

December

OR ZARUA
MONTHLY
SPOTLIGHT

2023/5784

Join us for Upcoming Events:

Israel Solidarity Havdalah

Saturday, December 2, 5:30 pm

MS/HS Class with Rabbi Bolton

Monday, December 4, 6:00 pm

Torah on Tap

Tuesday, December 5, 8:00 pm

Hanukkah Dinner with Bir'nana

Friday, December 8

Services at 5:30 pm, dinner to follow

Hanukkah Party with Candle-Lighting

Monday, December 11, 6:00 pm

Or L'Atid Family Hanukkah Party

Wednesday, December 13, 6:00 pm

Kiddush in the Round, Youth Shabbat Programs

Saturday, December 16

Brunch and Discussion with Rabbi Bolton for High School and College Students:

Israel, War and Antisemitism

Sunday, December 17, 10:30 am

Gleaning

Sunday, December 24, 8:00 pm

Details inside...



Learn with us!

Join weekly classes with Rabbi Bolton

COMMUNITY TORAH STUDY

Mondays, 12:00 PM, ZOOM ONLY

<http://tinyurl.com/OZMondayTorahStudy>

TALMUD CLASS

Wednesdays, 7:30 PM, HYBRID

<https://tinyurl.com/OZWedTalmudClass>

SIDDUR AND PRAYER CLASS

Thursdays, 8:40 AM, IN PERSON ONLY

Class and Discussion Group

**[VISIT ORZARUA.ORG/LEARN/ONGOING-CLASSES/](http://WWW.ORZARUA.ORG/LEARN/ONGOING-CLASSES/)
FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

Pray with us!

SHABBAT SERVICES AND WEEKDAY MINYANIM

Some come to pray
Some to schmooze
Some to eat
Some for Kaddish
Some for tradition
Some to see friends
Some to pray for Israel

See the calendar on page 11
for all service times, including
special holiday service times.

Connect with us!

Office Hours

MONDAY - THURSDAY

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

FRIDAY

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SATURDAY - SUNDAY

The office is closed.

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Now on display in the OZ Gallery - "She Did It!"

Come to another fascinating exhibition at

"The Synagogue an Art Gallery" and meet 16 extraordinary women.

**Contact Deborah (see contact info above) to schedule
a time to come see the exhibition.**





Songs of Hope & Israel Solidarity A Musical Havdalah and Singalong for the Entire Family

Saturday, December 2, 5:30 pm

Following the Havdalah service by Rabbi Bolton, join Musicians Judy Buchman-Ziv and Aaron Shelden for a singalong evening of favorite and uplifting Israeli and American tunes.

And...if you or a family member (all ages are welcome) would like to take a solo, please either bring your instrument to step up to the microphone and perform your chosen song or email Judy (eileenbz@yahoo.com) and Aaron (ashelden@aol.com) the tablature/chords in your chosen key.

Song sheets and refreshments will be provided.

**Email Judy Buchman-Ziv,
eileenbz@yahoo.com,
if you'd like to sing a song!**

Torah ON Tap

Inspiration from the Front Lines
Tuesday, December 5, 8:00 pm



**Craft + Carry is at 1630 2nd Ave,
 2nd Ave, between 84th and 85th**

Cheers! Raise a glass with us.

Between trips to the well for great microbrew beer at Craft + Carry (open your own tab), we'll spend 20 minutes with Rabbi Scott Bolton for Talmud and Torah study. Nice way to make a Tuesday night holy, social, and fun. L'chaim!

RSVP to hsanto@orzarua.org.



Hanukkah DINNER

With Bir'nana

Friday, December 8

Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv begin at 5:30 pm

Dinner to follow, with a performance by Bir'nana!

Celebrate the second night of Hanukkah
with a festive community dinner!

We'll begin by welcoming Shabbat
with Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv.

Following services, enjoy a performance by Bir'nana. Bir'nana, Or Zarua's (mostly) acapella chorus, will be singing and slinging the musical latkes of some of our Hanukkah hits of years past. They'll also be debuting a new piece, "Ezekiel Saw the Wheel," based on an African-American spiritual, with an arrangement by Scott Stein and new lyrics by Pete Wolf Smith.

Registration required.

\$36/member 30+ • \$25/ages 13-30 • \$18/ages 5-12 • \$45/non-member 30+

Sign up at tinyurl.com/OZ-HanukkahDinner23

by Monday, December 4.



Hanukkah PARTY WITH CANDLE-LIGHTING

The Great Hanukkah Debate: Was Greek Culture Good for the Jews?

Monday, December 11, 6:00 pm

Gather around the Or Zarua Hanukkah menorah
as we light the 5th candle together.

Enjoy a feast of falafel and Greco-Syrian delicacies
that were enjoyed in the Seleucid Empire.

Be part of a debate about whether or not the merging
of cultures at the time was beneficial for the Jews.

Registration required.

\$18/member, \$72 max/family

\$25/non-member

Sign up at tinyurl.com/OZ-HanukkahDinner23

by Monday, December 4.

Family HANUKKAH PARTY



WITH
OR L'ATID

Wednesday, December 13, 6:00 pm

Families with kids of all ages are invited to
celebrate Hanukkah with Or L'Atid!

Enjoy dinner, Hanukkah treats, and fun and games
(including a dreidel tournament!).
Plus, we'll light candles together for the
seventh night of Hanukkah.

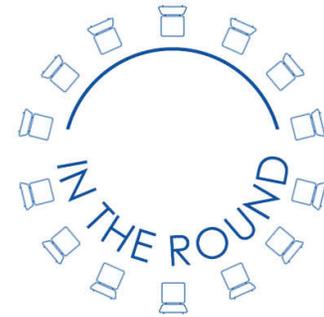


**There is no cost to attend,
but please RSVP by
Monday, December 11.
Sign up at [tinyurl.com/
OL-HanukkahParty23](https://tinyurl.com/OL-HanukkahParty23)**



OR ZARUA

Kiddush



Saturday, December 16

Join us for our monthly “Kiddush in the Round!”

Once each month, following Shabbat services, we have an expanded, **sit-down kiddush luncheon**, where OZers of all ages can spend time together on Shabbat.

Shabbat services begin at 9:00 am.

Come by 10:00 am for the Torah Service and Torah Discussion.

At about 11:00 am, we’ll have a report from the Columbia University campus.

The Israeli Shaliah to Columbia Hillel and an Israeli student will be speaking from the bimah about the post-10/7 reality on campus, antisemitism and the surprising anti-Israel protests.

Torah Tots and Torah Kids will meet at 11:00 am.

All are welcome to come for as much of services as you’d like, and of course, stick around for a delicious lunch!

Please RSVP for lunch so we can be sure to have enough food and enough seats!
Sign up at tinyurl.com/OZ-KIR-Dec23

**Sponsor
Kiddush in the Round
to remember, celebrate,
honor, and to bring the
community together.**

**Contact Helene,
hsanto@orzarua.org.**



Am Yisrael **CHAI BRUNCH**

For High School and College Students

**Discussion with Rabbi Bolton:
Israel, War and Antisemitism**

Attendees will receive a copy of Noa Tishby's book "ISRAEL: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth."

Sign up at tinyurl.com/OZIsraelBrunch by Thursday, December 14.

Sunday, December 17, 10:30 am

Join together with fellow teens and young adults to enjoy a yummy brunch (not just bagels!).

Talk with Rabbi Bolton and Sigal about being a student during these historical days of the war in Israel, antisemitism on campuses and what schools and education are focusing on.

Share your experiences and talk about what will make this world a better place.

The event is not limited to OZ members - participants are welcome to invite friends to join us for this critical conversation.





The Gleaning Project continues! Sunday, December 24, Time TBD

At holiday times, we try to help those who are less fortunate, particularly those who don't have enough to eat. As a community, we'll work with several of Eli Zabar's retail outlets to gather leftover food and deliver it to those in need.

Stay tuned for more details.

**Contact Jeff Haberman
if you'd like to volunteer:
jeff32449@verizon.net**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 18 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit 4:11p Minhah/ Kabbalat Shabbat 4:11p Candle Lighting	2 19 Kislev <i>Shabbat Vayishlah</i> 9:00a Shaharit 5:09p Havdalah 5:30p Israel Solidarity Havdalah
3 20 Kislev 8:45a Shaharit	4 21 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit 12:00p Torah Study 4:00p Heb. School 6:00p MS/HS Class with Rabbi Bolton	5 22 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 8:00p Torah on Tap	6 23 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Heb. School 5:00p BM Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class	7 24 Kislev <i>First Night of Hanukkah</i> 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class 9:30a Shalom Sing Along	8 25 Kislev <i>Second Night of Hanukkah</i> 7:15a Shaharit 5:30p Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv & Hanukkah Dinner with Bir'nana 4:10p Candle Lighting	9 26 Kislev <i>Third Night of Hanukkah</i> <i>Shabbat Vayeshev</i> 9:00a Shaharit 11:00a Torah Tots & Torah Kids 5:09p Havdalah
10 27 Kislev <i>Fourth Night of Hanukkah</i> 8:45a Shaharit	11 28 Kislev <i>Fifth Night of Hanukkah</i> 7:15a Shaharit 12:00p Torah Study 4:00p Heb. School 6:00p Hanukkah Party with Candle-Lighting	12 29 Kislev <i>Sixth Night of Hanukkah</i> 7:15a Shaharit (In person for Hanukkah)	13 1 Tevet <i>Seventh Night of Hanukkah</i> <i>Rosh Hodesh</i> 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Heb. School 5:00p BM Scholars 6:00p Or L'Atid Hanukkah Party 7:30p Talmud Class	14 2 Tevet <i>Eighth Night of Hanukkah</i> 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class 9:30a Shalom Sing Along	15 3 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 4:11p Minhah/ Kabbalat Shabbat 4:11p Candle Lighting	16 4 Tevet <i>Shabbat Miketz</i> 9:00a Shaharit 11:00a Torah Tots & Torah Kids Kiddush in the Round 5:10p Havdalah
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24 12 Tevet 8:45a Shaharit 8:00p Gleaning	25 13 Tevet 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Torah Study</i> <i>No Hebrew School</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	26 14 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	27 15 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Hebrew School</i> <i>No Talmud Class</i>	28 16 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Siddur Class</i> <i>No Shalom Sing Along</i>	29 17 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 4:18p Minhah/ Kabbalat Shabbat 4:18p Candle Lighting	30 18 Tevet <i>Shabbat Vayehi</i> 9:00a Shaharit 5:18p Havdalah
31 19 Tevet 8:45a Shaharit						

Save these January Dates!

Friday, January 5: Or L'Atid Family Shabbat Dinner

Sunday, January 7: Intergenerational Trivia Night

Wednesday, January 24: Lecture by Rabbi Wechsler in honor of Or Zarua's 35th Anniversary - Isaiah's Vision of Peace

Saturday, January 27: Shabbat Shirah