

SPOTLIGHT

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2024/5785

HANUKKAH IS COMING!

JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

CHABURAH TALK WITH TALIA HARCSZTARK

Saturday, November 2, following kiddush

SHIVA & THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

Wednesday, November 6, 7:00 pm

TORAH TOTS AND TORAH KIDS

Saturdays, November 9 & 23, December 14, 11:00 am

TORAH ON TAP AT CRAFT & CARRY

Tuesday, November 12, 8:30 pm

IPF ISRAEL PROGRAM

Thursday, November 14, 7:00 pm

SHABBAT ACROSS OZ

Friday, November 15

BOOK DISCUSSION

Sunday, November 17, 7:00 pm

MS/HS CLASS WITH RABBI BOLTON

Monday, November 25, 6:00 pm

GLEANNING, EREV THANKSGIVING & EREV XMAS

Wednesday, November 27 & Tuesday, December 24

GALLERY EXHIBITION OPENING AND TALK TORN PROJECT, COLLAGES BY SUSAN LERNER

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OR L'ATID AND YP KABBALAT SHABBAT AND DINNER

Friday, December 6

Services at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner

CHINESE FOOD AND TRIVIA

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LEARN WITH US

JOIN WEEKLY CLASSES WITH RABBI BOLTON

Now in session!

COMMUNITY TORAH STUDY, MONDAYS, 12:00 PM, ZOOM ONLY

Zoom: <http://tinyurl.com/OZMondayTorahStudy>

Rabbi Sacks & His Sources - Ethics

TALMUD CLASS, WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 PM, HYBRID

Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/OZWedTalmudClass>

Talmudic Route 66: The Top Sixty-Six Sugiyot (Passages) Every Educated Jew Must Know

SIDDUR AND PRAYER CLASS, THURSDAYS, 8:40 AM

CLASS AND DISCUSSION GROUP

Shabbat Liturgy & 20th-Century Philosophers of Prayer Life

LEARNING HEBREW AND BIG JEWISH IDEAS, MONDAYS, 5:00 PM

Register: <http://orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/Learning-Hebrew-and-Big-Jewish-Ideas>



PRAY WITH US

SEE THE CALENDAR ON PAGES 14 - 15 FOR ALL SERVICE TIMES.

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday Services: See calendar

Saturday Services: 9:00 am

WEEKDAY MINYAN

Sunday: 8:45 am

Monday - Friday: 7:15 am (Tuesday Zoom only)

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SHIVA AND THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

HEVRA KADISHA PROGRAM

Wednesday, November 6, 7:00 pm

Shiva is something we probably don't think about very often, but almost certainly will experience in our life. And the thing about shiva is you should not do it alone. A key aspect of shiva is the minyan, which requires ten individuals over the age of Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

Let's come together to have a bite to eat and hear from three members of the community: Phyllis Solomon, Rabbi Amy Bolton, and Ilona Charkow, talk about their experiences with shiva and what the community has meant to them. We'll also have a short review from Rabbi Bolton about some of the shiva basics so that we all feel comfortable paying a shiva call.

Since food is an integral part of shiva, we are going to be catering this talk from Eyal Shani's new Kosher Miznon restaurant for an extra tasty treat.

If you know you plan on coming, please RSVP by emailing Deborah, dwenger@orzarua.org, so that we can get an idea of how many people to expect and have enough food.



In Memoriam

TORAH ON TAP @ CRAFT & CARRY

A SOCIAL NIGHT OUT WITH A SHORT STUDY

Tuesday, November 12, 8:30 pm

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 on this month's theme:

What's THAT in my Beer? Does Beer Need to Be Kosher?

Nice way to make a Tuesday night holy, social, and fun.



IPF ATID NEW YORK & CONGREGATION OR ZARUA PRESENT

INSIGHTS FROM THE FRONTLINES WITH BRIG. GENERAL RONEN MANELIS

Thursday, November 14, 7:00 pm



Join Israel Policy Forum, IPF Atid New York and Congregation Or Zarua for a discussion with Brigadier General (Res.) Ronen Manelis, who will share his insights on the events of October 7, Israel's multifront war, and its evolving media strategy. With over 24 years of military service in strategic affairs and crisis management, Brig. Gen. Malenis offers a valuable perspective on Israel's response to conflict both on the ground and in the media.

This event is open to all ages.

RSVP REQUIRED: [IPF.LI/NOV14NYC](https://ipf.li/nov14nyc)

SHABBAT ACROSS OZ

BE A GUEST OR A HOST!

Friday, November 15

Shabbat Across Or Zarua will return on Friday, November 15, to honor Parashat Vayera. In the parashah, Abraham and Sarah welcome strangers to their home and so, at Or Zarua, members will welcome other members to their homes.

Shabbat Across Or Zarua is a warm and wonderful way for members to get to know each other.

Guests enjoy the gracious hospitality of host families and everyone shares Shabbat joy, delicious food, and stimulating conversation.

The Shabbat Across Or Zarua Committee will match guests and hosts.

➤➤➤ WANT TO BE ONE OF OUR HOSTS?

If you keep kosher, great! If you do not maintain a kosher home, you can still host! Rabbi Bolton will help you plan a kosher meal. Please let us know if you need assistance by phone at 212-452-2310, ext.12 or by email to RabbiBolton@orzarua.org.



SIGN UP TO BE A GUEST OR A HOST!

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BOOK DISCUSSION

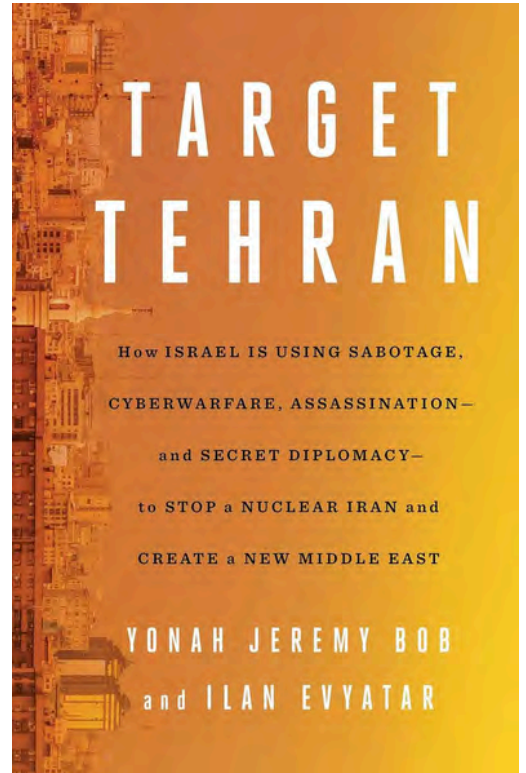
TARGET TEHRAN BY YONAH JEREMY BOB AND ILAN EVYATAR

Sunday, November 17, 7:00 pm

Target Tehran: How Israel Is Using Sabotage, Cyberwarfare, Assassination – and Secret Diplomacy – to Stop a Nuclear Iran and Create a New Middle East

Yonah Bob and Ilan Evyatar describe how Israel has used cyberwarfare, targeted assassinations, and sabotage of Iranian facilities to great effect, sometimes in cooperation with the United States. Even as it takes lethal action, Israel has managed to alter the politics of the Middle East, culminating in the Abraham Accords of 2020. Arab states such as Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates normalized relations with Israel, and the holy grail of normalization with Saudi Arabia may yet be achieved. Despite the war with Hamas, these Arab states share Israel's concern with Iran, remaining silent while Israel undermines Iran's nuclear program.

Bob and Evyatar reveal how Israel has used documents stolen from Tehran in a daring, secret Mossad raid to show the United States and the International Atomic Energy Agency how Iran has repeatedly violated the 2015 JCPOA nuclear agreement and lied about its active nuclear weapons program. Drawing from interviews with top confidential Israeli and US sources, including from the Mossad and the CIA, the authors tell the “thrilling” (Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, author of *Battlegrounds*) inside story of the tumultuous, and often bloody, history of how Israel has managed to outmaneuver Iran—so far.



READ A GREAT BOOK AND GET TOGETHER WITH FELLOW OZ-ERS FOR ENGAGING DISCUSSION.

➤➤➤ START READING UPCOMING BOOKS

The Lost Shtetl by Max Gross

Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth by Noa Tishby

Women on Fire by Lisa Barr

GLEANNING

EREV THANKSGIVING AND EREV CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, November 27 and Tuesday, December 24

It is again the season for OZ's Erev Thanksgiving and Erev Christmas Gleaning Project and Eli Zabar is again extending his generosity to donate food from some of his retail outlets. Thanksgiving falls on Nov. 28 so that our Gleaning Project will take place on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 27. The Gleaning Project on Erev Christmas will take place on Tuesday evening, Dec. 24.

As in past years, the Gleaning will take place at Eli's Market on Third Avenue/80th Street and Eli's Essentials outlets at 87th Street/Lexington Avenue, 91st Street/Madison Avenue and 73rd Street/Madison Avenue.

We will be sending out additional notices with more information about what activities will be at each location and with the start times of the events.

The Gleaning Project has always been a wonderful project for the children of the OZ community. For some, it is the first lesson towards understanding that there are many members of this and other communities within New York City who are not as fortunate as most of us are. But for what we gather and deliver many recipients would be without Holiday meals. For many it becomes the primary meal for more than one day.



**CONTACT JEFF HABERMAN IF YOU'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER:
JEFF32449@VERIZON.NET**

OR L'ATID AND YP SHABBAT DINNER

FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS OF ALL AGES, PLUS 20S & 30S

Friday, December 6, Services at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner (approx. 6:30 pm)

➤➤➤ 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.

➤➤➤ AFTER SERVICES, OR L'ATID FAMILIES AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ARE INVITED TO OUR FIRST EVER JOINT SHABBAT DINNER!



SIGN UP AT [ORZARUA.SHULCLOUD.COM/FORM/OL-YP-DINNER.HTML](https://orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/ol-yp-dinner.html)

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 AND TRIVIA

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS EVENT
FOR MEMBERS OF ALL AGES!**

Sunday, December 8, 5:00 pm

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, connect with community and enjoy a great night out! And yes, there will be prizes!

Generously sponsored by Shelly and Marcel Adler

THIS EVENT IS FREE. MEMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT EVENTS LIKE THIS CAN MAKE DONATIONS TO THE OR ZARUA GENERAL FUND.
**PLEASE RSVP BY THURSDAY, DEC. 5
AT [ORZARUA.SHULCLOUD.COM/FORM/
CHINESE-TRIVIA.HTML](https://orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/chinese-trivia.html)**



KIDDUSH IN THE ROUND

JOIN US IN DECEMBER!

Saturday, December 14, following services

»»» CELEBRATE SHABBAT WITH THE OR ZARUA COMMUNITY

Join us for our monthly Kiddush in the Round!

Socialize and connect with other members of the OZ community, and enjoy spending time together.

TORAH TOTS & TORAH KIDS

11:00 am

Little ones and parents celebrate Shabbat together with interactive songs, stories and more! Elementary schoolers pray and learn, and enjoy activities connected to the weekly parashah.

»»» PLEASE RSVP

While RSVPs are not required for services and there is no charge for lunch, we ask that all those planning to stay for Kiddush RSVP at

orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/2024-25-december-kiddush.html

so we can be sure to have enough space and food for all attending.

Generously sponsored by Isaac and Elyse Nagiel and family in honor of Isaac's 40th birthday

Contact Helene, hsanto@orzarua.org to co-sponsor, or to sponsor future Kiddush in the Round Events.



HANUKKAH DINNER WITH BIR'NANA


CELEBRATE HANUKKAH WITH OUR ANNUAL HANUKKAH DINNER

Friday, December 27, Services at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner

**▶▶▶ CELEBRATE THE THIRD 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 a capella chorus, will be singing and slinging the musical latkes of some of our Hanukkah hits of years past.



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HANUKKAH-DINNER-
WITH-BIRNANA.HTML**

ORTAL'S HEBREW STORYTIME

FOR LITTLE ONES

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:15 am, beginning September 11

»»» HEY THERE, PARENTS AND LITTLE ONES, ARE YOU READY FOR AN EXCITING HEBREW LEARNING ADVENTURE?

Join us for Ortal's Hebrew Storytime!

In our class, we don't just sit still and repeat words, we dive into the world of Hebrew through reading, singing, dancing and other fun activities for an unforgettable experience for your kids!

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to introduce your child to the beauty of Hebrew in a lively and engaging environment.

Join us for a Hebrew adventure like no other! See you in class!

SIGN UP AT

orzarua.org/or-latid/early-childhood/
Contact Ortal,
ortalsstorytime@gmail.com
with any questions.

We welcome children of all ages,
especially newborn - 4 year olds.
Children must be
accompanied by an adult.



NOVEMBER 2024/5784 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 · 30 Tishrei Rosh Hodesh 7:15a Minyan 5:33p Shabbat Services 5:33p Candle Lighting	2 · 1 Heshvan Rosh Hodesh Shabbat Noah 9:00a Services 1:00p Post-Kiddush Chaburah 6:28p Havdalah
3 · 2 Heshvan Day Light Saving Time Ends 8:45a Minyan	4 · 3 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan 12:00p Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p Learning Hebrew and Big Jewish Ideas with Rabbi Bolton	5 · 4 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan (Zoom)	6 · 5 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan 9:30a Ortal's Hebrew Storytime 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:00p Shiva & the Power of Community <i>No Talmud Class</i>	7 · 6 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan 8:40a Siddur Class	8 · 7 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan 4:25p Shabbat Services 4:25p Candle Lighting	9 · 8 Heshvan Shabbat Lekh-Lekha 9:00a Services Bat Mitzvah of Naya Schott 11:00a Torah Tots & Torah Kids 5:21p Havdalah
10 · 9 Heshvan 8:45a Minyan	11 · 10 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan 12:00p Torah Study <i>No Hebrew School</i> 4:00p Homework Hang and Games 5:00p Learning Hebrew and Big Jewish Ideas with Rabbi Bolton	12 · 11 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan (Zoom) 8:30p Torah on Tap	13 · 12 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan 9:30a Ortal's Hebrew Storytime 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:00p Talmud Class	14 · 13 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan 8:40a Siddur Class 7:00p Insights from the Frontlines with Brig. Gen. Ronen Manelis	15 · 14 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan 4:19p Shabbat Services 4:19p Candle Lighting <i>Shabbat Across OZ</i>	16 · 15 Heshvan Shabbat Vayera 9:00a Services 5:15p Havdalah
17 · 16 Heshvan 8:45a Minyan 7:00p OZ Book Discussion	18 · 17 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan 12:00p Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p Learning Hebrew and Big Jewish Ideas with Rabbi Bolton	19 · 18 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan (Zoom)	20 · 19 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan 9:30a Ortal's Hebrew Storytime 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:00p Talmud Class	21 · 20 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan 8:40a Siddur Class	22 · 21 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan 4:14p Shabbat Services 4:14p Candle Lighting	23 · 22 Heshvan Shabbat Haya Sarah 9:00a Services Bat Mitzvah of Dahlia Kranich 11:00a Torah Tots & Torah Kids 5:11p Havdalah
24 · 23 Heshvan 8:45a Minyan	25 · 24 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan 12:00p Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p Learning Hebrew and Big Jewish Ideas with Rabbi Bolton 6:00p MS/HS Class with Rabbi Bolton	26 · 25 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan (Zoom)	27 · 26 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan 9:30a Ortal's Hebrew Storytime <i>No Hebrew School</i> 4:00p Homework Hang and Games 7:00p Talmud Class Thanksgiving Gleaning	28 · 27 Heshvan Thanksgiving 8:45a Minyan 8:40a No Siddur Class Office Closed	29 · 28 Heshvan 7:15a Minyan 4:11p Shabbat Services 4:11p Candle Lighting Office Closed	30 · 29 Heshvan Shabbat Toledot 9:00a Services 5:09p Havdalah

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8 · 7 Kislev 8:45a Minyan 5:00p Chinese Food and Trivia	9 · 8 Kislev 7:15a Minyan <i>No Torah Study</i> 4:00p Hebrew School <i>No Learning Hebrew and Big Jewish Ideas with Rabbi Bolton</i>	10 · 9 Kislev 7:15a Minyan (Zoom)	11 · 10 Kislev 7:15a Minyan 9:30a Ortal's Hebrew Storytime 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars <i>No Talmud Class</i>	12 · 11 Kislev 7:15a Minyan <i>No Siddur Class</i>	13 · 12 Kislev 7:15a Minyan 4:10 Shabbat Services 4:10p Candle Lighting	14 · 13 Kislev Shabbat Vayishlah 9:00a Services 11:00a Torah Tots & Torah Kids Kiddush in the Round 5:10p Havdalah
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22 · 21 Kislev 8:45a Minyan	23 · 22 Kislev 7:15a Minyan 12:00p Torah Study <i>No Hebrew School</i> 5:00p Learning Hebrew and Big Jewish Ideas with Rabbi Bolton	24 · 23 Kislev 7:15a Minyan (Zoom) Erev Xmas Gleaning	25 · 24 Kislev First Night of Hanukkah 8:45a Minyan <i>No Hebrew School</i> <i>No Talmud Class</i> Office Closed	26 · 25 Kislev Second Night of Hanukkah 7:15a Minyan <i>No Siddur Class</i>	27 · 26 Kislev Third Night of Hanukkah 7:15a Minyan 4:17p Candle Lighting 5:30p Shabbat Services 6:30p Hanukkah Dinner	28 · 27 Kislev Fourth Night of Hanukkah Shabbat Miketz 9:00a Services 5:17p Havdalah
29 · 28 Kislev Fifth Night of Hanukkah 8:45a Minyan	30 · 29 Kislev Sixth Night of Hanukkah 7:15a Minyan 12:00p Torah Study <i>No Hebrew School</i> 5:00p Learning Hebrew and Big Jewish Ideas with Rabbi Bolton	31 · 30 Kislev- Rosh Hodesh Seventh Night of Hanukkah 7:15a Minyan (Zoom)				