

To Chocolate, To Life: L'chaim! **Or Zarua's First Ever Chocolate Tasting** **with Dr. Shira Novack & Rabbi Amy Bolton** **Saturday, November 21, 8:30 pm**

Link to Register:

<https://tinyurl.com/OZChocolateTasting2020>



**Rabbi
Amy Bolton**

Chocolate is for grown-ups too! Join devoted lovers of the cocoa bean Dr. Shira Novack and Rabbi Amy Bolton for a delectable evening of chocolate engagement. Learn tips for tasting like a pro, and explore some of the unique and fun history, Jewish twists and health facts on this beloved confection.

Donate \$18 and receive a set of taster bars of unique kosher chocolate. Come be part of the chocolate journey! Register for this event at: <https://tinyurl.com/OZChocolateTasting2020>.



Dr. Shira Novack



Goyble, Goyble, Goyble: ***Turkey, Torah, and*** ***Thanksgiving*** ***by the Jews***

Wednesday
November 25
7:30 pm

Zoom Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/OZTgiving>

Zoom ID: 858 1909 5662


Passcode: 613



Did you know some Jews eat a roasted chicken on Thanksgiving because there are questions about kashrut of new world birds? Others have created special prayers and table rituals to stuff into their turkey dinners. Come learn with the community about Torah topics related to Thanksgiving and history regarding encounters between Native Americans and North American Jewish immigrants.

**In-person services at OZ have resumed on
Wednesdays and select Shabbatot.
See page 3 for registration information.**

Havdalah Pizza Party
For the Whole Community
Saturday, November 7, 5:30 pm
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President's Message

by Diane Okrent



We have just begun reading the Torah all over again. In the very beginning of *Bereshit*, God's first creation was light. "And God said: 'Let there be light.' And there was light. And, God saw

the light, that it as good; and God divided the light from the darkness." (Genesis I, 3-4) God is referred to as "light" and the Torah is "light." Light is essential to life and our ability to see clearly.

As daylight fades earlier and earlier through mid-December, we seek light from many sources. Fortunately, true to our name, Or Zarua (light is sown) provides much needed light to our community.

Even via Zoom, the light of learning glows at Or Zarua. The Hebrew School is now in full swing! Our students are learning Hebrew, Jewish History, Torah, T'filah, Customs and Practices, as well as love of Israel and Hesed. This semester, our middle and high school students are studying with Rabbi Bolton and Sigal Hirsch about the food, songs, history and culture of Jews in New York. And, we have a new cooking class for young children and their parents.

Our adult education program has begun again, as well. Three days a week, the light of learning emanates from Or Zarua via Zoom. On Mondays, Rabbi Bolton leads Torah Study—teaching from the weekly parsha exploring Rashi's commentaries. These commentaries illuminate the text and make evident what Rashi intended to accomplish as he taught Torah in his Diaspora community of Troyes, France in the 11th Century. On Wednesdays, members have begun studying Talmud again with Rabbi Bolton: *Jews in a Non-Jewish World: Idol Worship and Living with Others (Chapter I of Masekhet Avodah Zarah)*. And, on Thursdays, members are participating in Siddur Class with Rabbi Bolton: *"I Thought the Service was Over!" Readings, Songs and Passages of Study After the Official Morning Prayers*.

Many programs will take place in the next few weeks that will add to the glow of Or Zarua. On November 21, we will have our first-ever chocolate tasting, *To Chocolate, to Life: L'chaim* with Dr. Shira Novack and Rabbi Amy Bolton. And, on November 25, Rabbi Scott Bolton will teach about Torah topics related to Thanksgiving.

Our Hesed Committee continues to sow

light by feeding the hungry through New York Common Pantry and feeding the formerly homeless at Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter. Members are participating in a program to make friendly phone calls to homebound seniors. And, during the evening before Thanksgiving, a limited number of Or Zarua members will bring light and cheer to our neighbors by delivering food from Eli's. Due to the pandemic, we will be restricted from doing our usual gleanings but food will still be delivered to Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter and Salvation Deliverance Church.

Hanukkah, our Festival of Lights, will bring more light to and from Or Zarua. Each night, starting on December 10, we light the menorah in our homes and in the window outside the Sanctuary. You will see the light from the street.

I invite you join us in these light-spreading activities via Zoom until we can be together in person again. We can only truly be a participatory congregation if you participate. Come and help us sow light in the winter darkness. *Or Zarua latzadik Ul-yishrei leiv simcha—Light is sown for the righteous and joy for the upright of heart.*

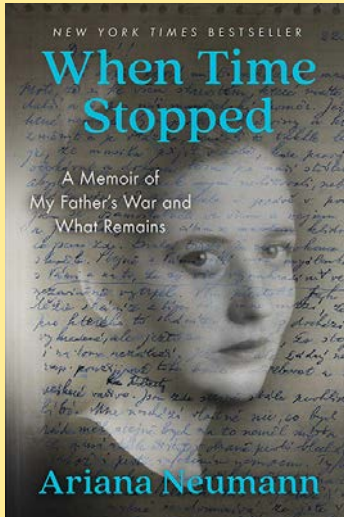
B'Shalom!

Diane



Lulav Shake in Carl Schurz Park.

Or Zarua Book Discussions



When Time Stopped by Ariana Neuman
 Sunday, December 6, 7:00 pm
 Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZBkDisc>
 Meeting ID: 840 2954 6173
 Passcode: 613

The selection for December, *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 after his death decades later. For a review go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/OZBk2July2020>.

If you are willing to be a discussion leader for *When Time Stopped*, please contact Nora Yood via email: nbmjdy@gmail.com).

Upcoming Titles for 2021

And the Bride Closed the Door by Ronit Matalon
 Sunday, February, 21, 7:00 pm

The Last Trial of Kafka by Benjamin Balint
 Sunday, April 18, 7:00 pm
 Discussion to be led by Rabbi Bolton

Apeirogon by Colum McCann
 Sunday, May 23, 7:00 pm

Meeting and background information for upcoming book discussions will be published in future issues of the OZ Newsletter

Save the Date
 Thursday, December 17, 2020

Marc Ashley will deliver a
 Chanukah lecture
 Join us for the talk and
 candlelighting!

See eblasts and December
 newsletter for more information

Chaburah OZ Torah Study

Parashat Miketz with
 Charlie Spielholz, PhD

Sunday, December 13
 10 am (after Zoom services)

*Science and
 Joseph's Story:
 Droughts, Famine,
 Ancient Bodies, and
 Cell Biology*

Humans are unique; they are evolved to eat roasted meat. And, like other animals, the primary goal of eating is to obtain calories, a physiology that has become problematic in the modern age of mechanized agriculture.

Ancient Egypt depended on the Nile and the grain it grew in its agricultural fields for nourishment of its people. Harvests were celebrated in the ancient world; periods of famine could not be solved by rapid and immediate transportation of food. Storage of grain in Joseph's storehouses saved the people. How does this fit in with our evolved biology? What did Joseph actually do to save Egypt from starvation and poor nutrition? We will review a variety of sources to gain an idea of what life was like for the people of ancient Egypt.

In-Person Services have Resumed On Wednesdays and Select Shabbatot Pre-Registration for each day is Required

Wednesdays, 7:15 am: On Wednesdays the Shaharit (morning) service will be available either in-person or via Zoom (a "hybrid" service). For participants attending the service via Zoom, you will be joining the participants attending in-person in the OZ Sanctuary. To attend in-person you must pre-register using the following link:

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZPerson341A>

To attend via Zoom please continue to use the Zoom credentials that have already been established for participation in the Monday-Friday daily morning service:

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

Zoom ID: 518 639 181; Zoom Password: 613

Select Shabbatot, November 21 and December 12, 10:00 am: On select Shabbatot, the Shabbat morning service will be available in-person. To attend the in-person service on Shabbat you must pre-register using the following link:

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZPerson341A>

For future in-person services on Shabbat, see upcoming issues of the OZ Newsletter and eblasts. Note that Shabbat services will not be available via Zoom.

When registering for in-person services, answers to several questions must be provided. Be sure to bring preferred ritual items (e.g., tallit, tefillin, head covering) as these items will not be available due to current safety procedures.

From Compassion to Action: OZ Hesed Opportunities

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

New York Common Pantry Helping the Hungry

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. While Or Zarua has not resumed in-person Hesed activities due to the pandemic, please note that NYCP posts its volunteer shifts at www.nycommonpantry.volunteerhub.com. Volunteers can manage their own sign-ups and signing-in is done electronically as well. Shifts are 3.5 hours and include lifting 30 pound bags of groceries. Before arrival, volunteers need to know their user name and password for Volunteer Hub as it is used for sign in. It’s easy to reset your password if needed. When you arrive, please head straight to the pantry. For more information, contact Stacy at sgonzalez@nycommonpantry.org.

Volunteer to make Friendly Phone Calls to Seniors

Help homebound seniors stay connected. Isolated seniors have been hit hard by the pandemic. Encore Community Services, a wonderful nonprofit in midtown Manhattan, is seeking Friendly Callers to reach out on a weekly basis by phone to homebound seniors. They are serving 2,000 seniors and need more volunteers. If you are interested please contact Gigi Verkaik at gigi@encorenyc.org for more information.

Erev Thanksgiving Gleaning

Regretably, because of COVID-19, our Gleaning Project will be profoundly different this year. We will not be gleaning and packing any of the donated food, but will instead pick up the already-packed food and deliver it to our partners. However, we may be in need of volunteers with cars or SUV’s to help make these deliveries. We are also looking into ways of connecting with the OZ community that night, even if we cannot be together in person. Stay tuned.

Met Council

We are working with the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty (Met Council) on a new project that would involve packing food at a Met Council center on Lexington Avenue and 31st Street, for

delivery to a Senior Residence on East 92nd Street, and then distributing those packages at the building. This would take place on one Sunday morning each month and would probably require an hour to pack and a 1/2 hour to distribute. They would be happy to have families doing the packing of the groceries. Optimally, we would like to initiate this project in January. If interested contact Jeff Haberman at jeff32449@verizon.net or 917-697-1677.

Or Zarua Hesed Fund

Please consider making a donation to the OZ Hesed Fund using Shulcloud (<https://tinyurl.com/OZDonationPage>) 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/>



Photos from some of the events of October at Or Zarua starting from top left: Building the roof top sukkah, pandemic quality string walls, Lulav Shake in Carl Schurz Park 4 photos), leading services during Hol Hamoed Sukkot, Craig Piper, Director of NYC Zoos, giving a Zoom presentation for Parashat Noach, and participants in Craig Piper’s Zoom Class.



ONLINE OZ GALLERY



Ben Shahn, Welders, For Full Employment After the War, Register, Vote. 1944
 Gift of the CIO Political Action Committee.
 MoMA (Museum of Modern Art), New York City

Art for November! While the Hebrew month of Heshvan may be called Mar Heshvan (bitter Heshvan) because of the absence of a Jewish holiday or festival, the corresponding secular month of November is rich in holidays or special days that resonate with Jewish values. In reverse chronological order, we have Thanksgiving (see Page 1 of this Newsletter), Veterans Day, honoring those who have served their country, and Election Day, when we choose our leaders and express our views on the issues of our country. For artist Ben Shahn, the right to vote and be active in politics was an almost sacred duty. Born in Lithuania, he emigrated to the United States at the age of eight with his mother and two brothers. His upbringing in a traditional Orthodox Jewish family in Brooklyn greatly influenced his artistic career and his expression of the immigrant experience. He became known for works of social realism in his pursuit of justice and social reform. In the mid-1940's, Shahn was hired as chief artist for the newly-created Political Action Committee (PAC) of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), a labor federation that later became the AFL-CIO. Among his best known works, including the poster seen above, were those made in support of FDR's reelection campaign in 1944, calling upon the CIO's members to vote for Roosevelt and his platform of progressive legislation. In an interview five years before his death in 1969, Shahn expressed his belief that it is essential to integrate artistic practice with the desire for social reform. "A truly creative artist," he said, is "able to see the configuration of the future in present things [and] press for change." Ben Shahn, painter, lithographer, photographer, muralist, writer, immigrant and artist/activist.

-Gerry Solomon

Or Zarua Community Torah Study

Mondays, 12:00 pm, as shown on the calendar

Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZMondayTorahStudy>

Zoom ID: 8152 249 6147; Passcode: 613

The mishnah in Avot (1:15) states: "Shammai says: Make your Torah keva" (keva meaning fixed: make your study of Torah a fixed and routine habit)! This is one area of Jewish life when we rule like Beit Shammai! At Or Zarua we not only fix a time for Torah study; moreover, annually we choose a Torah commentator to study together in depth. This approach is not typical to Jewish communities around the globe but a wonderful and unique feature of the Or Zarua experience.

While we are taking walks and fortifying in new ways (thank God for quiet reading and study time as well as our parks) on Shabbat mornings, the Or Zarua community is invited to take a break from normal Monday endeavors and join for communal Torah study on Mondays at noon. Rabbi Bolton will teach from the weekly parsha and explore Rashi's commentaries that illuminate the text and make evident what Rashi intended to accomplish as he taught Torah in his Diaspora community of Troyes, France in the 11th Century.

We pride ourselves as a congregation on having weekly, interactive Torah study. Join with other congregants and Rabbi Bolton as he leads learning and discussion of the weekly parsha. The classic commentary of Rashi is thought of as foundational and central to understanding Torah's words and narratives.

Additionally, Rabbi Bolton will show how some of Rashi's comments speak to psychological or existential issues that Jews of medieval France faced and modern NYC folks still contend with.

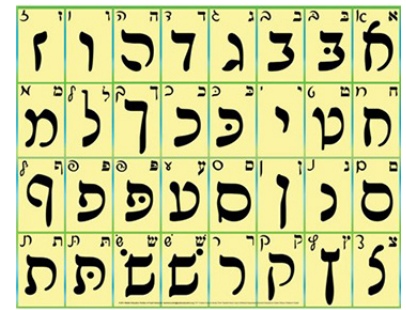
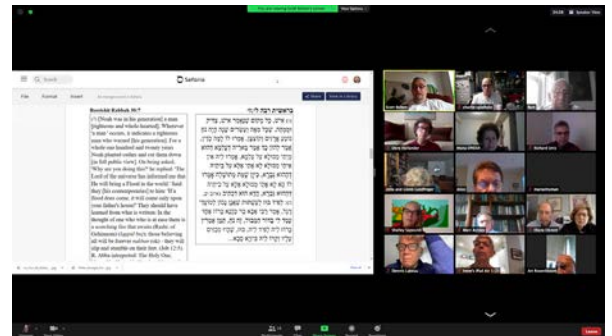
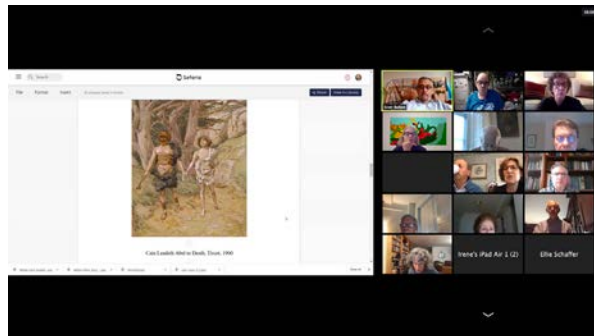


Image above: Did you know that "Rashi Script" was not Rashi's handwriting but an early printer's font that differentiated commentary from Torah text in early volumes?



Scenes from Community Torah study at OZ via Zoom. Each Monday Rabbi Bolton leads a Torah study session covering the parashah session to be read on the following Shabbat. As a bonus a piece of art work related to parashah is included. Above left: Bereshit. Above right: Noach.

Talmud and Siddur Classes with Rabbi Bolton

Talmud Class for 5781 Wednesdays, 7:30–9:00 pm See the Calendar for Dates

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZWedTalmudClass>
Zoom ID: 858 1909 5662; Passcode: 613

Jews in a Non-Jewish World: Idol Worship and Living With Others. Chapter I of Masekhet Avodah Zarah

Throughout history, Jews have maintained strong religious beliefs and cultural ties. The Talmudic Sages, through the paradigm of exploring the mitzvah of refraining from and even abolishing idol worship, confront us with questions: how do we, as Jews, navigate living in a non-Jewish world? How much interaction and integration is acceptable, when it comes to business or socializing with neighbors? Should there be any limits? The Rabbis' discussions and debates about the prohibition against idol worship is engaged as a framework of thought concerning the Jewish People's place among the nations of the world. From the beginning of Tractate Avodah Zarah (Idol Worship) the Sages expand on laws that seem black and white on their face but move us into discussions about living in the complex world of kaleidoscopic humanity. Join the learning no matter what your background. Students may bring either the *Artscroll Schottenstein Volume. 1 Avodah Zarah* or the *Koren Talmud Bavli Avoda Zara -Horayot* volume to class. Class meets at 7:30 pm on Wednesday evenings throughout the year, after the holiday season.

Either class may be joined at any time. For additional information contact Rabbi Bolton (rabbibolton@orzarua.org)

Siddur Class for 5781 Thursdays, 8:40–9:40 am See the Calendar for Dates

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomSiddur>
Zoom ID: 832 425 240; Passcode: 613

"I Thought the Service Was Over!"

Readings, Songs and Passages of Study After the Official Morning Prayers

The Siddur is not only a prayerbook but a repository for passages of study, hymns to sing, and glorious, poetic songs. We will study passages from the Rambam such as the Thirteen Principles of Faith, collections of Torah verses prepared for the worshipper who wanted to go right to study after prayers and other materials that were inserted into the post-service sections of printed siddurim stemming from manuscripts of the Middle Ages. Of course, already in the Talmud, certain Sages would add personal prayers and pleas of their own after their recitations of the Amidah. Those personal prayer passages have made their way into some prayer rites at the end of morning services as well. They stand on their own as petitionary poetry, and we will study them as stand alone liturgy. In this class we sing, listen to the music of prayer, discuss prayer life and examine prayer language closely. Gain understandings and add meaning to prayer life. Join us at 8:40 am on Thursdays after the holiday season.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 • 14 Heshvan Daylight Saving Time back one hour 8:45a Shoharit (Zoom) 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 • 15 Heshvan 7:15a Shoharit (Zoom) 12:00p Community Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School: K-5th Grades 6:30p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars: 6th-7th Grades</p>	<p>3 • 16 Heshvan 7:15a Shoharit (Zoom)</p>	<p>4 • 17 Heshvan 7:15a Shoharit (Hybrid Service: in-person with pre-registration or Zoom) 4:00p Hebrew School: 3rd-5th Grades 6:45p 8th-9th Grade Hebrew 7:30p Talmud Class</p>	<p>5 • 18 Heshvan 7:15a Shoharit (Zoom) 8:40a Siddur Class 4:00p Aleph-Bet Cooking & Cookies</p>	<p>6 • 19 Heshvan 7:15a Shoharit (Zoom) 3:45p Zoom into Shabbat 4:27p Candlelighting</p>	<p>7 • 20 Heshvan Vayera Bar Mitzvah: Benjamin Yarden 5:23p Shabbat Ends 5:30p Zoom Out of Shabbat and Havdalah Pizza Party</p>
<p>8 • 21 Heshvan 8:45a Shoharit (Zoom) 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal</p>	<p>9 • 22 Heshvan 7:15a Shoharit (Zoom) 12:00p Community Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School: K-5th Grades 6:30p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars: 6th-7th Grades</p>	<p>10 • 23 Heshvan 7:15a Shoharit (Zoom)</p>	<p>11 • 24 Heshvan Veterans Day 7:15a Shoharit (Hybrid Service: in-person with pre-registration or Zoom) 4:00p Hebrew School: 3rd-5th Grades 6:45p 8th-9th Grade Hebrew 7:30p Talmud Class</p>	<p>12 • 25 Heshvan Bar Mitzvah: Benjamin Schmutter 7:15a Shoharit (Zoom) 4:00p Aleph-Bet Cooking & Cookies 5:00p Start Spreading the Jews! Cooking with Sigal 6:00p Start Spreading the Jews! Class with Rabbi Bolton <i>No Siddur Class</i></p>	<p>13 • 26 Heshvan 7:15a Shoharit (Zoom) 3:45p Zoom into Shabbat 4:20p Candlelighting</p>	<p>14 • 27 Heshvan Haye Sarah 5:17p Shabbat Ends 5:25p Zoom Out of Shabbat</p>
<p>15 • 28 Heshvan 8:45a Shoharit (Zoom) 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal</p>	<p>16 • 29 Heshvan Sig 7:15a Shoharit (Zoom) 12:00p Community Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School: K-5th Grades 6:30p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars: 6th-7th Grades</p>	<p>17 • 1 Kislev Rosh Hodesh 7:15a Shoharit (Zoom)</p>	<p>18 • 2 Kislev 7:15a Shoharit (Hybrid Service: in-person with pre-registration or Zoom) 4:00p Hebrew School: 3rd-5th Grades 6:45p 8th-9th Grade Hebrew 7:30p Talmud Class</p>	<p>19 • 3 Kislev 7:15a Shoharit (Zoom) 8:40a Siddur Class 4:00p Aleph-Bet Cooking & Cookies</p>	<p>20 • 4 Kislev 7:15a Shoharit (Zoom) 3:45p Zoom into Shabbat 4:15p Candlelighting</p>	<p>21 • 5 Kislev Toledot 10:00a In-Person Shabbat Service: Pre-registration required (No Zoom Service) 5:12p Shabbat Ends 5:20p Zoom Out of Shabbat 8:30p To Chocolate, To Life: L'chaim!</p>
<p>22 • 6 Kislev 8:45a Shoharit (Zoom) 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal</p>	<p>23 • 7 Kislev 7:15a Shoharit (Zoom) 12:00p Community Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School: K-5th Grades 6:30p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars: 6th-7th Grades</p>	<p>24 • Kislev 7:15a Shoharit (Zoom)</p>	<p>25 • 9 Kislev 7:15a Shoharit (Hybrid Service) 4:00p Hebrew School: 3rd-5th Grades 6:45p 8th-9th Grade Hebrew 7:30p Goyble, Goyble, Goyble: Turkey, Torah & T'giving by the Jews with Rabbi Bolton (<i>No Talmud Class</i>)</p>	<p>26 • 10 Kislev Thanksgiving 7:15a Shoharit (Zoom) <i>No Siddur Class</i> <i>OZ Office Closed</i></p>	<p>27 • 11 Kislev 7:15a Shoharit (Zoom) 3:45p Zoom into Shabbat 4:11p Candlelighting <i>OZ Office Closed</i></p>	<p>28 • 12 Kislev Vayetze 5:10p Shabbat Ends 5:15p Zoom Out of Shabbat</p>
<p>29 • 13 Kislev 8:45a Shoharit (Zoom) <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i></p>	<p>30 • 14 Kislev 7:15a Shoharit (Zoom) 12:00p Community Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School: K-5th Grades 6:30p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars: 6th-7th Grades</p>	<p>1 Dec • 15 Kislev 7:15a Shoharit (Zoom)</p>	<p>2 Dec • 16 Kislev 7:15a Shoharit (Hybrid Service: in-person with pre-registration or Zoom) 4:00p Hebrew School: 3rd-5th Grades 6:45p 8th-9th Grade Hebrew 7:30p Talmud Class</p>	<p>3 Dec • 17 Kislev 7:15a Shoharit 8:40a Siddur Class 4:00p Aleph-Bet Cooking & Cookies</p>	<p>4 Dec • 18 Kislev 7:15a Shoharit 3:45p Zoom into Shabbat 4:10p Candlelighting</p>	<p>5 Dec • 19 Kislev Vayishlah 5:09p Shabbat Ends 5:15p Zoom Out of Shabbat</p>

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

Except as noted in-person services are temporarily suspended and are being conducted virtually via Zoom; all in-person services require registration with OZ prior to attending.



Above: Hebrew Schoolers had a blast making their own honey jars and plush lulavim as we learned about the holidays.



Above: Families joined Rabbi Bolton and Sigal in the OZ Sukkah for a Lulav shake, and of course, some socially-distanced ice cream!



Havdalah Pizza Party For the Whole Community

**Saturday
November 7
5:30 pm**

Everyone is invited to start the new week with a special family-friendly make-your-own pizza workshop with an Israeli twist! With instruction from Sigal and the Boltions, you'll make a fun and unique meal, and the whole family can participate!

First, we'll Zoom out of Shabbat with all of OZ, with Havdalah and a little inspiration to start the new week. A Mi Sheberakh – A Prayer for those in need of healing – will be included. Then, all who are cooking will continue to our workshop. We'll finish the night with fun pizza-themed trivia. Sign up for a list of ingredients and supplies you'll need.

Sign up for the Pizza Party for a list of ingredients and supplies

Sign-up Link: <https://orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/HavdalahPizzaParty.html>

Join using the regular Zoom Out of Shabbat Zoom information

Zoom Out Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomOutOfShabbat>



**START
SPREADING
THE
Jews**

**Thursday, November 12
5:00 pm: Cooking with Sigal
6:00 pm: Class with Rabbi Bolton**

**Future Dates: December 17. Spring dates to follow.
For Middle School and High School Students**

They came from around the world with songs and culture from Spain, Portugal, Germany, Eastern Europe, Russia, Ethiopia and the Middle East.

Join Rabbi Bolton for his brand new class:

"Start Spreading the Jews! We want to be a part of it, New York, NY..."

**Join us this month as we continue our culinary tour of NY Jews with PICKLES!
Make your own dill cucumber pickles in the "classic" New York style, and pickle other vegetables for a more Middle Eastern flavor.**

Come explore the kaleidoscope of Jewish New Yorkers on this culinary and historical journey. When did they get here? By choice or chance? What tastes did they establish for all of New York? How did their new situation get reflected in media and on Broadway? Each session will feature a taste of Jewish New York and an exploration of the various Jewish communities that make up the larger Jewish community of the Big Apple (and honey, of course)!

Sign up for the year, or to drop in for a class:

<https://orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/2020-2021-start-spreading-the-Jews.html>



Thursdays, 4:00-4:45 pm
Time to get cooking with
ALEPH-BET Cooking and Cookies!

Cook and bake your way from Aleph-to-Tav with delicious alphabetical confections. With Sigal's instruction, you'll learn new recipes and new Hebrew words each week.

Kids kindergarten and older are welcome.
Younger children will require adult participation or supervision.

Bring the joy of Jewish and Hebrew baking into your home with this new virtual after-school program! Ingredient and supplies lists will be provided in advance, along with information about where to purchase special supplies when needed.

Coming up this month:

November 5: Bread and Labneh for Parashat Vaera

November 12: Oatmeal Spice Camel Cookies for Parashat Chayei Sarah

November 19: Red Velvet Whoopie Pies for Parashat Toldot

*Families can sign up for one semester, the whole year, or drop in for one class.
 \$10/class. See below for semester and year rates.
 Please note all registration fees are per household.
 Families can enroll multiple children for one fee.*

For Member Families

Log into Shulcloud for member rates:

\$100 for one semester (September - December or January - June)

\$180 for the full year (September - June)

FREE if you "bring a friend" (if your friend signs up for the program)

If you bring a friend contact Sigal (shirsch@orzarua.org) before registering to obtain a discount code.

For non-Member Families:

\$120 for one semester (September-December or January-June)

\$215 for the full year (September-June)

Refer a friend to a program and sign up for free if they register for the class!

Visit <https://www.orzarua.org/or-latid/after-school-programs/> for more information and to sign up!



Before Rabbi Bolton's new class, *Start Spreading the Jews*, began exploring the history of NY Jews, families made potato knishes with Zoom instruction from Sigal.

The Or Zarua Community

Fund contributions received between September 15, 2020 and October 7, 2020

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.



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

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 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.

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) for details.



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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

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

**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.

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: OZYoungPros@gmail.com.

Get Social

Follow us on social media to learn, participate, and connect.
Find us on Facebook as Congregation Or Zarua, on Instagram as @or_zarua and on Twitter as @Or_Zarua.

Editor's Note

As with recent issues of the OZ Newsletter 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.

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Sing Out With Bir'nana!



Pandemic schmandemic! Bir'nana, Or Zarua's a cappella group, has been meeting via Zoom to learn new music, revisit our oldies but goodies, and keep up the musical community we've built over the last seven years. We're on hiatus now, but virtual rehearsals will resume after the holidays. If you love to sing—and that's the only qualification—please join us. For more information, contact Rabbi Amy Bolton (rabamy@gmail.com) or Dore Hollander (dore.hollander@gmail.com).