the collection box in the basement near the coat room.

Chance for Change is a licensed outpatient substance use treatment program, to serve men and women who are homeless and battling addiction. The program was retooled and relaunched in 2016.

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, May 21, June 18, or July 16 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, May 21, June 5, or July 3.

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

Contact Lesley Palmer at hased@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.

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.



Above: OZ Dorot Volunteers.
Below: A letter from Lauren Skolnick, Dorot Coordinator:

What an incredible day! With your help, volunteers delivered over 600 care packages to older adults in the community.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your group's participation in this year's Passover Package Delivery on Sunday, April 7. You helped many older adults feel special and connected during this holiday season. Many of the older adults who participated have expressed their gratitude for the friendly visit and the care package delivery!

We look forward to your continued participation and support!

Lauren Skolnick

Kesher Israel: Connect with Israel Movie: *Above and Beyond* Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 pm Israel Independence Day

Join us in honoring Israel Independence Day/Yom Ha'atzmaut with a light sampling of delicious Israeli foods followed by this inspiring movie.

In 1948, just three years after the liberation of Nazi death camps, a group of Jewish-American World War II pilots volunteered to fight for Israel in the War of Independence. In secret and at great personal risk, they smuggled planes out of the U.S. and flew for Israel in its War of Independence. As members of Machal – “volunteers from abroad” – this ragtag band of brothers not only turned the tide of the war and prevented the possible annihilation of Israel at the very moment of its birth; they also embarked on personal journeys of discovery and renewed Jewish pride. They laid the groundwork for the Israeli Air Force. *Above and Beyond* is their story.

The first major feature-length documentary about the foreign airmen

in the '48 War, *Above and Beyond* brings together new interviews with the pilots, as well as stunning aerial footage, to present a fascinating, little-known tale filled with heart, heroism and high-flying chutzpah. The film follows the pilots on their circuitous route

from the United States—where they met and trained in secret and struggled to stay two steps ahead of the FBI—to Panama, Italy and Czechoslovakia, and where they flew versions of Nazi

planes they had tried to shoot down in World War II.

Filed in the U.S., Israel and the United Kingdom, *Above and Beyond* is produced by Nancy Spielberg (*Elusive Justice: The Search for Nazi War Criminals, Who Will Write Our History*) and directed by Roberta Grossman.

All are welcome to attend; RSVP to the OZ office at 212-452-2310, ext 12 or by email to Deborah Wenger at dwenger@orzarua.org.



CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE
SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019
11am - 4pm • 57th-74th St. on Fifth Ave.

The Celebrate Israel Parade Sunday, June 2, 2019 An Or Zarua Call to Action March as a Congregation

This year's parade theme is:

Rak B'Yisrael Only in Israel

All are welcome—children and adults—to join us for this spirited and exciting show of support for Israel, a country where if you will it, it is no dream.

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.**



Beyond OZ Kesher Israel Events

Breakfast for Israel

with **Bari Weiss**

Thursday, May 9, 7:30 am
New York Marriott Marquis

No cost to attend.

RSVP by Thursday, May 2 at jnf.org/nycbreakfast

Jewish Voices

Thursday, May 16, 7:30 pm
Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall

This program traces the history of Jewish identity expressed through chamber music. for information go to

Carnegie Hall Website:
<https://tinyurl.com/>

[KesherIsraelJewishVoicesMay162](https://tinyurl.com/KesherIsraelJewishVoicesMay162)

Or Zarua's Young Professionals

Shabbat Dinner Friday, May 17

6:00 pm Happy Hour - 6:30 pm Shabbat Services - 7:15 pm Shabbat Dinner

Early Bird Cost., Members: \$18 - Early Bird Cost, Nonmembers: \$24

Late Cost, Members: \$25 - Late Cost, Nonmembers: \$29

Early Bird RSVP: Wednesday, May 12

RSVP online: <https://tinyurl.com/YP-05-17-19>.

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 them on Facebook: Or Zarua Young Professionals.

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

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<p>5 • 30 Nissan Bar Mitzvah: Ethan Lader Rosh Hodesh 9:00a Shahrarit 7:30p Book Discussions: <i>Waking Lions</i> by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal</p>	<p>6 • 1 Iyar Rosh Hodesh/7:00a Shahrarit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration/Hebrew School 5:30p Sushi & Study, Middle School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:30p Sushi & Study, High School 7:30p Marc Ashley's Class <i>Love and Fear of God</i></p>	<p>7 • 2 Iyar 7:15a Shahrarit</p>	<p>8 • 3 Iyar Yom Hazikaron 7:15a Shahrarit 4:00p Hebrew School 7:00p Movie: <i>Above and Beyond</i> No Talmud Class</p>	<p>9 • 4 Iyar Yom Ha'atzmaut 7:15a Shahrarit 8:40a Siddur Class</p>	<p>10 • 5 Iyar 7:15a Shahrarit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:44p Candlelighting</p>	<p>11 • 6 Iyar Bar Mitzvah: Noah Miller 9:00a Shahrarit Kedoshim 11:00a Torah Tots 11:00a Torah Kids 8:42p Shabbat Ends</p>
<p>12 • 7 Iyar 8:45a Shahrarit 7:30p Bir'nana End of Year Celebration (or June 16)</p>	<p>13 • 8 Iyar 7:15a Shahrarit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Marc Ashley's Class <i>Love and Fear of God</i></p>	<p>14 • 9 Iyar 7:15a Shahrarit</p>	<p>15 • 10 Iyar 7:15a Shahrarit 4:00p Hebrew School 7:30p Talmud Class</p>	<p>16 • 11 Iyar 7:15a Shahrarit 8:40a Siddur Class</p>	<p>17 • 12 Iyar 7:15a Shahrarit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00p OZYP Happy Hour 6:30p OZYP Shabbat Services 7:15p OZYP Shabbat Dinner 7:50p Candlelighting</p>	<p>18 • 13 Iyar 9:00 am Shahrarit Emor 11:00a Torah Tots 11:00a Torah Kids 8:49p Shabbat Ends</p>
<p>19 • 14 Iyar Pesah Sheini 8:45a Shahrarit</p>	<p>20 • 15 Iyar 7:15a Shahrarit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p Hebrew School Siyum 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholar <i>Last Day of Hebrew School</i></p>	<p>21 • 16 Iyar 7:00a NY Common Pantry 7:15a Shahrarit</p>	<p>22 • 17 Iyar 7:15a Shahrarit 7:00p BaMidbar Community Awareness Program No Talmud Class Lag B'Omer begins this evening</p>	<p>23 • 18 Iyar Lag B'Omer 7:15a Shahrarit 8:40a Siddur Class</p>	<p>24 • 19 Iyar 7:15a Shahrarit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:57p Candlelighting</p>	<p>25 • 20 Iyar 9:00a Shahrarit Behar No Youth Programs 8:57p Shabbat Ends</p>
<p>26 • 21 Iyar 8:45a Shahrarit</p>	<p>27 • 22 Iyar Memorial Day 8:45a Shahrarit OZ Office Closed</p>	<p>28 • 23 Iyar 7:15a Shahrarit</p>	<p>29 • 24 Iyar 7:15a Shahrarit 6:30p OZ Annual Meeting Dinner 8:00p OZ Annual Meeting No Talmud Class</p>	<p>30 • 25 Iyar 7:15a Shahrarit 8:40a Siddur Class</p>	<p>31 • 26 Iyar 7:15a Shahrarit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:03p Candlelighting</p>	<p>1 June • 27 Iyar Shabbat HaYeled 9:00a Shahrarit Behukotai 10:30a Family Learning Experience 10:30a Shabbat & Me 10:30a Shabbat Buddies 9:03p Shabbat Ends</p>



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2 • 28 Iyar 8:45a Shahaarit 11:00a Celebrate Israel Parade (Note: OZ's step-off-time TBA)</p>	<p>3 • 24 Iyar 7:15a Shahaarit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long</p>	<p>4 • 1 Sivan Rosh Hodesh 7:00a Shahaarit</p>	<p>5 • 2 Sivan 7:15a Shahaarit 9:00a NY Common Pantry 7:30p Talmud Class</p>	<p>6 • 3 Sivan 7:15a Shahaarit 8:40a Siddur Class 11:00a: Family Heses Program: Soup Kits for NCS Heses Program</p>	<p>7 • 4 Sivan 7:15a Shahaarit 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:07p Candlelighting</p>	<p>8 • 5 Sivan Erev Shavuot 9:00a Shahaarit Bemidbar Light Candles after 9:08p 9:00p Ma'ariv, Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Panel, Dairy Desserts, Late Night Study 11:00p Teen & College Tikkun Leyl Shavuot</p>
<p>9 • 6 Sivan Shavuot First Day 9:00a Shahaarit Light Candles after 9:09p</p>	<p>10 • 7 Sivan Shavuot Second Day 8:45a Shahaarit Yizkor 9:10p Festival Ends No Shalom Sing-A-Long OZ Office Closed</p>	<p>11 • 8 Sivan 7:15a Shahaarit</p>	<p>12 • 9 Sivan 7:15a Shahaarit 7:30p Talmud Class <i>Last Talmud Class until Fall</i></p>	<p>13 • 10 Sivan 7:15a Shahaarit 8:40a Siddur Class <i>Last Siddur Class until Fall</i></p>	<p>14 • 11 Sivan 7:15a Shahaarit 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:11p Candlelighting</p>	<p>15 • 12 Sivan Bat Mitzvah: Sarah Gorenstein 9:00a Shahaarit Naso 9:12p Shabbat Ends</p>
<p>16 • 13 Sivan 8:45a Shahaarit 7:30p Birmana End of Year Celebration (or May 12)</p>	<p>17 • 14 Sivan 7:15a Shahaarit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long</p>	<p>18 • 15 Sivan 7:00a NY Common Pantry 7:15a Shahaarit</p>	<p>19 • 16 Sivan 7:15a Shahaarit</p>	<p>20 • 17 Sivan 7:15a Shahaarit</p>	<p>21 • 18 Sivan 7:15a Shahaarit 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:13p Candlelighting</p>	<p>22 • 19 Nissan 9:00a Shahaarit Beha'alotekha 9:15p Shabbat Ends</p>
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<p>30 • 27 Sivan 8:45a Shahaarit</p>	<p>1 • July 28 Sivan 7:15a Shahaarit</p>	<p>2 July 29 Sivan 7:15a Shahaarit</p>	<p>3 July • 30 Sivan Rosh Hodesh 7:00a Shahaarit 9:00a NY Common Pantry</p>	<p>4 July • 1 Tammuz Rosh Hodesh 8:45a Shahaarit OZ Office Closed</p>	<p>5 July • 2 Tammuz 7:15a Shahaarit 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:13p Candlelighting</p>	<p>6 July • 3 Tammuz 9:00a Shahaarit Korah 9:14p Shabbat Ends</p>

Congregation Or Zarua Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 am-5:00 pm; Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm. The office is closed Saturday and Sunday, as well as on Jewish and federal holidays.



Hebrew schoolers celebrate Purim with improv games and performances about Megillat Esther!

Parents, children and all members of the Or Zarua Community: Celebrate Or Zarua's Youth on Shabbat HaYeled!

Saturday, June 1, 10:30 am

Join us as we celebrate the youth of Or Zarua!

Shabbat & Me (Pre-K and younger)

Family Learning Experience (Elementary School and parents)

Shabbat Buddies (Middle School and High School)

Then, 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 in 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 our youth this year.

Contact Deborah, dwenger@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310 x12, to celebrate your children with a kiddush sponsorship!

Hebrew School Events

Yom Ha'Atzma'ut Celebration

Monday, May 6, 5:00–6:00 pm

Hebrew School families are invited to join us on Monday, May 6 for our Hebrew School Yom Ha'Atzma'ut celebration. Celebrate Israel's 71st Birthday together!

Hebrew School Siyyum and

Last Day of School

Monday, May 20, 5:00–6:00 pm

Hebrew School Families, join us for our Siyyum, our end-of-year celebration! We'll begin at 4:30 pm with t'filah. Then, hear from students as they share what they learned throughout the year as we conclude our learning together.



Sushi & Study with Rabbi Bolton

Monday, May 6

5:30-6:30 pm for Middle School

6:30-7:30 pm for High School

Join Rabbi Bolton for the last Sushi & Study of the school year!

Enjoy rich text study, engaging discussion, and dinner.

RSVP to Sigal, shirsch@orzarua.org.

Teen and College Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

Saturday, June 1, approximately 11 pm
(follows 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 shirsch@orzarua.org



Soup Kits for NCS Hessed Program

Thursday, June 6, 11:00 am

Families, join us if your children are off from school as we assemble Soup Kits for NCS. This is a great way to do hands-on hesed on a day off! For information contact Sigal Hirsch at shirsch@orzarua.org.



Above Left: The Purim celebration continued with Magic AI Entertainment at our Magical Purim celebration!

Large photo (left): Hebrew Schoolers celebrated Pesach in a special program that engaged all their senses.

Above: Yom Give Back was a great success, with many new projects this year, including decorating trash and recycling bins for OZ.

The Or Zarua Community

Fund contributions received between February 1, 2019 and March 31, 2019

The Harry Gandel, z”l, Or L’Atid Scholarship Fund

In memory of their beloved son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin, friend, and more, the Gross and Gandel families have established a special scholarship fund to support the religious and Hebrew School education of students in the Or Zarua community. Harry loved Jewish learning and holidays, and he brought a sense of humor, a passion for reading, and a love of cartooning to our Hebrew school. Stories came alive when Harry re-told them. With a unique spirit, he connected with students whose talents and natures were as diverse as the colors of the graphic novels he loved.

This scholarship fund, along with the set of the new *Passover Haggadah Graphic Novel* that was donated by the Gandel and Gross families dedicated to Harry’s memory (and used during Or Zarua’s second seder), will continue his spirit and commitments at Or Zarua. May Harry’s memory be for a blessing.

Contributions may be made to this new fund to support students learning in our Or L’Atid programs.

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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.

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.



CONGREGATION OR ZARUA
127 East 82nd Street
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Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 29

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/OZAnnualMeeting2019>) or by calling the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, ext 39, by Thursday, May 25.

Yom HaShoah Memorial Service

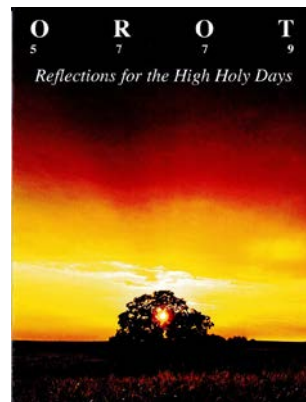
Wednesday, May 1, 7:00 pm

We will be commemorating Yom HaShoah with our annual Holocaust Memorial Service on Wednesday evening, May 1, 7:00 pm. This short, moving service involves the participation of adults and teens from our community.



March with Or Zarua in the 55th Annual Celebrate Israel Parade on Sunday, June 2. See page 5.

Write for Orot 5780



Orot is Or Zarua's High Holy

Day journal of reflections, scholarship, and stories written by Congregants. If you would like to contribute a personal recollection, essay, or poem that pertains to the High

Holy Day liturgy, themes, or experiences, please contact Congregant Joanne Feerman at feerman@gmail.com, or Rabbi Bolton at rabbibolton@orzarua.org.

We also welcome articles that relate to our central Or Zarua values of "Learn, Pray, Participate, Connect."

With the 5780 edition of Orot, we hope to increase the number and variety of contributors. OZ's Young Professionals and new members are encouraged to contribute, as are those who have not taken the opportunity to contribute to previous editions. Contributions will be due June 30, 2019.