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# Jewish History at Or Zarua

"From Assyria to Iberia," Tuesday, October 14, 7:30 p.m. "From Emigration to Immigration," Four Sundays in November, 10 a.m.

his fall, OZ will be hosting two presentations on Jewish history—one on the distant past and the other on more recent events. On Tuesday, October 14, at 7:30 p.m., Metropolitan Museum of Art Curator Michael Seymour will discuss the Met's

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forthcoming exhibit "From Assyria to Iberia at the Dawn of the Classical Age," featuring art and artifacts from the eighth and seventh centuries BCE. The exhibit will trace the

relationship between the powerful Assyrian Empire, Iberia, and other Mediterranean areas. Mr. Seymour, a member of the curatorial team responsible for this landmark exhibit of about 260 works drawn from collections from around the world, will include discussion of the growth of commercial and cultural interaction between the ancient Middle East, Europe, and the Levant.



Then OZ Congregant Barry Feldman will give a four-part course about the growth of the Jewish population of New York from the end of 19th to the beginning of the 20th century.

"From Emigration to Immigration: Eastern European Origins and the Jewish Settlement continued on page 5

#### **OZ GALLERY OPENING**

he next exhibition in the OZ Gallery, opening on October 26, will focus on the spirit and youth of Israel from the 1930s to the 1960s. Its people, landscapes, and events are artistically captured in the remarkable photographs of Rudi Weissenstein.



# OZ 25+ Silver Lights Gala

Wednesday, November 12, 6 p.m., at The Pierre

onoring our founders and celebrating Or Zarua's new leaders is the theme of our 25+ Silver Lights Gala. The celebration at The Pierre, on Wednesday, November 12, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., will offer the music of Andy Statman, dancing, and an opportunity to socialize over hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and dinner.

The honorees representing OZ's founding vision and values are Francine and Samuel Klagsbrun and Mimi and Barry Alperin. The honorees representing our next generation of leadership are Dara Shapiro and Eric Schmutter. There also

will be a tribute to other founders of the shul. Rabbis Harlan Wechsler and Scott Bolton will be celebrating our 25+ Silver Lights Gala with the Congregation.

Invitations with ticket prices will be sent in September. Funds raised from the Gala will be used to support a variety of projects that will help ensure Or Zarua's strength for the next 25+ years.

If you wish to help with the Gala, please contact the synagogue office at extension 14; a variety of volunteers are needed for a successful evening. And if you want to get a feel for the music of Andy Statman, start with "Flatbush Waltz"



Andy Statman playing the mandolin on OZ's bimah on the fifth night of Hanukkah, Saturday, December 11, 2004. Andy Statman and his band will be featured at OZ's Gala on Wednesday, November 12, at The Pierre.

(http://tinyurl.com/OZGalaNov12music1) on YouTube.

-25+ SILVER LIGHTS GALA COMMITTEE



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# President's Message

by Marc D. Ashley



osh Hashanah is just around the corner. Are you ready?
At Or Zarua, we will prepare you for the themes of the Jewish new year throughout

Elul, usher in Rosh Hashanah with you through spirited and meaningful services, and then develop momentum as a community on Yom Kippur and beyond, as the remainder of the Jewish calendar beckons. We will launch the new year together, with dedication and enthusiasm.

Beginnings are always important, and often crucial to the ultimate success of a program or initiative. The Jewish year is no different. Get off to a productive start, within the nurturing company of your community during the Days of Awe, and a successful year of participation will likely follow. Make an early commitment to attend our services and programs, and the shul will soon come to occupy a valuable and compelling presence in your life. Experience the inspiring fullness of the High Holy Day season at Or Zarua, in heart and mind, and a powerful sense of spiritual fulfillment and communal connectedness will ensue.

As the High Holy Days approach, we often feel an anxious blend of anticipation and apprehension. We ask ourselves what we could have done better in the year just concluded, and wonder what might lie ahead for us in the year just commenced. The holidays represent a potent opportunity for both considered reflection on the past and deliberate planning for the future, even as we seek to focus on what we are experiencing in the here and now.

Indeed, the liturgy and tenor of the High Holy Days propel us to a delicate state between fate and destiny. We generally move through our daily lives without scrutinizing or plotting out the purposefulness of our existence, as we assume a certain inevitability to our actions. But Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur compel us to search out the underlying patterns

of our lives and, as warranted, to modify them. Our High Holy Day prayers instruct us that we have the capacity to alter our fate and create for ourselves a new destiny, if only we reflect, repent, and renew, in the cause of establishing a more noble and elevated direction for our lives.

That important annual renewal occurs on both a personal and collective level. Each of us must take stock of our individual deficiencies and commit to the personal improvement that only we can control. But each of us is also an integral component of the larger community, which depends for its vitality on our ongoing participation and contributions. Our confessional prayers, for good reason, are framed in the plural. We become intimately connected through our prayers in both our collective responsibility and our congregational health; we Jews survive and flourish not in splendid isolation but rather in sacred community.

So join us at Or Zarua this year—early and often. Make the beginning of the Jewish year a priority. Be sure to get off to a good start, to enhance the prospects for a year of meaningful fulfillment and connection. Or Zarua needs you, through all the involvement and contributions you can muster. But there will surely be a robust return on your investment in Or Zarua, as your participation will redound to your benefit, and to that of your supportive community.

I hope to celebrate the High Holy Days with you, and then to share with you the rhythms of the full Jewish year to follow. My hope is that Or Zarua will soon become—if it is not already—something you cannot do without.

L'Shanah tovah u-metukah, Marc

**READING TORAH** If you are able to read Torah or haftarah and would like to do so on a Shabbat, please contact Marc Ashley at mashley@chadbourne.com or Jay Palmer at jpalmer@nyc.rr.com. Or sign up online at www.orzarua.org by clicking "Reading Torah" under the "Pray" heading.

# **Experience the Sounding of the Shofar**

by Rabbi Scott N. Bolton



'shanah tovah!
A sweet,
healthy new
year to all. At
this time of
renewal and potential
for growth, may we be
blessed with good new

paths ahead. One way we are spurred to renew ourselves is by hearing the "voice of the shofar." Our custom is to sound it during the month of Elul, and it is a mitzvah to attend Rosh Hashanah services to experience the sounding of the shofar.

Why use the word "experience" if we are commanded to "hear the voice of the shofar"? Each individual soul may hear the sounding of the shofar just a bit differently, despite the uniformity of the notes and the established patterns of the way we sound it. The experience of hearing the shofar sounded as part of a congregation makes our hearing dynamic. We can consider, as we process the physical sounds, that the

call to each of us individually is directly related to the uniqueness of our essences. This is how the Lord God of Israel meets each of us—according to each and every person's own nature and strength.

The Mishnah states that there should be no fewer than 10 verses that introduce each part of the shofar service during our Rosh Hashanah prayers; there are three distinct sections of the rite. Thus, we see that the three parts of the ritual begin with biblical references to God's sovereignty, to God's recalling and remembering the Jewish People, and to the shofar itself. Each of the sections, Malkhuyot, Zikhronot, and Shofarot, starts the way the Mishnah explained it ought to. Studying those verses before the tekiot, the shevarims, the teruot, and the tekia g'dolah can also lead to "hearing" the shofar in a different way. And this is symbolic in terms of why we study Torah and our sacred writings all year.

Learning verses from the Torah or other parts of the Tanakh (the Jewish

Bible) can help us filter the experiences we have and the sounds we hear. We need Torah to do so in a world wherein we are besieged by the cacophony of messages and mindless noise that rises around us. If we take seriously the notion that even the sound of the shofar has to be put into context by reciting and learning verses, then we must also apply that lesson to our lives in general. What more meaning can I make of words of love, cries for help, messages about tzedakah, opportunities, and other pleas if I am learning Torah and Talmud as part of my life?

Coming to High Holy Day services is an essential act in the course of our Jewish lives, and making a commitment to Jewish study as part of our everyday lives, or our lives every week, is yet another privilege that allows us to "filter the noise" of our lives and heed the call of the shofar throughout the year. Let me invite you to please join us in worship and study throughout the holiday season and throughout the entire year. There is a deep sense of renewal and gaining the ability to filter that we achieve if we add learning to our schedules. Please come to the Wednesday night Talmud class (we're studying an awesome tractate, Megillah, that deals with familiar rituals, women and mitzvot, how to broker power, etc.); you don't have to be present at every class! Come whenever you can. That goes for the Thursday morning Siddur class and other lectures and events throughout the year. Teens and youth also have learning opportunities throughout the year. We'll launch a Teen Jewish Film Festival, have book discussions, and have miniclasses in text and Jewish history. Just before Purim, teens will be invited to learn Megillah trope and participate in our Purim services—another great skill to gain!

In the long narrative of our people, the shofar stands as the tool that allows us to replay an ancient cry. Come back home; come back to Torah, and let Jewish wisdom help create an outlook on life. We are called to be more attentive to God's sovereignty, and we are asked to heed the call of the shofar, to add more Jewish action and perspective into our lives.

# **OZ Book Discussions**

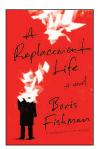
in the OZ library

#### Sunday, September 14, 7:30 p.m.

A Replacement Life by Boris Fishman

"A memorable debut by a wonderfully gifted young writer....Boris Fishman has written a beautifully nuanced, tender, and often very funny novel about conscience and familial loyalty that will linger long in the memory."

—JOYCE CAROL OATES

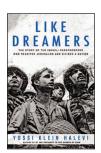


This discussion will be led by Congregant
Chris Miller, associate professor of English at
CUNY-College of Staten
Island and author of
two books: The Invention
of Evening: Perception
and Time in Romantic

Poetry (2006) and Surprise: The Poetics of the Unexpected from Milton to Austen (forthcoming, spring 2015).

#### Sunday, October 19, 7:30 p.m.

Like Dreamers: The Story of the Israeli Paratroopers Who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation by Yossi Klein Halevi



Halevi interweaves portraits of seven young paratroopers in the brigade responsible for restoring Jewish sovereignty to Jerusalem in the years since 1967. Halevi reveals how this close-knit band of

brothers in arms held drastically different visions for Israel's future and played pivotal roles in shaping Israel's destiny.

Yossi Klein Halevi, a senior fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute, is an American-born journalist who has lived in Jerusalem since 1982.

#### HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES 5775/2014

#### Wednesday, September 24

#### **Erev Rosh Hashanah**

Evening 6:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m. Congregation Or Zarua

#### Thursday, September 25

#### First Day Rosh Hashanah

Morning 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Wallace Hall

Tashlikh 6:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Central Park, south end of Reservoir

Evening 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

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#### Friday, September 26

#### **Second Day Rosh Hashanah**

Morning 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Wallace Hall

Minhah/ 6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

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#### Saturday, September 27

#### **Shabbat Shuvah**

Shaharit 9:00 a.m. **Congregation Or Zarua** 

#### Friday, October 3

#### **Erev Yom Kippur**

Minhah 1:30 p.m.–1:55 p.m. **Congregation Or Zarua** 

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Kol Nidre 6:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Wallace Hall

#### Saturday, October 4

#### Yom Kippur/Yizkor

Services 9:00 a.m.–7:23 p.m. *Wallace Hall* 

#### • Service Locations •

#### Congregation Or Zarua

127 East 82nd Street between Lexington and Park Avenues

#### Wallace Hall

west side of Park Avenue between 83rd and 84th Streets

Tickets are required for all services.

# High Holy Days 5775/2014

Tickets, service schedules, and locations

ur High Holy Day services will be held in Wallace Hall, on the lower level of St. Ignatius Loyola Church, on the west side of Park Avenue between 83rd and 84th Streets, not far from our synagogue building on East 82nd Street.

OZ will again be offering three types of services for the High Holy Days: a main service, led by Rabbi Scott Bolton; children's services, divided by age; and a Family Learning Experience, led by Rabbi Amy Bolton. Children's services will be held on both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. There will also be a children's service on Kol Nidre for children ages 5–12. Please note that children 2–4 years old must be accompanied by no more than one parent. Teenagers are encouraged to attend the main service. Please review the High Holy Day services schedules for times and locations.

The Family Learning Experience, described below, led by Rabbi Amy Bolton, is designed for the entire family and is not a drop-off service. It will be held in the Or Zarua library on East 82nd Street on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Grandparents are also invited. Times and locations are listed on the OZ Youth services schedule on page 5.

The schedule for all main services for the High Holy Days will be printed on the reverse side of your ticket. Tickets will be mailed to all members in good standing; remember to bring your ticket with you to all services. Call the synagogue office with questions regarding your membership. Note that all children through the age of 22 are included in family membership; children 23 and above are required to have guest tickets. Call the synagogue office to purchase guest tickets.

# High Holy Day Family Learning Experience

with Rabbi Amy Bolton, for families with children of all ages, in the Or Zarua library at East 82nd Street

dd something different to your High Holy Days by attending the Family Learning Experience with Rabbi Amy Bolton on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur morning. Join with other families for prayer, music, interactive discussion, and parent-child learning. In these interactive groups, you will have the opportunity to:

- Learn new tunes and explanations for key holiday prayers.
  - Explore the central themes and

stories of the Torah and Haftarah readings.

• Engage in group discussion and parent-child learning on themes of the High Holy Day season.

The Family Learning Experience will provide parents the opportunity to share these special days with their children in a new way. Grandparents are also invited. Please note this is not a drop-off group. Families with children of diverse ages are welcome. For more information, please contact Rabbi Amy Bolton at rabamy@gmail.com.

**ADDITIONAL HIGH HOLY DAY TICKETS** Guest tickets for all High Holy Day services are \$360 each for ages 13 and up, and \$180 for ages 5–12. To order, contact Luisa Paulino at Ipaulino@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, extension 10.

# High Holy Day Tshuvah Talk

"RETURNING TO RETURN: HEEDING THE CALL OF JUDAISM IN CONTEMPORARY AMERICA"

with Dr. Arnold Eisen, Wednesday, October 1, 7:30 p.m.



hat do
the High
Holy
Days
require
of us? What opportunities for growth and
service are unlocked by
their observance? How

**Arnold Eisen** 

can a person in our time perform the inner and outer work of tshuvah?

Dr. Arnold Eisen will be discussing these questions as OZ's guest speaker for the annual High Holy Day Tshuvah Talk on Wednesday, October 1, at 7:30 p.m., in a presentation entitled "Returning to Return: Heeding the Call of Judaism in Contemporary America. What Do the High Holy Days Require of Us?"

Dr. Eisen, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, has written several books on Jewish thought, practice, identity, and community, including *Rethinking* 

# "WELCOME BACK" KIDDUSH LUNCH

Saturday, September 6

ongregation Or Zarua welcomes everyone back to our sanctuary for the High Holy Days with a Shabbat Open House and "Welcome Back" Kiddush lunch, immediately after services, on Saturday, September 6.

#### **SELIHOT**

Saturday, September 20

8:00 p.m. Selihot Dessert Reception

8:45 p.m. Study Session with Rabbi Bolton

"A Different Kind of Cardio—A Full Heart and A Pure Heart in the High Holy Days Experience and Introducing the Mahzor Lev Shalem"

9:30 p.m. Selihot Service

Modern Judaism: Ritual, Commandment, Community; Galut: Modern Jewish Reflection on Homelessness and Homecoming; The Jew Within: Self, Family, and Community in America (with Steven M. Cohen); The Chosen People in America: A Study in Jewish Religious Ideology; and Taking Hold of Torah: Jewish Commitment and Community in America, A Personal Essay. His recently published essay "Wanted: Converts to Judaism" (The Wall Street Journal, July 24, 2014) discussed the idea of using conversion to Judaism as a response to increasing rates of intermarriage. These writings indicate that this year's Tshuvah presentation promises to be thoughtful, stimulating, and provocative.

OZ's High Holy Day Tshuvah Talk is open to all Congregants, guests, and others who are interested. For additional information, please call the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 12.

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#### **Jewish History at OZ**

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on the Lower East Side, 1880–1920" will be offered on four successive Sundays, beginning November 2, at 10:00 a.m. If you have accompanied Barry on his tours of the Lower East Side, you know his indepth presentations on Jewish New York are thoughtful, interesting, and amusing. If not, you are in for a treat. For those who wish to prepare, a list of suggested readings will be posted on the OZ website.

These events are open to all Congregants, guests, and others who are interested. For additional information, please call the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 12.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE** For questions about the *OZ Newsletter*, please contact Charlie Spielholz at cssrs@earthlink.net.

#### OR ZARUA YOUTH HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES 5775/2014

#### Rosh Hashanah • Choice of Services

# Family Learning Experience with Rabbi Amy Bolton

Friday, September 26 (Second Day) 10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

#### Congregation Or Zarua

For children of all ages and their parents. Grandparents welcome.

#### **Children's Services**

Thursday, September 25 (First Day) Friday, September 26 (Second Day) 10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

#### Wallace Hall

First Day: Ages 2–4, 5–8, and 9–12 Second Day: Ages 2–6 and 7–12 Children ages 2–4 must be accompanied by no more than one parent.

#### **Kol Nidre**

Friday, October 3 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Ages 5-12: Wallace Hall

#### Yom Kippur • Choice of Services

# Family Learning Experience with Rabbi Amy Bolton

Saturday, October 4 10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Congregation Or Zarua

For children of all ages and their parents. Grandparents welcome.

#### **Children's Services**

Saturday, October 4 10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Wallace Hall

Two groups: Ages 2–6 and 7–12 Children ages 2–4 must be accompanied by no more than one parent.

#### • Service Locations •

#### Congregation Or Zarua

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#### Wallace Hall

west side of Park Avenue between 83rd and 84th Streets

#### Tickets are required for all services.

Children not participating in the Children's Services or the Family Learning Experience are welcome to join their parents in the main service. Youth of Bar and Bat Mitzvah age and above should attend the main service.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 • 6 Elul Labor Day 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan	2 • 7 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 3:00 pm Conversation about Israel for Teens with Rabbi Bolton	3 • 8 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 9:00 am NY Common Pantry Volunteers	4 • 9 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan	5 • 10 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 6:15 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:05 pm Candlelighting	6 • 11 9:00 am Shaharit/Ki Tetze 10:30 am Mah Zeh Shabbat Shabbat Open House and "Welcome Back" Kiddush, following services 8:10 pm Shabbat ends 8:30 pm USY Kickoff
7 • 12 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan 7:30 pm Birhana Rehearsal	8 • 13 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 0Z Hebrew School begins	9 • 14 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan	10 • 15 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan OZ Hebrew School	11 • 16 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 7:00 pm Talmud Hevruta Parlor Meeting	12 • 17 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 6:00 pm Hebrew School Shabbat Dinner 6:15 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:53 pm Candlelighting	13 • 18 9:00 am Shaharit Ki Tavo 7:58 pm Shabbat ends 7:15 pm Kadima Kickoff
14 • 19 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan 7:00 pm USY elections 7:30 pm Book Discussion 7:30 pm Birhana Rehearsal	15 • 20 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 02 Hebrew School	16 • 21 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan	17 • 22 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan OZ Hebrew School 6:00 pm "Gather in the Garden" Membership Event	18 • 23 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan	19 • 24 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 6:15 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:00 pm Early Childhood Friday Night 6:42 pm Candlelighting	20 • 25 9:00 am Shaharit Nitzavim/Vayelekh Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Hershkowitz 10:30 am Mah Zeh Shabbat 7:00 pm Seudah Shlishit
21 • 26 8:45 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan	22 • 27 7:00 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan OZ Hebrew School	23 • 28 7:00 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan	24 • 29 7:00 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan 1:00 pm Office closes OZ Hebrew School closed Erev Rosh Hashanah 6:15 pm Evening Service	Rosh Hashanah I 8:30 am Shaharit (Wallace Hall) 10:45 am Children's Service (Wallace Hall) 6:00 pm Tashlikh	Rosh Hashanah II 8:30 am Shaharit (Wallace Hall) 10:45 am Children's Service (Wallace Hall) 10:45 am Family Learning Experience (Or Zarria)	7:47 pm Shabbat ends 8:00 pm Selihot Desserts, Study, and Service 27 • 3 Shabbat Shuvah 9:00 am Shaharit Hailarin
28 • 4 Tzom Gedaliah 8:45 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan 7:30 pm Birhana Rehearsal	29 • 5 7:00 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan 0Z Hebrew School	30 • 6 7:00 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan	6:33 pm Candlelighting	7:00 pm Evening Service (Or Zarua) Light candles after 7:30 pm	6:15 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat (Or Zarua) 6:30 pm Candlelighting	7:35 pm Shabbat ends

Congregation Or Zarua Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The office is closed Saturday and Sunday, as well as on Jewish and federal holidays.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 • 7 Tishri 7:00 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan 9:00 am NY Common Pantry Volunteers OZ Hebrew School 7:30 pm Tshuvah Lecture with Dr. Arnold Eisen	2 • 8 7:00 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan	S • 9 Erev Yom Kippur 7:00 am Selihot and Shaharit Minyan 1:30 Minyan 6:00 pm (No Nidre (Wallace Hall)) 6:00 pm Children's Service (Wallace Hall) 6:18 pm Candlelighting	4 • 10  Yom Kippur  9:00 am Services begin (Wallace Hall) 10:45 am Children's Service (Wallace Hall) 10:45 am Family Learning Experience (Or Zarua) 7:23 pm Shabbat/Yom Kippur ends
5 • 11 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan	6 • 12 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 02 Hebrew School	7 • 13 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan	8 • 14 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 1:00 pm Office closes 02 Hebrew School closed Erev Sukkot 6:00 pm Minhah/Ma'ariv 6:10 pm Candlelighting 7:00 pm Dinner in the Sukkah	9 • 15 Sukkot First Day 9:00 am Shaharit Kiddush in the Sukkah 6:30 pm Minhah/Ma'ariv Light candles after 7:15 pm	Sukkot Second Day Sukkot Second Day 9:00 am Shaharit Kiddush in the Sukkah 6:00 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:07 pm Candlelighting "Bring Your Own Dinner" to the Sukkah	Shabbat Hol Hamoed 8:45 am Shaharit Kiddush in the Sukkah featuring Bir'nana 7:12 pm Shabbat ends 7:15 pm Sleep in the Sukkah
12 • 18  Hol Hamoed 4  8:45 am Shaharit 6:00 pm Sushi in the Sukkah for Young Professionals	13 • 19 Hol Hamoed 5 7:00 am Shaharit OZ Hebrew School closed	14 • 20 Hol Hamoed 6 7:00 am Shaharit 7:30 pm "From Assyria to Iberia" with Michael Seymour, MMA curator	15 • 21 Hoshanah Rabbah 7:00 am Shaharit 1:00 pm Office closes OZ Hebrew School closed Erev Shemini Atzeret 5:59 pm Candlelighting 6:00 pm Minhah/Ma'ariv	Shemini Atzeret Erev Simhat Torah 9:00 am Shaharit 5:30 pm Children's Simhat Torah Celebration 7:15 pm Kadima and USY Dinner 6:30 pm Minhah/Ma'ariv Light candles after 7:04 pm	17 • 23 Simhat Torah 9:00 am Shaharit Simhat Torah Kiddush 5:56 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	18 • 24 9:00 am Shaharit 10:30 am Mah Zeh Shabbat Bereshit 7:01 pm Shabbat ends
19 • 25 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan 7:30 pm Book Discussion	20 • 26 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 02 Hebrew School	21 • 27 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan	22 • 28 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 02 Hebrew School 7:30 pm Talmud Class	23 • 29 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 8:30 am Siddur Class	Rosh Hodesh Heshvan I 7:00 am Shaharit Minyan 5:46 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:00 pm Early Childhood Friday Night	25 • 1 Heshvan Rosh Hodesh Heshvan II 9:00 am Shaharit Noah 10:30 am Teen Minyan Teen Lunch and Learn 6:51 pm Shabbat ends
26 • 2 8:45 am Shaharit Minyan TBA pm Gallery Opening: Rudi Weissenstein 7:30 pm Birhana Rehearsal	27 • 3 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan OZ Hebrew School 7:00 pm Talmud Hevruta begins	28 • 4 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan	29 • 5 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan OZ Hebrew School 7:30 pm Talmud Class	30 • 6 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 8:30 am Siddur Class	31 • 7 7:15 am Shaharit Minyan 5:36 pm Candlelighting, Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	1 Nov • 8 9:00 am Shaharit Lekh-Lekha 10:30 am Mah Zeh Shabbat 10:30 am Discover Shabbat 6:41 pm Shabbat ends

Congregation Or Zarua Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The office is closed Saturday and Sunday, as well as on Jewish and federal holidays.

# **Eating in the Sukkah**

Reserved dinner, kiddush lunches, and "bring your own" events

t is a mitzvah to eat in the sukkah during the Festival of Sukkot. Or Zarua is offering Congregants several opportunities to have lunch or dinner in the sukkah on the roof of our building.

#### **Dinner on Erev Sukkot**

Wednesday, October 8
Minhah/Ma'ariv begins at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner begins at 7:00 p.m.
This meal requires reservations.
\$40 for adults, \$20 for children ages 5–12, no charge for children under 5.
RSVP by Wednesday, October 1 at 212-452-2310, extension 39, or www.wizevents.com/register/2892.

#### **Three Kiddush Lunches**

Thursday, October 9
Friday, October 10
Saturday, October 11
Immediately after services
No reservation required for lunches.

# FOR SUKKOT

he joyous holiday of Sukkot begins Wednesday evening, October 8. Congregation Or Zarua will again arrange for the purchase of etrogim and lulavim. All orders are delivered in complete sets: etrog in a box, lulav with hadassim, and aravot in a bag.

Three sets, each certified for use on Sukkot, are available:

- Special Set (Aleph), \$75.00 each
- Choice Set (Bet), \$65.00 each
- Standard Set (Gimmel), \$55.00 each
- Extra set of Hoshanot-Hadassim-Aravot, \$7.50 each

If you wish to purchase a set, contact Deborah Wenger at extension 12, dwenger@orzarua.org, or order online at www.wizevents.com/register/2882, by noon on Monday, September 29. We cannot accept any orders without payment. Sets will be available for pickup between Yom Kippur and Sukkot on a date to be determined.

#### "Bring Your Own" Dinner

You bring dinner and all service items, including beverages, plates, cups, napkins, and utensils. For Shabbat dinner on Friday, October 10, Or Zarua will provide challah and dessert. All food brought to the sukkah must be kosher. Congregants must call the Or Zarua office in advance if they plan to eat in the sukkah, and include the number of people in your group when you make the reservation for "Bring Your Own" Dinner.

To dine in the sukkah at times other than those listed above, please notify the synagogue office and conclude your evening meal by 9:00 p.m. To make reservations for any event, call the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 39, or email Deborah Wenger at dwenger@orzarua.org.

# HOL HAMOED KIDDUSH WITH BIR'NANA

#### Saturday, October 11

Immediately following services, in OZ's roof-top sukkah

The kiddush will include a performance by Bir'nana, Or Zarua's a cappella group.

#### **SUSHI IN THE SUKKAH**

**Sunday, October 12, 6:00 p.m.** for Young Professionals

OZ's Young Professionals will gather in our roof-top sukkah for sushi. See page 9 for additional information on events for OZ's Young Professionals.

# SUKKOT SERVICES 5775/2014

#### Wednesday, October 8

**Erev Sukkot** 

Evening 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, October 9

#### First Day Sukkot

Morning 9:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Evening 6:30 p.m.–7:45 p.m.

#### Friday, October 10

#### **Second Day Sukkot**

Morning 9:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Evening 6:00 p.m.–7:15 p.m.

#### Saturday, October 11

#### **Shabbat Hol Hamoed**

Shaharit 8:45 a.m.

#### Wednesday, October 15

#### Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning 7:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

**Erev Shemini Atzeret** 

Evening 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, October 16

#### Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor

Morning 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

#### **Erev Simhat Torah**

Evening 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

#### Friday, October 17

#### **Simhat Torah**

Morning 9:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

# CHILDREN'S SIMHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

**Thursday, October 16** 

5:30 p.m., prior to Minhah

## **SLEEP IN THE SUKKAH**

#### Saturday, October 11

Il Or Zarua children are invited to participate in the mitzvah of sleeping in the sukkah starting after Shabbat at 7:15 p.m. A pizza dinner will be served, followed by a "make your own ice cream sundae" for dessert. There will also be Ping-Pong, pool, foosball, board games, and a movie.

RSVP to Ilana Burgess at iburgess@orzarua.org by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 2.

# Or Zarua's Young Professionals

Upcoming events on September 20 and October 12

r Zarua's Young Professionals is a group in their 20s and 30s committed to building a welcoming and vibrant Jewish community within Or Zarua.

It all started when Rabbi Bolton gathered eight of us at his home. A few meetings, discussions, and emails later, we had our first event, a Kabbalat Shabbat, followed by a delicious wine and cheese spread graciously sponsored by Or Zarua, in May 2014 with 30 participants, many new to Or Zarua.

In light of the success of the first event, we hosted another event in June.

Marc Alexander, one of the co-founders of our group, told his family about our newly formed group. They loved the idea so much, they decided to sponsor the dinner. That event even attracted participants from the West Side!

In July we met in Central Park for Seudah Shlishit and Havdalah on the Great Lawn. Have you ever done Havdalah in Central Park?

On Friday, August 22, we joined the main Congregation for Kabbalat Shabbat, followed by Shabbat dinner for our group.

What's next? On Saturday, September

20, we will have a Seudah Shlishit and Havdalah. Spend the afternoon mingling with new and old friends before we join the rest of the OZ community for Selihot and dessert! Then Sushi in the Sukkah at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 12! Need we say more?

Follow our Facebook group for more updates about all our events: Or Zarua's Young Professionals.

Know anyone who would like to join us? Ask them to contact Susan Steinman (susan.steinman@gmail.com) or Liora Seltzer (liora.avitan@gmail.com).

# **Talmud and Siddur Classes**

Talmud Class begins October 22, 7:30 p.m. Siddur Class begins October 23, 8:30 a.m.

his year Rabbi Bolton's Wednesday Talmud class will study
Masekhet Megillah. The tractate is available from either Artscroll (Schottenstein) or Koren
(Steinsaltz). Issues covered include the history of ancient cities, the Scroll of Esther and other sections of the Tanakh, philosophy of war and peace, the mitzvah of public Torah reading, women and timebound mitzvoth, charitable funds, and care of religious items.

The Thursday morning Siddur class will explore the meaning of the Amidah. Each of the blessings has a unique story and is rich with meaning. This class is a chance to make the Siddur come alive.

No prior background or knowledge of Hebrew or Aramaic is required; the discus-



Rabbi Bolton teaches Talmud and Siddur classes that are open to all.

sions are in English. You may join the learning communities at any time. Please contact Rabbi Bolton with any questions.

# MUSICAL INSPIRATION

at Congregation Or Zarua

- Look forward to guest chazzanim for occasional Shabbat services
- Weekly meetings of Bir'nana, OZ's a cappella group, Sundays, 7:30 p.m.
- A music menu for Lag B'Omer is being planned

Watch for Zimriyot (community singing and learning new tunes) after Shabbat kiddush, plus times when our own a cappella group, Bir'nana, will perform.

**OZ MINYAN** Contact Sheldon Adler at sadler@skadden.com or choose "Daily Minyan" under the "Pray" menu on www.orzarua.org to sign up for a day or two each month.

**SECURITY CAMERAS** Or Zarua's fully automated security-camera system is operational throughout the shul building, including the elevators and all landings, and records video at all times.

**OZ SOCIAL HALL** The Or Zarua social hall is available to rent for appropriate functions. Contact Helene Santo, 212-452-2310, extension 14, for information.

### **HEVRUTA AT OR ZARUA**

Parlor Meeting, Thursday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.

eginning on Monday, October 27, OZ is offering the opportunity to learn Talmud in Hevruta (partnership). A parlor meeting has been scheduled for Thursday night, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. to give those interested an opportunity to learn about the class. The investment for OZ members is \$2,000 for the two-year program; for nonmembers, \$2,500. Contact Rabbi Bolton for more information.

# **OZ Youth Programs**

for grade 4 through teen

lanning over the summer has resulted in a full schedule of events for OZ youth beginning the first week of September. USY and Kadima will have their kickoff events on September 6 and 13, respectively, followed by election of USY and Kadima Governing Boards on September 14. Elections to the Governing Boards of USY and Kadima are for the following positions: President, Religion and Education Vice President, Social Action/Programming Vice President, and Communication and Membership Vice President. Middle schoolers and teens may email nominations to orzaruayouth@gmail.com by September 5.

Mah Zeh Shabbat, (which loosely translates as "Whoa, this is SOME Shabbat minyan! You wouldn't believe it!")

is just the right combination of prayer, fun, and discussion. It begins with the first half of the prayers (Pesukei d'zimra), followed by a break for Breakfast Club, picks up with a weekly Torah Talk, and concludes with the service. Mah Zeh Shabbat will be held on September 6 and 20, October 18, November 1 and 22, and December 13 and 20, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Be on the lookout for dates in 2015.

In addition to USY, Kadima, and Mah Zeh Shabbat, there will be Teen-Led Minyan (where teens conduct the entire service) and a Lunch and Learn on October 25.

Contact Sigal Hirsch and Elana Mendelowitz at orzaruayouth@gmail.com for additional information or to be added to the OZ Youth email list (grade 4 through teen).

# RABBI WECHSLER TEACHES ON SIRIUS XM RADIO

Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.



Rabbi Wechsler can be heard on SiriusXM Stars Channel two times each Sunday. Subscribers to SiriusXM Satellite Radio can access "Rabbi Wechsler Teaches" on Channel 106. Nonsubscribers can obtain a free, three-day trial at www.siriusxm.com.

# Upcoming Or Zarua Events

Programs from the Adult Education Committee

- Dr. Arnold M. Eisen, chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary, will deliver the annual High Holy Day Tshuvah Talk, Wednesday, October 1, 7:30 p.m.
- "From Assyria to Iberia: Crossing Continents at the Dawn of the Classical Age," with Michael Seymour, Department of Ancient Near Eastern Art, Metropolitan Museum of Art, October 14, 7:30 p.m.
- "Emigration to Immigration: From Journey to Settlement in New York City," with Congregant Barry Feldman, in four sessions, November 2, 9, 16, and 23, at 10:00 a.m.
- "Cubism and the Leonard A. Lauder Collection," with OZ Congregant Dr. Emily Braun, Distinguished Professor of Art and Art History, Hunter College, December 7.

#### **HEBREW SCHOOL EVENTS**

#### **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Monday, September 8

#### **HEBREW SCHOOL SHABBAT DINNER**

Friday, September 12, 6:00 p.m.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT PROGRAM

Friday, September 19, 5:00 p.m.

# HIGH HOLY DAY FAMILY LEARNING EXPERIENCE WITH RABBI AMY BOLTON

September 26 and October 4, 10:45 a.m. See page 4.

#### **SLEEP IN THE SUKKAH**

Saturday, October 11, 7:15 p.m. See page 8.

# CHILDREN'S SIMHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Thursday, October 16, 5:30 p.m. (Prior to Minhah)

## EARLY CHILDHOOD FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT PROGRAM

Friday, October 24, 5:00 p.m.

# DISCOVER SHABBAT FOR CHILDREN UP TO AGE 8

Saturday, November 1, 10:30 a.m.

Questions regarding the OZ Hebrew School or school-sponsored events should be directed to Youth Education Director Ilana Burgess at 212-452-2310, extension 15, or iburgess@orzarua.org.

- Dinner Talk with Helen Nash on Kosher Cooking, Friday, January 9, 2015, after Kabbalat Shabbat.
- The Annual Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture, "Dubnow's Other Daughter: Lucy S. Dawidowicz and the Beginnings of Holocaust Research in the United States," with Dr. Nancy Sinkoff, Professor of Jewish Studies and History, Rutgers University, January 22, 2015.
- Shabbat Shirah and Congregation
   Or Zarua birthday kiddush, January 31, 2015.

Events scheduled after January 31 will be listed in future issues of the Or Zarua Newsletter.

# The Or Zarua Community

Fund contributions received between June 1, 2014, and July 31, 2014

#### **Mazal Tov**

Rabbis Scott and Amy Bolton and their families, in honor of Shiya's becoming Bar Mitzvah Sheila and Samuel Gunther, on their 50th wedding anniversary

Joanna and Ariel Kipnis, on their marriage, and on Joanna's conversion to Judaism

#### **Condolences**

Our deepest sympathies to:

Anthony Banfield, on the death of his father, Clovis Banfield

Joan Gross, on the death of her father, Melvin Luxenberg

Bonnie Maslin, on the death of her husband, Yehudah Nir

May they and their loved ones be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

#### **Adult Education**

Sharon Seiler and Charles Spielholz, in honor of Marc Ashley and his teaching of this year's course, "Though He May Tarry: Messianism in Jewish Thought"

Phyllis and Gerry Solomon, in memory of Phyllis's father, Jacob Katz, and Gerry's father, Herman Solomon, on their yahrzeits

#### **Gallery Fund**

Alice Geisler, in memory of Helen Gottlieb

#### **General Fund**

Mimi and Barry Alperin, in memory of Barry's mother, Ruth Alperin

Marilyn Butler, in memory of her mother, Ethel Ticker

Murray Cohen, in memory of Holly Osman Lois Dunn, in honor of Morty Schwartz Marcy Dunn-Lehrman and Mikel Lehrman, in honor of Morty Schwartz

Audrey and Barry Feldman, in memory of Richard Marcus

Roz Goldberg and Alan Bandler, in memory of Archie Bandler

Ethan Horwitz, in memory of Freddi Sue Finegood Roberta Hufnagel, in memory of Flora Hufnagel Tamara Jasper, in memory of her grandfather,

Nathan Naphtali Platnick; in memory of her mother, Helena Wallis Platnick; and in honor of her son's MFA from The New School and his new job at Apple

Aliza Kaplan, in memory of Varda B. Jupiter Sue Katz, in memory of Howard and Muriel Katz Sarah Klagsbrun and Eric Weinstein, in memory of Richard Marcus and Jack Sahn

Susan and Edward Kopelowitz, Yizkor contribution Gloria and Michele Lucarelli, in honor of Morty Schwartz's second Bar Mitzvah

Ninette Lukashok, in memory of Alvin Lukashok Susan March and Louis Barash, in memory of Aaron March and Barbara March

Barbara and Ira Nadler, in memory of Saul and Ethel Nadler, Leon and Nettie Alpert, Burt Alpert, Emma and Harry Blumberg, Karen Smith, Howard Berk, and Victor Gaines

Helen Nash, in memory of her beloved husband, Jack Nash

Pearl and Owen Pell, in memory of Lillian Seril Shari Prince, in memory of Jordan Smirlock

Lila and Stephen Redlich, in honor of Morty Schwartz's second Bar Mitzvah

Rosalie Rothenberg, in memory of Joe Rothenberg, Sime Exler, and Izzy Exler

Anne and Reed Schneider, in honor of the wedding of their daughter Lauren Schneider and Jeffrey Lipton

Evelyn and Morton Schwartz, in memory of Morris and Miriam Schwartz, Edouard Bindefeld, Regina Bindefeld, and Edith Cohen

Barbara Scott and Jonathan Bromberg, in memory of Barbara's grandfather, Maurice Sharan

Lorraine and Herb Shapiro, in memory of Ruth Leventhal and Richard Marcus

Dora and Peter Silagy, in memory of Jeno Kun and Mendel Bergman

Suzanne Spector and Bob Lawrence, in memory of Suzanne's father, Sidney Spector, and Jack Sahn

Ethel Bass-Weintraub and Barry Weintraub, in memory of Bill Weintraub

Martha White, in honor of Hilda and Alfred Ashley's 65th wedding anniversary

Rachel Woursell, in memory of Betty Braustein-Merariu and Maria Braunstein Woursell

#### **Hebrew School Fund**

Emilya and Brian Sahn, in memory of Jack Sahn Phyllis and Gerry Solomon, in memory of Gerry's mother, Eleanore Solomon, on her yahrzeit

Miriam Wallerstein, in memory of Abraham Patt, Goldie Israelson Patt, Charles Richard Patt, and Robert Wallerstein

#### **Hesed Fund**

Aliza Kaplan, in memory of the fathers of Benjamin Marcus, Karen Klapper, Susan Katz, and Brian Sahn

Janet Katz, in memory of Richard Marcus Sue Katz, in memory of Howard and Muriel Katz Lesley and Jay Palmer, in memory of Richard Marcus

Suzan and Daniel Rosen Judith and Barry Schneider

Sharon Seiler and Charles Spielholz, in memory of Benjamin Marcus's father, Richard Marcus, and Brian Sahn's father, Jack Sahn

Marilyn Shapiro, in memory of Dr. Yehuda Nir, beloved husband and father

Ellen Wetter-Brenner and Mark Brenner, in memory of Martin Wetter

Lynda Wertheim and Toby Wertheim Nora and Barry Yood, in honor of the marriage of Anne and Reed Schneider's daughter Lauren

#### **Hevra Kadisha**

Linda Dershowitz, in memory of her parents, Esther and Morris Dershowitz

Benjamin Marcus, in memory of his father, Richard Marcus, on the occasion of the end of Sheloshim

Emilya and Brian Sahn, in memory of Jack Sahn Vera and Robert Silver, in memory of Claire Horn and Jacques Horn, and for Pesah and Shavuot Yizkor

Miriam Wallerstein, in memory of Richard Marcus, father of Benjamin Marcus, and Jack Sahn, father of Brian Sahn Nora and Barry Yood, in memory of their son, David Yood, and in memory of Richard Marcus, Yehuda Nir, and Wayne Vine

#### **Kabbalat Shabbat**

Audrey and Richard Stadin, in honor of Ava Rae and Jocelyn Stadin

#### **Kiddush Fund**

Pat and Alan Davidson, for the Stroller Shabbat Joan Ehrlich, in honor of the 100th anniversary of her mother's birth

Sheila and Samuel Gunther, in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary

Joanna and Ariel Kipnis, in celebration of their marriage and Joanna's conversion to Judaism Diane Okrent and Aaron Shelden, in memory of

Diane's father, Meyer Okrent

Anne and Reed Schneider, in honor of the

wedding of their daughter Lauren Schneider and Jeffrey Lipton

Evelyn and Morton Schwartz, in celebration of Morty's 83rd birthday

Michael Schwartz, in memory of Ellen Schwartz Marilyn Shapiro, in honor of Rabbi Bolton Bernard Tolpin, in memory of Leah Tolpin

#### **Kol Nidre Appeal**

Ruth, Trudy, and Robert Gottesman Aliza Kaplan Evelyn Kenvin and Arthur Rosenbloom Benjamin Marcus Diane Okrent and Aaron Shelden Susan and David Shapiro Vera and Robert Silver Sara and David Stone Miriam Wallerstein Keely and William Zaientz

#### **Kosher Food Pantry**

Joan Ehrlich, in honor of the 100th anniversary of her mother's birth

#### L'Chaim Fund

Phyllis and Gerry Solomon

#### **Library Fund**

Phyllis and Gerry Solomon, in memory of Gerry's aunt, Ruth Ganeles, on her yahrzeit

#### **Music Fund**

Mimi and Barry Alperin

Susan and David Shapiro, in loving memory of Aida Shapiro, Irving Shapiro, Sol B. Cohen, and Wolf Goldberg

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Susan and Stanley Alt, in memory of their parents, Joseph and Celia Benbasset and Mannie and Dorothy Alt

Joan Ehrlich, in honor of the 100th anniversary of her mother's birth

Christina and Isaac Gad

Emilya and Brian Sahn, in memory of Brian's father, Jack Sahn

Vera and Robert Silver, in honor of Diane Okrent Aliana and David Spungen

Elaine and James Wolfensohn, in memory of Benjamin Botwinick



# MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION

#### **Gather in the Garden**

Share an evening of supper and schmoozing with friends

Wednesday, September 17 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

at the home of Betsy and Ira Dizengoff

RSVP by Sunday, September 14 212-452-2310, extension 39 or dwenger@orzrua.org.

CONGREGATION OR ZARUA

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2014

# Or Zarua Hesed Events and Programs

"The world exists for the sake of kindness."—Rashi

#### A Solution to Hunger

• Help feed the hungry in our community by donating to or volunteering with the New York Common Pantry. Collection bins have been placed in the social hall for food donations of healthy (low-sodium, whole wheat, low or nonfat), packaged grocery items. Volunteers from OZ are needed the first Wednesday of each month, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the pantry's distribution center, located off Fifth Avenue at 8 East 109th Street. Contact Lesley Palmer at lesleypalmer123 @gmail.com to sign up for October 1, November 5, or December 3.

#### **Salvation Deliverance Church**

• "Pre-owned" clothing for adults and children, toys, dolls, games, and related items can be put to good use by the many transitional homeless residents in the South Bronx, including single, jobless mothers and their children, as well as unemployed men.

OZ partners with Salvation Deliverance Church, whose members are housekeepers caring for their own local needy.

#### **Home Visit Volunteers**

• Volunteer to visit and cheer ill or homebound Or Zarua Congregants.

#### Monday Night Pasta and Salad at NCS

• Or Zarua Congregants serve hot food and good cheer to men and women with a range of mental health and addiction issues at the Neighborhood Coalition Shelter's East 81st Street Residence from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. on the last two Mondays of each month, when the residents' government checks are depleted.

#### **Ronald McDonald House**

 Children from across the U.S. and from around the world come to New York City hospitals for cancer treatment. Many reside with their families at Ronald McDonald House and have no local support system of friends or relatives. The chaplain at Ronald McDonald House alerts us when OZ may be of service to Jewish families who may require kosher meals, synagogue services, and other assistance.

#### Winter Caps and Scarfs

• Or Zarua Congregants create attractive knitted caps and scarfs for children in need.

To participate in any of these Hesed programs, please contact Richard Stadin at stadin1@aol.com or 212-879-0448.



The Crafts
Club delivered 16
lightweight
cotton summer hats for
the children
at Ronald
McDonald
House.