

# January 2024 5784

## OR ZARUA MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

### Join us for Upcoming Events:

#### **Or L'Atid Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner**

Friday, January 5

Services at 5:15 pm, dinner to follow

#### **Chinese Food and Trivia Night**

Sunday, January 7, 5:00 pm

#### **Or L'Atid Tu B'Shevat Celebration**

Wednesday, January 24, 5:00 pm

#### **Lecture by Rabbi Wechsler in honor of Or Zarua's 35th Birthday - "Isaiah's Vision of Peace"**

Wednesday, January 24, 7:30 pm

#### **Kiddush in the Round, Celebrate OZ's Birthday! Shabbat Shirah, Youth Shabbat Programs**

Saturday, January 27

#### **MS/HS Class with Rabbi Bolton**

Monday, January 29, 6:00 pm

#### **Annual Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture by Dr. William Plevan**

Wednesday, January 31, 7:00 pm

#### **OZ Mission to Israel with JNF**

March 10 - 14

#### **OZ Purim Spiel Casting Call**

Purim is on March 23 - 24.

Sign up by Jan. 14.

*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://ORZARUA.ORG/LEARN/ONGOING-CLASSES/) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

## Pray with us!

**NOW, ON FRIDAYS,  
AFTER KABBALAT SHABBAT!**

Join us for our new, weekly **Oneg Shabbat with a nosh, something sweet, and a l'chaim.**

**Sponsorships are available.**

Contact Rabbi Bolton,  
[Rabbibolton@orzarua.org](mailto:Rabbibolton@orzarua.org).

See the calendar on page 12 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.



# OR L'ATID KABBALAT Shabbat AND DINNER

**Friday, January 5**

**Services begin at 5:15, dinner to follow**

The entire OZ community is invited to join us for a very special Kabbalat Shabbat!

Our 3rd - 5th grade students have been learning Kabbalat Shabbat for the past three years in Hebrew School, and Sigal will invite students to come up to the bimah to lead parts of the service.

If you have a child in 3rd - 7th grade, join us so they can help lead the community in prayer. If you have older or younger children, come and support our students.

Together we'll all enjoy the beautiful voices of our children and families while we welcome Shabbat as a community.

**Following services, families are invited to join us for Shabbat Dinner. Grandparents, other relatives and friends are invited as well!**

**Sign up at [tinyurl.com/FamilyDinnerJan2024](https://tinyurl.com/FamilyDinnerJan2024).**

Be sure to fill out the signup form for each household attending.

The cost of the dinner is \$25/adult and \$10/child, with a maximum of \$70/household.

# Chinese FOOD & TRIVIA

**Sunday, January 7, 5:00 pm**

Save the date for this event for members of all ages!

*Who wrote the score for the musical 'West Side Story'?*

*This Jewish rapper's real name is Amala Ratna Zandile Dlamini.  
What is this 28 year old's stage name?*

*Which Jewish musician recorded the legendary  
guitar solo in Steely Dan's 'Reelin' in the Years'?*

From Torah to pop culture, your team is going to need kids, millennials, gen Xers, mature professionals and retirees to win this fun and exciting trivia night at Or Zarua.

This casual and fully interactive trivia night will be run by a professional trivia master, with drinks and Chinese food for dinner.

**Come with friends, meet new friends and enjoy a great night out! And yes, there will be prizes!**

*Sponsored by the generosity of Shelly and Marcel Adler.*

**This event is free and members that would like to support events like this can make donations to the Or Zarua General Fund.**

**Please RSVP by Thursday, Jan. 4 at [tinyurl.com/TriviaJan7](https://tinyurl.com/TriviaJan7).**



Family

# TU B'SHEVAT CELEBRATION WITH OR L'ATID

**Wednesday, January 24, 5:00 pm**

All families (Pre-School, Hebrew School, Jewish Day School, Public School, Private School... kids of all ages and families!) are invited to celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the birthday of the trees, together.

We will have an adjusted Hebrew School schedule and begin the program in the Social Hall at 5:00 pm.  
*Middle School students will attend the program in place of Hebrew School.*

Parents, grandparents, siblings and friends are all welcome to participate.

**Passover isn't the only Jewish holiday with a seder!**

**Registration requested.**

*Please RSVP by Monday, Jan. 22.*

Sign up at [tinyurl.com/OL-TuBShevat24](https://tinyurl.com/OL-TuBShevat24)



# Isaiah's Vision OF PEACE

**Lecture by Rabbi Wechsler  
in honor of Or Zarua's 35th Birthday  
"Isaiah's Vision of Peace"**

**Wednesday, January 24, 7:30 pm**

Join our founding Rabbi, who will be in from Jerusalem, for what will be an engaging night of Jewish learning. Rabbi Wechsler is a master teacher, and recently finished reading the Book of Isaiah again. He has new insights to share and will help connect us to Israel, Jerusalem, Jewish history and the vision of our prophets.

**Tu B'Shevat delicacies will be served. Come make a blessing,  
and enjoy a champagne toast for OZ's 35th Birthday!**



# CELEBRATE Or Zarua's 35<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY



**Saturday, January 27**  
**Shabbat Shirah**

**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.

Rabbi Wechsler will give the sermon:  
"The Rebirth of the Jewish People."

**In honor of Shabbat Shirah, the Sabbath of Song, enjoy a performance by a capella group Six13, during kiddush.**

**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-Jan24](https://tinyurl.com/OZ-KIR-Jan24)

**Sponsored by Marilyn & Milton Kalin and Marcia Kalin & Stephen Rayport in celebration of Marilyn and Milton's 75th Wedding Anniversary and Or Zarua's 35th Birthday.**

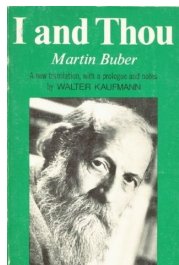
# Annual LUCY S. DAWIDOWICZ LECTURE

Lecture by Dr. William Plevan

Wednesday, January 31, 7:00 pm

*Celebrating 100 Years of I And Thou*

## Finding God in the Everyday: Martin Buber on the Life of Dialogue



German-Jewish philosopher Martin Buber is perhaps best known for his classic *I and Thou*, published 100 years ago. Buber has inspired many with his call to a life of dialogue, a true meaningful engagement with others. For Buber, a life of dialogue is the way for human beings experience God's presence in our everyday encounters.

In this lecture, we will uncover the Hasidic roots of Buber's philosophy of dialogue and its religious significance. By looking at the Hasidic stories he translated and popularized, we will explore how his teachings can inspire us to find God's presence in our everyday lives.



Dr. William Plevan is Visiting Assistant Professor of Contemporary Jewish Thought at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. He holds rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary and a doctorate in Religion from Princeton University. He has recently published several essays on the work of Martin Buber and on contemporary Jewish theology, including an essay on theology for the Routledge volume, *Judaism in the 21st Century*.



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# Volunteer in Israel Mission

An exceptional chance to help the land and the people of Israel now

MEET RABBI BOLTON  
IN ISRAEL  
FOR THIS MISSION.

March 10 – March 14



FOR MORE INFO,  
CONTACT RABBI BOLTON,  
RABBIBOLTON@ORZARUA.ORG

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend time with evacuees and the people who are providing lifesaving efforts to support them.
- Take part in community service helping with anything needed, from cooking to assistance in the daycares, laundry, or cleaning up.
- Work together with HaShomer HaChadash in farms, picking vegetables and other crops that will ensure that we will help prevent a massive shortage in the Israeli market and that no farmer is left alone.
- Volunteer with Sar-El at an army base, take on logistical roles necessary to fill the void of the over 350,000 Israelis serving in the IDF and reserves.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

Accommodations • Group transportation to and from the airport • Armed Security • JNF professional staff • Daily transportation to sites 4-6 hours of volunteering each day • All meals

## MORE INFORMATION

Ilana Stoehr - Istoehr@jnf.org | 212-879-9305 x255

## PRICING (LAND COSTS ONLY)

\$2,000 Per Person

JNFuture Sabra and Root Society Members\*\*: \$1,000 Per Person

\*\*Donors aged 22 – 40 who have made a gift of \$360+ to the 2024 campaign.

Travel insurance, flights and pre-and post-tour extensions are NOT included



## REGISTRATION

[jnf.org/volunteeril](https://jnf.org/volunteeril)



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# CASTING CALL

## Purim begins Saturday night, March 23

The next OZ Purim spiel is underway ... and is entitled, "Who Will Buy My Hamantaschen" aka "Don't Cry for Me Achashverosh"



**The Casting Call is now for singers and jokesters of all ages!  
Sign up (or show up) by Jan. 14 (first rehearsal, 6:30 pm!)**

Contact Judy Buchman-Ziv, [eileenbz@yahoo.com](mailto:eileenbz@yahoo.com)  
and/or Pete Wolf Smith, [petewolfsmith@gmail.com](mailto:petewolfsmith@gmail.com),  
if you'd like to participate.

# JANUARY 2024/5784

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1 20 Tevet</b> 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Torah Study</i> <i>No Hebrew School</i>  <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>2 21 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	<b>3 22 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Heb. School 5:00p BM Scholars <i>No Talmud Class</i>	<b>4 23 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Siddur Class</i>	<b>5 24 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit 5:15p Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv 6:00p Or L'Atid Family Shabbat Dinner 4:24p Candle Lighting	<b>6 25 Tevet</b> <i>Shabbat Shemot</i> 9:00a Shaharit 5:24p Havdalah
<b>7 26 Tevet</b> 8:45a Shaharit 5:00p Chinese Food and Trivia Night	<b>8 27 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit 12:00p Torah Study 4:00p Heb. School	<b>9 28 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	<b>10 29 Tevet</b> 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Heb. School 5:00p BM Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class	<b>11 1 Shevat</b> <i>Rosh Hodesh</i> 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class	<b>12 2 Shevat</b> 7:15a Shaharit 4:31p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 4:31p Candle Lighting	<b>13 3 Shevat</b> <i>Shabbat Vaera</i> 9:00a Shaharit 5:31p Havdalah
<b>14 4 Shevat</b> 8:45a Shaharit 6:30p Purim Spiel Rehearsal	<b>15 5 Shevat</b> 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Torah Study</i> <i>No Hebrew School</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>16 6 Shevat</b> 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	<b>17 7 Shevat</b> 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Heb. School 5:00p BM Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class (Zoom)	<b>18 8 Shevat</b> 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Siddur Class</i>	<b>19 9 Shevat</b> 7:15a Shaharit 4:39p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 4:39p Candle Lighting	<b>20 10 Shevat</b> <i>Shabbat Bo</i> 9:00a Shaharit 5:38p Havdalah
<b>21 11 Shevat</b> 8:45a Shaharit 6:30p Purim Spiel Rehearsal	<b>22 12 Shevat</b> 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Torah Study</i> 4:00p Heb. School	<b>23 13 Shevat</b> 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	<b>24 14 Shevat</b> 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Heb. School 5:00p Or L'Atid Tu B'Shevat 7:30p Rabbi Wechsler Lecture in honor of OZ's 35th Birthday <i>No Talmud Class</i>	<b>25 15 Shevat</b> 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class  <i>Tu B'Shevat</i>	<b>26 16 Shevat</b> 7:15a Shaharit 4:47p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 4:47p Candle Lighting	<b>27 17 Shevat</b> <i>Shabbat Beshalah</i> <i>Shabbat Shirah</i> 9:00a Shaharit 11:00a Torah Tots and Torah Kids Kiddush in the Round- Celebrate OZ's Birthday! 5:46p Havdalah
<b>28 18 Shevat</b> 8:45a Shaharit 6:30p Purim Spiel Rehearsal	<b>29 19 Shevat</b> 7:15a Shaharit 12:00p Torah Study 4:00p Heb. School 6:00p MS/HS Class w/ Rabbi Bolton	<b>30 20 Shevat</b> 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 8:00p Torah on Tap	<b>31 21 Shevat</b> 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Heb. School 5:00p BM Scholars 7:00p Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture Dr. William Plevan (In person & Zoom) <i>No Talmud Class</i>			

### Save these February Dates!

- Saturday, February 10:** Kiddush in the Round
- Sunday, February 11:** OZ Annual Tzedakah Super Bowl Party
- Thursday, February 15:** Zayin Adar Dinner