

Author's Night at OZ: *Stargazing in the Atomic Age* with Anne Goldman Monday, July 12, 7:30 pm

This will be a hybrid event; registration required for both In-Person and Zoom attendance.

To register to attend in person go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/InPersonwithAnneGoldman>

To register to attend via Zoom go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/ZoomWithAnneGoldmanandOZ>

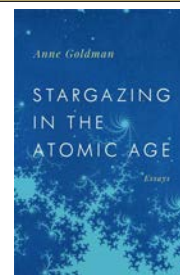
We are delighted to welcome author Anne Goldman who will read from her book and be in conversation with Rabbi Bolton.



Anne Goldman's Kirkus-starred essay collection, *Stargazing in the Atomic Age*, was published by the University of Georgia Press in January. Her fiction and nonfiction have appeared in Tin House, the Guardian, the Los Angeles Review of

Books, The Georgia Review, the Gettysburg Review, and the Southwest Review, among other venues. Her essays have been named as notable in Best American Essays, Best American Science and Nature Writing, and the Best American Travel Writing. Nominated for a National Magazine Award, she is the recipient of fellowships from the Ahmanson/Getty Foundation and grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. She teaches creative writing and American literature at Sonoma State University and is at work on a second essay collection, *An Aria for Insects and Other Essays*.

At this literary summer event Anne will read passages and be in dialogue with Rabbi Bolton. There is a wonderful combination



of personal memoir and fascinating intellectual investigations of important figures in the world of the sciences and art in *Stargazing*. Individualized refreshments will be served to those attending in person, and we will offer virtual attendance, as well.

To purchase the book from the publisher in advance of the evening, please click on the link here:

<https://tinyurl.com/StargazingatOZ>;

For 30% off use Promo-Code 08CLAS

To register for in person attendance or to obtain the Zoom credentials see the links in the yellow header box, above.



Holy Monsters!

Summer Talmud-Torah with Rabbi Bolton

Three Wednesdays: June 30, July 7 & 14 at 7:30 pm

In Person in the OZ Library and by Zoom

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

Zoom ID: 858 1909 5662; Passcode: 613

In-Person Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/OZSummerTalmud2021>

Light refreshments for those attending in person

Long before Dungeons & Dragons, fantasy novels and the world of Harry Potter, unusual and even magical "monsters" could be found in our sacred literature. Come study about the creatures that can be found in Torah, Talmudic and Midrashic texts. In these thematic sessions Rabbi Bolton will explore monsters that took on mythic proportions and whose presence sparked science fiction and fantasy writers over the ages. Wednesday evenings June 30, July 7, and July 14.



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President's Message

by Isaac Nagiel



This is my first newsletter as the President of Or Zarua. It's an honor and a privilege to take on this role

after having served as the Treasurer for the past two years. We have been blessed with strong leadership in this position and across the Board, who remain deeply committed and will be instrumental during this transition.

When my wife became pregnant with our first child, we stepped up our "shul shopping," searching for a community where we felt at home that reminded us of the Jewish congregational experience in which we both grew up. Our first Or Zarua event happened to be Purim, and we immediately knew we had found what we were looking for. The people were warm and inviting. The services were uplifting, meaningful, traditional, yet egalitarian.

We are now blessed with three children under the age of five and continue to feel and enjoy the beautiful warmth and dynamism of the community. It's a place where our kids feel at home and especially enjoy running up and down the aisle towards the end of Shabbat morning services.

COVID brought new challenges and upended traditional synagogue life, but as Marc Ashley highlighted at the Annual Meeting, our programming and spiritual life did not miss a beat. We quickly transitioned to remote services, learning, and programming. Despite the virtual format, we were able to maintain and, in many ways, deepen our unique Or Zarua culture. Rabbi Bolton continued his weekly Torah classes, augmented Shabbat each week with Zooming in and out programs, and even gave a lecture on Artificial Intelligence, specifically targeting our Young Professionals contingent. Our own community created thoughtful and engaging programming including Chaburah Torah sessions and a variety

of stimulating lectures. There were even nights that were just pure fun including a chocolate tasting and trivia nights.

At the same time, I know many of us miss seeing our close friends and gathering together to heighten our collective spiritual fulfillment. I'm happy to report that in close consultation with the Health Task Force and governmental authorities, we are taking significant steps towards our full re-opening. I look forward to working with the board, staff, and members to find ways to connect even more deeply and to strengthen and grow our community.

There are always challenges, but thankfully we are coming at those challenges from a strong position. We are a vibrant, passionate, and caring community that continues to invest our talents into growing and bettering our Congregation. I'm excited for what's ahead and look forward to once again sharing in Kiddush together!

Please don't hesitate to reach out with thoughts and suggestions. We are blessed to have a generous and committed congregation, and I look forward to serving as President.

In Person Services

Saturday mornings at 9:00 am and Wednesday Mornings* at 7:15 am

Pre-Registration on ShulCloud for each day is Required

Link to Sign Up: <https://tinyurl.com/InPersonServicesOZ2021>

Each Shabbat OZ has an in-person service with kiddush on the roof (weather permitting). Services begin at 9:00 am.

In order to attend any in-person service one must pre-register; to register please use the following link:

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/InPersonServicesOZ2021>

- Registration for each Shabbat closes on Friday at noon.
- Note that the registration form is updated each week.
- Shabbat services will not be available via Zoom.

**Services for Tisha B' Av will be held on Saturday night
July 17 and Sunday morning & afternoon July 18.
All Tisha B' Av services will be in-person only.
See page 5 for details.**

On Wednesdays* at 7:15 am the Shaharit (morning) service will be available both in-person and 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 a service in person you must pre-register using the following link:

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/InPersonServicesOZ2021>

To attend the Wednesday morning service 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 Passcode: 613

***Note: No Wednesday in-person service on July 21 and 28**

- Vaccinated people may remove their masks while in the sanctuary or having Kiddush. Masks are required for unvaccinated people at all times.
- When registering for in-person services check off the days you and your group plan to attend and please answer three questions regarding attendance.
- Each service will begin promptly at its scheduled time. Please plan to arrive early so the Congregation can be seated comfortably and with ample social distancing among the Sanctuary pews before services begin.
- Please note that only registered members and their guests may attend services. Please do not bring additional people not listed on the registration form.
- Be sure to bring your own tallit, tefillin, and head covering as these items will not be provided.

Or Zarua will be updating service schedules, service conditions, and kiddush as federal, state, and local health authorities implement changes to guidelines and regulations related to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Check the ShulCloud form for the latest information:

<https://tinyurl.com/InPersonServicesOZ2021>

ZOOM Into OZ's Daily Shaharit Minyan

Monday-Friday, 7:15 am

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

Zoom ID: 518 639 181

Passcode: 613

Sundays, 8:45 am

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

Zoom ID: 283 908 873

Passcode: 613

ZOOM Into Shabbat with OZ

Last Zoom Out of Shabbat will be on Saturday night, June 19;

Zoom Into Shabbat will continue

Zoom into Shabbat on Friday Nights
See Calendar for times

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

Zoom ID: 854 630 476

Passcode: 613

Last Zoom Out of Shabbat is June 19, 9:20 pm

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

Zoom ID: 775 962 249

Passcode: 613

Or Zarua Book Discussions

Five stories from a list of ten contemporary short story recommendations on topics of Jewish interest will be discussed

Sunday, July 11, 7:00 pm

Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/BkDisc0Z>

Meeting ID: 853 2936 2449; Passcode: 613

Would you like to be the moderator? If you would be interested in moderating this discussion, please contact either Reed Schneider at rschneider@pssb-law.com or Nora Yood at nbmjdy@gmail.com.

The OZ Book Club is planning a short story summer seminar via Zoom on Sunday July 11, 7:00 pm. We will be discussing five selections from a list of ten contemporary short story recommendations on topics of Jewish interest. The stories are available free on line. The writings cover diverse themes, settings and styles. Each story is about 12 pages. They are well written and engaging. The five chosen stories are:

***Address Unknown* by Katherine Kressman Taylor**

***Beautiful Souls* by Joan Leeguat**

***The Abandoning* by Zeeva Bukai**

***The Butcher of Desire; or Imagining Philip Roth* by Sam Apple**

***Operation Tamar* by Omer Friedlander**

Each of the stories is available, free of charge, on the following website:

<https://www.erikadreifus.com/2020/07/jewish-short-stories-reflections-recommendations>

There is a brief introduction for each story.

It will be interesting to explore which of the stories was most popular and why. For those who cannot read all of the choices cited, please join the meeting anyway; the option of reading them at a later time is always available. If one of the selections not included among the five choices intrigued you, please share your insights. We look forward to a lovely, lively, literary evening discussing great fiction by emerging writers. Whether reading at the beach or in your bedroom, we wish you a happy summer!

Celebrating Israel Throughout the Year

It is never too late to celebrate Israel's Independence Day. If you missed this year's celebration, you can view it online using the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QsOgP5W9-eQ>.

The CEO of pharmaceutical giant Pfizer, Albert Bourla, was thanked during the official Israeli ceremony. Bourla, the son of Greek Jews who survived the Holocaust, spoke in response and praised the nation's achievements in science and innovation, calling the rapid pace of the vaccination campaign "another ground-breaking achievement." To pay tribute to the immunization campaign, Israeli military officers demonstrated maneuvers forming a moving syringe alluding to the COVID-19 jabs, along with a number one changing to number two, symbolizing both doses administered as part of a full treatment regimen.

Fourteen people were selected to light the symbolic torches marking the transition between Israel's Day of Remembrance for Fallen Soldiers and Independence Day marking the country's founding in 1948. You can read about some of these amazing people here: <https://tinyurl.com/IsraelTorchLighters>.

Koolulam, a social musical initiative, had all the health care professionals singing together, honoring those on the front lines who fought against the pandemic over the past year.

You don't have to wait until next year, Thursday night, May 5th 2022, to celebrate Israel. Here are a few ways to celebrate year-round:

1) The Consulate General of Israel, New York, sends out a weekly email, Israeli Culture in North America. The email provides links to a whole calendar of art, music, and film events that you can join in to

watch. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/CGIsraelSignUp>.

2) American Friends of the Israel Philharmonic sends out a weekly email detailing talks and recordings of wonderful performances. Sign up here: <https://afipo.org/>.

3) American Jewish University sponsors weekly seminars with Israeli top artists and curators. Join their mailing list at: <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1861357/1771533/>.

4) The Creative Community for Peace is an organization that promotes the arts as a bridge to peace, counters antisemitism within the entertainment industry, and galvanizes support against the cultural boycott of Israel. They sponsor many Zooms that include members of the entertainment industry who host discussions and take you behind the scenes of the entertainment world. Subscribe here: <https://www.creativecommunityforpeace.com/newsletters/>.

5) Joining the Times of Israel allows you to experience Israel virtually while supporting Israeli tour guides. With over a dozen online experiential tours scheduled over the course of the year—from November 2020 through August 2021—you can visit Israel twice a month...without the jet-lag. Join by signing up on their site: <https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-unlocked/>.

6) JNF provides virtual tours. Also, check out the Israel Museum, the Tel Aviv Museum of Art, and the Tower of David Museum who all offer virtual tours of their exhibits. Go to their website: <https://tinyurl.com/JNFVirtualTours>.

Am Yisrael Chai!

-Reena Levine Seltzer

New OZ Board Members Two Congregants Join the Class of 2024

Hannah Kranich



Hannah lives on Roosevelt Island with her husband, Aaron, and their three children Jacob (15), Sonia (13), and Dahlia (9). A graduate of Yeshiva of Flatbush High School and Cornell University, she currently runs global demand generation marketing for Dow Jones' B2B business. Hannah's love for Israel, Jewish community and family life has been a constant throughout her life—from leadership roles in the Zionist youth group, Young Judea, trips to Israel, and hosting chagim and Shabbat dinners. She also loves to travel and looks forward to doing so again with her family post-pandemic. She is thrilled to join the Or Zarua board and looks forward to adding value to our dynamic community.

Susan Zilberman



Susan is fluent in Hebrew and visits Israel often. She is a retired teacher who taught French, Spanish and ESL in elementary and high schools and at Hunter College. Currently, she is coaching nutrition clients in mindfulness and working as a grief specialist for families who have lost loved ones to addiction. She has three grandsons, the youngest arrived this April.

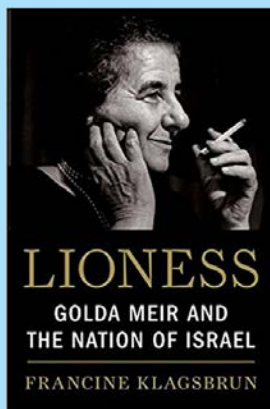
Susan has been a regular shul goer since she was a child accompanying her grandfather each Shabbat to Congregation Sons of Israel in Woodmere, where she grew up. When she moved into Manhattan in 2000, she found Or Zarua at the 92 Y, and

immediately felt at home. And in 2016 when she returned to the neighborhood, she was greeted warmly by Rabbi Wechshler who said: "הילדה חזרת הביתה."

Today, Susan feels she truly has found her spiritual home at Or Zarua and is honored and enthusiastic about participating as a board member and serving the OZ community.

LIONESS:

Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel



The Book *LIONESS, Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel* by OZ Congregant Francine Klagsbrun is being made into a mini series.

The series will star Shira Hass. Barbara Streisand and Eric Tuchman are the executive producers.

You can read more about this event here:

<https://tinyurl.com/LIONESSMiniseries1>

Additional information will be published in future issues of the OZ newsletter.



Tisha B'Av Services

**All Tisha B'Av services
are in person!**

Registration Required

**Register using the in-person
service link:**

<https://tinyurl.com/InPersonServicesOZ2021>

Erev Tisha B'Av

Saturday, July 17

8:24 pm: Fast begins

**8:30 pm: Service
with reading of Eikha**

9:08 pm: Shabbat ends

Tisha B'Av Day

Sunday, July 18

8:45 am: Shaharit

with Kinnot

*(Tallit & T'fillin are not worn
during Shaharit on Tisha B'Av)*

7:30 pm: Minhah/Ma'ariv

*(Tallit & T'fillin are worn during
Minhah of Tisha B'Av)*

with shiur by Rabbi Bolton:

***Is Fasting Praying In
Jewish Tradition?***

8:58 pm: Fast ends

Remember to

Register using the

in-person service link:

<https://tinyurl.com/InPersonServicesOZ2021>

From Compassion to Action: OZ Hesed Opportunities

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

Super Bowl Tzedakah Fund Still In Play! It's 4th Down and You're the One

We like to support the Met Council and Project ORE with meaningful gifts. In typical times, Marcel and Shelly Adler throw a Super Bowl Party at Or Zarua in memory of his parents that starts the tzedakah collection in their honor. This year because of COVID there was no party, yet Shelly and Marcel are encouraging all of us to join them in making generous tzedakah donations. It's Fourth Down and goal to go. People are hungry and in need. Will you be the one who helps push us into the End Zone? Please contribute to the Super Bowl Tzedakah Fund using this link:

tinyurl.com/OZ-2021SuperBowlTzedakah



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 NYCPC 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.

Thursday Night Pasta and Salad at the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter

OZ Congregants will package and deliver food for the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter's East 81st Street Residence from 5:00 to 5:45 pm on the the third and fourth Thursdays of each month. Donations to the Hesed Fund are also needed. To volunteer when NCS is able to resume operations please contact Jeff Haberman at jeff32449@verizon.net.

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.

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/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteer to help pack groceries at a Met Council pantry and distribute to a Senior Residence on the Upper East Side

The OZ Hesed committee is working with the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty (Met Council) on a new project to bring food to Seniors. We will be packing groceries at a Met Council pantry (Lexington Avenue and 31st Street) for delivery to and distribution at a Senior Residence on East 92nd Street.

**Our next sessions will meet on
Sundays, June 20 & July 25, 11 am.**

Individuals and families are welcome to volunteer. If interested please contact Jeff Haberman at: jeff32449@verizon.net or (917) 697-1677.



Above: Or Zarua Congregants volunteering at the MET Council Project

Online OZ Gallery For June & July

'Tis Summer and a Good Time to Experience Outdoor Art

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021, 11:32PM: The summer solstice, when the sun reaches its highest and northernmost points in the sky. The next day, June 21, is the longest period of sunlight hours and, thus, the longest day of the year. It is the official start of summer. (In our daily Amidah prayers we Jews have been saying the Summer "blessing to the earth" instead of Winter's "dew and rain to bless the earth" since Passover, but there's another explanation for that.) Whatever start date you choose, summer is a time for many kinds of activities outdoors. There's plenty of sunlight; trees and flowers are in full bloom and gardens of all types are in flower. Some of the finest examples of three-dimensional art from around the world can be seen outdoors.

In this issue of the OZ Online Gallery, we offer examples of some beautiful works of art—installations and sculpture—meant to be seen and enjoyed outdoors. We offer two examples of outdoor installations from Israel.

Whether your travels take you near or far, the OZ Gallery Committee wishes you a happy, healthy summer...and happy exploration! With thanks to Shmuel Bernstein, a longstanding Israeli friend, for connecting us to the Eretz Israel Museum.



Collaborative Effort
Ceramic flowers installation from 2017
Eretz Israel Museum, Tel Aviv

In an email received by OZ Gallery curator Bobbi Coller, Miri Tsdaka, spokeswoman for the Eretz Israel Museum, says this installation of ceramic flowers was "not done by a [specific] artist" "but rather is a collaborative effort created by some 70 clubs and Jewish community centers around Israel".

The Eretz Israel Museum was established in 1953 on an archeological site dating to the 12th century BCE. Its 20-acre campus in the Ramat Aviv district overlooks the center of Tel Aviv. Surrounded by native trees, shrubs and flowers (natural and man-made, such as these above) the Museum has displays relating to archaeology, Judaica and the history and culture of arts and crafts dating back centuries.



Henry Moore
Three Piece Sculpture: Vertebrae
Billy Rose Art Garden, Jerusalem

This work by the iconic British sculptor Henry Moore is part of the monumental collection of the Billy Rose Art Garden, the sculpture park designed by the Japanese-American sculptor Isamu Noguchi on the western slope of the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. The garden is named for its founder, American entertainer, impresario and lyricist who wrote "Me and My Shadow," among other memorable popular songs. Its sculpture collection includes works by the great artists of the late 19th century (Rodin, Maillol) and 20th century (Moore, Picasso, Calder, LeWitt) among others. As in a Japanese Zen garden, the ground is covered in gravel and many different materials were incorporated into the garden's design: stones, exposed concrete and water. The paths are lined with local plants and trees. It is a place, visitors say, that offers a peaceful, relaxed environment in which to see an impressive lineup of inspiring works. Critics consider this garden to be one of Noguchi's masterpieces, a synthesis of Eastern and Western cultures, set against Jerusalem's dramatic landscape.

Hebrew School

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

As the school year comes to an end, we are excited to share some news about Hebrew School for this fall.

At this time, we plan to begin the school year with in-person learning!

We will continue to monitor closely the Covid-19 numbers in our area and adjust as needed, but our plan is to be in full swing in the OZ building! As the school year approaches, we will share information about health and safety precautions we will be taking.

What makes Or L'Atid Hebrew School different? Our commitment to Jewish tradition, a family feel and an emphasis on Hebrew literacy, right from the start.

The Hebrew School schedule will be similar to years past, but with some changes to ensure the highest quality of learning. Stay tuned for exciting new pieces of our curriculum, plus brand new offerings!

Please see below for this year's schedule.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Jewish learning and for your continued flexibility during these difficult times! Consistency, community and Jewish connections are so important for the social and emotional health of our children, and we are excited to have them all back together soon!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to be in touch with Sigal.

Sign Up Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/OZHebrewSchoolF21>

Early Bird rates will be automatically applied if you complete registration on or before August 1. Sign up by July 4 for an additional re-enrollment discount for returning students. A credit will be applied to your account for the re-enrollment discount (\$100/child) after your enrollment is submitted.

After-school pickup will be offered within our pickup radius (see registration form for details).

To guarantee after-school pickup, your enrollment must be submitted by July 4.



Or L'Atid Shabbat in the Park: Saturday, July 10, 4:00 pm
Join Sigal & the Boltens for a fun afternoon hang-out in Central Park!
Bring blankets, games, snacks and friends as we spend time together.

Plus, we'll provide some special treats.

Stay tuned for meeting location and further details.

Hebrew School Schedule

Elementary School

K-2nd Grade

Mondays, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Our youngest students, Kindergarten-2nd grade, begin their journeys of Jewish learning focusing on the most fundamental Jewish skills and knowledge.

Students will:

- Learn the aleph-bet and begin building a Hebrew vocabulary through immersive Hebrew games and activities.
- Begin learning basic prayers in t'filah and gaining literacy in weekly parashah stories from the Torah.
- Learn about the Jewish holidays with creative explorations and projects.

3rd-5th Grade

Mondays AND Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00 pm

In 3rd-5th grade, students will build on existing skills and knowledge and dive deeper into Jewish learning.

Students will:

- Continue developing Hebrew language skills and vocabulary and strengthening reading abilities.
- Use new Hebrew skills to engage with Israeli culture.
- Lead younger students in t'filah as they grow as role models in our community.
- Learn Kabbalat Shabbat, preparing for active participation in our OZ communal Friday evening services.
- Learn Torah stories as we study the weekly parashah
- Deepen knowledge about Jewish holidays with fun activities and projects.

B'nei Mitzvah Scholars

6th and 7th Grade

Wednesdays, 5:00-6:30 pm

****NEW DAY AND TIME****

Our B'nei Mitzvah Scholars, 6th and 7th grade students, will continue their Jewish learning as they approach Bar and Bat Mitzvah.

Students will:

- Continue with Hebrew learning.
- Strengthen reading skills and continue building a modern Hebrew vocabulary.
- Explore Jewish history, Israel, t'filah and more as we delve deeper into our Jewish roots.



Middle and High School families: we want to hear from you!

We are looking for your input as we finalize classes for next year. Please email Sigal, shirsch@orzarua.org, with responses to questions outlined below, or set up a time to speak with her to discuss the various offerings.

Rabbi Bolton is hoping to offer a new class this year. We are gauging interest in two options.

Both options are open to and appropriate for Day School/Hebrew School/Public/Private School students. Please note that 6th/7th Grade Hebrew School students will have the option of signing up for one of these programs in addition to the B'nei Mitzvah Scholars classes. Please email Sigal indicating if your child would be interested in either of the following, and if both, whether there is a preference:

Option 1: One-on-one Hevruta study with Rabbi Bolton

Students will meet individually with Rabbi Bolton on a regular, mutually agreed upon schedule. Students can choose to study mishnah, the weekly parashah or Torah more generally, and can also add a skill, like leading musaf or reading megillah, for example. Those signed up would also gather 3-4 times as a group over the course of the year to present to one another on their learning and progress. *This option allows for some more individual choice in the direction and timing of the study.*

Option 2: Judaism, The Deep Dive: Great Jewish Debates on Fundamental Jewish Values

This class will be co-taught by Rabbi Bolton and Sigal, and meet once/month on Monday evenings. We'll split up into two groups so that students can all engage with the material at an appropriate level. The topics will include:

- On Gratitude and Dessert: What do we deserve? What are we entitled to, and what is a blessing?
- On Right and Wrong: Which is better—never to do wrong or to exercise self-control? What is our understanding of yetzer ha'ra?
- On Tzedakah: What are limits on giving tzedakah and being charitable?
- On Speaking of Others: When can we talk about others and when is it lashon ha'ra?
- On Truth and Falsehood: Is it ever ok to lie?
- On Love, Hate, Revenge and Being Human: What love is proper? Is hatred ever ok? Do I have to think of all my behavior as Mitzvot?

Hebrew for 8th Grade and above

This class would meet once per week and focus primarily on conversational Hebrew. It could meet in person or over Zoom. Please let Sigal know if you would enroll your child in this class, and if so, if you'd prefer an in-person or Zoom class.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 • 21 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	2 • 22 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid Service: in-person with pre-registration or Zoom) 7:30p Talmud Class	3 • 23 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 8:40a Siddur Class: Final Class for Spring	4 • 24 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 7:15p Zoom into Shabbat 8:04p Candlelighting	5 • 25 Sivan Shelah 9:30a In-Person Shabbat Service: Pre-registration required (No Zoom Service) Bar Mitzvah (Minhah): Sam Hausen 9:07p Shabbat Ends 9:15p Zoom Out of Shabbat
6 • 26 Sivan Bar Mitzvah: Sam Hausen 8:45a Shaharit (Zoom) <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	7 • 27 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 12:00p Community Torah Study: Final Class for Spring	8 • 28 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	9 • 29 Sivan 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid Service: in-person with pre-registration or Zoom) 7:30p Talmud Class: Final Class for Spring	10 • 30 Sivan Rosh Hodesh 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 8:40a Siddur Class	11 • 1 Tammuz Rosh Hodesh 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 7:15p Zoom into Shabbat 8:09p Candlelighting	12 • 2 Tammuz Korah 9:30a In-Person Shabbat Service: Pre-registration required (No Zoom Service) 9:12p Shabbat Ends 9:20p Zoom Out of Shabbat
13 • 3 Tammuz 8:45a Shaharit (Zoom) <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	14 • 4 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	15 • 5 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	16 • 6 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom only; No Hybrid Service Today)	17 • 7 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 5:00p NCS Hesed Program	18 • 8 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 7:15p Zoom into Shabbat 8:11p Candlelighting	19 • 9 Tammuz Hukkat 9:00a In-Person Shabbat Service: Pre-registration required (No Zoom Service) 9:14p Shabbat Ends 9:20p Zoom Out of Shabbat Last Zoom Out
20 • 10 Tammuz Father's Day 8:45a Shaharit (Zoom) 11:00a MET Council Volunteers <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	21 • 11 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	22 • 12 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	23 • 13 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid Service: in-person with pre-registration or Zoom)	24 • 14 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 5:00p NCS Hesed Program	25 • 15 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 7:15p Zoom into Shabbat 8:13p Candlelighting	26 • 16 Tammuz Balak 9:00a In-Person Service: Pre-registration (No Zoom) 9:16p Shabbat Ends
27 • 17 Tammuz Fast 17th Tammuz 4:15a Fast Begins 8:45a Shaharit (Zoom) 9:07p Fast Ends <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	28 • 18 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	29 • 19 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	30 • 20 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid Service: in-person with pre-registration or Zoom) 7:30p Summer Talmud- Torah with Rabbi Bolton: Holy Monsters! (Hybrid Event: Zoom & in-person with registration)			

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				1 • 21 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	2 • 22 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit 7:15p Zoom into Shabbat 8:12p Candlelighting	3 • 23 Tammuz Pinhas 9:00a In-Person Shabbat Service: Pre-registration required (No Zoom Service) 9:15p Shabbat Ends
4 • 24 Tammuz Independence Day 8:45a Shaharit (Zoom) <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	5 • 25 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	6 • 26 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	7 • 27 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid Service: in-person with pre-registration or Zoom) 7:30p Summer Talmud-Torah with Rabbi Bolton: Holy Monsters! (Hybrid Event: Zoom & in-person with registration)	8 • 28 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	9 • 29 Tammuz 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 7:15p Zoom into Shabbat 8:11p Candlelighting	10 • 1 Av Rosh Hodesh Mattot-Masei 9:00a In-Person Shabbat Service: Pre-registration required (No Zoom Service) 4:00p Or L'Atid Shabbat In The Park 9:12p Shabbat Ends
11 • 2 Av 8:45a Shaharit (Zoom) 7:00p: Five Jewish Short Stories by Various Authors <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	12 • 3 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 7:00p Author's Evening with Anne Goldman : <i>Stargazing In The Atomic Age</i> (Hybrid Event: Zoom & In-Person with registration)	13 • 4 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	14 • 5 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid Service: in-person with pre-registration or Zoom) 7:30p Summer Talmud-Torah with Rabbi Bolton: Holy Monsters! (Hybrid Event: Zoom & in-person with registration)	15 • 6 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 5:00p NCS Hesed Program	16 • 7 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 7:15p Zoom into Shabbat 8:07p Candlelighting	17 • 8 Av Shabbat Hazon/Devarim 9:00a In-Person Shabbat Service: Pre-registration required (No Zoom Service) Erev Tisha B'Av 8:24p Fast Begins 8:30: Ma'ariv for Tisha B'Av (in-person with pre-registration) 9:08p Shabbat Ends
18 • 9 Av Tisha B'Av 8:45a Shaharit In-Person 7:30p Minhah/Ma'ariv and shiur with Rabbi Bolton Pre-registration required for both services (No Zoom Services) 8:58p Fast Ends <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	19 • 10 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	20 • 11 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	21 • 12 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	22 • 13 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 5:00p NCS Hesed Program	23 • 14 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 7:15p Zoom into Shabbat 8:02p Candlelighting	24 • 15 Av Shabbat Nachamu Tu B'Av Vaethanan 9:00a In-Person Service: Pre-registration (No Zoom) 9:01p Shabbat Ends
25 • 16 Av 8:45a Shaharit (Zoom) 11:00a MET Council Volunteers <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	26 • 17 Av 8:45a Shaharit (Zoom)	27 • 18 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	28 • 19 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	29 • 20 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	30 • 21 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 7:15p Zoom into Shabbat 7:55p Candlelighting	31 • 22 Av Ekev 9:00a In-Person Shabbat Service: Pre-registration required (No Zoom Service) 8:54p Shabbat Ends

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Worship the Lord in gladness;
come before the Divine Presence with joy!
-Psalm 100:2



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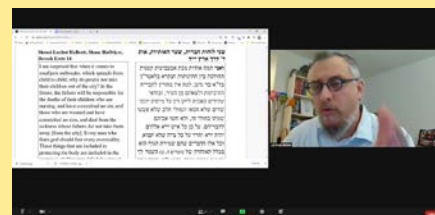
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