

**Summer Scholar-in-Residence with Professor Ronnie Perelis**  
***“The Exiles of Jerusalem in Sepharad”: Crisis, Creativity and Resilience***  
**Zoom in on Three Wednesdays, July 8, 15 & 22, 7:30 pm**  
**Register for this Zoom Program at: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomSummerScholar>**



**D**espite the pandemic that has closed our building for the past several months, Or Zarua’s adult educational programming

remains ongoing, accessible and vibrant. We have sustained our robust learning community through a varied menu of virtual classes, lectures and sermons. Our year-round learning opportunities continue this summer with a three-part lecture series in July by Dr. Ronnie Perelis, a world-class scholar of Sephardic history and culture.

Dr. Perelis, Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Abraham

and Jelena (Rachel) Alcalay Associate Professor of Sephardic Studies at the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies and the Director of the Rabbi Arthur Schneier Program for International Affairs at Yeshiva University, will explore various stages of medieval and early modern Sephardic experience and expression. The Jews of the Iberian Peninsula in the fourteenth century and beyond endured intense persecution and crisis, yet emerged from their recurring traumas to embody heroic resilience and creativity.

The Jews of Spain created an unrivaled culture during their millennial stay in the Iberian Peninsula. These Sephardim were deeply rooted in their Jewish tradition but also vigorously enmeshed in the economic,

political and cultural life of their broader society. After an extended period of thriving splendor, however, the Jews of Spain were persecuted, forcibly converted and eventually expelled, leading to communal fragmentation and dispersion.

Yet Sephardic creativity was not extinguished with the expulsion. With the rise of the Converso class, Jewish identity took on new forms and expressions. Dr. Perelis will focus his lecture series on pivotal moments in Sephardic history including the riots of 1391, the establishment of the Inquisition, the expulsions from and forced baptisms in Spain and Portugal, the conquest of the Americas, and the rebirth of open Jewish life in cosmopolitan

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***Tisha B’Av: Lamenting Our Sins or Our Suffering?***  
**Zoom Lecture by Marc Ashley**  
**Monday, July 27, 7:30 pm**

**Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomTishaBAv2020>; Zoom ID: 831 1178 3477; Zoom Password: 613**



**T**isha B’Av seems to be an anomaly on the Jewish calendar. Coming in the wake of Shavuot that joyously celebrates the gift of our Torah, and falling amidst summer

warmth and bloom, this 25-hour fast is the saddest day of the year.

But what is the nature of the sadness we should be feeling? What, indeed, is the spiritual essence of this distinctive day?

The answer is complex, as Tisha B’Av embodies competing conceptions of God and Jewish history. On the one hand, the Rabbis of the Talmud taught that the

destruction of both ancient Temples on Tisha B’Av reflected God’s punishment for our sins, including gratuitous enmity among fellow Jews. Within this theological framework, Jewish tragedy is directly attributable to our misconduct. On the other hand, Jewish tradition over time made Tisha B’Av a repository of numerous calamities, a day of mourning largely free of guilt. In combination, Tisha B’Av has thus become a hybrid day of lamentation for both deserved tragedies and unjustified suffering. Its mixed religious nature begs the question of whether our focus should be on our repentance or our resilience.

The book of Eikha (Lamentations) that we read on Tisha B’Av evening embodies this spiritual conundrum. Its poignant text reflects theological conceptions that

frame God’s anger as both justified and unconstrained, that explain Jewish pain as a byproduct of both wrongdoing and victimhood. Perhaps Eikha’s paradoxical presentation of God should be unsurprising, as Exodus depicts God’s attributes as encompassing both infinite kindness and unremitting justice. But it may nevertheless leave us with disquieting concerns about God’s temper.

Please join us on the evening of Monday, July 27, in advance of the fast day later that week, as congregant Marc Ashley explores Tisha B’Av’s mosaic of complex themes, reflecting diverse perspectives of both God and the Jewish historical experience. In the Or Zarua tradition, Jewish learning can accompany and inform our observance of this important day.


  
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# President's Message

by Diane Okrent



With thanks to the founders of Congregation Or Zarua for term limits, I am embarking on my final year as Or Zarua's president. In 2011, when I became president the first

time, I remarked that all OZ presidents had their challenges—creating a synagogue community out of thin air, building the congregation, building a permanent home, growing the membership, educating our adults and children, buying a rabbinic apartment, finding a new rabbi. Not to mention finding a new venue for the High Holy Days on a few weeks' notice and fixing leaks from a hidden water heater—and raising the money to do it all!

But, nothing could have prepared us for COVID-19 and its havoc. We have lost members and members have lost family. Members, including our beloved rabbi and his wife, were laid low for weeks. Thank God, they have recovered their health and strength.

And, so will we.

As the media keep telling us—we are all in this together. And, together, we will prevail.

We are in good financial shape to weather this storm. With the reduction of programs in the building and careful spending, we have been able to balance the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

Our Director of Youth Education and Programming, Sigal Hirsch, has creatively adapted to online learning until we are back in our building on a regular basis. Sigal has developed online summer programs to educate and entertain our children who cannot go to day camp or sleepaway camp. We continue to educate the next generation of the Jewish people.

As I am sure you have seen from our weekly e-blasts, we offer myriad services, classes and programs—all via Zoom.

Through Zoom, OZ continues to be open for community and connection—for minyan, and programs, and education for our adults and children—serving our community with vitality and warmth.

Look through this July newsletter. It is full of activities for this coming month for adults and children. It reflects the depth and breadth of our community activities.

Our physical doors may be closed, but we are definitely open!

We eagerly anticipate the day when we literally are able to open our doors—legally

and safely. We have formed a Reopening Task Force that is made up of our Health Task Force and some Board Members and other congregants, as well as Sigal, Helene and Rabbi Bolton. We are working on plans to reopen the building as soon as we can do it in a way that ensures the health and safety of all who enter the doors.

We are also working on plans for the High Holy Days. Of course, any plans we make will be contingent on the rules and regulations in place at the time. Or Zarua will have High Holy Day services and online material for all, in some form. Rabbi Bolton is considering multiple shorter in-person experiences as well as planning a video library with our Readers & Leaders Committee. We are also hopeful that we will be able to organize outdoor shofar blowing with neighboring congregations.

Until we are in the building full time, we will continue to hold weekday Zoom services, classes and meetings. During the month of July, we will have a summer scholar-in-residence, Professor Ronnie Perelis. He will be teaching a three-part series on Wednesday evenings called "The Exiles of Jerusalem in Sepharad": *Crisis, Creativity and Resilience*.

As always, we welcome your suggestions for building our community, now and in the future.

Very soon, you will receive information about membership renewal. We hope you will join us as we embark on our 32nd year as a congregation. It will most certainly be an adventure! And, if you know people who would be interested in Or Zarua, please send them our way.

We are all in this together! And, together we will prevail and thrive.

I am looking forward to a bright future.

*Or Zarua La Tzadik, u'lishrei lev simcha.*

Light is sown for the righteous and joy for the upright of heart.

B'Shalom!

*Diane*



**The fast day of Tisha B'Av begins on Wednesday evening, July 29 and concludes Thursday evening, July 30. See page 6 for Tisha B'Av service information.**

# Hesed Committee Update

Rabbi Scott Bolton



**D**ear Or Zarua,  
Let me call your attention to this important message from our Hesed Committee:

At this time, many of the organizations that we partner with and with whom our members volunteer have greater needs

than ever.

*"Hesed hafatzti!"* (Hosea 6:6) The Prophet teaches us that God desires our pursuit of kindness. Abraham and Sarah were thought highly of by God, because they committed themselves and future generations to tzedakah. (Genesis 15:6)

**The organizations we support allow us to fight racial injustice, food insecurity and help to provide the fundamental services people need to become self-sufficient or less dependent in the long-run. We encourage you to learn more about the organizations we are invested in; we feel they help us extend our hands and hearts and do the justice work that our tradition demands of us.**

Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, OZ is not sending volunteers out at this time, but please read below to see how you can help.

**New York Common Pantry:** Our long-time partner, has remained open and is deemed an "essential service" during the COVID-19 crisis. They are seeing huge demand for their services. The best way to help is to make a donation through our Hesed Fund. You

can learn more about the Pantry here: <http://nycommonpantry.org>

You can also donate needed pantry staples—particularly rice and pasta—via the Pantry's Amazon list.

NYCP has begun to take volunteers again, using a small number of volunteers on day-to-day projects. As restrictions are lifted additional volunteers will be needed. Currently we are not coordinating shifts, but if you are not at extra risk according to CDC Guidelines, don't have anyone at home who is at high risk, are 18-plus years old, and feel comfortable coming in to volunteer—ideally from 9:00 am-1:00 pm if you are a heavy lifter or an all day shift (9:00 am-4:00 pm)—please reach out to Debby Lowenstein ([dlowenstein@nycommonpantry.org](mailto:dlowenstein@nycommonpantry.org)) at the Pantry. Let her know that you are from Or Zarua.

They have masks, gloves and hand sanitizer and the facilities are cleaned regularly.

We are looking into other organizations that our members can volunteer with by phone or computer.

Finally, please consider making a donation to the OZ Hesed Fund for disbursement to our partners. You may learn more about them at the links below:

**New York Common Pantry:** <http://nycommonpantry.org>

**Met Council for Jewish Poverty:** <https://www.metcouncil.org>

**Project ORE:**

<https://edalliance.org/our-programs/community-centers/project-ore>

**Food Bank for New York City:** <https://www.foodbanknyc.org>

**UJA Federation of New York:** <https://www.ujafedny.org>

**Leket, Table to Table (Israeli):** <https://www.leket.org/en/>

## Talmud & Siddur Classes with Rabbi Bolton

### Talmud Class

Final class of this year: **Wednesday, July 1, 7:30–9:00 pm**

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomTalmud>

Zoom ID: 720 508 990

Zoom Password: 613

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,

**Wednesdays, 8:40–9:40 am, last class of this year: July 23**

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomSiddur>

Zoom ID: 832 425 240

Zoom Password: 613

"Recently I have heard from many people that they don't even know what day it is!" The siddur, our Jewish prayerbook, has a way of keeping us on track. At the end of morning services we say a *Psalm of the Day*. Join us for studies of these important Psalms that come around week to week to inspire us and present powerful ideas through poetry. After the Psalms we will examine other readings that made their way into the siddur, at the end of daily morning prayers. The Rambam's 13 Principles and the Ten Commandments were inserted to provide yet another set of texts that meant to encourage reflection, intellectual pursuits and shaping our Jewish character. Join us at 8:40 am on Thursday mornings.

Either class may be joined at any time.

For additional information contact Rabbi Bolton ([rabbibolton@orzarua.org](mailto:rabbibolton@orzarua.org))

## Lunch & Zoom with Rabbi Bolton Study of the Weekly Torah Portion

Mondays in July, 12:00 pm

If you live with the weekly Torah portion you live on Jewish time!

Explore the weekly parsha with Rabbi Bolton at his Monday lunch & ZOOM. Classic commentaries and conversation.

Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomMondayNoon>

Zoom ID: 747 808 254

Zoom Password: 613



# Coming Soon

## On Exhibit: 15 Years at the OZ Gallery

**S**ummertime, and the livin' is ... busy! The greater New York community is beginning to return to normal, advancing through the stages of reopening. Or Zarua synagogue committees are hard at work planning for the eventual return of ritual, communal, educational and cultural life with the reopening of the shul building. And on the horizon is *On Exhibit: 15 Years at the OZ Gallery*, the commemorative volume tracing the history of the OZ Gallery. On its 60-plus, lushly illustrated pages are highlights of past exhibits in the Gallery and reminiscences by contributors and Gallery Committee members. Under the direction of Gallery

Committee Chair curator, and OZ Congregant, Bobbi Coller, PhD; art director, artist and OZ Congregant Caroline Golden Ilberman; and artist and graphic designer Rudi Wolff, this anniversary catalogue illustrates the transformation of the utilitarian Social Hall into the radiant OZ Gallery. Meant to be a celebration of our synagogue's past, it is hoped this volume will also inspire a vision of the future. Those who have worked on the OZ Gallery Committee and the contributors to the Gallery exhibits hope this volume will become a treasured keepsake honoring the Gallery and its importance to our synagogue community.

-Gerry Solomon

# Virtual Bir'nana



Like so many other OZ activities, Bir'nana rehearsals have continued on Zoom during the pandemic lockdown. And like so many other Zoom activities, rehearsals have been something of an adventure. Given the quirks of the technology, we can't actually sing together, but we've found ways to work around the challenges. So we've spent this time dusting off some of our "greatest hits" and even learning a new piece. Most important, although our rehearsals have been less frequent and shorter than usual, they've allowed us to maintain the singing community we've built over the last seven years.

Bir'nana always welcomes new members. So keep an eye on the newsletter and e-mail blasts for announcements about upcoming rehearsals. Or, for more information, contact Rabbi Amy Bolton ([rabamy@gmail.com](mailto:rabamy@gmail.com)) or Dore Hollander ([dore.hollander@gmail.com](mailto:dore.hollander@gmail.com)).

When the time is right, we will sing together again and, eventually, share our "joyful song" with the congregation. We can't wait!

— Dore Hollander



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

## Tastes & Tradition with Rabbi Bolton Wednesday, July 8

### 5:00 pm cooking; 6:00 pm class

Middle Schoolers, join Rabbi Bolton for our last Tastes & Tradition class before we break for the summer! We'll conclude our learning with a study of Israel and the multi-ethnic and multi-national Jews that make up the rich tapestry of Israeli Jewry.

First, join Sigal at 5:00 pm to cook an Israeli dinner! Look out for an email from Sigal with a list of ingredients and supplies.

RSVP to Sigal ([shirsch@orzarua.org](mailto:shirsch@orzarua.org)).

**Zoom Meeting ID: 852 6201 7349; Zoom Password: 613**

## Shabbat Story Time, Friday, July 10, 5:00 pm

Little ones, join Rabbi Bolton and Sigal for a Shabbat Story Time. Get ready together for Shabbat with stories, songs, and more!  
*Geared toward Early Childhood.*

**Zoom Meeting ID: 852 6201 7349; Zoom Password: 613**

## Or Zarua Book Discussions August Zoom Discussion and Summer Reading

### Summer Zoom Discussion

*The Crooked Shall be Made Straight* by S.Y. Agnon

Led by Rabbi Bolton

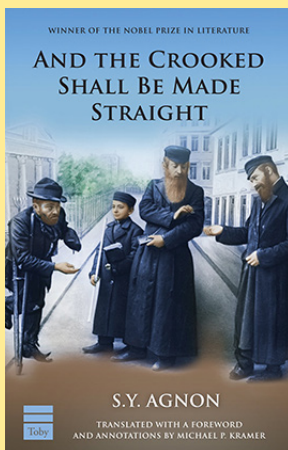
Sunday, August 2, 10:00 am

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomCrooked>

Phone In: 929 436 2866

Zoom ID: 894 1769 3158

Zoom Password: 613



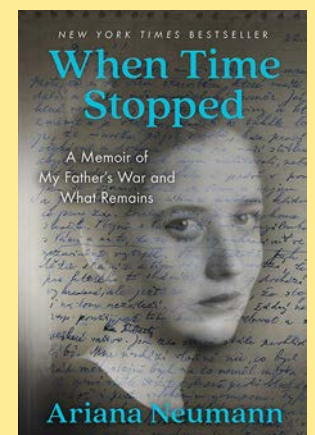
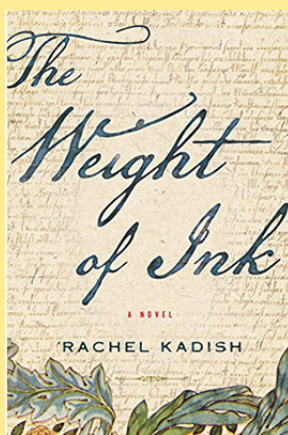
Please join the OZ Book Discussions for a special Zoom Event on Sunday, August 2, at 10:00 am, immediately following morning minyan. Rabbi Bolton will be leading a discussion of *The Crooked Shall be Made Straight*, S.Y. Agnon's first novel, for which he won the Nobel Prize in Literature. It is on sale at Amazon and Koren and available on Kindle. For a review go to: <https://tinyurl.com/OZBk1August2020>

### Summer Reading

As this coronavirus summer approaches, we book lovers can take solace knowing that reading still remains a permissible pleasure. Dates and venue for the coming year have not been determined, but in order to add to your beach or beach-substitute reading, consider *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish, our timely first selection. A fascinating work of historical fiction unraveling, among other gripping story lines, the consequences of the plague that devastated London during the 1660s. For a review go to: <https://tinyurl.com/OZB1July2020>

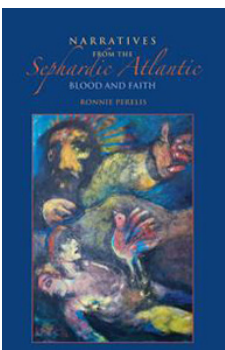
*When Time Stopped*, a memoir by Ariana Neuman, unfolds the amazing account about her father's miraculous survival during the Holocaust, a truth she did not discover until his death decades later. For a review go to: <https://tinyurl.com/OZBk2July2020>

Please forward any recommendations for additional book discussions to Nora Yood ([nbmjdy@gmail.com](mailto:nbmjdy@gmail.com)). If you are willing to be a discussion leader for either of the identified titles, that would be greatly appreciated. Happy reading!



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Amsterdam. He will review a variety of primary sources, both texts and images, to allow us to better appreciate the complexities of this arduous but inspiring historical narrative.

Dr. Perelis explores the vitality of Sephardic history with his students at Yeshiva University and in a variety of adult educational settings. His essays on Sephardic history analyze the dynamics of religious transformation within the context

of the crypto-Jewish experience, and his book, *Narratives from the Sephardic Atlantic: Blood and Faith* (Indiana University Press), explores family and identity in the Sephardic Atlantic world. Dr. Perelis is currently working on a critical edition, English translation and historical study of the rediscovered manuscripts of Luis de Carvajal, a sixteenth-century Mexican crypto-Jewish thinker. This project will offer readers the first opportunity to delve deeply into the spiritual world of a remarkable early modern religious thinker and provide a window into crypto-Jewish life in the Americas. Dr. Perelis has lectured widely in the United States and throughout the world, and has served on the board of the Latin American Jewish Studies

Organization and the advisory board of the American Sephardi Federation.

Please join us as Dr. Perelis hosts a compelling journey through the poignant crises and impressive achievements of medieval and early modern Sephardic Jews, as he engages the past while keeping an eye on contemporary concerns. Make July a time of exciting and insightful learning about often overlooked dimensions of Jewish history, experience and expression.

—Marc Ashley

*Click here for optional reading materials for Dr. Perelis's Presentations:*  
<https://www.orzarua.org/events/summer-scholar-in-residence/>

**Tisha B'Av at OZ via Zoom**

**Wednesday, July 29**  
**Zoom into Tisha B'Av**

8:15 pm: Fast Begins

8:15 pm: Join via Zoom

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomTishaBAvMariv2020>

Phone In: 646-558-8656  
 Zoom ID: 840 2552 1108  
 Zoom Password: 613

**Thursday, July 30**  
**Tisha B'Av Shaharit**

7:15 am

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomDaily>

Phone In: 646-558-8656

Zoom ID: 518 639 181; Password: 613

**Tisha B'Av Minhah/Ma'ariv**

8:00 pm

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomTishaBAvMinhahMariv2020>

Phone In: 646-558-8656

Zoom ID: 859 6587 1511; Password: 613

8:47 pm: Fast Ends

**Services at OZ via Zoom**

**ZOOM Into Minyan**

Weekdays (Monday-Friday), 7:15 am  
 Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomDaily>  
 Zoom ID: 518 639 181  
 Zoom Password: 613

Sundays, 8:45 am  
 Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomSunday>  
 Zoom ID: 283 908 873  
 Zoom Password: 613

**ZOOM Into & Out of Shabbat**

Friday Nights  
 See Calendar for times  
 Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomIntoShabbat>  
 Zoom ID: 854 630 476  
 Zoom Password: 613

Saturday Nights  
 See Calendar for times  
 Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomOutOfShabbat>  
 Zoom ID: 775 962 249  
 Zoom Password: 613

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>5 • 13 Tammuz</b> 8:45a Shaharit Minyan <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	<b>6 • 14 Tammuz</b> 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 12:00p Lunch & Zoom with Rabbi Bolton	<b>7 • 15 Tammuz</b> 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 7:00p OZYP Trivia Night: Advance registration required	<b>8 • 16 Tammuz</b> 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 5:00p Tastes & Tradition Cooking with Sigal Hirsch 6:00p Tastes & Traditions Class with Rabbi Bolton 7:30p Scholar-in-Residence with Ronnie Perelis: <i>"The Exiles of Jerusalem in Sepharad": Crisis, Creativity and Resilience</i>	<b>9 • 17 Tammuz</b> <b>Fast of the 17th Tammuz</b> 4:22a Fast Begins 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 8:40a Siddur Class 9:05p Fast Ends	<b>10 • 18 Tammuz</b> 7:15a Shaharit Minyan 5:00p Shabbat Story Time 7:00p Zoom into Shabbat 8:10p Candlelighting	<b>11 • 19 Tammuz</b> <b>Pinhas</b> 9:11p Shabbat Ends 9:20p Zoom Out of Shabbat
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Be sure to check the Or Zarua Website ([www.orzarua.org](http://www.orzarua.org)) and the weekly eblasts for updates to the calendar.

In person services are temporarily suspended and are being conducted virtually via Zoom.

# The Or Zarua Community

Fund contributions received between April 16, 2020 and June 8, 2020



**Sponsor a Zoom program:  
a minyan, class, or other function  
in memory of a loved one,  
or for a birthday, anniversary, graduation, or other milestone.  
Contact Helene Santo (hsanto@orzarua.org) for information.**

## ZOOMING with Or Zarua



### A Brief "How To"

Click on this link for a simple video (less than one minute) on how to "join a meeting"  
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-How-Do-I-Join-A-Meeting->

#### Using Zoom on various devices

You can use Zoom on your computer, iPhone, Android phone, or Mac.  
You can use it on your desktop or tablet; download an app on your computer or phone.  
You can listen in by landline phone as well.  
These approaches are explained below.

#### Video and Microphone

If you have a camera on your computer you can participate by video (or turn it off).  
If you want to talk you must have a microphone or call in on the phone.  
Please make sure you are in a relatively quiet place. If you talk to someone else when you are unmuted we can hear you.

#### Here are some good basic requirements and directions

If you want to use desktop on Windows (PC) or Mac, click this link to get started:  
<https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomGettingStarted>

#### Software

To download the necessary software for your computer, click on this link:  
<https://zoom.us/download>

#### On your phone

To listen on your landline phone dial (646) 558-8656 and, when prompted, enter the unique Meeting ID that is listed with each event throughout the OZ Newsletter.  
On your iPhone or Android you will need to download the app from the Apple app store or from Google Play. Search for Zoom Cloud Meeting and download the app; the Zoom logo is shown above.

#### Still have questions?

If you need assistance with the Zoom platform, please be in touch with Helene Santo at [hsanto@orzarua.org](mailto:hsanto@orzarua.org).

**Visit OZ on the Web!  
Go to <https://orzarua.org>**

**The Or Zarua Social Hall  
will be available to rent  
once NYC  
is no longer (semi)-paused**  
Contact Helene Santo,  
212-452-2310, ext 14, for information.

### **Celebrate a Birthday or Anniversary with OZ: Be a Virtual Sponsor**

Sponsor a Zoom program or minyan at Or Zarua to celebrate a birthday or anniversary with fellow Congregants or as a meaningful way to remember a loved one.  
Contact Deborah Wenger  
([dwenger@orzarua.org](mailto:dwenger@orzarua.org)) for details.

## 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.

## 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.



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

## 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 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](https://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 will be sending out mailings again! 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.



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### Membership Renewal

Letters regarding renewal of membership at Or Zarua are being sent by email. Please contact Helene Santo by email ([hsanto@orzarua.org](mailto:hsanto@orzarua.org)) with any questions regarding membership at Congregation Or Zarua.

### Help Keep Our Daily Minyan Strong Even on Zoom

Please donate  
ONE HOUR  
ONE MORNING  
per month  
to our Shaharit minyan.  
Contact Sheldon Adler:  
[sadler@skadden.com](mailto:sadler@skadden.com)

#### Editor's Note

This issue of our Newsletter covers only one month of activity at Or Zarua, a departure from the tradition of covering two months. The reason for this change is directly related to current events. Or Zarua, like all other responsible institutions, is in the midst of planning for reopening. The Reopening Task Force is taking into consideration current laws and government recommendations, health agencies' guidelines and ultimately our members' health and welfare. This format may continue into the future so that we get you the most up-to-date information possible.

## Or Zarua's Young Professionals

Trivia Night

Tuesday, July 7, 7:30 pm

Enjoy a trivia night with other 20s and 30s!

Registration required; use this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/OZYPJuly7th2020>

You will receive an email with  
Zoom information upon registration.

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 with any questions, suggestions, or just to say hi via email: [OZYongPros@gmail.com](mailto:OZYongPros@gmail.com).