

S'lihot Study with Shira Schiowitz

The Fertile Language of the Torah For Our Lives and the Days of Awe via Zoom on Saturday, August 28, 8:45 pm

To register to attend via Zoom go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ZoomWithShiraSchiowitzandOZ>



To engage more mindfully and consciously in the spiritual work of the Days of Awe season, we will begin our S'lihot evening with a study session centering on texts from our tradition.

How does a biblical concept about agricultural laws create a framework for our inner-lives? How does the Tanakh graph onto the human being ideas about fertile soil, potential growth and how we manage our relationship with God and each other? What does Sh'mittah, letting the land lie fallow for a

Sabbatical year, teach us about t'shuvah, taking a heshbon haNefesh (accounting of our lives) and being a decent person?

Shira Schiowitz will explore how the Torah speaks to the human condition even when it seems like the mitzvot under discussion are

about land, crops or something beyond the individual. Since this year is a Shmitta year for the Jewish People, the topic is timely as a matter of the calendar and as we consider creating space for the spiritual work we undertake in Elul and during Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur.

We welcome back Shira Schiowitz who presented three dynamic lectures last year about repentance in Prophetic literature. She is a Tanakh teacher at SAR High School where she also serves as co-director of professional development and mentors new teachers. She previously chaired the Tanakh department at Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School, and served as Assistant Dean to help facilitate the opening of Lamdeinu, an adult education institute in Teaneck. She received her MA in Bible at the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies at Yeshiva University.

After the learning we will have a Zoom version of S'lihot prayers led by Rabbi Bolton. Registration required for the evening.

Annual T'shuvah Lecture with Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson Dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies

Truth & Compassion: The Deep Waters Of T'shuvah via Zoom on Sunday, September 12, 7:30 pm

To register to attend via Zoom go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ZoomWithRabbiArtsonandOZ>



The Book of Jonah is way more than a tale about a whale (or a big fish). God calls out to the prophet, and initially Jonah resisted his sacred mission. God challenged Jonah with many truths along his path, and the situations in which he found himself required both compassion and critical analysis. This book of the Tanakh that is read as the haftarah on Yom Kippur afternoon gets us into the deep waters of t'shuvah.


Will we accept more responsibility as partners with God in a world that is full of conflict, complexities and, from human perspectives, truths? Are truth and compassion in conflict? Do we shift true consequences for the sake of compassion? Do we mute compassion for the sake of objective consequences?

Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson, Dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies and Professor of Philosophy at the American Jewish University, will explore these profound questions in a careful reading of the *Book of Jonah*. Rabbi Artson holds the Roslyn and Abner Goldstine Dean's Chair and is a master interpreter of our sacred canon.

Dr. Artson is particularly interested in theology, ethics, and the integration of science and religion. He mentors Camp Ramah in California in Ojai and Ramah of Northern California in the Bay Area. He is also dean of the Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam, Germany, ordaining Conservative rabbis for Europe. A frequent contributor to the *Times of Israel*, *The Forward*, and a Contributing Writer for the *Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, he has a public figure Facebook page with over 70,000 likes. Rabbi Artson is the author of 12 books and over 250 articles, most recently *Renewing the Process of Creation: A Jewish Integration of Science and Spirit*. Married to Elana Artson, they are the proud parents of twins, Jacob and Shira.

There is much to discover in the narratives of our tradition, and Yonah's story is particularly poignant when it comes to considering the spiritual work required of us during the Days of Awe. During the Yamim Noraim, each of us is called to assess our outlooks and understandings and take account of the sacred work we feel responsible for.

Join us for this year's T'shuvah Lecture on Sunday, September 12, 7:30pm, on Zoom; registration required.



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President's Message

by Isaac Nagiel



As I was reading Parashat Re'eh, the fourth in the Book of Deuteronomy, which goes into detail on the laws of Kashrut, I was

reminded of two of my favorite pieces of Jewish trivia (anything combining food and Judaism usually ranks pretty highly for me). The first one is "what is the only derivative of a non-kosher animal that is kosher?" There is a general Halacha that goes "Kol hayotzei min hatahor tahor, vichol hayotzei min hatamei tamei," which translates to all that comes from a non-kosher animal is not kosher, while all that comes from a kosher animal is kosher. Therefore, how is honey kosher when bees are clearly defined as not kosher? The Gemara explains that honey is not actually something digested and then secreted by a bee but is solely flower nectar that is transformed into honey by mixing with saliva. Honey bees have a special valve called the proventriculus, which prevents the nectar from ever being digested and makes sure it stays within the honey sac. It is super interesting and unique anatomy, but it piqued my interest as to how this all could have been known already in Shemot, when the Land of Israel was referred to as Eretz Zavat Halav Udevash, a land flowing with milk and honey? The answer turns out that the honey of "milk and honey" actually refers to date honey, not bee honey.

The second of my favorite trivia questions asks "what is the closest we can get to eating milk and meat together with it still being kosher (and no the answer isn't a Beyond Meat cheeseburger)?" If prepared correctly, a cow's udder that has been marinating in milk for years is in fact kosher. I can't

say I've tried one but reading about it online describes it as a "spongy and creamy delicacy." I'm already thinking up our next programming event titled Cocktails and Cow Udder Canapés (drizzled with honey?).

Trivia aside, the Parasha goes into depth on laws and rules beyond Kashrut including tithing, lending, idolatry, and sacrifices. It's reminiscent of the strict set of rules we have had to live by for almost two years from social distancing to masking to quarantining. When we are so used to our freedoms, it's extremely difficult to, all of a sudden, change our lives and swim against our social human nature. I thank our community for adhering and having patience as we have had to institute and amend our health safety rules as the pandemic has ebbed and flowed in intensity. As I write this newsletter, the Delta variant is causing yet another wave of COVID-19 cases, which we are watching closely.

As communicated previously, we will be returning to Wallace Hall, which will allow us to conduct services in a much larger space and spread out. We are excited to join together in person once again to share in the powerful spirituality of the High Holy Days. At the same time, we understand many members would prefer to join our High Holy Days services remotely given current conditions. Therefore, we will be livestreaming services from Wallace Hall and will have a Zoom link available for the evening services for Rosh Hashanah.

We will continue to consult frequently with our Health Task Force as the COVID situation evolves and will keep the community updated.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone soon enough at these High Holy Days, which begin on the evening of September 6th.

Isaac Nagiel

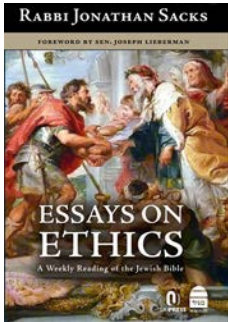
Classes with Rabbi Bolton

Beginning in October

Zoom Torah Study

Jewish Ethics, Jewish Wisdom
The Weekly Parsha in Rabbi Jonathan Sacks' Thought
Mondays, 12 Noon, On-Line via Zoom
beginning Monday, October 25
Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/OZMondayTorahStudy>
ID: 8152 249 6147; Passcode: 613

Make time for Torah study during your busy week! Join Rabbi Bolton and Or Zarua community members to explore essays by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, z"l, on the weekly Torah portion. Not only will Rabbi Sacks' big ideas be our focus, but we will examine the classical sources that Rabbi Sacks raises to build his unique and poignant messages. Through his books, recorded lectures, and syndicated columns, Rabbi Sacks, z"l, shared his exquisite understanding of Torah for the modern world as the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth (UK). After stepping down as Chief Rabbi he served as Ingeborg and Ira Rennert Global Distinguished Professor of Judaic Thought at NYU. His recent death in November, 2020, caused many to reflect on his profound impact in America, in the UK and globally. Come study Torah as an expression of how much we value learning and to honor Rabbi Sacks' memory.



Talmud Class 5782

Punishments In Search of Crimes, Souls in Search of Expiation, & Society in Search of Justice
Tractate Makkot
Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, On-Line via Zoom beginning October 6
Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/OZWedTalmudClass>
ID: 858 1909 5662; Passcode: 613

The chapters of Tractate Makkot deal with laws of the Jewish beit din and the punishments they may administer. The Talmudic discourse moves us into concerns about false witnesses and laws about manslaughters versus murderers. Amid passages about offenses and their consequences we find theological and sociological reflections about crime, criminals and criminality. As policy for Jewish courts is derived, our Sages discuss the place of retribution, rehabilitation and restorative justice. Which offenses are minor breaches? Which more serious infractions? And do more lashes mean more expiation of guilt? Does receiving lashes somehow reverse the severe punishment of excommunication? While the Torah outlawed self-flagellation, Hanina ben Gamliel said, "If by the commission of a sin one forfeits his soul before God, so much the more reason is there for belief that, by a meritorious deed, such as voluntary submission to punishment, his soul is saved." The possibilities that Talmudic literature raises sometimes lead to particular laws and other times stand as thought exercises to explore important concepts or concerns. Makkot is about crime and punishment, and Makkot is about human nature, sin and pursuing justice.



Siddur Class 5782

Hear Our Sabbath Prayers
Thursdays, 8:40 am, On-Line via Zoom beginning October 7
Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/OZZoomSiddur>
ID: 832 425 240; Passcode: 613
Candlelighting, Kabbalat Shabbat, Lekha Dodi and Ma'ariv (The Evening Service), Shalom Aleichem...Did we always say the unique psalms that make up the preliminary service on Friday night? Sing for our Sabbath meal? Which prayers were central to our ancestors' experiences of Shabbat? How did poetry woven together from biblical allusions and medieval mystical texts become central to Jewish worship throughout both Ashkenaz and Sephardic lands? How do modern prayerbooks compare to siddurim from ages past, when it comes to Sabbath evening



services and table liturgy for Shabbat dinners? Come explore the history of Shabbat over the Jewish ages and the liturgies that were recited, in addition to those we use today. During Siddur Class we explore the prayers' language, discuss their meanings and dig into their histories. Our conversations this year will surely take us into exploring the meaning of Shabbat in our lives and what the liturgy suggests as points of focus. Class meets at 8:40 am on Thursday mornings. ZOOM participants are encouraged to have their cameras on, to add their presence on screen to the learning community.

In Person Services

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

Pre-registration is not required for members of OZ
Non-members must be vaccinated and are required to sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/InPersonServicesOZ2021>

For details regarding High Holy Day and Festival services please see pages 4 and 5.

ZOOM services at OZ

• Zoom into Shahrarit on Monday-Friday at 7:15 am

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

Zoom ID: 518 639 181, Passcode: 613

• Zoom into Shahrarit on Sundays, 8:45 am

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

Zoom ID: 283 908 873, Passcode: 613

• Zoom into Shabbat on Friday Nights; See Calendar for times

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

Zoom ID: 854 630 476, Passcode: 613

S'lihot Saturday Night, August 28

8:45 pm S'lihot Study
with Shira Schiowitz
via Zoom (see page 1)

*The Fertile Language of
the Torah For Our Lives
and the Days of Awe*

S'lihot Service will follow

Annual T'shuvah Lecture

*Truth & Compassion: The
Deep Waters Of T'shuvah*
with

**Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson,
PhD**

Sunday, September 12, 7:30 pm
Zoom Event, See Page 1

High Holy Day Services 5782/2021

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 6

Minhah/Ma'ariv: 6:15 pm
Congregation Or Zarua

First Day Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday, September 7

Shaharit: 8:30 am
at Wallace Hall

Shofar in the Park & Tashlikh: 4:00 pm
Carl Schurz Park

Tashlikh: 6:00 pm
Central Park Reservoir, south end

Minhah/Ma'ariv: 7:00 pm
Congregation Or Zarua

Second Day Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 8

Shaharit: 8:30 am
at Wallace Hall

Shofar in the Park: 4:00 pm
Central Park

Minhah/Ma'ariv: 7:00 pm
Congregation Or Zarua

Shabbat Shuva

Saturday, September 11

Shaharit: 9:00 am
at Congregation Or Zarua

Erev Yom Kippur

Wednesday, September 15

Kol Nidre: 6:15 pm
at Wallace Hall

Yom Kippur

Thursday, September 16

Services: 9:00 am
Wallace Hall
Fast Ends at 7:40 pm

Service Locations

Congregation Or Zarua
127 East 82nd Street
between Lexington & Park Ave.

Wallace Hall
west side of Park Ave. at 83-84 St

Tickets are required for all services
at both locations,
except on Shabbat Shuva.

High Holy Day Programming for
Youth is on Pages 8-10.

High Holy Day Services 5782/2021 General information

Our High Holy Day services will be held at Wallace Hall, on the west side of Park Avenue between 83rd and 84th Streets, not far from our synagogue building on East 82nd Street. We understand many members would prefer to join our High Holy Day services remotely given current conditions. Therefore, we will be livestreaming services from Wallace Hall and will have a Zoom link available for the evening services for Rosh Hashanah.

OZ offers three types of services for the High Holy Days: a main service, led by Rabbi Scott Bolton; youth services, divided by age; and a Family Learning Experience, led by Rabbi Amy Bolton. Youth services will be held on both days of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur. Teenagers are encouraged to attend the main service. Please review the High Holy Day service schedule on this page (see right) and see pages 8-10 for information about youth and

family services and events.

If you know of people who might be without a place to go for High Holy Day Services, please encourage them to purchase guest tickets here:

<https://tinyurl.com/2021OZGuestTickets>

Please have them contact the office (212-452-2310, ext 12) with any questions.

The schedule for all main services will be printed on the reverse side of your admission ticket. Tickets were mailed on August 20 to all paid members and those who had made payment arrangements. Tickets will continue to be mailed as we receive renewals. Please remember to allow time for mailing before the Labor Day weekend. Remember to bring your ticket with you to all services at both Wallace Hall and OZ. Call the synagogue office with questions regarding your membership. Note that all children through the age of 22 are included in family membership; children 23 and older are required to have guest tickets. Children ages 0-4 do not need tickets. Call the synagogue office, 212-452-2310, ext 12, or use the link (above or below) to purchase guest tickets.

High Holy Day Programming for Youth is on pages 8-10.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Tickets to all those who have paid or made arrangements for payment were mailed. We will continue mailing tickets as renewals are received. Please allow time for mailing tickets as the High Holy Days begin at the end of a holiday weekend. If you would like to make a payment online, please log in to ShulCloud, go to My Account, then My Billing and you will be able to enter your payment. Once you enter the amount, you may choose to make your payments in installments. If you pay by credit card, we ask you to consider including the fee for our credit card transaction costs. There is no fee to use an e-check. If you have questions about your bill, please contact Helene Santo at hsanto@orzarua.org. If you would like to make a payment by phone, please call Rachel Dasher at 516-399-4613.

ADDITIONAL HIGH HOLY DAY TICKETS: If you would like to purchase guest tickets for friends or relatives, please use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2021OZGuestTickets>. All guests must be fully vaccinated.

CELEBRATE SUKKOT ON THE OZ ROOFTOP

Sukkot begins on Monday, September 20.

We look forward to celebrating as a community with events up in the OZ Sukkah.

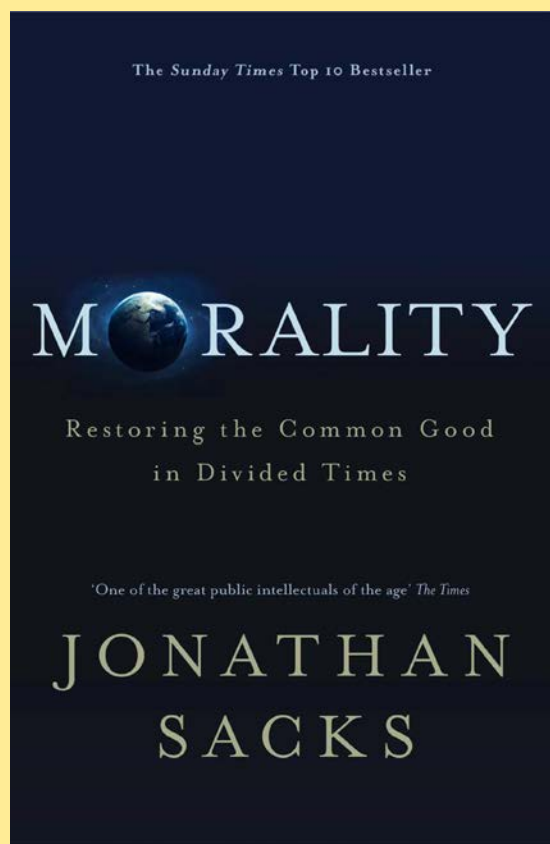
Stay tuned for the full slate of Sukkot events, along with information on how to register.

GET READY FOR SUKKOT BY ORDERING YOUR LULAV AND ETROG!

The Lulav and Etrog Order Form can be found
on ShulCloud, or by visiting
<https://tinyurl.com/OZ-Etrog-2021>.



Or Zarua Book Discussions



Morality: Restoring Good in Divided Times by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Sunday, October 3, 7:30 pm

in the Or Zarua Library

Discussion to be led by Rabbi Scott Bolton

The selection for October is *Morality: Restoring Good in Divided Times* by Jonathan Sacks, the prolific British scholar and late Chief Rabbi of England who died in November, 2020. A tour de force providing an accessible survey of Western thought and brilliant critique of the modern intellectual trends pulling societies apart, it is “must” reading for any thoughtful person concerned about the future. Rabbi Bolton will lead the discussion and share the wisdom and insights of this erudite and very relevant work.

Our next selection will be *Antiquities* by Cynthia Ozick. The date has not yet been finalized. Pat Davidson will moderate.

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

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

Kol Nidre Appeal: Invest in Sustaining our Community

We need your support to sustain our community in which people of all Jewish backgrounds feel welcome and comfortable to learn, pray, participate and connect. You, our members, make this happen. We cannot do this without you! Your Kol Nidre contribution helps us provide our religious services and programming, educate our children and our adults, maintain our building, support our staff, and support our rabbi and the wonderful work he does to provide leadership and guidance to our community. Membership dues cover only 40% of the cost of operations and programming. Your Kol Nidre contribution provides much needed funds to fill the dues gap and secure the future of our congregation. Please use this link to donate: <https://tinyurl.com/OZKolNidre5782>
Your generosity is appreciated!

From Compassion to Action: OZ Hesed Opportunities

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

Read Weekly Online with a Child to Support Literacy

Or Zarua has a team of volunteers reading with first or second graders each week during the school year through the nonprofit Innovations for Learning. The OZ tutors read remotely with students in a Bronx classroom for 30 minutes weekly during the school year, connecting via phone and an online platform, TutorMate. Registration is now open for a few limited slots. To register or learn more, contact Lesley Palmer at hesed@orzarua.org.

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.

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 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 project to bring groceries to Seniors. We will be packing the 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 meeting will be at the pantry on Wednesday, September 1, at 4 PM to pack the groceries and the distribution at the building will start at approximately 5:30 PM.

Individuals and families are welcome to volunteer. **However, volunteers coming to the building need to be fully vaccinated and wear a mask.** If interested please contact Jeff Haberman at: jeff32449@verizon.net or (917) 697-1677.



Above: : Or Zarua Congregants volunteering at the MET Council Project

Or L'Atid High Holy Day Programs

Dear families,

We are looking forward to celebrating the High Holy Days together. We will have a variety of programs for kids and families for the High Holy Days. Please pay close attention to the event times, the location (some at Wallace Hall, some at Or Zarua), and the Covid-19 protocols.

Please note that the Family Learning Experience will be structured differently from years past. We will begin early with a program geared towards little ones, then gather all together. We will then enjoy our "High Holy Day Highlights," a short, interactive service led by Rabbi Amy Bolton, after which, Pre-K - 8th Grade children and their parents are invited to learn and explore together. Grandparents, aunts, uncles and other adult family members are invited to join us! See pages 9 and 10 for the schedule.

If you are not comfortable coming to in-person youth and family programs on the OZ roof, please be in touch with me if you'd like a set of materials from the Family Learning Experience that you can use at home with your family.

For planning purposes, we are asking families to please fill out a form indicating which youth and family programs you plan to attend.

The form can be found at this link:

<https://orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/2020-21-High-Holy-Day-Youth-Services>

Please note that this is for planning purposes. If your plans change, you can email me to let me know, but day-of decisions are also fine. If you are planning to attend, you still must have Or Zarua High Holy Day tickets to gain entry to Wallace Hall and the Or Zarua building. Please contact Helene Santo, hsanto@orzarua.org, to inquire about High Holy Day tickets.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch with me with ANY questions about our High Holy Day programs. I hope to see you all soon to celebrate together!

Sigal

CELEBRATE **SUKKOT**
ON THE **OZ ROOFTOP**
WITH **OR L'ATID**

Thursday, September 23

Registration required for the following events

4:00 pm: Sukkot & Me for Early Childhood

5:00 pm: Family Pizza in the Hut

Look out for registration information.

**Saturday, September 25, following kiddush
Or L'Atid Games in the Sukkah**

Following kiddush, all are invited to spend the afternoon in the sukkah playing board games together!



**Tuesday, September 7
Rosh Hashanah, Day 1
3:30 pm**

Families, gather in Carl Schurz Park by the 86th Street entrance for a High Holy Day Story Time! We'll have stories for little ones and older kids. All are welcome, so invite friends to join us!

Immediately following High Holy Day Story Time, hear the blasts of the shofar at Shofar in the Park.



**Tuesday, September 7
Rosh Hashanah, Day 1
4:00 pm: Carl Schurz Park
Meet at the 86th Street entrance.**

Families, be sure to find Sigal after the Shofar blasts for a unique Tashlikh activity to do as a family.

**Wednesday, September 8
Rosh Hashanah, Day 2
4:00 pm: Central Park
Meet at the East Pinetum.**

Celebrate

THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

WITH **OR L'ATID**

Rosh Hashanah

DAY 1: TUESDAY, SEPT. 7



10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Infant - Pre-K

OZ Roof

Children attend with an adult.



11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Elementary School

Wallace Hall

Drop-off program



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contact Sigal Hirsch,
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DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8



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**11:15 AM - 11:45 AM:
HIGH HOLY DAY HIGHLIGHTS**

Infants - 8th graders and adults, learn & sing
High Holy Day melodies and liturgy in a
family-friendly service.

**11:45 AM - 12:45 PM:
LEARNING AND EXPLORATION**

Pre-K - 8th graders and adults, connect with
Rosh Hashanah, with this year's theme,
"The Wonder of the World."

Celebrate

THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

WITH **OR L'ATID**

Yom Kippur

KOL NIDRE: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15



6:45 PM - 8:00 PM
Elementary School
Wallace Hall
 Drop-off program

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YOM KIPPUR DAY: THURSDAY, SEPT. 16

 **Family**
LEARNING
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Hebrew School

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We can't wait to see you at the OZ building this fall!

Hebrew School begins on October 4. Students of all ages are invited to join us on September 13 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm for a Welcome Back Night.

Visit orzarua.org/or-latid/hebrew-school/ for more information.

To register, visit <https://orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/2021-2022-hebrew-school-registration.html>.

Middle School and High School families, sign up for our new classes!

Class with Rabbi Bolton

Judaism, the Deep Dive

Great Jewish Debates on Fundamental Jewish Values

Monthly Mondays, dates to be posted, 6:00-7:30 pm

This class will be co-taught by Rabbi Bolton and Sigal. 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 hara?
- **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 hara?
- **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 Class for 8th Grade and Above

Zoom Class with Sigal

Wednesdays

7:00-7:45 pm

Join Sigal for weekly conversational Hebrew classes over Zoom.

Get ready for your next trip to Israel with the fundamental skills needed to communicate in our Jewish homeland!

This class is geared towards Hebrew School students.

Online OZ Gallery for the High Holy Days

An Artist Depicts the Complexity of the Days of Awe

These are the days of reflection and introspection, a period of deep, personal and complex emotions. We ask ourselves, “What have we done with our lives in the past year and what do we need to do better? How will we be judged and will we be forgiven for our transgressions? What fate will be sealed in the Book of Life?” Although we meet and pray as a community, our thoughts are mostly of ourselves and those closest to us. How does an artist convey and portray this emotional churning?



Maurycy Gottlieb

Jews praying in the Synagogue on Yom Kippur, 1878

Tel Aviv Museum of Art.

as well as his most careful observation of the customs, costumes and settings of Jewish religious life in the sanctuary”, with Gottlieb revealing himself as “a pensive outsider.”

This is a work of complexity and contradictions, of distancing and drawing closer. So, too, the Days of Awe.

The OZ Gallery Committee extends our best wishes for a sweet, peaceful, healthy and safe new year. And, as we plan our return to our shul home in the coming weeks, we look forward with enthusiasm to bringing more learning, beauty and joy to our beloved Or Zarua.

L'Shana tovah!

-Gerry Solomon

Painted the year before his death, this work by Jewish Galician painter Maurycy Gottlieb (1856-1879) offers one artist's intensely personal take on the complex emotions he was feeling. This work portrays his synagogue's men's section in the foreground, where a seated rabbi holds the Torah scroll; the women's balcony is in the rear. Look carefully at the image and you can see Gottlieb himself portrayed three times: as a child in the bottom left corner; as a slightly older boy on the extreme right, resting his head on an adult's shoulder; and, in the center of the composition, we see the adult Gottlieb with his head resting in his hand. He appears self-absorbed and seemingly disengaged from his surroundings. In the women's balcony, Gottlieb twice shows us his fiancée Laura (who had broken off their engagement and, to his deep dismay, subsequently married someone else) holding her prayer book—pictured on the left side—and on the right side as she whispers near her mother's ear. Few of the figures in the composition appear to acknowledge one another.

Gilya Schmidt, professor and director emerita of the University of Tennessee's Judaic Studies program, says this work expresses the artist's personal suffering, “lifting him out of the mass melancholy that pervaded Diaspora life, though enveloping him in Jewish tradition, family and friends.” Scholars at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art point out that Gottlieb seems to be tempting fate, suggesting that he would die soon when he put his own name in commemoration on the Torah covering. He did, in fact, die of health complications not long after. One wonders if that “health complication” was a broken heart.

According to Professor Schmidt *Jews Praying in the Synagogue on Yom Kippur, 1878* is “the first modern masterpiece on a Jewish theme by a Jewish artist in Poland.” It reflects the emotional complexity and conflict many feel during these holiest of days. Larry Silver, art history professor emeritus at the University of Pennsylvania, explains the painting's contradictions as “Gottlieb's fullest affirmation of his Judaism

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1 • 23 Av 8:45a Shaharit (Zoom)	2 • 24 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	3 • 25 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	4 • 26 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid)	5 • 27 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	6 • 28 Av 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 7:00p Zoom into Shabbat 7:07p Candlelighting	7 • 29 Av Re'eh 9:00a Shaharit (in person) 8:45p Shabbat Ends
8 • 30 Av Rosh Hodesh 8:45a Shaharit (Zoom)	9 • 1 Elul Rosh Hodesh 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	10 • 2 Elul 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	11 • 3 Elul 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid)	12 • 4 Elul 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) Bar Mitzvah: Sam Halpern	13 • 5 Elul 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 7:00p Zoom into Shabbat 7:39p Candlelighting	14 • 6 Elul Shoftim 9:00a Shaharit (in person) 8:35p Shabbat Ends
15 • 7 Elul 8:45a Shaharit (Zoom)	16 • 8 Elul 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	17 • 9 Elul 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	18 • 10 Elul 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid)	19 • 11 Elul 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 5:00p NCS Hesed Program	20 • 12 Elul 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 7:00p Zoom into Shabbat 7:29p Candlelighting	21 • 13 Elul Ki Tetze 9:00a Shaharit (in person) 8:24p Shabbat Ends
22 • 14 Elul 8:45a Shaharit (Zoom)	23 • 15 Elul 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	24 • 16 Elul 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	25 • 17 Elul 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid)	26 • 18 Elul 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 5:00p NCS Hesed Program	27 • 19 Elul 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 6:30p Zoom into Shabbat 7:18p Candlelighting	28 • 20 Elul Ki Tavo 9:00a Shaharit (in person) 8:13p Shabbat Ends 8:45p <i>The Fertile Language of the Torah For Our Lives and the Days of Awe</i> with Shira Schiowitz: (Zoom) S'lihot Service to follow presentation
29 • 21 Elul 8:45a Shaharit (Zoom)	30 • 22 Elul 7:15a S'lihot & Shaharit (Zoom)	31 • 23 Elul 7:15a S'lihot & Shaharit (Zoom)				

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5 • 28 Elul 8:45a S'lihot & Shaharit (Zoom)	6 • 29 Elul Erev Rosh Hashanah Labor Day 7:15a S'lihot & Shaharit (Zoom) 6:15p Minhah/Ma'ariv (in-person, OZ) 7:01p Candlelighting	7 • 1 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah (1st Day) 8:30a Shaharit (WH) 10:00a HHD Tots (OZ) 11:15a HHD Kids (WH) 3:30p Family Story Time (CSP) 4:00p Shofar in the Park (CSP) 6:00p Tashlikh (Central Park) 7:00p Minhah/Ma'ariv (OZ) Light Candles after 7:56p <i>Office Closed</i>	8 • 2 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah (2nd Day) 8:30a Shaharit (WH) 10:30a Lil' Flex (OZ) 11:15a HHD Kids (OZ) 4:00p Shofar in Central Park 7:00p Minhah/Ma'ariv 7:54p Rosh Hashanah ends <i>Office Closed</i>	9 • 3 Tishrei Fast of Gedaliah 5:18a Fast begins 7:15a S'lihot & Shaharit (Zoom) 10:00a Shalom Sing-A-Along 7:46p Fast Ends	10 • 4 Tishrei 7:15a S'lihot & Shaharit (Zoom) 6:15p Zoom into Shabbat 6:55p Candlelighting	11 • 5 Tishrei Shabbat Shuvah Vayeleh 9:00a Shaharit (in person) 11:15a Torah Tots 7:49p Shabbat Ends
12 • 6 Tishrei 8:45a S'lihot & Shaharit (Zoom) 7:30p T'shuvah Lecture: <i>Truth & Compassion: The Deep Waters Of T'shuvah</i> with Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson, PhD (Zoom)	13 • 7 Tishrei 7:15a S'lihot & Shaharit (Zoom) 4:00p Hebrew School Welcome Back Night	14 • 8 Tishrei 7:15a S'lihot & Shaharit (Zoom)	15 • 9 Tishrei Erev Yom Kippur 7:15a S'lihot & Shaharit (Hybrid) 6:15p Kol Nidre (WH) 6:45p Elementary School (WH) 6:47p Candlelighting; Fast Begins	16 • 10 Tishrei Yom Kippur 9:00a Services Begin (WH) 10:30a Lil' Flex (OZ) 11:15a Elementary School (WH) 7:40p Yom Kippur Ends	17 • 11 Tishrei 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 6:15p Zoom into Shabbat 6:43p Candlelighting	18 • 12 Tishrei Ha'azinu 9:00a Shaharit (in person) 11:15a Torah Tots 7:37p Shabbat Ends
19 • 13 Tishrei 8:45a S'lihot & Shaharit (Zoom)	20 • 14 Tishrei Erev Sukkot 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 6:15p Minhah/Ma'ariv 6:38p Candlelighting Bring your own Sukkot Dinner (RSVP needed)	21 • 15 Tishrei Sukkot First Day 9:00a Shaharit (in person) 6:45p Minhah/Ma'ariv Light Candles after 7:35p Bring your own Sukkot Dinner (RSVP needed) <i>Office Closed</i>	22 • 16 Tishrei Sukkot Second Day 9:00a Shaharit (in person) 7:30p Festival Ends <i>Office Closed</i>	23 • 17 Tishrei Hol Hamoed Sukkot 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid) 10:00a Shalom Sing-A-Along 4:00: Sukkot & Me (Early Childhood) 5:00p Family Pizza in the Hut 5:00p NCS Hesed Program	24 • 18 Tishrei Hol Hamoed Sukkot 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid) 6:32p Candlelighting Bring your own Sukkot Dinner (RSVP needed)	25 • 19 Tishrei Hol Hamoed Sukkot 9:00a Shaharit (in-person) After Kiddush: Or L'Atid Games in the Sukkah 11:15a Torah Tots 7:25p Shabbat Ends
26 • 20 Tishrei Bar Mitzvah: Yonah Bolton Hol Hamoed Sukkot 9:30a Shaharit (Hybrid)	27 • 21 Tishrei Hoshanah Rabbah Erev Shemini Atzeret 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid) 6:26p Candlelighting/	28 • 22 Tishrei Shemini Atzeret Erev Simhat Torah 9:00a Shaharit (in-person) 6:30p Minhah/Ma'ariv & Hakafot Light Candles after 7:20p <i>Office Closed</i>	29 • 23 Tishrei Simhat Torah 9:00a Shaharit (in-person) 7:18p Festival Ends <i>Office Closed</i>	30 • 24 Tishrei 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 10:00a Shalom Sing-A-Along 5:00p NCS Hesed Program	1 Oct • 25 Tishrei 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 5:45p Zoom into Shabbat 6:20p Candlelighting	2 Oct • 26 Tishrei Bereshit 9:00a Shaharit (in person) 11:15a Torah Tots 7:13p Shabbat Ends

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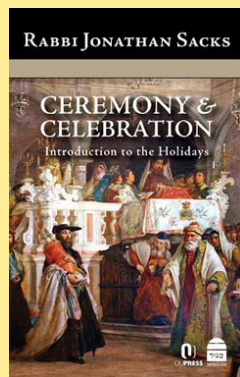
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The Or Zarua Community

Fund contributions received between June 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021

Building the Jewish Literacy of our Youth One Book at a Time

The youth of Congregation Or Zarua, from—13 through college years—received another book from our Congregation dedicated by Dr. Alain and Ellen Roizen in memory of: Edith & Robert Roizen, and Sheldon Rodbell. Over the last years, the Roizen family has committed to helping build the libraries and literacy of our next generation. Books that were sent to Or Zarua youth over the past years include: *Radical Then, Radical Now* by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, Francine Klagsbrun's *The Fourth Commandment*, Lawrence in *Arabia* by Scott Anderson, and *Israel* by Dr. Daniel Gordis. This year's selection



just in time for the High Holy Days is Dr. Jonathan Sacks' *Ceremony & Celebration: Introduction to the Holidays*. Yishar koach to the Roizen family, and we hope that our youth make time for good reading!

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.



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 paying online. This is a direct debit from your checking account. It saves the congregation credit card transaction fees.

Still want to pay via credit card? Choose to include the transaction fee in your payment. This ensures that the entire payment comes to OZ.

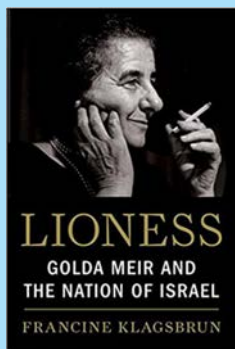
Start your **shopping at Amazon Smile!** Go to smile.amazon.com when you shop on Amazon and choose Or Zarua as your beneficiary. Then shop as usual. OZ earns a percentage of every eligible purchase.

Sponsor a lecture, Shabbat Zoom, or other program. Our online programming has been varied and well attended. This will defray the costs to the congregation of having these wonderful events. Please contact Helene Santo for more information.



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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.



Bir'nana sings L'cha Dodi on YouTube!

Hear & See Them: <https://tinyurl.com/BirnanaLChaDodi032021>



Bir'nana – בִּרְנָנָה
The A Cappella Group of
Congregation Or Zarua, New York, NY

עבדו את'ה בשמחה באו לפניו בִּרְנָנָה
Worship the Lord in gladness;
come before the Divine Presence with joy!
-Psalm 100:2



L'cha Dodi – לְכֵה דוֹדִי
Welcoming the Shabbat Bride
Composed by Aaron Bensoussan
Arranged by Scott Stein

Singers
Amy Bolton, Music Director
Judy Buchman-Ziv
Dore Hollander
Aliza Kaplan
Marcia Kalin
Terry Krulwich
Susan March
Shelley Saposnik
Aaron Shelden
Vera Horn Silver
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