

The Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture with Joshua Teplitsky, PhD
Associate Professor of History, Stony Brook University
**Prince of the Press: How One Collector Built History's Most
Enduring and Remarkable Jewish Library**
Wednesday Evening, February 2, 7:00pm
Hybrid Zoom and In-Person Event

Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/LucyDOZ2022>

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Nothing is more treasured in Judaism than the Jewish text. Our tradition's great books have had enduring

impact through millennia on Jewish minds, hearts and souls and, indeed, on the course of global history. This year's Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture, with Dr. Joshua Teplitsky, will illuminate the fascinating trajectory of this abiding phenomenon.

Professor Teplitsky's lecture will focus on a key figure who helped bridge the medieval and modern periods of Jewish history. David Oppenheim (1664–1736), chief rabbi of Prague in the early eighteenth century, built an unparalleled collection of Jewish books and manuscripts, all of which have survived and are housed in the Bodleian Library at Oxford. His remarkable collection testifies to the myriad connections Jews maintained with each other across political borders, and the contacts between Christians and Jews that books facilitated.

From contact with the great courts of European nobility to the poor of Jerusalem, Oppenheim's family ties brought him into networks of power, prestige, and opportunity that extended across Europe

and the Mediterranean basin. Containing works of law and literature alongside prayer and poetry, his library served rabbinic scholars and communal leaders, introduced old books to new readers, and functioned as a unique source of personal authority that gained him fame throughout Jewish society and beyond. The story of his life and library brings together culture, commerce, and politics, all filtered through this extraordinary collection.

Our annual Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture is named in honor, and dedicated to the memory, of the preeminent Holocaust historian and Or Zarua congregant. Dr. Teplitsky is the most recent in a long series of distinguished scholars for this annual event. He is an associate professor in the Department of History at Stony Brook University (SUNY), where he researches and teaches about Jewish life in Central Europe in the early modern period. He has held fellowships at the University of Oxford, the National Library of Israel, the University of Pennsylvania, and Harvard University. His book, *Prince of the Press:*



How One Collector Built History's Most Enduring and Remarkable Jewish Library, was published by Yale University Press in 2019 and named the winner of the Salo Baron Prize of the American Academy for Jewish Research for best first book in Jewish Studies in 2019 and the 2020 Jordan Schnitzer Book Award of the Association for Jewish Studies, and was a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award. Dr. Teplitsky is currently at work on a book reconstructing a plague epidemic in eighteenth-century Prague and its impact on Jewish social and cultural life in the city.

Professor Teplitsky is also the Project Co-Director of Footprints: Jewish Books Through Time and Place, a database tracking the circulation of printed Jewish books. Abundant but scattered pieces of information about the movement of early printed books can be connected to compile a composite view of the movement of Jewish texts and ideas across geography and history. This ambitious scholarly project aims at adding to our knowledge of the role of books and reading in the history of Jewish culture.

Please join us—either in person at Or Zarua or on Zoom—for what will be an insightful exploration of the role of Jewish books in the preservation and development of Jewish values and identities through continents and centuries.

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Poetry Reading To Warm The Heart And Soul with Yehoshua and Baruch November
Stay tuned for new date. Please See Page 3 for more information.



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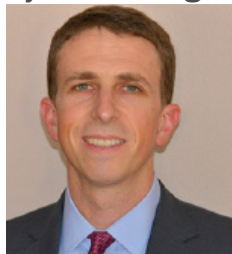
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President's Message

by Isaac Nagiel



Rabbis are often described in many ways including as teachers, spiritual leaders, arbiters of Jewish law, and purveyors of wisdom. Advocates of trendy health routines? Not typically... However, Rabbis are perhaps thousands of years early in popularizing one of the latest health crazes, intermittent fasting.

There is a growing body of research about the health benefits of intermittent fasting, which is an eating pattern that includes hours or days of no or minimal food consumption. The three most widely studied intermittent fasting regimens are alternate day fasting, 5:2 intermittent fasting (fasting 2 days each week), and daily time-restricted feeding (e.g. eating only during a six hour period each day). A recent review of the research on the topic sponsored by the National Institute on Aging and published in the New England Journal of Medicine concluded that "intermittent fasting has broad-spectrum benefits for many health conditions, such as obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancers, and neurological disorders."

We have six communal fast days each year on our calendar. Of these six fasts, only Yom Kippur has origins in the Torah. Four others were established

in the era of the Prophets, after the destruction of the First Temple: the Fast of Gedaliah, the Tenth of Tevet, The Seventeenth of Tammuz, and Tisha B'Av. The sixth fast was established by Esther and Mordechai; we read about it in the Megillah at Purim. Our Sages ordained that we should continue all six of these fasts to unify around our history and reflect on what lessons could be learned from history. What gets even more interesting about Rabbinic ritual-making and the laws of fasting is the lesser known ancient Ashkenazi custom of the Fast of Behab (the three Hebrew letters Bet, Hey, Bet), which represents Monday, Thursday, Monday. The ancient custom was to fast on the first Monday, first Thursday, and second Monday in the months of Cheshvan and Iyar, shortly following the Sukkot and Passover holidays to atone for any inadvertent sin which may have been committed during the merriment and feasting of the holidays. Coincidentally or not, the Fast of Behab follows the 5:2 intermittent fasting regimen often used in research studies. So, beyond the spiritual cleansing that we often associate with these fasts, the rabbis may have been way ahead of their time in understanding the physical benefits as well.

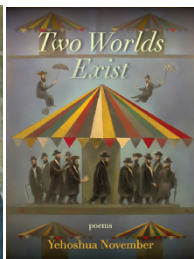
As we bring in 2022 and many of us make our resolutions, we can thank the wisdom of the Rabbis for jump starting us on the latest health/dieting craze.

God's Optimism, Bar Mitzvah Dreams & Two Worlds Exist Poetry Reading To Warm The Heart And Soul with Yehoshua and Baruch November Stay tuned for new date.

As winter rolls in, let's join together and give ear to two brothers' award-winning poetry. We'll gather at Or Zarua on Saturday evening, January 22, 7:30pm, to make havdalah and then hear the words of two poets. Come raise a glass and revel in a reading that will feature Yehoshua and Baruch November.



Yehoshua



Yehoshua November embraces a religious faith that can be compatible with a poetry of deep feelings of religious doubt and uncertainty as real options: "A Jew is supposed to trust in God, but this too comes against the backdrop, against the possibility of doing otherwise. This is what makes faith meaningful...If a religious poet is honest...he or she can represent the challenges and humanity of religious life."

Baruch November is the author of *Bar Mitzvah Dreams* and *Dry Nectars of Plenty* (co-winner of the *BigCityLit Chapbook Contest*). His poems and short fiction have been



Baruch

featured in *Paterson Literary Review*, *Lumina*, *New Myths*, *The Forward*, and *Jewish Journal*. For nearly two decades, Baruch has taught courses in Shakespeare, poetry, and writing at Touro College in Manhattan. His poem "After Esav" was nominated for a 2021 Pushcart Prize.

Yehoshua November is the author of two poetry collections, *God's Optimism* (a finalist for the *Los Angeles Times Book Prize*) and *Two Worlds Exist* (a finalist for the *National Jewish Book Award* and the *Paterson Poetry Prize*). His work has been featured in *The New York Times Magazine*, *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, *The Sun*, *Virginia Quarterly Review*, on *National Public Radio* and *On Being's Poetry Unbound* podcast.

Let the Earth Sprout Vegetation: Illuminating the Account of Creation (Ma'aseh Breshit) in Hebrew Manuscripts from Ashkenaz with Sara Offenberg, PhD

Monday Morning, January 17, 9:00 am via Zoom

Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/TuBShevat2022atOZ>

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Creation is one of the principal scenes portrayed in illuminated Bibles from the thirteenth century onward.

Hebrew illuminated manuscripts reflect an iconographical relationship to the images in Christian art as well as to a Jewish exegetical understanding of the biblical text. I wish to point at a phenomenon that while the visualization of Creation in Ashkenazi manuscripts is missing, the notion of 'Ma'aseh Breshit', the account of Creation, and 'Ma'aseh ha-Mishkan', the account of the Tabernacle as well as the Temple is taking place, be it as a replacement or as a choice to enhance this notion. In this lecture,

I examine Creation scenes in light of Jewish-Christian medieval relations in Ashkenaz (the German lands and France), against a background of contemporary textual and artistic evidence.

Please use the ZOOM link (above) to join the learning. We thank Professor Offenberg for generously contributing to the learning of our congregation and helping us celebrate Tu B'Shvat in this wonderful, scholarly way.

Dr. Offenberg is an associate professor in the Department of the Arts and Managing Editor, *Mabatim: Journal of Visual Culture Ben Gurion University of the Negev*. She holds an interdisciplinary Ph.D. with Summa cum laude from the Department of Jewish Thought and the Department of the Arts at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. She published in books of collected articles and several Journals. Her major publications include two books: *Illuminated Piety: Pietistic Texts and Images in the North French Hebrew Miscellany*, Los Angeles 2013; *Up in Arms: Images of Knights and*

the Divine Chariot in Esoteric Ashkenazi Manuscripts of the Middle Ages, Los Angeles 2019. Between 2014-2017 she was co-editor of the journal *Ars Judaica*:

The *Bar-Ilan Journal of Jewish Art*. Since 2021 she is managing editor of *Mabatim: Journal of Visual Culture*. Her research focuses on Chivalry and warriors in Hebrew manuscripts; German Pietists; Hebrew illuminated prayer books; Jewish-Christian relations in medieval art and literature.





Saturday, January 29
Following Shabbat Services

Come to celebrate as
Or Zarua turns 33 years old!

Coming This Spring!
Chaburah Torah Study for Parashat Shemini
with Charlie Spielholz

Kashrut: Is It Good For You?
Shabbat, March 26, After Kiddush

Purim Begins
Wednesday Night March 16

Green is Now in!

Attention Comedy Writers and Others
Who Create Silly Stuff!

This year Or Zarua will once again publish
an issue of the OZ Newsletter for the holiday of
~~St. Patrick's Day~~ Purim. In order to accomplish
this, help will be needed from the Congregation.
Congregants who wish to participate in creating our
~~St. Paddy's Day~~ Purim issue, should contact Charlie
via email: CharlesSpielholz@gmail.com.

Deadline is Friday, March 4.
Kilt optional.

Purim
Campus Connection

Or Zarua strives to maintain contact with our young adults who are away at college. For Purim, we send a "holiday package" to remind them that they are still part of our extended family. This year Purim is Thursday, March 17. If your children at college have received a package from OZ for Hanukkah this year, they will receive a Purim package. However, if your children are not in our College Connection file or if their college address has changed, and you would like them to receive a free package, please reply to Deborah Wenger, at dwenger@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 12, by Thursday, February 22, with their names, and complete school addresses. Also, please include their email addresses and cell phone numbers so that Rabbi Bolton can stay in touch with them.

Classes with Rabbi Bolton

You May Join Any Of These Classes At Any Time

On Wednesday, January 12, Talmud Class will Feature a Special Topic

The Death Penalty in the Jewish Tradition: An Exploration of Sources through the Ages

Zoom Torah Study

Jewish Ethics, Jewish Wisdom

The Weekly Parsha in Rabbi Jonathan Sacks' Thought

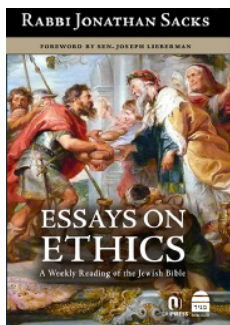
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See Calender for dates

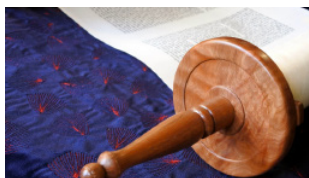
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<https://tinyurl.com/OZMondayTorahStudy>
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Make time for Torah study during your busy week! Join Rabbi Bolton and Or Zarua community members to explore essays by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, z"l, on the weekly 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

See Calender for dates

Zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/OZWedTalmudClass>
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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 manslaughter versus murder. 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 Gems

Go to

<https://tinyurl.com/OZSiddurGems> for the first video in a new series: Siddur



Gems—Modeh Ani:

A Soufelt Attitude of Gratitude. Siddur Gems are teachings about Jewish liturgy and our prayer-

lives. I'll explore the language of tfillot, music for our prayers, the history of liturgy and the themes and ideas behind our sacred poetry.

Siddur Class 5782

Hear Our Sabbath Prayers

Thursdays, 8:40 am

See Calender for dates

Zoom:

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

CELEBRATE OR ZARUA'S 33RD Birthday



Friday, January 28, 4:50 pm

The entire OZ Community is invited to begin the Or Zarua Birthday Shabbat festivities with a very special Kabbalat Shabbat. Hebrew School families, join us as we welcome Shabbat together so that the angelic voices of our children can be added to our communal song. Students will be invited to join Sigal on the bimah to help lead Kabbalat Shabbat. RSVP to Sigal by Monday, January 24, and receive two delicious Gertel's challot and a bottle of grape juice for your Shabbat dinner.

Saturday, January 29 Following Shabbat Services

Come to celebrate as Or Zarua turns 33 years old!

Torah Kids

Saturday, January 29, 11:00 am

Elementary School children, join Sigal for Shabbat t'filah and an exploration of the weekly parashah, before celebrating OZ's birthday at Kiddush!

Hanukkah Candlelighting at Or Zarua



Notice about Shalom Sing Along and Youth Shabbat Programs

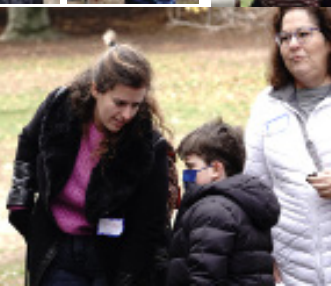
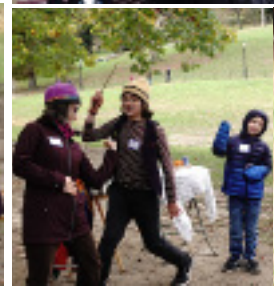
Please note that at this time, Shalom Sing Along and Youth Shabbat programs will be temporarily suspended until spring. Please keep an eye on the calendar for special Shabbat and Early Childhood programs. (See above for Torah Kids program on January 29.)



Members AND Community GET-TOGETHER



OZers gathered in Central Park for a wonderful inter-generational reunion! Attendees of all ages loved our one-of-a-kind magic show with our very own Ziggy Bornas! Photos by Fred Kenvin



Services at Or Zarua

Current Schedule of Services

Friday Evening

Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Prior to Candlelighting*

Abbreviated Zoom Into Shabbat

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

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Candlelighting*

In-Person Kabbalat Shabbat

*See Calendar for times

Saturday Morning Shabbat Services

9:00 am

In-Person Only

Sunday Morning Shaharit Services

8:45 am

In-Person Only; No Zoom

Breakfast in the Social Hall following the Service

Monday Morning Shaharit Services

7:15 am

In-Person Only; No Zoom

Breakfast in the Social Hall following the Service

Tuesday Morning Shaharit Services

7:15 am

Zoom Service Only

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Wednesday Morning Shaharit Services

7:15 am

Hybrid Service: Both Zoom and In-Person Service

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

Zoom ID: 518 639 181, Passcode: 613

Thursday and Friday

Morning Shaharit Services

7:15 am

Zoom Service Only

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

Zoom ID: 518 639 181, Passcode: 613

Watch future issues of the newsletter and eblasts for updates and information for for chagim, holidays, and special events (such as havdalah progreamming etc.)

Current Safety Protocols at Or Zarua

Vaccination Requirement

Effective immediately, everyone entering the Or Zarua building for services and events must be fully vaccinated. Or L'Atid students may attend Hebrew School classes without being fully vaccinated. All members of Congregation Or Zarua, who are eligible to be vaccinated, will be required to provide their vaccination status to the office in order to enter the building. The membership list kept at the door will include indication of vaccination status. Members will only need to give their vaccination status once to the office, not every time they enter the building.

Please submit your vaccination status by calling the Or Zarua office at (212) 452-2310 x12 (Deborah) or x14 (Helene) or by clicking here: <https://tinyurl.com/OZAsOfDec2021>

**As per our current policy,
everyone must be masked in the building.**

Masking at Kiddush

The current masking policy will remain in effect with the additional requirement that masks should remain on at Kiddush unless one is actively eating or drinking.

Criteria for Small Groups

Small groups like Bir'nana and daily minyans can decide to unmask if everyone is vaccinated and comfortable with unmasking.

General Policy

As always, if you think you may have any of the symptoms commonly associated with COVID-19, or if you think you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, please remain at home.

Watch for Eblasts and Future Newsletters for Updates

We will continue to monitor the situation and will consider changes to the policy as the situation evolves and will continue to inform you of any changes in our safety protocols.

Online OZ Gallery for January and February Remembering Naomi Friedland-Wechsler Through Reflections on Chagall's Stained-Glass Windows in Jerusalem

We dedicate this special edition of the OZ Online Gallery to the memory of Naomi Friedland-Wechsler, beloved wife of Rabbi Emeritus Dr. Harlan J. Wechsler, loving Ima to her son, Rabbi Ezra Amichai and his wife, Malka Chana Amichai, and daughter Chana Leah Dror; and cherished Savta to five grandchildren. A graduate of Radcliffe College and Columbia Law School, Naomi practiced financial services law and later became an advisor and appraiser of fine and decorative arts. Her love of the arts and of Jewish learning, community and continuity were integral parts of her personal and professional life.

Naomi Friedland-Wechsler died in Jerusalem on December 18, 2021. In his eulogy, Rabbi Ezra (who has given us permission to share these words with you) noted that while his mother was in Hadassah hospital, the family spent Shabbat praying close by.

He wrote: "At the center of this main shul in Hadassah Ein-Kerem are the 12 stunning Marc Chagall stained-glass windows. Each one depicts a bracha that Yaakov Avinu shared with his children right before his death.... My Ima, of course, studied and appreciated art in a profound way, and I often felt like the Metropolitan Museum of Art was just another room in our house, but these stained glass windows were something different. This was art at its highest level, being used as an inspiration for the experience of prayer."

Each stained-glass window depicts what many consider to be a set of heraldic symbols for each of the first Twelve Tribes of Israel. According to an ancient Kabbalistic belief, the prayers of Israel reach God through these 12 gates of heaven; those who worship in the Hadassah synagogue in Jerusalem hope that these stained-glass windows will be the entryway through which their prayers will have direct access to heaven. Each pane represents Chagall's vision of the world, both real and fantastic, as well as his love for the people of Jerusalem and his profound sense of identification with the history, culture and continuity of the Jewish people. On the occasion of the windows' installation in 1962, Chagall described them as his "modest gift to the Jewish people." A gift of enduring beauty and spiritual meaning.

It was there in Jerusalem, on Shabbat Vayechi, the parsha in which the life of Jacob ends, that Naomi Friedland-Wechsler left this world. May her memory forever be for a blessing and for an inspiration.

—Gerry Solomon, Bobbi Coller and the OZ Gallery Committee



(Top) Marc Chagall, Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem, southern view –Naphthali, Joseph, Benjamin-three of the 12 stained-class windows; (Middle) Chagall windows seen from outside; (Above) Ein-Kerem Synagogue of Hadassah University Hospital.

Israel Opportunities & News

Fellowships Available for High School in Israel

Alexander Muss High School in Israel is Accepting Applications and Nominations for National Impact Fellowship for dates in Fall 2022 (September 5-December 21, 2022)
Applications due by January 31, 2022

Supported by JNF Boruchin Center Alexander Muss High School in Israel is seeking student leaders for the 2022 National Impact Fellowship! Students

who are entering their sophomore or junior year of high school and have a strong connection to Judaism are invited to apply and spend their next Fall Semester in Israel!

The Fellowship includes:

- \$15,000 grant towards tuition
- Leadership training
- Workshops on critical thinking, marketing, and public speaking



Learn more and find the application and nomination forms at this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/AMuss2022>



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January 4: With Scott Shay: Exploring Campus Conspiracies
January 18: Stalin: You Lost From Refuseniks to Zionists
February 1: Digital Media Warriors
And 10 more scheduled through June 21



Internships in Israel

See the Masa website:
<https://tinyurl.com/Masa2021>

EXPLORE YOUR CAREER



With Top Israel Interns

APPLY TODAY

Celebrate Israel Mission January 14-20, 2022 Mission Chair: Scott Gelb



Israel's waiting for you! Discover Israel's rich history, heritage, and culture on this meaningful and celebratory trip back to our homeland. Participate in the

Celebrate Israel Mission with a pre-mission trip option to Morocco (January 8-12). Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/ISM011422>

Israeli Researchers Create Electricity From Seaweed

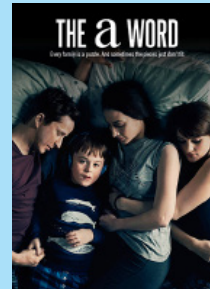
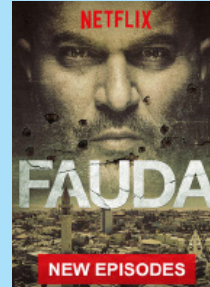
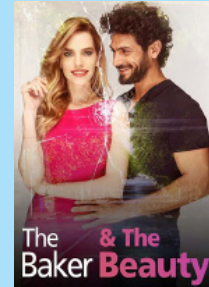
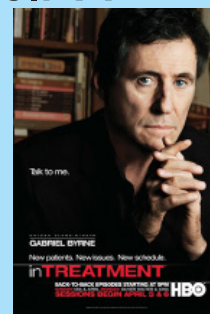
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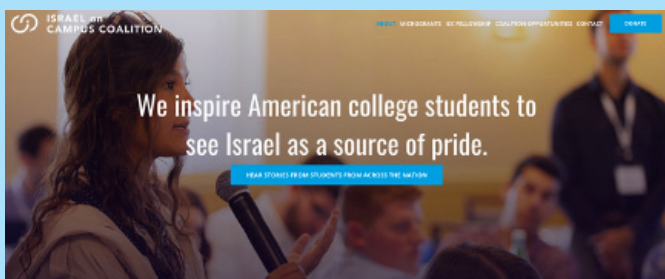
The Evolution of Israeli Cuisine



Increasingly trendy worldwide, Israeli food mixes the flavors of the Middle East and the Jewish Diaspora.

Read about it at My Jewish Learning:

<https://tinyurl.com/IsFP1948>



For Information on the Israel On Campus Coalition
Go To: <https://israelcc.org/>



Business Fellowships in Israel with
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College Students

<https://tamidgroup.org/>

11-year-old finds Holy Jerusalem silver coin likely minted in the Temple



The coin—14 grams of pure silver-carries an inscription that according to the experts refers to the High Priest headquarters.

Article: <https://tinyurl.com/11yoFindsCoin>

Keep Up With News In Israel

THE JERUSALEM POST

<https://www.jpost.com/>

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 you can visit Israel twice a month...without the jet-lag. Join by signing up on their site: <https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-unlocked/>.

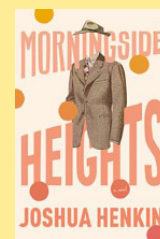
6) JNF provides virtual tours. Also, check out the Israel Museum, the Tel Aviv Museum of Art, and the Tower of David Museum who all offer virtual tours of their exhibits. Go to their website: <https://tinyurl.com/JNFVirtualTours>.

Am Yisrael Chai!

-Reena Levine Seltzer

Or Zarua Book Discussions

Morningside Heights
 by Joshua Henkin
 Sunday, February 13, 7:00 pm
 Discussion Leader: TBA



People Love Dead Jews
 by Dara Horn
 Sunday, March 27, 7:00 pm
 Discussion Leader: Rabbi Scott Bolton

The Netanyahus
 by Joshua Cohen
 Sunday, May 15, 7:00 pm
 Discussion Leader: TBA



From Compassion to Action: OZ Hesed Opportunities

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

New York Common Pantry Helping the Hungry

Our long-time partner has remained open and is deemed an essential service during the COVID-19 crisis. They are seeing huge demand for their services. The best way to help is to make a donation through our Hesed Fund. You can learn more about the Pantry here: <http://nycommonpantry.org>.

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

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 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 opportunities will be at the pantry on Tuesday, January 18, Tuesday, February 22, and Tuesday March 15 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, all volunteers coming to the building or the pantry need to be fully vaccinated and wear a mask. If interested please contact Jeff Haberman at: jeff32449@verizon.net or (917) 697-1677.

Thursday Night Pasta and Salad at the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter

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

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/>

The Or Zarua Community

Fund contributions received between October 1, 2021 and November 30, 2021

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.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2•29 Tevet 8:45a Shaharit (In-Person) 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal</p>	<p>3•1 Shevat Rosh Hodesh 7:15a Shaharit (In-Person) 4:00p Hebrew School <i>No Zoom Torah Study</i></p>	<p>4•2 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)</p>	<p>5•3 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid) 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars <i>No Talmud Class</i></p>	<p>6•4 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 7:00p Zoom Hebrew <i>No Siddur Class</i></p>	<p>7•5 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 4:15p Zoom into Shabbat (abbreviated) 4:26p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p>8•6 Shevat Bo 9:00a Shaharit (in person) 5:26p Shabbat Ends</p>
<p>9•7 Shevat 8:45a Shaharit (In-Person) 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal</p>	<p>10•8 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (In-Person) 12:00p Zoom Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School</p>	<p>11•9 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)</p>	<p>12•10 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid) 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Special Talmud Class: <i>The Death Penalty in the Jewish Tradition: An Exploration of Sources through the Ages</i></p>	<p>13•11 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 8:40a Siddur Class (Zoom) 7:00p Zoom Hebrew</p>	<p>14•12 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 4:15p Zoom into Shabbat (abbreviated) 4:33p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p>15•13 Shevat Shabbat Shirah Beshalah 9:00a Shaharit (in person) 5:33p Shabbat Ends</p>
<p>16•14 Shevat 8:45a Shaharit (In-Person) 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal</p>	<p>17•15 Shevat Tu B'Shevat Martin Luther King Day 7:15a Shaharit (In-Person) 9:00a Tu B'Shevat Lecture with Sara Offenberg 12:00p Zoom Torah Study <i>No Hebrew School Office Closed</i></p>	<p>18•16 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 4:00p MET Council Volunteers</p>	<p>19•17 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid) 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class</p>	<p>20•18 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 8:40a Siddur Class (Zoom) 5:00p NCS Hesed Program 7:00p Zoom Hebrew</p>	<p>21•19 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 4:30p Zoom into Shabbat (abbreviated) 4:41p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p>22•20 Shevat Yitro 9:00a Shaharit (in person) 5:40p Shabbat Ends 7:30p Havdalah and Poetry: with Yehoshua and Baruch November</p>
<p>23•21 Shevat 8:45a Shaharit (In-Person) 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal</p>	<p>24•22 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (In-Person) 12:00p Zoom Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School 5:30p Judaism, the Deep Dive with Rabbi Bolton</p>	<p>25•23 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)</p>	<p>26•24 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid) 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class</p>	<p>27•25 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 8:40a Siddur Class (Zoom) 5:00p NCS Hesed Program 7:00p Zoom Hebrew</p>	<p>28•26 Shevat OZ's 33rd Birthday 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 4:30p Zoom into Shabbat (abbreviated) 4:50p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p>29•27 Shevat Mishpatim 9:00a Shaharit (in person) 11:15am Torah Kids OZ's 33rd Birthday Kiddush 5:48p Shabbat Ends</p>
<p>30•28 Shevat 8:45a Shaharit (In-Person) 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal</p>	<p>31•29 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (In-Person) 12:00p Zoom Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School</p>					

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		1•30 Shevat Rosh Hodesh 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	2•1 Adar I Rosh Hodesh 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid) 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:00p The Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture with Joshua Teplitsky, PhD <i>No Talmud Class</i>	3•2 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 8:40a Siddur Class (Zoom) 7:00p Zoom Hebrew	4•3 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 4:45p Zoom into Shabbat (abbreviated) 4:58p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	5•4 Adar I Terumah 9:00a Shaharit (in person) 5:56p Shabbat Ends
6•5 Adar I 8:45a Shaharit (In-Person) 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal	7•6 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (In-Person) 12:00p Zoom Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p Judaism: The Deep Dive with Rabbi Bolton	8•7 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	9•8 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid) 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class	10•9 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 8:40a Siddur Class (Zoom) 7:00p Zoom Hebrew	11•10 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 4:45p Zoom into Shabbat (abbreviated) 5:07p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	12•11 Adar I Tetzaveh 9:00a Shaharit (in person) 6:04p Shabbat Ends
13•12 Adar I 8:45a Shaharit (In-Person) 7:00p Book Discussion: <i>Morningside Heights</i> by Joshua Henkin 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal	14•13 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (In-Person) 4:00p Hebrew School <i>No Zoom Torah Study</i>	15•14 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	16•15 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid) 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars <i>No Talmud Class</i>	17•16 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 5:00p NCS Hesed Program 7:00p Zoom Hebrew <i>No Siddur Class</i>	18•17 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 5:00p Zoom into Shabbat (abbreviated) 5:16p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	19•18 Adar I Ki Tissa 9:00a Shaharit (in person) 6:12p Shabbat Ends
20•19 Adar I 8:45a Shaharit (In-Person) 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal	21•20 Adar I Presidents' Day 7:15a Shaharit (In-Person) 12:00p Zoom Torah Study <i>No Hebrew School Office Closed</i>	22•21 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 4:00p MET Council Volunteers	23•22 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid) 7:30p Talmud Class <i>No Hebrew School</i>	24•23 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 8:40a Siddur Class (Zoom) 5:00p NCS Hesed Program 7:00p Zoom Hebrew	25•24 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 5:15p Zoom into Shabbat (abbreviated) 5:24p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	26•25 Adar I Shabbat Shekalim Vayakhel 9:00a Shaharit (in-person) 6:20p Shabbat Ends
27•26 Adar I 8:45a Shaharit (In-Person) 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal	28•27 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (In-Person) 12:00p Zoom Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School	1 March•28 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	2 March•29 Adar I 7:15a Shaharit (Hybrid) 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class	3 March•30 Adar I Rosh Hodesh 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 8:40a Siddur Class (Zoom) 7:00p Zoom Hebrew	4 March•1 Adar II Rosh Hodesh 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 5:32p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat <i>No Zoom into Shabbat</i>	5 March•2 Adar II Pekudei 9:00a Shaharit (in person) 6:28p Shabbat Ends

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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.

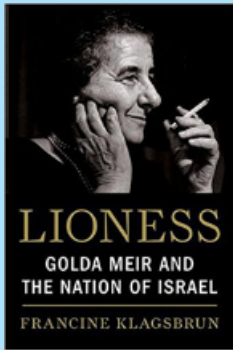
Start your shopping at Amazon Smile! Go to smile.amazon.com when you shop on Amazon and choose Or Zarua as your beneficiary. Then shop as usual. OZ earns a percentage of every eligible purchase.

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.



Congratulations to OZ Congregant Johanna Kaplan whose book, *Loss of Memory Is Only Temporary*, is a *Vogue* Best Book of 2022.

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 – ברננה
The A Cappella Group of
Congregation Or Zarua, New York, NY

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



L'cha Dodi – לכה דודי
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
Pete Wolf Smith
Alan Yaillen
Edon Valdman, Audio/Video Production

In Loving Memory
Sharon Seiler ז"ל