

OR ZORUA PURIM

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Join us for Upcoming Events:

NU?! A REALLY BIG Presidential Debate

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Sea Lions of Judah at Your Service

See page... do I have to do all the work for you?
It's only 6 pages long!

Other events to watch for:

"In Search of Gefilte"

Deep Sea Charter Boat Party

Leaving from Pier 18

Kiddush in the Pentagon

Give Your Right Arm or First Born

Tzedakah Benefit

Pelt the Rabbi With Etrogs

Dunk-Tank Fundraiser

Instructional Classes:

How Not to Drop the Torah Hagbah for Weaklings

How to Sleep With Your Eyes Open During the Rabbi's Sermon

Hebrew Slang and Curses For Every Occasion

Jazz, Blues and Folk Shofar Expanding Your Repertoire

Learn with us!

Who needs Hebrew School when you can have Animal Husbandry School??

This fall, Or Zoorua will roll out our brand new pilot program, in place of Hebrew School. In our urban environment, the skills of breeding and raising animals have become a lost art.

Classes will include:

- Feeding - Where to find grass in NYC
- Identifying Kosher Animals 101
- Puppy Snuggles (just for fun)
- Sh'chitah (Jewish ritual slaughter - don't worry, not with the puppies!)
- Breeding (adults only)

Of course, only kosher animals will be raised (except, again, for the puppies). Registration will open upon OZ Board and NYC Board of Health approval.

Laugh with us!

Q: What Bracha do you make on playing golf?

A: Borei Pri Hagolfen!

Murray Androphy,
Age 6



Connect with us!

Rabbi Scot Bolto, *The One with the Ideas*

Office Hours:

The world is his office, and his hours are anywhere, anytime you can find him.

Helene Santo, *In Charge of all Things*

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: from when she's woken up by a phone call, until she finally turns her phone off, which she never actually does.

Shabbat: If you see her, you better talk business.

Saturday night - Sunday: Sure, why not?!

Sigal Cohen, *Kid Stuff*

Office Hours: Unlikely to answer her office phone, but you can call or text her cell at all hours of the day.

Deborah Wenger, *Assistant to Rabbi Bolton (but also assists everyone)*

Office Hours: The only one to whom OZ's posted office hours actually apply... just as long as she doesn't miss her train.

Annie Sigal, *Helps with Everything and Anything*

Office Hours: Whenever Helene needs her.

Pray with us! Or don't...

From the mind of the Gabbai

The Gabbai has heard your cry. "Too much time spent on prayer on Shabbat!" In response to your cry, the Gabbai is going to cut prayer time on Shabbat in half. In order to accomplish this Or Zoorua will be holding services every other Shabbat beginning with the Rabbi's next vacation.

Obviously this novel approach to Shabbat services will effectively cut the time we devote to Shabbat prayer in half. However Or Zoorua must keep with the founding bedrock principle of reading the entire Torah reading for each Shabbat. Therefore the gabbai will be organizing OZ Readers and Leaders to read two Siderot each Shabbat. So, for example, on Shabbat Bereshit we will read both Bereshit and Noach. During a non-leap year (only one Adar), there will be a Shabbatot when we read more than two Siderot (such as Acharei Mot-Kedoshim-Emor or Behar-Bechukotai-Bemidbar). The gabbai has no concern about this because the team of Readers and Leaders at OZ has a lot of energy.

Of course this change will affect Bimah Minhag.

Following is a general outline of the new Minhag:

- 1) Since the readings are doubled, 14 individuals will be called to the Torah.
- 2) So as not to miss a Haftarah reading, there will be two readings scheduled for each Shabbat that we meet: one after the Maftir reading of the first seven Aliyot and the second will be after the maftir of the second reading of the final seven Aliyot.
- 3) Hagbah and Gelilia will be performed twice: once after the first Maftir reading and then again after the second Maftir reading.
- 4) There will be only one service to return the Torah to the Ark.
- 5) For aliyot 8 and 9, a Kohen and Levite will be called, respectively.
- 6) The rabbi will give a double teaching and a double sermon on each Shabbat that we meet.
- 7) The Gabbai heard that there is a blessing for playing golf even on Shabbat.

You will have questions and there are answers. Please direct all questions to the OZ office.

-The Gabbai.

Thank you to our contributors:

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Kayak with us!

Bet you didn't see that one coming...
But now you want to sign up, don't you?





Biden and Trump to Debate at OZ!

It was recently announced that President Joe Biden and former president Donald Trump will conduct their first presidential debate at Congregation Or Zarua. The specific date has yet to be determined, but both of the candidates' campaign committees have committed to this much anticipated event.

President Biden was asked about the matchup as he boarded Air Force One. He was quoted as saying, "I really like Orzo. It is one of my favorite things to eat when I meet with my Jewish friends. I look forward to the Orzo and seeing my opponent eat it also."

Former president Trump was also asked about the debate as he teed off at Mar-a-Lago. "I love Or Zarua. It is huge and everyone there loves me so much. I hope Sleepy Joe can find the place!"

We also spoke with people at Congregation Or Zarua to get their thoughts on having such an important

event at their synagogue. One congregant who wished to remain anonymous said that he was looking forward to seeing the debate but was upset that the synagogue had not yet decided on where to get the food for the reception after the debate. Another congregant was adamant that the debaters wear yarmulkes when they debate and perhaps give a sermon about the weekly Torah portion as part of their introductory remarks.

The Or Zarua rabbi, Scot Bolto, will be introducing the candidates, but was quoted as saying, "I feel honored to introduce the candidates, but the debate organizers only gave me 30 minutes to introduce Biden and Trump. Seems like they don't even want me to speak!" One synagogue board member was concerned about congregants' ability to show up on time. "This is not like a Saturday morning service when you can arrive 30 minutes before it is over. Come on time for a change!"



Shushan Police Beat News

The Shushan police have reported numerous thefts of Hamantaschen! Apparently, a gang of thieves have been targeting innocent citizens!

A government official was heard shouting,
 “Attenzione borseggiatrici,attencion pickpocket”.

Why there was shouting in Italian at the Persian Market was perplexing. The bad news is that the thieves got away with numerous poppy seed and jam hamantaschen.

The good news is they were apprehended. Apparently, eating to many prune hamantaschen had consequences.

The Shushan Police have advised:
 Be sure to hide your hamantaschen!

And Shushanites advise go easy on the prunes,
 stick to the poppy seeds.

And, by the way, the poppies ain't for smokin'they're for eating.

**See more on life on the edge in
 Shushan, in the OZ Purim Spiel!**



Sea Lion of Judah – At Your Service!

Working with the Society for Nature in the Upper East Side (SNUES) and the Central Park Zoo (CPZ), Or Zarua has launched a new fundraiser, involving the rental of wildlife for simhas, costumes, personal protection and much more. Unleash your imagination as to how to incorporate an unexpected wild element into any event.

Our keynote speaker for the opening event is Dr. Wolf Lamberg of SNUES, who will showcase (live!) many of the animals available for rental.



The Snow Leopard pair is very popular with brides and grooms, particularly for winter weddings (purr-fect for under the huppah!). The Macaroni Penguin and Red Panda always elicit squeals of delight from the B'nei Mitzvah crowd. And for personal protection while strolling through the Upper East Side on your way to evening services, what better companion than a Grizzly Bear? *Certain restrictions apply.*

From snow monkeys to sea lions, puffins to penguins, discover the range of wildlife that can make your simha unforgettable.

All proceeds will go to Or Zarua's Emergency Campaign.

To donate to the fund directly, go to teenyurl/OZgoesWild.com.

To attend in person, contact the OZ office for time, location and waiver.

ZOOM option will be available for those who cannot attend the opening event in person.