

Parshat Noah *Zoos: Modern Day Arks?*

A Dialogue With Craig Piper, Director of New York City Zoos

Sunday, October 25, 10:00 am

Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZooTalk2020>

Zoom ID: 841 0230 2480; Passcode: 613



The day after we read Parshat Noah for our Shabbat Torah reading, we will welcome the Director of New York City Zoos, Craig Piper. As Director, Mr. Piper is responsible for

providing leadership for the Central Park, Prospect Park, and Queens Zoos. For the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) he has roles in global species conservation and animal care data systems.

Parshat Noah contains the well-known story of Noah's Ark. Mr. Piper will describe how animal care continues through the

period of the Coronavirus Pandemic and about the successes and challenges animals and zookeepers faced. Beyond describing the incredible work done over the last several months, Mr. Piper and Rabbi Bolton will be in dialogue about New York City Zoos and the work of zoological professionals around the country and the globe. Regarding our own nation, did you know that more

Americans of every race, color, religion, and creed visit zoos than attend football, baseball, hockey, and basketball games combined? Zoos are places to see the wonders of creation, and they also remind us of our shared humanity. Join us on ZOOM for this unique opportunity to hear and learn from one of New York City's accomplished animal experts.



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

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 three taster bars of unique kosher chocolate. Come be part of the chocolate journey! Look for attendance details in the next issue of the OZ Newsletter.





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President's Message

by Diane Okrent



This article is adapted from my Kol Nidre Appeal.

The Congregation Or Zarua High Holy Days services were wonderful! More than 200 devices (translating to about 300 people) were

tuned in to each of our services via Zoom while a small number of members were in our Sanctuary in person. Many members have told me that they found the services to be meaningful, engaging, and inspiring. Thank you to Rabbi Bolton and Marc Ashley for leading those unique services.

Many thanks to the members of the Health Task Force, the Reopening Task Force and the High Holy Days committee and subcommittees for all their work to help us begin to return to the building and to set up the complex technology for the live stream. It was a team effort!

Our wonderful Rosh Hashanah services were the first time a group of OZ members prayed in our Sanctuary since mid-March.

Despite COVID-19, Rabbi Bolton, Sigal Hirsch, and Helene Santo and many OZ members have been resourceful and creative, producing many opportunities for all of us to learn, pray, participate, and connect—via Zoom.

We have continued to educate our children and our adults. Online Hebrew School continued from March through June and restarted this month. We have had Talmud class, Siddur class, Torah class, lectures from within our community and from outside scholars.

With the assistance of Zoom, we have prayed together every day since we closed the building – with daily minyan, Zoom Into Shabbat and Zoom out of Shabbat.

Members have participated in Zoom book club discussions. And, the OZ Gallery Committee published *On Exhibit: 15 Years at the OZ Gallery* which was mailed to every member a few weeks ago.

We have been able to connect with one another on Zoom, through our website and via our bi-weekly e-blasts. Our newsletter usually comes out every two months.

However, since July, we have published monthly newsletters. These communications take considerable staff and volunteer efforts.

Members have been able to stay connected by seeing, hearing, and interacting with one another all via Zoom. This has been comforting in this time when

we need each other more than ever. We have celebrated and mourned together. The Or Zarua community is strong.

While we have just started to return to our building, we have spent the past 6 months paying constant attention to the 18-year-old physical plant: Upgrading our ventilation system, repairing pumps, fixing the water tank, maintaining the elevators and conducting thorough cleanings.

Our office staff has been working remotely but most diligently to serve the needs of the community. And, our volunteers have been tireless in their efforts within and outside the community.

We look forward to a time, in the not-to-distant future, when we will be able to conduct our activities in our building.

However, Congregation Or Zarua is more than a physical space for us to express our Jewish traditions and values. Or Zarua is our community that brings members together and ensures the continuity of the Jewish People. And, if we want the community to be available to us when we need it, we must support it.

Our dues support our rabbi and the wonderful work he does to provide leadership and guidance to our community in good times and in bad. And, our dues support our staff and our building and our programs.

However, membership dues support only 40% of the cost of operations and programming. Our budget assumes generous Kol Nidre giving, contributions to our various funds, and program underwriting. We need financial support to keep doing what we have been doing so well for nearly 32 years—and to do more and to do it better than we have ever done before.

I ask that you sign into your ShulCloud account and make a contribution or pledge—or mail it in. Please be as generous as you can be. And, please do it soon, while it's top of mind.

As I did on Kol Nidre last year and the year before, I want to end with the prayer for our congregation that we say every Shabbat morning when we're in the building, right after the Torah reading. I quote from *Siddur Sim Shalom*:

"May He who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, bless this entire congregation, together with all holy congregations:

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Or Zarua Community Torah Study

Mondays beginning October 12, 12:00 pm

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?

Or Zarua's Young Professionals

OZ's Young Professionals are a group in their 20s and 30s committed to building a welcoming and vibrant Jewish community within Or Zarua.

For 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.

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them, their sons and daughters, their families, and all that is theirs, along with those who unite to establish synagogues for prayer, and those who enter them to pray, and those who give funds for heat and light, and wine for Kiddush and Havdalah, bread to the wayfarer and charity to the poor, and all who devotedly involve themselves with the needs of this community and the Land of Israel. May the Holy One Praised be He reward them; may He remove sickness from them, heal them, and forgive their sins. May He bless them by prospering all their worthy endeavors, as well as those of the entire people Israel. And let us say: Amen."

May we go from strength to strength together!

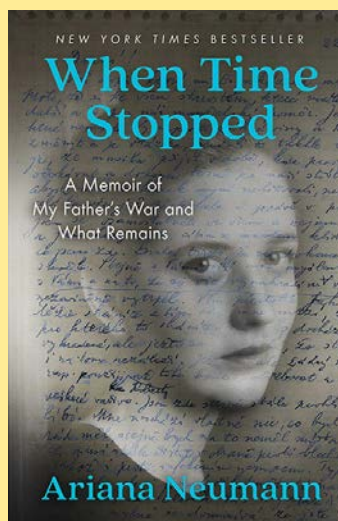
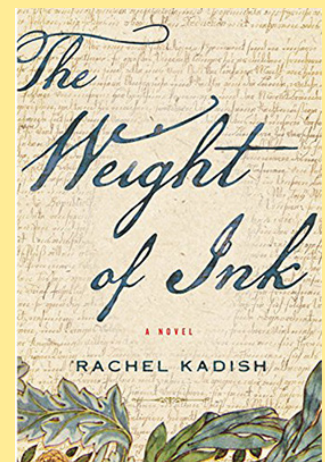
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Or Zarua Book Discussions

The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish

To be led by: Pat Davidson
Sunday, October 18, 7:00 pm
Zoom ID: 840 2954 6173
Zoom Password: 613

Our October selection, *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish is 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 by Ariana Neuman
Sunday, December 6, 7:00 pm
Meeting information will be available in a future issue of the OZ Newsletter.

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.

Please forward any recommendations for additional book discussions to Nora Yood (nbmjdy@gmail.com).

From Compassion to Action: Volunteer with Or Zarua

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

Hesed Committee Update

Rabbi Scott Bolton



Dear 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 they 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 going 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) 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/>

Make Hesed a Priority in 5781

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.

These tenets of Judaism set the expectations and standards for communal human behavior: to be kind, to be just, to be honest; to have integrity; to be charitable, to be humble, to recognize the spark of divinity in every person, to uphold the dignity of all people, to do good whenever you can, to confront those who use power for their own benefit, and to protect the vulnerable, the widow, the orphan, and the stranger.



Some of OZ’s Zoom programs from September. Beginning from the left: Congregant Barry Coller, MD presenting and An Elul Chaburah: A Letter to My Grandchildren; Dr. Daniel Gordis presenting from Israel The Annual Tshuvah Lecture: From a People Divided to a People United: Personal and Communal Tshuvah; And Congregant and author Francine Klagsbrun presenting The Book of Job in the Age of Coronavirus for her annual Yom Kippur presentation.

ART FOR ALL SEASONS



Image by Tal Shochat, *Rimon (Pomegranate)* 2010, C-Print, 47.25 x 50.75 inches.
Photograph courtesy Meislin Projects, NY.

As plans for reopening Or Zarua move forward, the Gallery Committee is also planning ways for art to remain part of synagogue life. This month, as we celebrate Sukkot, we share this portrait of a pomegranate tree by Tal Shochat, an Israeli artist born in Netanya who currently lives and works in Tel Aviv and whose works have been shown in museums around the world including in California, Nevada, London, New Delhi and, of course, Israel. This is from a series of portraits of fruit trees from Israel, captured at the moment of their peak ripeness, a visual affirmation for this time of celebration for the Fall harvest.

As you savor this striking image, we hope you have been enjoying *On Exhibit: 15 Years at the OZ Gallery*, the lively commemorative volume that was mailed to members last month, a gift from Or Zarua and the Gallery Committee. Reading it, you can recall the history of the space that became the OZ Gallery. On its 60-plus lushly illustrated pages are highlights of past exhibits in the Gallery and reminiscences by contributors, Gallery Committee members, Rabbis Scott and Amy Bolton and OZ's founding Rabbi Harlan Wechsler, Executive Director Helene Santo and Youth Education and Programming Director Sigal Hirsch. Produced under the direction of Gallery Committee Chair and curator Bobbi Collier, art director, artist and OZ congregant Caroline Golden Ilberman and artist/illustrator Rudi Wolff, this commemorative volume is dedicated to our cherished member and congregant Charlotte Schwartz. And as you reflect on the Gallery's past contributions to OZ's history, watch for news about how the OZ Gallery will continue to play a vibrant part in OZ's life and future.

-Gerry Solomon

Shaking@Schurz
Thursday
October 8
5:00 pm

The entire OZ community is invited to join Rabbi Bolton in Carl Schurz Park as he shakes the lulav. Bring your own if you have so you can shake along! Please note: this year we will not be passing lulavs to one another. Each family/person needs to bring their own.

CELEBRATE SUKKOT
 ON THE OZ ROOFTOP 

Eating in the
OZ Rooftop Sukkah
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This year there will be no catered meals served in the sukkah. However there will be time slots that can be reserved by a limited number of people for "bring your own meals."

To reserve a space for a meal in the OZ Rooftop Sukkah please go to:

<https://orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/2020-meals-in-the-sukkah> and fill out the form completely to make your timed reservations.

Simhat Torah ZOOM Havdalah & GRAND FINALE TORAH READING
Sunday, October 11, 7:00 pm, Yom Tov ends 6:57 pm
Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZSimhatTorah2020>
Zoom ID: 878 9467 3491; Zoom Password: 613



Join us on ZOOM just as Simhat Torah ends on Sunday night, October 11, and read or chant a verse of Torah (In Hebrew, FROM A CHUMASH, FROM YOUR HOME) to complete the reading of Deuteronomy and begin the new cycle of Torah reading in Genesis! We want to have as many ZOOM squares chanting or reading a verse of Torah as possible! English reading also available! Indicate Hebrew or English when you sign up.

We will be "popcorning" square to square over ZOOM to hear as many different people from OZ as possible reading Torah. Make a time to go over the verse with Rabbi Bolton, get a recording from him or just go for it! Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/SignUpSimhatTorah> and use the Google form to sign up; you will be assigned a verse (or verses) to read depending on how many readers we get.

Talmud and Siddur Classes with Rabbi Bolton

Talmud Class for 5781
Wednesdays, 7:30–9:00 pm
beginning October 21

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 1 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.

Siddur Class for 5781
Thursdays, 8:40–9:40 am
beginning October 22

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.

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

Sukkot Services 5871/2020

Registration is required for all in-person Sukkot services that are listed below.

Use the following link to register for all in-person services for Sukkot:

<https://orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/2020-21-Registration-for-In-Person-Sukkot-Services>

Friday night, October 2, 5:30 pm

Zoom INTO Shabbat & Sukkot (No in-person service)

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomIntoShabbat>; Zoom ID: 854630476; Passcode: 613

Light candles by 6:16 pm

Saturday morning, October 3, 10:00 am

Sukkot Day 1 in-person service; registration required (no Zoom service)

To register for this and other in-person services use the link shown in blue font at the top

Light candles for the Yom Tov after 7:11 pm. (No evening service)

Sunday morning, October 4, 10:00 am

Sukkot Day 2 in-person service; registration required (no Zoom service)

To register for this and other in-person services use the link shown in blue font at the top

Sunday night Yom Tov ends 7:09 pm (No evening service)

Monday-Thursday morning, October 5-8, 7:15 am

Hol Hamoed Sukkot (both Zoom and in-person services with registration are available)

For services by Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomDaily>; Zoom ID: 518 639 181; Zoom Password: 613

To register for this and other in-person services use the link shown in blue font at the top

Friday morning, October 9, 7:15 am

Hoshanah Rabbah (both Zoom and in-person services with registration are available)

For services by Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomDaily>; Zoom ID: 518 639 181; Zoom Password: 613

To register for this and other in-person services use the link shown in blue font at the top

Friday night, October 9, 5:00 pm

Zoom INTO Shabbat & Shemini Atzeret with Yizkor (no in-person service)

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomIntoShabbat>; Zoom ID: 854630476; Passcode: 613

Light candles by 6:05 pm

Saturday morning, October 10, 10:00 am

Shemini Atzeret in-person service with Yizkor; registration required (no Zoom service)

To register for this and other in-person services use the link shown in blue font at the top

Saturday night, October 10, 7:15 pm

Simhat Torah in-person evening service; registration required (no Zoom service)

To register for this and other in-person services use the link shown in blue font at the top

Light candles for the Yom Tov after 6:59 pm.

Sunday morning, October 11, 10:00 am

Simhat Torah in-person service only (no Zoom service)

To register for this and other in-person services use the link shown in blue font at the top

Sunday night, October 11, 7:00 pm

Simhat Torah ZOOM Havdalah & GRAND FINALE TORAH READING

Yom Tov ends 6:57 pm

Zoom OUT of Simhat Torah

Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZSimhatTorah2020>

Zoom ID: 878 9467 3491; Passcode: 613

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 • 13 Tishrei 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Aleph-Bet Cooking & Cookies	2 • 14 Tishrei Erev Sukkot 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Ready, Set, Shabbat 4:30p Sukkot Story Time 5:00p Zoom into Shabbat & Sukkot 6:16p Candlelighting	3 • 15 Tishrei Sukkot First Day 10:00a: Shaharit for Shabbat & Sukkot (in person only by pre-registration) Light Candles after 7:11p
4 • 16 Tishrei Sukkot Second Day 10:00a: Shaharit for Sukkot (in person only by pre-registration) 7:09p Yom Tov ends <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	5 • 17 Tishrei Hol Hamoed Sukkot 3 7:15a Shaharit 10:00 Shalom Sing Along 4:00p Hebrew School: K-5th Grades 6:30p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars: 6th-7th Grades	6 • 18 Tishrei Hol Hamoed Sukkot 4 7:15a Shaharit 3:30p & 4:30p Choco-Vanilla Lulav Shakes	7 • 19 Tishrei Hol Hamoed Sukkot 5 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School: 3rd-5th Grades 6:45p 8th-9th Grade Hebrew	8 • 20 Tishrei Hol Hamoed Sukkot 6 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Aleph-Bet Cooking & Cookies 5:00p Shaking@Schurz	9 • 21 Tishrei Hoshanah Rabbah Erev Shemini Atzeret 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Ready, Set, Shabbat 5:00p Zoom into Shabbat & Shemini Atzeret with Yizkor 6:05p Candlelighting	10 • 22 Tishrei Shemini Atzeret Erev Simhat Torah 10:00a: Shaharit for Shemini Atzeret with Yizkor (in person only by pre-registration) Light Candles after 6:59p 7:15p Erev Simhat Torah (in person only by pre-registration)
11 • 23 Tishrei Simhat Torah 10:00a: Shaharit for Simhat Torah (in person only by pre-registration) 6:57p Festival ends 7:10p Zoom out of Simhat Torah <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	12 • 24 Tishrei Columbus Day 7:15a Shaharit 12:00p Community Torah Study <i>No Hebrew School</i> <i>No Shalom Sing Along</i>	13 • 25 Tishrei 7:15a Shaharit	14 • 26 Tishrei 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School: 3rd-5th Grades 6:45p 8th-9th Grade Hebrew	15 • 27 Tishrei 7:15a Shaharit 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	16 • 28 Tishrei 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Ready, Set, Shabbat 5:00p Zoom into Shabbat 5:54p Candlelighting	17 • 29 Tishrei Bereshit Bar Mitzvah: Benjamin Shapiro 6:48p Shabbat Ends 6:55p Zoom Out of Shabbat
18 • 30 Tishrei Rosh Hodesh 7:15a Shaharit 7:30p Book Discussion: <i>The Weight of Ink</i> by Rachel Kadish <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	19 • 1 Heshvan Rosh Hodesh 7:15a Shaharit 10:00 Shalom Sing Along 12:00p Community Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School: K-5th Grades 6:30p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars: 6th-7th Grades	20 • 2 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit	21 • 3 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School: 3rd-5th Grades 6:45p 8th-9th Grade Hebrew 7:30p Talmud Class	22 • 4 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class 4:00p Aleph-Bet Cooking & Cookies	23 • 5 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Ready, Set, Shabbat 5:00p Zoom into Shabbat 5:44p Candlelighting	24 • 6 Heshvan Noah 6:39p Shabbat Ends 6:45p Zoom Out of Shabbat
25 • 7 Heshvan 8:45a Shaharit 10:00a Zoos: <i>Modern Day Arks</i> with Craig Piper, Director of NYC Zoos <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	26 • 8 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit 10:00 Shalom Sing Along 12:00p Community Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School: K-5th Grades 6:30p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars: 6th-7th Grades	27 • 9 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit	28 • 10 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School: 3rd-5th Grades 6:45p 8th-9th Grade Hebrew 7:30p Talmud Class	29 • 11 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class 4:00p Aleph-Bet Cooking & Cookies	30 • 12 Heshvan 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Ready, Set, Shabbat 5:00p Zoom into Shabbat 5:35p Candlelighting	31 • 13 Heshvan Lekh-Lekha 6:30p Shabbat Ends 6:35p Zoom Out of Shabbat

Be sure to check the Or Zarua Website (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.



Early Childhood Programs

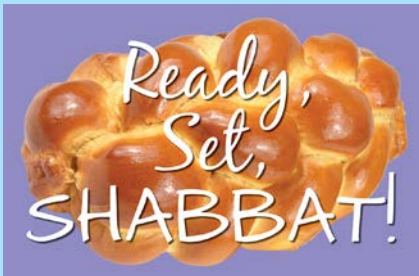


Mondays, 10:00–10:45 am

Start your little one's day the happy & healthy way with song, dance, stories, bubbles, puppets, instruments & more!

Parents, grandparents and caregivers join us as we learn simple Hebrew, Jewish values, and favorite tunes!

Shalom Sing Along is in partnership with PJ Library and Tkiya.



Fridays, 10:00–10:45 am

Get ready for Shabbat with all your senses! Parents, grandparents and caregivers, join Sigal as we get in the Shabbat mood with little ones through challah baking, puppets, story time, sensory experiences and more. Focus on family and being together as we unplug before Shabbat.

Ready, Set, Shabbat is in partnership with PJ Library.

Sign up for Early Childhood Programs at OZ at:
<https://tinyurl.com/OZ-EC-2020>
 or on Kidpass.

Join Us as we Celebrate Sukkot



Friday, October 2, 4:30 pm

Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are invited to join Rabbi Bolton and Sigal with your little ones for a Sukkot Story Time!

Get ready for Sukkot before the holiday begins that evening with stories, songs, puppets and, of course, the lulav and etrog!

For children birth to age 5. Older siblings and friends are welcome.

Advance registration required.

Upon registration, you will receive an email with the Zoom information.

To register click the link:
<https://tinyurl.com/sukkotstory>



Tuesday, October 6, 3:30 pm & 4:30 pm

Rabbi Bolton will shake the lulav for all of us in the OZ Sukkah. Bring your own if you have them. Order your vanilla or chocolate ice cream pop, and don't be late! Come shake!

To ensure social distancing in the Sukkah, only 4 families will be allowed at each 30-minute slot.

Sign up to reserve a spot and to select your ice cream flavor!

To register click the link:
<https://tinyurl.com/OZChoco-VanillaLulavShake>

Shaking@Schurz

Thursday, October 8, 5:00 pm

The entire OZ community is invited to join Rabbi Bolton in Carl Schurz Park as he shakes the lulav. Bring your own if you have so you can shake along! Please note that this year we will not be passing lulavs to one another. Each family/person needs to bring their own.

Start Spreading the Jews with Rabbi Bolton!

First class is October 15!

5:00 pm: Cooking with Sigal

6:00 pm: Class with Rabbi Bolton

Future Dates: November 12, 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..."

We'll continue our exploration of different Jewish experiences around the world that we began this year in Tastes & Tradition as we Zoom in on New York!

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 on Shulcloud using the Hebrew School registration form.

Introducing Or Zarua's NEW After-School Program

*For children from all educational backgrounds:
public school, private school, Jewish day school*

OZ Members enroll for free if you "bring a friend" to class!

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.

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 (be sure to 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 a friend you
refer to the program signs up)

Contact Sigal before registering if you will
be referring a friend for a discount code.

For non-Member Families:

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

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



Photos: Hebrew School is off to a great start!
Students made honey jars for Rosh Hashanah.
They have studied Birkot HaShachar in t'filah,
and Middle Schoolers have begun their
exploration of Jewish history.



The Priestly Blessing

What do YOU want?

The Priestly Blessing	
Bless you	
Watch over you (protect you)	
Shine His "face" on you (show you favor)	פניו אליך
Be gracious to you	
Raise His "face" to you (show you kindness)	פניו אליך
Grant you peace	ישם לך שלום

Our Own Blessings	
World peace	
No more war	
NO MORE	
Life	
Equal rights	
Health	

Periods of Jewish History

- Ancient Jewish History (1500 BCE - ~500 CE)**
Monarchies of Israel (Jewish Autonomy - "sort of"), The Temple in Jerusalem, Judaism as a Temple Cult, The Exiles
- Medieval Jewish History (500 CE - ~1500 CE)**
Jewish History Under Christian and Muslim Rule, Jews as a protected (sometimes) minority
- Modern Jewish History (~1500 CE - present)**
Jews under modern (non-religious) governments, assimilation/integration, equality, modern anti-Semitism, Zionism, modern Jewish sects

Which was the worst? Which was the best?

giving luck to those you bless
Praying for someone
What is a blessing? (ברכה)
A Blessing is something that you get from a family member
A blessing is a way to either connect with God or to connect with yourself or others.

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

The Or Zarua Community

Fund contributions received between August 15, 2020 and September 14, 2020

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.

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.

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



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](#).

Help Keep Our Daily Minyan Strong
Contact Sheldon Adler:
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Please donate ONE HOUR • ONE MORNING per month to our Shahrarit minyan.
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Services at OZ via Zoom

<h3 align="center">ZOOM Into Minyan</h3> <p>Weekdays (Monday-Friday), 7:15 am Link: https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomDaily Zoom ID: 518 639 181; Zoom Password: 613</p> <p>Sundays, 8:45 am Link: https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomSunday Zoom ID: 283 908 873; Zoom Password: 613</p>	<h3 align="center">ZOOM Into & Out of Shabbat</h3> <p>Friday Nights: See Calendar for times Link: https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomIntoShabbat Zoom ID: 854 630 476; Zoom Password: 613</p> <p>Saturday Nights: See Calendar for times Link: https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomOutOfShabbat Zoom ID: 775 962 249; Zoom Password: 613</p>
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Membership Renewal

Letters regarding renewal of membership at Or Zarua have been sent by email. Please contact Helene Santo by email (hsanto@orzarua.org) with any questions regarding membership at Congregation 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.

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).