

## 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; 7:00–9:00 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.



Which passages from the Tanakh informed the writers? Which selections from the Talmud and Rabbinic literature shed light on why actors and actresses wear what they wear,

do what they do and speak like they speak? What are the lessons to consider from the story lines and beyond?

As an example, during the first and second seasons of *Shtisel* we feel the tension regarding religious life and an engagement with the arts. Should Jews draw? Paint? Sing? On a human-affairs level the show is asking us to confront questions



about who defines us and what defines us. *Srugim* shows how important family is and how essential friends are. *Yehudim Ba'im* shows us how a story about complaining Jews in the Torah can turn into a comedy.

These Israeli shows help us take a deeper look at ourselves and understand our cousins. Here is your spoiler alert! We will not hold back relating to characters, plot line or outcomes. Even if you have not watched these programs, these learning opportunities will serve as a good introduction just as they will be a good way to process the shows you could binge watch all over again!

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](mailto:dwenger@orzarua.org)).

## Mature Singles Get Together at OZ

Tuesday, July 16, 12:00 pm

by Barry Feldman

Or Zarua is located in a modest synagogue building on an East Side side street. However, it houses a variety of programs and activities under a Jewish umbrella: daily, Shabbat and holiday services, Hebrew school and teen activities, an a cappella group, young professional programming, a book discussion group, and many engaging lectures and learning experiences led by distinguished rabbis, authors, leaders, and Congregants. To this mix, we have added a new dimension to this rich array of Jewish life at Or Zarua: *Mature Singles*.

The proposed agenda reflects the

diversity New York City offers; theater, museums, tours, park picnics, art galleries, simple walks. There will be many opportunities for social events. Our first event, *Where Everyone Knows Your Name*, will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 12 noon, at OZ; we are offering discussion, friendship, and lunch. Contact Deborah Wenger (212-452-2310, ext 12, or [dwenger@orzarua.org](mailto:dwenger@orzarua.org)) at Or Zarua for details. If you are a *Mature Single* (over 65) and have not received a more detailed notice from the Or Zarua office please send an email to Barry at [bbrffftours@gmail.com](mailto:bbrffftours@gmail.com) to be included. We are looking forward to meeting you!

## Or Zarua's Young Professionals

**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 details, follow them on Facebook: Or Zarua Young Professionals.

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

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**Save the Date for Movie Night!!  
Monday, August 12**

Snacks, including popcorn, and a movie (title to be announced shortly)


  
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*If you are interested in serving on a synagogue committee, please contact the office for the committee chair's email address.*

# President's Message

by Diane Okrent



This article is adapted from my remarks at the May 2019 OZ Annual meeting.

"Connect" is one of the four verbs in our branding message: Learn, Pray, Participate and Connect. We do all

four here at Or Zarua. But, right now, I want to concentrate on connecting.

At Or Zarua, we connect with our heritage, we connect with fellow learners, daveners and program participants. And, connection to, with, and among our members is a primary focus.

At the Annual Meeting, Sigal Hirsch, our Director of Youth Education and Programming, spoke eloquently about how Or L'Atid families are connecting to one another and to the congregation.

Last summer, to aid in the development of our strategic plan, we launched an online survey of our members. About 25% of those sent the survey answered it. That's a high percentage as surveys go.

So, what did we find in our survey? Most of us have stayed connected to Or Zarua for a long time. Half of our members have been with OZ for 15 years or more. 35% have been members for 20 years or more.

At the same time, we are attracting new members. One quarter of our members have joined within the last 4 years. The core of Or Zarua is holding AND we are adding new members all the time.

Among the questions we asked was "what connects you to Or Zarua?" Our members are connected to Or Zarua through services, holiday programs, and community events and programs. While relatively small numbers of members are connected through adult education, youth education, and connection to Israel, these are important parts of our overall activities.

Comments about what connects members to Or Zarua included: "The welcoming community and the people from whom I think I have much to learn." And, "The intimacy of the community, in addition to all the services and programs connected to Jewish life."

Members offered suggestions for fostering deeper connections including "more communal meals as a way to 'cross pollinate' members from different constituencies and also to integrate newer members into the community."

Many of your comments and suggestions

in the survey have been incorporated into program planning for the coming years. Please keep those suggestions coming. Wonderful programs are in the works for next year.

In addition to programs for the Or L'Atid group and the Young Professionals, we are exploring ideas for Mature Singles. Another way to connect our members.

Why is connection so important? Connection is vital to health.

Articles in such diverse publications as *The New York Times* and *The Harvard Gazette* have dealt with the negative effects of loneliness. Social isolation is on a par with high blood pressure, obesity, lack of exercise or smoking as a health risk factor.

Dr. Robert Waldinger, director of the Harvard Study of Adult Development, was quoted in a 2017 article in *The Harvard Gazette*, "Close relationships, more than money or fame, are what keep people happy throughout their lives, the study revealed. Those ties protect people from life's discontents, help to delay mental and physical decline, and are better predictors of long and happy lives than social class, IQ, or even genes." In a TED talk, Dr. Waldinger was very blunt: "Loneliness kills."

So, I posit that being an active member of Or Zarua is good for your health! Continue connecting with us at Or Zarua!

One way to connect is to join a committee. Check our new website and this newsletter for information about our committees and their wonderful work. And, learn about our various activities.

We don't close for the summer! Come to Or Zarua and stay healthy!

Have a wonderful summer!

B'Shalom!

*Diane*

## Welcome-Back Kiddush Saturday, September 7

Congregation Or Zarua welcomes everyone back with a post-summer kiddush beginning immediately after services. Guests and newcomers are welcome.



# Summer at the OZ Art Gallery

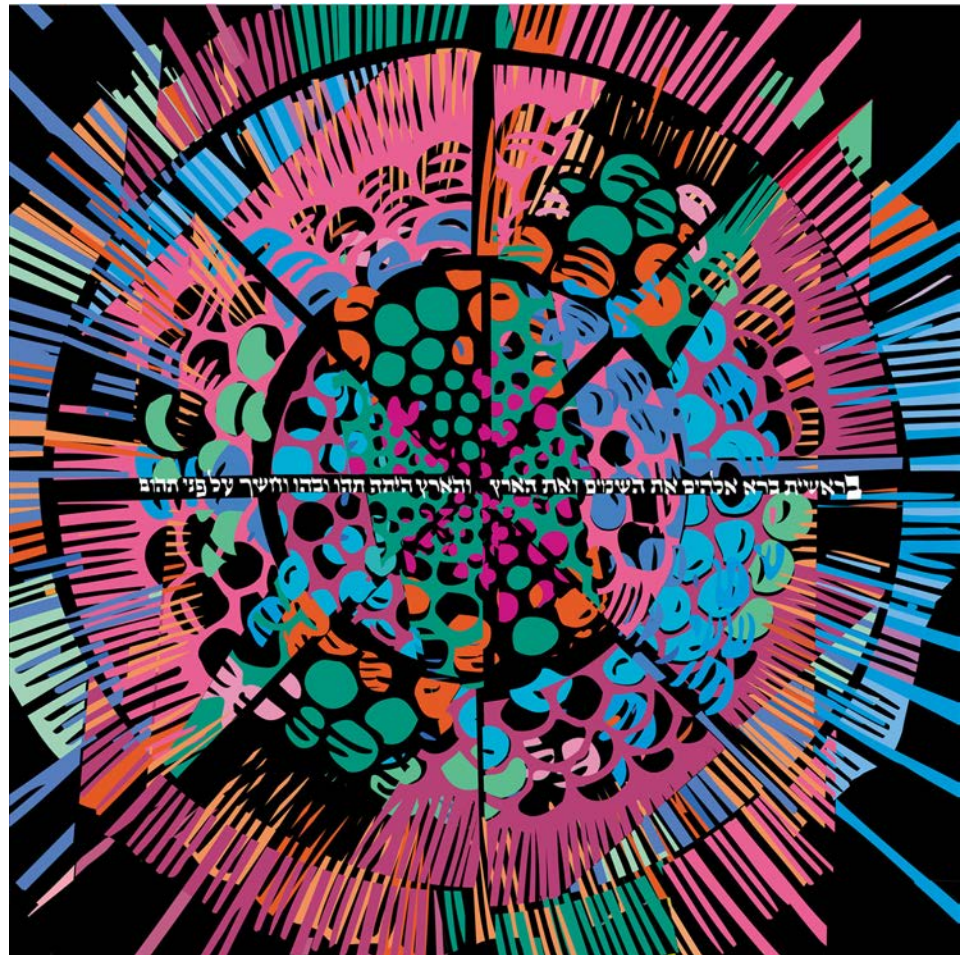
Throughout the summer, the OZ Gallery will be displaying ten prints based on the creation narrative in Bereshit by the artist and multi-talented designer Rudi Wolff. Many in the congregation may not know that Rudi designed our distinctive Or Zarua logo and has created the stunning graphic art for the information panels that are the basis for almost all of the more than twenty exhibitions in the gallery. Showing his vibrant, abstract work in our gallery is an opportunity to get to know this artist who has been an invaluable friend to the Or Zarua community.

## Who is Rudi Wolff? Answered by Rudi Wolff

“At the tender age of seventeen, I was apprenticed to the well-known book illustrator Bernard Brussel-Smith. Here I learned the art of wood engraving and fine art printing. The studio was above Zabar’s on Broadway and getting sandwiches for lunch proved no problem. That year and a half taught me what craft was all about. It was invaluable. After a degree in fine art from Cooper Union, many of us “fine” artists found it was actually possible to make a decent living in ad agency work.

Agency art direction was followed by opening my own graphic arts studio where the work was more challenging and included film, exhibition design, branding, magazine and book design. But after a good many years, the lure of fine-art print making, made possible in my case by the computer, took over.”

Our Congregant, esteemed author and longstanding friend of Rudi Wolff, Fran Klagsbrun, described the Creation series in



an introduction to a book featuring Rudi’s work. She wrote:

“Rudi Wolff’s bold visual interpretations are unlike any before them, and still they have roots in tradition—in the texts of Moses and the aesthetic images of the biblical artist Bezalel, who oversaw the building of the wilderness sanctuary. In his designs, Bezalel used lush yarns of ‘blue, purple, and crimson’ the Bible says, twisted and turned

into ‘loops’ and other decorative patterns.

Wolff uses lush layers of blues, purples, crimsons and many other vibrant colors turned into seamless forms that delight, surprise, and challenge, inspiring us to think hard even while we enjoy.

Seen as a whole, Wolff’s visual journey offers a sweeping view of the majesty of creation and the profundity of the Bible’s ethical lessons.”

## Get Social

Follow us on social media to learn, participate, and connect. And get the times to pray.

Find us on Facebook as Congregation Or Zarua, on Instagram as @or\_zarua and on Twitter as @Or\_Zarua.



## Would You?



Would you be willing to donate 40 minutes ONCE A MONTH to attend our morning minyan? The morning service starts at 7:15 am Monday through Friday, 8:45 am on Sundays and 7:00 am on Hol Hamoed and Rosh Hodesh. You wouldn’t be locked in, so might you give it a try one time?

Your help allows members who have lost loved ones to say kaddish. You’d be doing a mitzvah and you’d help them to do a mitzvah. Further, having a minyan means we

can read Torah on Monday and Thursday. Without a minyan we cannot read Torah.

Afterwards, there’s always lively conversation (an apres minyan salon!) as well as breakfast with orange juice, bagels with (or without) cream cheese, yogurt, cottage cheese, cake, coffee and tea.

If you can help, please notify Shelly Adler (sadler@skadden.com) and tell him the day that’s best for you. We look forward to greeting you at OZ’s morning service.



# 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

## Want to Volunteer at NY Common Pantry?

This summer join OZ in supporting the Pantry by helping with the packing and distribution of nutritious, fresh food packages for families from 9:00 am to noon on Wednesday, July 3, August 7, September 4, and October 2.

In addition, nonperishable packaged food items can be dropped off in the bins in the OZ social hall.

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

## Breakfast on 109th Street

This year our partnership with NY Common Pantry deepened and we added an early morning shift on the third Tuesday of every month from 7:00 until 9:30 am. Members of our synagogue help serve breakfast to a needy, hungry population not far from where many of us live. Approximately

150 people are served breakfast during each of our shifts. For those of us who have now become regulars on the shift it is the most meaningful part of our day, and probably our week. It is a friendly and warm community. If you would be interested in trying a Tuesday morning serving breakfast, please contact Lesley Palmer at [hesed@orzarua.org](mailto:hesed@orzarua.org). Upcoming dates are July 16, August 20, September 17, and October 15

## 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 to 6:45 pm on the the third and fourth Mondays of each month. Contact Jeffrey Haberman at [jeff32449@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](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).

## Kudos to Or Zarua’s 2018-2019 Tutors!



During the school year, sixteen OZ volunteers tutored students in reading skills at a Bronx elementary school. Connected via computers and phones, the pairs held weekly sessions. Students were spread across three different classes, and all showed improved reading scores at year end.

A TutorMate representative said, “The students have gained so much more than just better reading scores. The very fact that someone cared for them and called them and gave them

specialized attention helped them to get stronger emotionally. This mentoring side of the equation cannot be left out.”

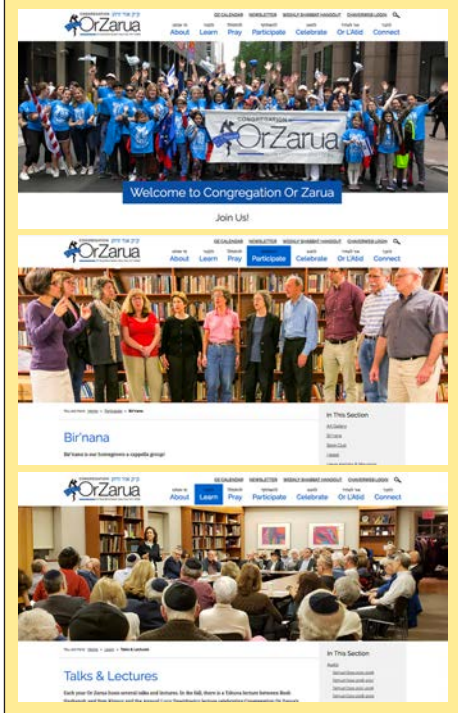
The tutors were also enthusiastic, and for many tutors, the time spent with their student was a highlight of their week.

Thank you to Rabbi Scott Bolton, Pat Davidson, Pam Gold, Ruth Gottesman, Joe Halpern, Roberta Hufnagel, Jonathan Kaplan, Vivian Kenvin, Susan Lorin, Marian Marin, Barbara Nadler, Diane Okrent, Michael Rock, Aaron Shelden, Cheryl Sternlieb, and Lynda Wertheim.

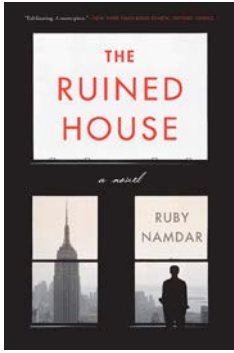


**Above:** Rabbi Bolton addresses the students in one of the classes at PS 199, Or Zarua’s TutorMate school over the past school year. Tutors and students met in person for the first time at an end-of-school-year celebration.

**Or Zarua’s  
New Website  
Launched!  
Visit  
[orzarua.org](http://orzarua.org)  
to discover  
all we have to offer!**



## Or Zarua Book Discussions



***The Ruined House* by Ruby Namdar**  
**Sunday, September 15, 7:30 pm**  
**To be led by Pat Davidson in the OZ Library**

The first OZ Book Club meeting for our new season is scheduled for Sunday, September 15; we will discuss *The Ruined House*. Ruby Namdar's brilliant novel, which draws on Jewish symbols and texts, examines the themes of the American Jewish literary canon as it captures the privilege and pedantry of New York intellectual life in the opening years of the twenty-first century. All are welcome; please join us.

### Upcoming this Fall Talmud & Siddur Classes with Rabbi Bolton

#### Talmud Class for 5780

Wednesdays, 7:30–9:00 pm beginning after Sukkot

**Who Can Be Judged? Who Can Bear Witness? Kings, Judges, And the Great Men and Women Of Israel. (Chapter 2 of Masekhet Sanhedrin)**

Some chapters of Talmud go deep into questions that resonate in our times. Are the High Priest and King above the law? The Rabbis inquire about those who hold high office as well as everyday souls. Their explorations connect us with biblical personalities and the men and women of the Talmudic era.

What are the limits that the Torah imposes on leaders? Did that legislation stick? What are the checks and balances in the Divine law and discerned laws of the Sages that help society manage its way forward and for human beings to serve in holy ways as leaders?

Exploring our past through this dynamic chapter means getting a sense of the legal systems the Rabbis designed as well as their philosophical implications for our era. Can a High Priest be a judge or a witness? Does a King stand trial? Who deserves to be a law-giver or a law-maker?

Join our class for every meeting or come into the learning when you can! We read the texts in the original and in translation. Rabbi Bolton explicates the passages, and he brings to bear research that extends the topical material that appears in the Babylonian Talmud. Purchase Volume 1 of Sanhedrin in the Artscroll Hebrew/English edition. While it is not required to have the volume for class it is highly recommended. Copies of the pages are not distributed. Talmudic study, even for those who have never had exposure, can be a delight for the mind and a wonderful Jewish experience. For those with background the investigations of the content of the Gemara coupled with the research extensions invites a fresh read and look at well-known Talmudic material.

#### Siddur Class for 5780

Thursdays, 8:40–9:40 am beginning after Sukkot

**When Prayer and Remembering Meet: Yizkor, Funeral Rites, Daily Psalms and Reminders.**

Join the Siddur Class in 5780 for explorations of the themes and language of our Yizkor prayers, as well as funeral liturgies. In general the class explores the history, forms, content and meaning of Jewish liturgy and prayer rites, and members of the learning community deliberate about the prayer experience (t'fillah) and encounters with Jewish liturgy.

Translating the language of the prayerbook helps gain access to the poetry and Biblical passages that are included in service of t'fillah. After an exploration of Yizkor and funeral liturgies (psalms and memorial prayers), the Psalms of the Day will be studied. Beyond being reminders about what day of the week is ahead of us each day they help us recall and focus upon important themes for our lives and our world.

Finally, the class will turn to passages that remind us about key lists in our tradition. Among those lists included in certain siddurim are: the Rambam's 13 Principles, the Ten Commandments and a list of ten special moments in Jewish history. Why those? What challenges do they offer at the end of a prayer service? Opportunities?

What makes this class so dynamic is a combination of the study of our prayers and the engaging, open conversation among participants. There is a dynamic culture of learning to be part of on Thursday mornings, so plan to join in after the High Holidays and Sukkot. Put it on your calendar; make time for Jewish learning in the year ahead.

## New OZ Board Members Two Congregants Join the Class of 2022

### Raanan Korinow



Growing up in the Boston suburbs, Raanan's first involvement with synagogue life was not by choice. With a congregational rabbi as a father and a Judaics teacher as a mother, life in the Korinow home was immersed in the local Jewish community. Raanan is an alum of Schechter schools, Gann Academy/The New Jewish High School, and Camp Yavneh. Matriculating to Binghamton University, Raanan served on the Hillel Executive Board as Director of Pluralism and Education for three years. He graduated Binghamton with a BS in Computer Science, a minor in mathematics, and a girlfriend named Shira (they married in 2015). Raanan works at Con Edison on its Utility of the Future team. In this role, he designs and implements innovative, effective, and sustainable business models and rates to enable a clean energy future. Shira is completing her residency in Pediatric Endocrinology at Children's Hospital at Montefiore. Raanan and Shira moved to the UES four years ago and live with their tabby, Miri. They joined Or Zarua because of its welcoming community and participatory environment. Raanan loves cooking and will happily share recipes with you. He looks forward to continuing the work to strengthen membership and engagement at OZ.

### Isaac Nagiel



Originally from San Diego, CA, Isaac has called New York home for 12 years. He is currently a partner at investment advisory firm, East End Advisors. He received his BSE from Duke University, double majoring in electrical engineering and economics. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst. Isaac, his wife Elyse, and two children, Rahm and Leyah, reside on the Upper East Side and are so glad to have found such a warm, welcoming Jewish community at Or Zarua. Isaac is honored to take on the role of Treasurer and looks forward to contributing to this vibrant institution.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 • 28 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit	2 • 29 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit	3 • 30 Sivan <b>Rosh Hodesh</b> 7:00a Shaharit 9:00a NY Common Pantry <i>OZ Office closes at 1 pm</i>	4 • 1 Tammuz <b>Rosh Hodesh</b> <b>Independence Day</b> 8:45a Shaharit <i>OZ Office Closed</i>	5 • 2 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:12p Candlelighting	6 • 3 Tammuz 9:00a Shaharit <b>Korah</b> 9:14p Shabbat Ends
7 • 4 Tammuz 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	8 • 5 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit	9 • 6 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit	10 • 7 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit	11 • 8 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit <i>Orot Submission Deadline</i>	12 • 9 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:09p Candlelighting	13 • 10 Tammuz Aufruf & Shabbat Kallah: Victor Shelden and Emily Nhaissi 9:00a Shaharit <b>Hukkat</b> 9:11p Shabbat Ends
14 • 11 Tammuz 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	15 • 12 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit	16 • 13 Tammuz 7:00a NY Common Pantry 7:15a Shaharit 12:00p Mature Singles Program: <i>Where Everyone Knows Your Name</i>	17 • 14 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit	18 • 15 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit	19 • 16 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:05p Candlelighting	20 • 17 Tammuz 9:00 am Shaharit <b>Balak</b> 9:05p Shabbat Ends
21 • 18 Tammuz <b>Fast of the 17th Tammuz</b> 3:54a Fast Begins 8:45a Shaharit 8:27p Fast Ends <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	22 • 19 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit 6:00p Parent's Night Out	23 • 20 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit <i>OZ Office Closed</i>	24 • 21 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit 7:00p <i>Talmud to TV</i> with Rabbi Bolton	25 • 22 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit	26 • 23 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:59p Candlelighting	27 • 24 Tammuz 9:00a Shaharit <b>Pinhas</b> 8:58p Shabbat Ends
28 • 25 Tammuz 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	29 • 26 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit	30 • 27 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit	31 • 28 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit 7:00p <i>Talmud to TV</i> with Rabbi Bolton			

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				1 • 29 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit	2 • 1 Av <b>Rosh Hodesh</b> 7:00a Shaharit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:52p Candlelighting	3 • 2 Av Baby Naming: Maya Eliana daughter of Liora and Jeremy Seltzer 9:00a Shaharit <b>Mattot-Masei</b> 8:52p Shabbat Ends
4 • 3 Av 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	5 • 4 Av 7:15a Shaharit	6 • 5 Av 7:15a Shaharit	7 • 6 Av 7:15a Shaharit 9:00a NY Common Pantry 7:00p <i>Talmud to TV</i> with Rabbi Bolton	8 • 7 Av 7:15a Shaharit	9 • 8 Av 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:44p Candlelighting	10 • 9 Av <b>Shabbat Hazon</b> 9:00a Shaharit <b>Devarim</b> <b>Erev Tisha B'Av</b> 8:01p Fast Begins 8:15p Service and Eikha 8:45p Shabbat Ends
11 • 10 Av <b>Tisha B'Av</b> 8:45a Shaharit 6:45p Minhah, study with Rabbi Bolton, Ma'ariv 8:13p Fast Ends <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	12 • 11 Av 7:15a Shaharit In the Evening: Movie Night, time & title to be announced	13 • 12 Av 7:15a Shaharit	14 • 13 Av 7:15a Shaharit 7:00p <i>Talmud to TV</i> with Rabbi Bolton	15 • 14 Av 7:15a Shaharit	16 • 15 Av <b>Tu B'Av</b> 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p Young Professionals Dinner 7:34p Candlelighting	17 • 16 Av <b>Shabbat Nahamu</b> 9:00a Shaharit <b>Vaethanan</b> 8:30p Shabbat Ends
18 • 17 Av 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	19 • 18 Av 7:15a Shaharit	20 • 19 Av 7:00a NY Common Pantry 7:15a Shaharit	21 • 20 Av 7:15a Shaharit	22 • 21 Av 7:15a Shaharit	23 • 22 Av 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:24p Candlelighting	24 • 23 Av 9:00a Shaharit <b>Ekev</b> 8:19p Shabbat Ends
25 • 24 Av 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	26 • 25 Av 7:15a Shaharit	27 • 26 Av 7:15a Shaharit	28 • 27 Av 7:15a Shaharit	29 • 28 Av 7:15a Shaharit	30 • 29 Av 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:13p Candlelighting	31 • 30 Av <b>Rosh Hodesh</b> 9:00a Shaharit <b>Re'eh</b> 8:07p Shabbat Ends





## Annual Or L'Atid Parents' Night Out On the OZ Roof Monday, July 22, 6:00 pm

Save the date for our annual Parents' Night Out on the Or Zarua roof!  
Enjoy an evening of fun, socializing, and karaoke with other parents  
in the OZ community. Invite friends along—all are welcome.  
Bring your kids along for pizza and a movie!  
Details and invitation to follow.

**RSVP to Sigal Hirsch at [sigalhirsch@orzarua.org](mailto:sigalhirsch@orzarua.org)**



**Page 8 Photos, Left column, top three:** B'nei Mitzvah Scholars finished the year with Hebrew Hashtags, having fun making their own photo booth props. **Above:** Our second B'nei Mitzvah Cohort enjoyed rich communal and family learning as we concluded the year together. **Bottom, left and right:** On a day off from school, Hebrew School students and families came to make Soup Kits for donation to NCS, making more than 100 Soup Kits!



# Hebrew School Registration

Hebrew School Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year is open!

Join us for another year of rich study. The OZ building is full of the sounds of learning and laughter on Monday evenings as all students, Kindergarten through seventh graders join us for various programs. Kindergarten through second grade students study Hebrew language, reading and writing 4:00–6:00pm, preparing them for long lives of Jewish study, prayer and connection with Israel and our heritage. Third through fifth graders explore Jewish holidays and values in deep, interdisciplinary learning, in addition to intensive Hebrew reading units, strengthening skills they developed in earlier years. All elementary schoolers come together for t'filah, study of our weekly Torah portion, parashat hashavuah, and school-wide educational holiday celebrations. Third through fifth graders continue their learning on Wednesdays, committing more deeply to their Jewish educations.

Sixth and seventh grade students love B'nei Mitzvah Scholars, which meets from 6:00–8:00pm on Monday evenings. Students come together over dinner, giving them time to socialize and get to know one another, building a community of friends and learners. Students then split into two groups—one to study Hebrew and the other to explore semester-based courses in various Judaic Studies disciplines. New

this year is our 8th and 9th grade class on Wednesday evenings from 5:00–6:00 pm, giving students the opportunity for continued weekly study of Hebrew and Judaics, driven by their own interests.

Middle Schoolers are also encouraged to join Rabbi Bolton for his brand new monthly *Tastes and Traditions* class on Wednesday evenings from 6:15–7:15pm. Together students will explore Jewish cultures and traditions from around the world as they enjoy cuisine from that country!

Students truly love Hebrew School at Or Zarua. If you are thinking about any of our programs for your child, be in touch with Sigal Hirsch, who is happy to share more details about each class and explore what the experience could look like for your child and your family.

**If you have friends or family who might be interested in our wonderful community, please connect them with Sigal Hirsch (212-452-2310, ext 15 or shirsch@orzarua.org), as we continue to grow our Or L'Atid programs and our Hebrew School classes.**



**Page 9 Photos:** Our Hebrew School Siyyum was a blast! Parents and Children learned together with our teachers and Rabbi Bolton, studying a text from Pirke Avot in groups, and then teaching sections to one another. Then, each class presented on what they had learned this year - we heard a Hebrew song, played Hebrew Wheel-of-Fortune, enjoyed a visit from Harry Potter, and heard our oldest students' personal Jewish statements.



# The Or Zarua Community

Fund contributions received between April 1, 2019 and May 31, 2019

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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](mailto: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

**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](http://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.

Help Keep Our Daily Minyan Strong  
Contact Sheldon Adler: [sadler@skadden.com](mailto:sadler@skadden.com)



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Sigal Hirsch, OZ Youth & Education Director, leads a group conversation at the last class of the 5779 year of learning. Sigal and our faculty at Or L'Atid create wonderful relationships with each of the children in our community. See pages 8 and 9.

### Membership Renewal

Letters regarding renewal of membership at Or Zarua are being mailed.

Please contact the synagogue office at 212-452-2310 with any questions regarding membership at Congregation Or Zarua.

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JULY/AUGUST 2019

## Tisha B'Av Services and Study

### Erev Tisha B'Av

Saturday, August 10

8:01 pm: Fast begins

8:15 pm: Service  
and Eikha

8:45 pm: Shabbat ends

### Tisha B'Av Day

Sunday, August 11

8:45 am: Shaharit

6:45 pm: Minhah,  
study with

Rabbi Bolton, Ma'ariv

8:13 pm: Fast ends

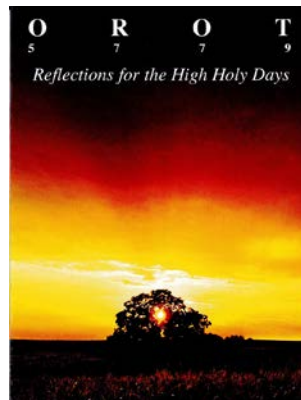
### Recovering with Love: Tisha B'Av to Tu B'Av Study with Rabbi Bolton

Sunday, August 11, between Minhah & Ma'ariv

The saddest and the happiest days of the Jewish year come back-to-back in the month of Av. That is, at least, according to the Talmud. Why aren't we celebrating the 15th of Av as a day of love and joy?

Why has the destruction of the Temple and the fast of 9 Av defined Jewish consciousness? Or does it not?

## 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](mailto:feerman@gmail.com), or Rabbi Bolton at [rabbibolton@orzarua.org](mailto: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 July 11, 2019.**

Would you like to learn to leyn (read Torah) or lead services at Or Zarua?  
If so, contact Mark Somerstein at [mmsrstn@aol.com](mailto:mmsrstn@aol.com)  
or call the synagogue office 212-452-2310, ext 12.