

Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture with Leora Batnitzky, PhD Ronald O. Perelman Professor of Jewish Studies at Princeton University

Edith Stein: Jewish Apostate and Catholic Saint

Wednesday, January 29, 7:30 pm



Our annual Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture is named in honor of our former congregant, who was perhaps the preeminent historian of the Holocaust. At this year's lecture, entitled *Edith Stein:*

Jewish Apostate and Catholic Saint, Leora Batnitzky, one of the world's foremost Jewish studies scholars, will illuminate for us a fascinating historical episode that embodies the immense tragedy and pathos of the Shoah and its aftermath.

Edith Stein was murdered in Auschwitz in August 1942. Born into a traditional Jewish family, Stein was baptized into the Catholic faith on New Year's Day 1922. In October 1933, she began the process of becoming a Carmelite Nun, in which capacity she would take the name "Teresa Benedicta of the Cross." Pope John Paul II

beatified Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross in 1987 and subsequently canonized her, later declaring her a patron saint of the European Union. Stein continued to see herself as a Jew despite her conversion, a point emphasized in her canonization, as to which Catholics and Jews have had jarringly different reactions. Pope John Paul II saw Stein's canonization as an opportunity for Christian and Jewish reconciliation. Yet his view that Stein embodied a hybrid Jewish and Christian identity irritated some Jewish observers who understood that Stein was murdered precisely because she was born a Jew.

Professor Batnitzky's lecture will focus on the theological dimensions of Stein's contested legacies. Her overview will include consideration of the history of Jewish-Christian dialogue and especially the painful debates about Christian supersessionism, Stein's relationship to her contemporary Franz Rosenzweig who himself almost converted to Christianity, and Stein's arguments about empathy, the subject of her dissertation supervised by philosopher

Edmund Husserl, himself a Jewish convert to Christianity. Through insightful analysis of this consequential series of events implicating Stein's extraordinary life and identity, Professor Batnitzky will teach us much about the complex historical and theological relationship between Judaism and Christianity.

Leora Batnitzky is the Ronald O. Perelman Professor of Jewish Studies at Princeton University. Her teaching and research interests include philosophy of religion, modern Jewish thought, hermeneutics, and contemporary legal and political theory. In 2002 she received Princeton's President's Award for Distinguished Teaching, and chaired Princeton's Department of Religion for a decade. She is the author of numerous acclaimed books, and is co-director of the international Center for Bible, Culture, and Modernity. Please join us as Professor Batnitzky continues in our series of world-renowned Lucy S. Dawidowicz lectures.

—Marc Ashley

Super Bowl Party

Enjoy the game and feast on BBQ from Dougies while raising tzedakah for Project ORE and the Met Council

Sunday, February 2, 5:00 pm

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Shabbat Shirah Friday and Saturday February 7 and 8

A Cappella with Kaskeset

Musical Friday Night Service
Sermon in Song
Special Kiddush
Post-Kiddush Concert
Musical Havdalah

Kaskeset is the Jewish a cappella group from SUNY Binghamton

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Rabbi Wechsler Teaches Two Engaging Lectures

Join the community for two nights of engaging learning with our founding rabbi.

Three Zionist Psalms

Wednesday, February 5, 7:30 pm

The Cosmological Metaphors of Prayer

Wednesday, February 12, 7:30 pm



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President's Message

by Diane Okrent



It's 2020!
 Remember Y2K? That was 20 years ago!
 It should be easy to keep track of 2020. After all, it signifies perfect vision. To see clearly is to see 20/20. Yet, only about

35% of all adults have 20/20 vision without glasses, contact lenses or corrective surgery. In other words, two-thirds of us can't see clearly without correction! I take this to mean that most of us need guidance to have clear vision.

We would all like to have 20/20 foresight but, unfortunately, most of us have 20/20 hindsight. With the benefit of time and experience, we can see how we might have chosen a different path. But, we only have the option to move forward.

I have always thought that we Jews are very fortunate to have two new years every year. If we haven't gotten a good start on our Rosh Hashanah resolutions, we get another chance a few months later. What an advantage!

Or Zarua is always moving forward – guided by its founding principles. Thirty-one years ago this month, 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. We were founded to be participatory in our lay-led services. And, we were founded 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, as well.

Over the past 31 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; and Hesed projects that enhance the lives of those in our immediate community and in Israel.

We at Or Zarua learn together, pray together, participate and connect with one another and the community.

We will celebrate our 31st birthday with the annual Lucy Dawidowicz lecture on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, when Princeton Professor Leora Batnitzky will address us regarding Edith Stein, a Jewish woman who became a Catholic nun and then perished in Auschwitz.

Our birthday celebration will continue with a lavish Kiddush Lunch on Saturday, February 8. This will be a particularly festive Shabbat. Kaskeset, the Jewish a cappella group from SUNY Binghamton, will join us for a musical Shabbaton to celebrate Shabbat Shirah (Sabbath of Song). On that Shabbat, we will read parashat Beshalach, which includes "Song at the Sea," that was sung by the Children of Israel after they successfully crossed the Red Sea on their way out of Egypt.

With daylight lasting a little longer each day, there will be more learning opportunities and celebrations to enjoy at Or Zarua.

As we enter 2020, we hope for clear vision into the future. 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 a wonderful 2020!
 B'Shalom!

Diane



Purim Begins Monday Night, March 9!

Join us for Ma'ariv and the reading of the Megillah at 7:40 PM followed by our Musical and Humorous Spiel. Refreshments and Shmoozing after the Spiel. See Page 12.

Chaburah OZ Torah Study

After Kiddush on Select Shabbatot

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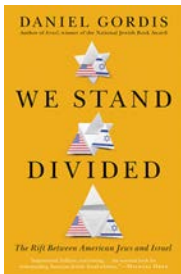
*The Greatest Place (Not) to Be
with Benjamin Marcus
Terumah, February 29*

Upcoming Chaburah Presentations

May 16: Behar-Behukotai with Joanne Feierman

May 30: Shabbat Shavuot II with Marc Ashley:
A Chaburah in memory of Sharon R. Seiler, z"l

Or Zarua Book Discussions



*We Stand Divided: The Rift Between
American Jews and Israel*
by Daniel Gordis

Sunday, January 26, 7:30 pm
To be led by Rabbi Bolton

In his latest book Daniel Gordis, National Jewish Book Award winner, presents a bold reevaluation of the tensions between American and Israeli Jews that reimagines the past, present, and future of Jewish life. Through an examination of the history of the troubled relationship between these two centers of contemporary Jewish life, showing that from the very outset—even before the state of Israel was created—the two communities' dreams for a Jewish future had little in common.

Future titles and dates are:

Fly Already by Etgar Keret on Sunday, March 15

Fighting Anti-Semitism by Bari Weiss, Sunday, May 3

All are welcome to attend OZ Book Discussions; please join us.

**OZ Perspectives:
The History of the Talmud
with Professor David Kraemer, JTS**
Five Tuesdays, March 24, 31, April 21, 28,
and May 5, 6:30 pm



Our next class will be on the history of the Talmud and will be presented by Dr. David C. Kraemer, Joseph J. and Dora Abbell Librarian and Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics.

The course meets on five Tuesdays: March 24, 31, April 21, 28, and May 5; tuition is \$250 for members of OZ and \$275 for nonmembers.

Register through ShulCloud, by calling the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, ext 12 or by email (dwenger@orzarua.org). Registration must be finalized before the second meeting date of the class.

Lunch & Learn With Rabbi Bolton

Join with Rabbi Bolton for Lunch & Learn on select Mondays. Each program costs \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Pre-registration is required; sign up at orzarua.shulcloud.com/event/lunch-and-learn-India.html. Note that you must be logged into your ShulCloud account to receive member pricing.

Jews of India in the Israeli Press and on Gallery Walls Monday, January 13, Noon

In January Lunch & Learn will feature Indian kosher food and an exploration of the India Jewish Community, most of whose members now reside in Israel. Rabbi Bolton will focus the discussion using journalists' stories from Israeli newspapers and media outlets that have covered recent festivals and investigations celebrating Indian Jewish heritage. To deepen our perspective we will look at some artwork by contemporary Indian Jewish artists who have differing relationships to their Indian roots.



Above: by Siona Benjamin



Above: Meydad Eliyahu

Jews & The Far East Monday, February 24, Noon



Above: Harbin delegates

The history of Jews in China and Japan has roots as far back as the 7th and 16th Centuries respectively. We'll have Asian tastes and explore tales and traditions of these global Jewish communities.

Tzedakah Super Bowl Party Supporting Project ORE & The Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty

Sunday, February 2, 5:00 pm

OZ members and their guests are invited to our 18th Annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 2, beginning at 5:00 pm with Minnah. Viewing the game on a large-screen HDTV and eating kosher food from Dougie's BBQ in Teaneck, NJ, while socializing in a family-friendly atmosphere is a great way to enjoy the Super Bowl. Please make reservations at 212-452-2310, ext. 39, or email to dwenger@orzarua.org, by noon on Tuesday, January 28.

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 hesed. This year, our designated charities are Project ORE and The Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty.

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.

The Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty is the voice of the Jewish poor and the first line of defense for our community's needy. The Met Council fights poverty through comprehensive social services and passionate advocacy to care for every individual with integrity and respect. Their network of 75 food pantries, affordable housing sites and JCC's strengthen families and neighborhoods across New York.

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

Musical Havdalah Programs with OZ Congregants

Join together for a light nosh and havdalah followed by Congregants making music!

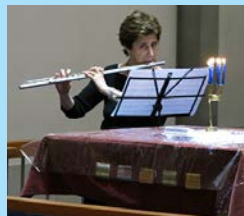
A Jazzy Night
with Michael Schwartz
January 18, 5:30 pm



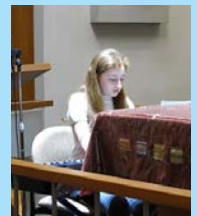
Michael will be performing jazz arrangements of some of the standards from the *Great American Songbook* and some important jazz originals that are less familiar. Compositions by the jazz pianist Thelonious

Monk will be featured.

A Taste of Classical
with Marcia Kalin & Annie Sahn
February 29, 6:45 pm



Join us for Havdalah, community song and then the delight of classical music by our congregants Marcia Kalin and Annie Sahn. Marcia's moving music on flute and Annie's enchanting piano playing are regular features of our Yom HaShoah commemoration, but now we expand



our Musical Havdalah experiences with classical music for a Saturday night.

Commit to Kindness: Volunteer with Or Zarua

“The reward for charity depends entirely upon the extent of the kindness in it.”—*Talmud Bavli*

Help the Hungry at NY Common Pantry

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

1) Start your day off right and volunteer to help serve a hot breakfast at the NY Common Pantry, 8 East 109th Street on Tuesday, January 21 or Tuesday, February 18 from 7:00 to 9:00 am. Volunteers plate meals in the kitchen for 150 to 200 food insecure individuals.

2) If the breakfast shift is too early for you, help with the packing and distribution of nutritious, fresh food pantry packages for families from 9 am to noon on Wednesday, January 8 or Wednesday, February 5.

3) Drop off non-perishable, healthy food items in the Or Zarua Social Hall.

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

Join Thursday 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 Thursdays 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.



Some of the OZ Holiday Gleaners who gleaned at Eli's Market, Eli's Nightshift, and two locations of Eli's Essentials.

Shabbat Shirah Shabbaton with Kaskeset

Friday and Saturday, February 7 and 8

Each year on Shabbat Shirah we read in parashat Beshalah of the Israelites' miraculous crossing of the Sea of Reeds and their joyous poetic singing in celebration of their divine deliverance. Through this special Shabbat, we revel annually in the song and music that animated our ancestors' unique experience and



that continues to inspire our own. Our Sabbath of Song observance this year will be greatly enhanced through the company of Kaskeset, SUNY Binghamton's dynamic Jewish a cappella group, who will uplift our spirits through beautiful and exuberant harmony over the course of a transformative Shabbat.

Kaskeset (meaning "scales" in Hebrew), established in 1996, is Binghamton University's only Jewish a cappella group and has performed across the country for audiences of all ages, including for the Israeli Ambassador's United Nations Hanukkah reception and the State Department in Washington DC. With an impressively diverse repertoire, Kaskeset has produced six studio albums and has won recognition at several a cappella

singing competitions. Check out some of Kaskeset's great music at <https://www.kaskesetbinghamton.com/>.

Kaskeset will join us to make our Friday night services even more vibrant, and then return to our sanctuary during Shabbat morning services to deliver a *Sermon in Song*. After our Or Zarua Birthday kiddush, Kaskeset will perform a Shabbat afternoon concert (at approximately 1 pm). As Shabbat ends, Kaskeset will make a cappella come alive for our members and children with a special program. Please join us for Havdalah at 6:15 pm, followed by a light dinner and program (RSVP required). See the box at right for a summary of scheduling and RSVP information.

Please join us on Shabbat Shirah, on both Friday night and Saturday, as Kaskeset's exhilarating singing reverberates throughout Or Zarua.



Shabbat Shirah with Kaskeset

Friday, February 7

5:02 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat

6:00 pm Mini-concert

Saturday, February 8

9:00 am Shabbat Services begin
Kaskeset presents a *Sermon in Song*.

12:00 pm Kiddush

1:00 pm Kaskeset Post-Kiddush Concert

6:15 pm Musical Havdalah and Program
Dinner: \$18 per adult, \$10 per child; \$36 maximum per household.

Register at: orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/Havdalah-with-Kaskeset by Tuesday February 4. For questions contact Deborah Wenger at 212-452-2310, ext 12, or dwenger@orzarua.org.

Becoming the OZ Gallery

How an Unadorned Social Hall Blossomed into an Art Gallery

In the beginning, it was planned as a large, utilitarian meeting room – a Social Hall, the place for Kiddush after Shabbat, breakfast after morning minyan, lectures and meetings and similar gatherings for non-sanctuary events. While the designers did imagine displays of art on the walls (there was, in the early days, a magnificent photo exhibit of black and white photos by OZ congregant Zion Ozeri of Jews around the world) the Social Hall was primarily seen as a simple, unadorned, functional room.

Then, in 2004, the seed was planted that blossomed into the 2005 exhibition, *Our Precious Legacies*, and the Social Hall—later redubbed the OZ Gallery—was transformed. How this change took place

will soon be commemorated in a new volume being prepared by the OZ Gallery committee under the direction of the Committee's luminous chair and curator Bobbi Collier and art director, artist and OZ Congregant Caroline Golden. This anniversary catalogue will feature highlights of past exhibits and reminiscences by contributors and Gallery Committee members. It is meant to be a celebration of the Gallery's place in our synagogue's past, present and future. It is also hoped it will be treasured as a keepsake honoring the OZ Gallery, itself a "precious legacy", as we celebrate Or Zarua's anniversary.

–Gerry Solomon

Keshet Israel Presents Israel On Campus Update with Micaela Raviv

Shabbat, January 4 after Kiddush



Micaela, an OZ senior, is on the forefront of on-campus Israel advocacy at Brown. Training during high school prepared her for campus leadership, but there is nothing like experience to develop perspective and leadership.

International programs keep her connected and networked with advocates of her generation. Micaela will share personal stories about standing up for Israel, organizational realities and challenges and reflections about what it will take to overcome anti-Israel attitudes and the antisemitic BDS Movement.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 • 4 Tevet 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Hebrew School</i> <i>No Talmud Class</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	2 • 5 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Siddur Class</i>	3 • 6 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 4:22p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	4 • 7 Tevet 9:00a Shaharit Vayigash 11:00a Torah Kids 11:00a Torah Tots 1:00p <i>Israel On Campus</i> <i>Update with Micaela Raviv</i> 5:22p Shabbat Ends
5 • 8 Tevet 8:45a Shaharit 5:00p Bir'nana and Purim Spiel Rehearsals	6 • 9 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:00p Torah Reading Class with Mark Somerstein	7 • 10 Tevet Tzom Asarah B'Tevet Fast of the 10th of Tevet 6:08a Fast Begins 7:15a Shaharit 5:19p Fast Ends	8 • 11 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 9:00a NY Common Pantry 4:00p Hebrew School 6:15p Tastes & Traditions with Rabbi Bolton 7:30p Talmud Class	9 • 12 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class	10 • 13 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Yoga, Goga, Shabbat! 4:29p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	11 • 14 Tevet 9:00a Shaharit Vayehi 10:30a Family Learning Experience 10:30a Shabbat & Me 10:30a Mah Zeh Shabbat?! 5:29p Shabbat Ends
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19 • 22 Tevet 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	20 • 23 Tevet Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Shalom Sing-A-Long</i> <i>No Hebrew School</i> <i>OZ Office Closed</i> <i>No Torah Reading Class</i> <i>with Mark Somerstein</i>	21 • 24 Tevet 7:00a NY Common Pantry 7:15a Shaharit	22 • 25 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 6:15p Arts Beit Midrash 7:30p Talmud Class	23 • 26 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class 6:00p NCS Hesed Program	24 • 27 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Yoga, Goga, Shabbat! 4:45p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00p OZYP Happy Hour, Shabbat Services, & Smoke House BBQ Shabbat Dinner (RSVP)	25 • 28 Tevet 9:00a Shaharit Vaera 11:00a Torah Kids 11:00a Torah Tots 5:44p Shabbat Ends
26 • 29 Tevet 8:45a Shaharit 5:00p Bir'nana and Purim Spiel Rehearsals 7:30p Book Discussion: <i>We</i> <i>Stand Divided: The Rift</i> <i>Between American Jews</i> by Daniel Gordis	27 • 1 Shevat Rosh Hodesh 7:00a Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars	28 2 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit	29 • 3 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 6:15p Arts Beit Midrash 7:30p Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture: <i>Edith Stein:</i> <i>Jewish Apostate and</i> <i>Catholic Saint</i> with Leora Batnitzky, PhD <i>No Talmud Class</i>	30 • 4 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class	31 • 5 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Yoga, Goga, Shabbat! 4:53p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	

Be sure to check the Or Zarua Website (www.orzarua.org) and the weekly eblasts for updates to the calendar.

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.

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16 • 21 Shevat 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	17 • 22 Shevat President's Day 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Hebrew School</i> <i>OZ Office Closed</i>	18 • 23 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 7:00a NY Common Pantry	19 • 24 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Hebrew School</i> <i>No Talmud Class</i>	20 • 25 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 6:00p NCS Hased Program <i>No Siddur Class</i>	21 • 26 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 5:19p Candlelighting: Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00p OZYP Happy Hour, Shabbat Services, Board Game Shabbat & Shabbat Dinner (RSVP)	22 • 27 Shevat Shabbat Shekalim Birkat HaHodesh 9:00a Shaharit Mishpatim <i>No Youth Programs</i> 6:16p Shabbat Ends
23 • 28 Shevat 8:45a Shaharit 5:00p Bir'nana and Purim Spiel Rehearsals	24 • 29 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 10:15a Shalom Sing-A-Long 12:00p Lunch 'n Learn with Rabbi Bolton (RSVP) 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars	25 • 30 Shevat Rosh Hodesh 7:00a Shaharit	26 • 1 Adar Rosh Hodesh 7:00a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 6:15p Arts Beit Midrash 7:30p Talmud Class	27 • 2 Adar 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class 6:00p NCS Hased Program	28 • 3 Adar 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Yoga, Goga, Shabbat! 5:27p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p Family Shabbat Dinner (RSVP)	29 • 4 Adar 9:00a Shaharit/ Terumah 11:00a Torah Kids & Tots 1:00p Post-Kiddush Chaburah Torah Study with Benjamin Marcus 6:24p Shabbat Ends 6:45p Musical Havdalah with Marcia Kalin and Annie Sahn

Be sure to check the Or Zarua Website (www.orzarua.org) and the weekly eblasts for updates to the calendar.

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.



Shalom Sing-A-Long and Yoga, Goga, Shabbat! New Semester for each of these programs begins the week of January 6

Sign up for the semester for a 25% discount, or drop in for a class for just \$20!



Visit <http://www.orzarua.org/or-latid/early-childhood/> for more information and to sign up!

Wednesday Evenings for Middle Schoolers NEW Arts Beit Midrash

Legends about creatures & nature, beasts and mythic monsters abound in Jewish tradition. We will explore this terrain in midrashic texts in order to make art and expand our horizons.

With the guidance of Rabbi Bolton, Sigal and guest artists, we will design and create mixed-media art that stems from passages about animals and nature in the Torah, the Talmud and Jewish commentaries.

Engage a variety of artistic approaches and learn new techniques. The art will reference and be rooted in the legends and sources we study.

The course will begin on Wednesday, January 15 and run through May 27. Sixth through Eighth Grade children, both members and non-members of Or Zarua, are invited to register for the class.

Registration for the class, which includes an art-supply caddy, is \$360 per student. Sign up on ShulCloud. Contact Sigal for more information at: 212-452-2310 x15, or shirsch@orzarua.org.

The Arts Beit Midrash will not meet when Tastes & Tradition meets.

Tastes & Traditions with Rabbi Bolton

Middle Schoolers are invited to join Rabbi Bolton for his monthly "Tastes and Traditions" class on select Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:15 pm. Together students will explore Jewish cultures and traditions from around the world as they enjoy cuisine from that country. Students can enroll for the remainder of the year or drop in when available!

Students are invited to join Rabbi Bolton for Tastes & Tradition on the following dates: January 8, February 12, March 11, April 22, May 20.

Photos to the right and page 9: Everyone had a wonderful evening at our Musical Havdalah and concert with Aaron Shelden. Kids enjoyed Hanukkah Improv, becoming candles and statues themselves!

Family Shabbat
Saturdays, January 11 and February 1

Join us for Youth and Family Shabbat Programs at 10:30am.

After services, all families are invited for a special treat at the Community Kiddush in January, and to a Family Lunch in February!

Youth and family programs begin at 10:30am:

Shabbat & Me
(Pre-K and younger)

Family Learning Experience
(Elementary School and parents)

Mah Zeh Shabbat?!
(Middle School and High School)



Musical Havdalah with Kasketet

Saturday, February 8
6:15 pm

Join us as we end Shabbat Shirah and bring in the new week with a meaningful and songful Havdalah ceremony. After Havdalah, light dinner will be served, and then stick around for a night of music and fun with the whole community!

Or L'Atid Tu B'Shevat Celebration Monday, February 10, 5:00 pm

Families are invited to celebrate Tu B'Shevat with an Or L'tid Tu B'Shevat Celebration! Hebrew School Students, Day School Students and Public School Students and their families are all welcome to join us as we celebrate the Jewish new year of the trees together! Sign up on ShulCloud.



Family Shabbat Dinner Friday, February 28 Services at 5:27, Dinner to follow (Around 6:30)

Families with children infants-teens, join us for a Family Shabbat Dinner. Celebrate Shabbat with family and friends and a delicious meal! Sign up on ShulCloud.

Calling All Performers! Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers are invited to participate in the 2020 Or Zarua Purim Spiel on Monday, March 9, masterfully directed by our very own Judy Buchman-Ziv

Work with professional musicians to stage original Purim Parody songs, featuring music from Porgy & Bess, Carmen Jones, Hairspray, The Greatest Showman and more!

Schedule of rehearsals:
Sundays, 5:00-7:00 pm on
January 5, 12, 26, February 9, 23,
and March 11

**Thursday, March 5 is a
Mandatory Dress Rehearsal**
Remember, this is a community
production. Everyone gets a part;
there are no "stars."

Youth, we want you in the spiel!
Say "yes" to an opportunity for
real drama and Jewish connection at OZ!
Contact Rabbi Bolton or Sigal
for more information.
Contact Judy to sign up at:
eileenbz@yahoo.com.



The Or Zarua Community

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Talmud & Siddur Classes with Rabbi Bolton

Talmud Class
Wednesdays, 7:30–9:00 pm

Who Can Be Judged? Who Can Bear Witness? Kings, Judges, and the Great Men and Women Of Israel.

Chapter 2 of Masekhet Sanhedrin

Siddur Class
Thursdays, 8:40–9:40 am

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

Either class may be joined at any time. For additional information contact Rabbi Bolton by calling the office (212-452-2310) or by email (rabbibolton@orzarua.org)

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.



The Or Zarua Social Hall is available to rent

Contact Helene Santo, 212-452-2310, ext 14, for information.

A Minyan Poem

Please help to make
Our minyan strong
Forty minutes
Is not that long
Once a month
Or once a week
Will keep our minyan
At its peak
Those saying kaddish
Will be so glad
During a time
When mostly they're sad
After we daven
There's breakfast to eat
With lots of babka
As a breakfast treat
So please give Shelly
Adler a shout
And let him know
That you'll help us out

Help Keep Our Daily Minyan Strong
ONE HOUR • ONE MORNING • ONCE A MONTH
Contact Sheldon Adler: sadler@skadden.com

Images Of Creation In The OZ Art Gallery



Ten prints, by artist Rudi Wolff, based on the creation narrative in the Book of Genesis.

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 paying online. 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.

Visit OZ on the Web!
Go to orzarua.org

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.





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Or Zarua's Young Professionals

**Services and Dinner
Smoke House BBQ Shabbat
Friday, January 24, 6:00 pm**

**Torah on Tap
Thursday, February 6, 7:00 pm**

**Services and Dinner
Board Game Shabbat
Friday, February 21, 6:00 pm**

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.

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Wanted! Purim Spiel Performers!!
The Purim Spiel will be on Monday evening, March 9. If you want to be part of the OZ Purim Spiel, please contact Judy Buchman-Ziv at: eileenbz@yahoo.com.



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 Tuesday, March 10. 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 (dwenger@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 12) by Thursday, February 20, with their name, and complete school addresses. Also, please include their email address and cell phone numbers so that Rabbi Bolton can stay in touch with them.

Attention!!

Calling for Purim Issue Contributions!!

Once again Or Zarua will publish a Purim issue of the OZ Newsletter. To help with this most important project we need your goofy contributions. If you wish to contribute please contact either Raanan Korinow (raanan.korinow@gmail.com) or Charlie Spielholz (cssrs@earthlink.net) by the first week of February.