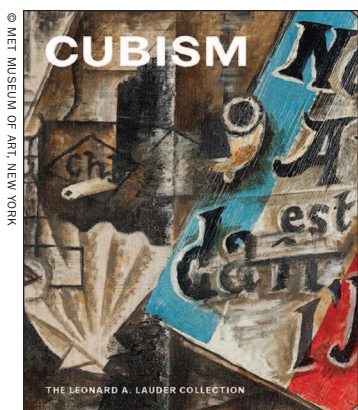




Cubism: The Leonard A. Lauder Collection

with Dr. Emily Braun, Sunday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.



Dr. Emily Braun, Distinguished Professor of Art and Art History at Hunter College and OZ Congregant will discuss “Cubism: The Leonard A. Lauder Collection,” which is currently on exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Dr. Braun is the curator of the Lauder collection and is co-curator of the Metropolitan’s exhibit. Focusing on the work of Georges Braque, Juan Gris, Fernand Léger, and Pablo Picasso, the exhibit traces the invention and development of Cubism.

You can read more about the exhibit in a review that appeared in *The New York Times* (<http://tinyurl.com/OZCubism>) or on the Metropolitan Museum’s website (<http://tinyurl.com/OZMetCubism>).

This event, part of OZ’s Curator Series, which began with Dr. Michael Seymour’s presentation on the Metropolitan’s exhibit “From Assyria to Iberia,” 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.



Dr. Emily Braun

OZ 25+ Silver Lights Gala

Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m., at The Pierre

Or Zarua will honor its founders and new leaders at the 25+ Silver Lights Gala, to be held at The Pierre, Wednesday, November 12, at 6:30 p.m.

Doors for the dinner will open at 7:15 p.m. The evening will include music by the Andy Statman Trio and an opportunity to socialize over hors d’oeuvres, drinks, and dinner.

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. The evening will also include a sports and food raffle, as well as musical surprises throughout the evening.

To make reservations, go to <http://wizadjournal.com/orzarua2014gala/?id=71> or call the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, extension 14.

—25+ SILVER LIGHTS GALA COMMITTEE



CHARLIE SPIELHOLZ

The OZ 25+ Silver Lights Gala will be held in the Grand Ballroom and the Garden Foyer of The Pierre. The beautiful, unique architecture and design of the hotel includes The Rotunda (above).

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President's Message

by Marc D. Ashley



OrZarua stands at a crossroads of opportunity. We have already built a magnificent institution and an admirable history, but we still need to shape a vibrant future. At this very moment, our proud legacy for the next phase in our development needs to be established. The celebration of OrZarua's 25th anniversary at our upcoming Silver Lights Gala embodies that exciting intersection of past and future.

Twenty-five years is in many respects a long time, a span that defines a generation. Think of it—OrZarua has now been around for a full generation, built from scratch 25 years ago into a prominent synagogue pulsating with Jewish life. What we may take for granted now about OrZarua likely seemed daunting, perhaps even impossible, 25 years ago when its founders assembled in a living room to discuss their aspirations for collective prayer and study. From the beginning, when our sturdy synagogue that now seems inevitable was only a dream, it took diligent, purposeful, and steady action over time to bring that dream to reality, from one new moon to the next. It is more than cliché to appreciate the fact that OrZarua was not built in a day.

Yet in other respects, 25 years is only a snippet of time. A generation is, with God's blessing, only a fraction of an individual's life and not nearly its full portion. Many things that may last for the course of one generation are, for good or bad, forgotten by the time the subsequent one rolls around. A generation does not define or assure continuity. Although a very good start, 25 years is hopefully only a prelude to a century and more.

That, then, should be our objective: ensuring OrZarua's legacy well beyond its founding generation. We must strive to demonstrate the institutional durability of OrZarua's core principles. As I discussed on Kol Nidre evening, I believe firmly that synagogues must remain at the epicenter

of the Jewish community. Further, within the universe of synagogue possibilities, OrZarua occupies a critical niche. What we do at OrZarua matters in the Jewish world, and the creation of more synagogues like ours would serve to enhance the quality of Jewish life. We need OrZarua to last well into the future so that our synagogue model can inspire not only our own lives in Manhattan, but also those of our children and their colleagues in far-flung places.

Of course, extending an institution into the next generation takes much effort and patience. Cultivating the next 25 years could turn out to be even more challenging than fashioning the initial generation. But the inspiration drawn from the past and the excitement generated by the future makes our work in the present worthwhile. The 25th Anniversary Gala is a perfect time to celebrate what we've already achieved and to imagine what we can yet accomplish, all right now in the present—at a happy occasion reminiscing with and enjoying the company of friends with whom we assemble, from week to week and year to year, to advance the cause of Jewish life. Taking the time to celebrate joyously as a shul community—at least occasionally and perhaps more often than we have done in the past—can serve to fortify our collective will.

And while we celebrate OrZarua's past and labor to secure its future, it is important to keep in mind the ultimate source of our efforts. Reflecting wisdom in the choice of the verse, the building donor wall in our second-floor sanctuary foyer is adorned by a quotation from Hallel (*Siddur Sim Shalom* at 388-89): "This is the doing of the Lord; it is marvelous in our sight" ("Me-et Hashem haitah zot; hee niflat be-eineinu"). We should indeed marvel at OrZarua's development and audaciously envision what it might yet become, but we must do so with gratitude for what we have in the here and now. May we celebrate together for many years to come—from this generation to the next and beyond.

From strength to strength!
Marc

Every Age, In Every Age

by Rabbi Scott N. Bolton



One of the blessings of our community is that we have classes, sacred opportunities, and programming for Congregants of every age. New early-childhood, family-oriented Friday night Shabbat & Me programs with parties; compelling services; various classes, including the new Talmud Hevruta Seminar; the new Jewish History Seminar series with Congregant Barry Feldman; gallery openings for all ages; Kadima, USY, and Hebrew School; and the newly formed Young Professionals group provide many on-ramps and ongoing ways to connect. While these opportunities and programs are primarily for our members, I believe our guests are also impressed with all our offerings, as well as our beautiful space.

When we are together, we should take the opportunity to see old friends, meet people we do not know, and welcome guests. The Talmud reminds us that welcoming guests is a mitzvah even beyond that of welcoming the Shekhinah, God's indwelling presence—if one were to have to have to choose between the two!

Welcoming guests is not limited to times when we are in synagogue; I encourage more of us to create Jewish experiences in our homes to which we invite friends and perhaps a few people who may enjoy connecting with one another. We need not only stick to familiar faces and well-established groups. If we take a lesson from wedding times in our tradition, a time with very specific guest lists, and examine the subsequent days of celebration, the days of "Sheva brakhot," with special blessings bestowed upon the bride and groom during the grace after meals, new faces are required to be at the meals!

New faces means reaching out to wider circles of friends and members of the community who were not on guest lists. The tradition encourages us to consciously weave into our social and sacred experience, even our personal celebrations, members of the community with whom we are family, friends, and acquaintances by connection.

I am here to help people orchestrate a Jewish happening outside the synagogue and assist in obtaining supplies for events such as Shabbat or Havdalah. I can also suggest who from our community might be wonderful to get to know or invite to share experiences. In every age, "people of synagogues" endeavored to include people of all ages and every status in their community rituals and personal observances.

Allow me to begin further encouraging us to strengthen our community ties by bringing Judaism into the home and individuals together who share the common link of our kehillah kedosha, our holy congregation.

Keeping the Fires Burning

CANDLELIGHTING, LEARNING, AND JELLY DOUGHNUTS

Third night of Hanukkah, Thursday, December 18, 7:00 p.m., at OZ

Join with the East Side Torah Learning Coalition on the third night of Hanukkah for a community candlelighting and multi-denominational learning at Congregation Or Zarua. After lighting the hanukkah, three classes of 40 minutes each will be

offered. There will be an opportunity to choose two of the three classes. Classes start at 7:20 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. At 8:40 p.m., we will enjoy sufganiyot and Hanukkah L'Chaim. Contact Rabbi Bolton at rabbibolton@orzarua.org for further details.

CURRENTLY ON DISPLAY IN THE OZ GALLERY

CHARLIE SPIELHOLZ



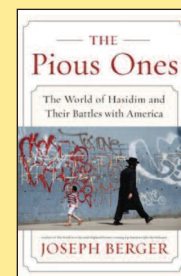
Rudi Weissenstein. About 100 people were in attendance to view these beautiful, important, and historic photographs of Israel.

The new exhibit in the OZ Gallery, "A Young and Hopeful Land: Israel's Early Days Through the Lens of Rudi Weissenstein," opened on Sunday, October 26, with a showing of the documentary *A Life in Stills*, about the family and archives of the photographer

OZ BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Sunday, December 14

7:30 p.m., OZ Library



The Pious Ones, by The New York Times writer Joseph Berger, is an exploration of the Hasidic way of life—its beginnings in Eastern Europe, post-Holocaust recovery and growth, and

its approach to and interactions with the modern day world. Congregant Barry Feldman will lead the discussion.

Dates of future Book Discussions are January 25, March 8, and May 3. All are invited.

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

TALMUD CLASS

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Talmud class meets on most Wednesdays in the OZ Library from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with Rabbi Bolton. This year, we are studying Masekhet Megillah, available from either Artscroll (Schottenstein) or Koren (Steinsaltz).

Anyone may join the class at any time; it is not necessary to have participated in Talmud class previously to join the class now.

No prior knowledge of Talmud, Hebrew, or Aramaic is required.

SIDDUR CLASS:

History, Meaning, and Commentaries on the Jewish Prayer Book

Thursdays, 8:30–9:30 a.m., Social Hall

Congregation Or Zarua's siddur class, taught by Rabbi Bolton, studies the history, laws, teachings, and approaches to Jewish prayer. The topic for this year's study is the Amidah. Prior knowledge is not required, and you may attend any or all of the classes.

SHABBAT HANUKKAH DINNER WITH BIR'NANA

Friday, December 19

5:15 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

6:15 pm Dinner with Bir'nana

Join us for candlelighting and singing with Bir'nana, OZ's a cappella group.

This meal requires reservations.

\$30 for adults, \$15 for children ages 5–12, no charge for children under 5.

RSVP by Monday, December 15

at 212-452-2310, extension 39, or www.wizevents.com/register/3041.

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.

"From Emigration to Immigration"

with Barry Feldman, Sundays, November 2, 9, 16, and 23, 10:00 a.m.



CHARLIE SPIELHOIZ

Congregant Barry Feldman will be presenting a four-part course about the growth of New York's Jewish population from the end of the 19th to the beginning of the 20th century. "From Emigration to Immigration: Eastern European Origins and the Jewish Settlement on the Lower East Side, 1880–1920" will be offered on four successive Sundays, beginning November 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Barry Feldman is an educator, urban historian,

museum educator, and tour guide with the Lower East Side Jewish Conservancy.

If you have accompanied Barry on his tours of the Lower East Side, you know his in-depth 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.

This event 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.

—OZ ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Or Zarua Memorial Wall

by Benjamin Marcus



BENJAMIN MARCUS

Visitors to Or Zarua's sanctuary may have noticed a new permanent architectural feature adorning the east elevations: our own memorial wall, purposefully designed to comport with the simple and understated decor of the space. We soon will be offering Congregants the opportunity to honor the memory of their loved ones by purchasing engraved plaques. Stay tuned for details.

Or Zarua Hessed Events and Programs

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

Erev Thanksgiving and Erev Christmas

● Hands, vans, and hearts needed to glean, pack, and deliver food from Eli's and The Vinegar Factory on the evenings of Wednesday, November 26, and Wednesday, December 24. The food will be delivered to Ronald McDonald House (East 73rd Street), Neighborhood Coalition Residence (East 81st Street), New York Common Pantry (East 109th Street), and Salvation Deliverance Church (South Bronx). It's a quick and fun team project. Volunteers, please contact Richard Stadin at stadin1@aol.com or 212-879-0448.

Embrace the Needy with Winter Warmth

● Please help low-income and homeless adults in New York City by donating to OZ's Annual Coat and Winter Clothing Drive from November 1 to December 14. Items needed include gently-used winter coats (any size welcome) and men's and women's sweatpants, long sleeve shirts, and sweaters (medium and large sizes preferred). Coats will be donated to New York Cares as part of its annual effort to collect and re-distribute thousands of coats. Clothing will be donated to Urban Pathways, a nonprofit agency providing critically-needed services to homeless adults in our community. Please leave donated items in the bin located in the basement.

A Solution to Hunger

● Help feed the hungry in our community by donating to or volunteering with the New York Common Pantry. Each month collection bins are placed in the social hall for food donations of healthy (low-sodium, whole wheat, low-fat 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 November 5 or December 3.

NYCP Thanksgiving Dinner Drive

● Participate in the Common Pantry's Thanksgiving Drive. Help provide a full Thanksgiving holiday meal to thousands of New York families. Please drop off canned



Or Zarua's wonderful volunteers prepare bags of food for clients at NY Common Pantry during a recent OZ shift. From left to right: Barry Feldman, Sheila Barzilay, Elyte Barzilay, Michael Nachman, and Sam Kupferberg. Sign up to volunteer soon!

cranberry sauce, rice, gravy, corn bread mix, oatmeal, stuffing mix, cake or brownie mixes, frosting, pasta, and canned and dry beans in the OZ bins. Pick up is Wednesday, November 19.

Home Visit Volunteers

● Volunteer to visit and cheer ill or home-bound Or Zarua Congregants. Please contact Roberta Hufnagel at robertahufnagel@gmail.com, 212-744-6572 (home), or 978-835-5445 (cell), if you are interested.

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. Volunteers are needed as well as donations to the Hessed Fund.

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.

To participate in any of these programs, please contact Susan J. Lorin, Hessed Committee Chair, at lorin@sewkwis.com or 212-717-4647.

SHABBATON WEEKEND

Friday, January 9

4:28 p.m. Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat

6:15 p.m. Dinner

Members: \$40 for adults, \$20 for children ages 5–12, no charge for children under 5.

Nonmembers: \$50 for adults, \$25 for children ages 5–12, no charge for children under 5.

RSVP required for dinner by

Monday, January 5

at 212-452-2310, extension 39, or <http://www.wizevents.com/register/3042>

New Members Cocktail Hour, after services

7:30 p.m. Dinner Talk

OZ Congregant Helen Nash will discuss her latest cookbook, *New Kosher Cuisine: Healthy, Simple and Stylish*.

RSVP is not required for Dinner Talk.

Saturday, January 10

Scholarly Sabbath

with Dr. David Kraemer

"Jewish Eating and Jewish Identity: What's the Relationship?"

Young Families Havdalah

For families with children up to 7 years old; older siblings are welcome.



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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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21 • 29 8:45 am Shahaarit Minyan Hanukkah: 6 Candles	22 • 30 Rosh Hodesh Tevet 7:00 am Shahaarit Minyan 7:00 pm Talmud Hevruta Seminar OZ Hebrew School closed Hanukkah: 7 Candles	23 • 1 Tevet Rosh Hodesh Tevet 7:00 am Shahaarit Minyan Hanukkah: 8 Candles	24 • 2 7:00 am Shahaarit Minyan Hesed Holiday Gleaning OZ Hebrew School closed No Talmud Class Hanukkah: Last Day	25 • 3 8:45 am Shahaarit Minyan No Siddur Class Office closed	26 • 4 7:15 am Shahaarit 4:16 pm Candlelighting. Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	27 • 5 9:00 am Shahaarit Vayigash 10:30 am Torah Tots & Torah Kids 5:21 pm Shabbat ends
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Shabbat Programs at OZ

For youth of all ages

● **Torah Tots and Torah Kids**, Shabbat mornings, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Weekly Saturday morning Shabbat programs.

● **Discover Shabbat**, Saturdays, November 1 and December 6, 10:30 a.m. A supplemental program to the weekly Shabbat morning programs, Discover Shabbat offers enhanced activities to connect the weekly torah portion to our everyday lives. Snacks are served.

● **Mah Zeh Shabbat**, a combination of prayer, fun, and discussion, including Breakfast Club, concludes with the Shabbat service. Mah Zeh Shabbat will meet on November 22, December 13, and December 20 at 10:30 a.m. in the OZ Library.

● **Teen Minyan and Lunch 'n' Learn** will meet on Saturday, November 1, 10:30 a.m. Please email orzaruayouth@gmail.com for information regarding future events.

YOUNG FAMILIES HAVDALAH HANUKKAH CANDLELIGHTING

PJ Library
Saturday, December 20
5:45 p.m.

Rabbi Bolton will lead children in story, song, Havdalah, and candlelighting. For children up to 7 years old; older siblings are welcome.



DARA SHAPIRO



LUNA BURGESS

OVERNIGHT IN THE SUKKAH. This year over 30 kids participated in the overnight program in the OZ Sukkah. Events included a pizza dinner, games, a movie, and socializing. The Sukkah overnight is one of OZ's most popular programs for youth.



SHABBAT & ME, the early childhood Shabbat program, meets on select Friday afternoons. The program includes songs, stories, and prayers with Rabbi Bolton. The next meeting will be on Friday, November 14, at 5:30 p.m., on the 7th floor.



DARA SHAPIRO

Kadima and USY Programs

Officers elected to USY Board

Or Zarua's Kadima and USY programs, under the auspices of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, are designed for Jewish students of middle school and high school age, respectively. The students are involved in social, tzedakah, and learning events at OZ and in other locations in Manhattan. USY students have their own board, which plans and implements programs.

Or Zarua's USY Board recently elected its own officers. Lauren Kupferberg and

Sophie Malki are co-presidents; Talia Spielholz and Jonathan Mack are vice presidents of religion and education; Michaela Palmer and Jesse Raviv are vice presidents of programming and social action; and Micaela Raviv, Josh Gold, and Corinne Rabbin-Birnbaum are vice presidents of membership, communication, and social media.

Please contact Sigal Hirsch and Elana Mendelowitz at orzaruayouth@gmail.com for additional information about Kadima or USY, or to be added to the OZ Youth email list.



RABBI AMY BOLTON

A KADIMA MEXICAN FIESTA AND HESED NIGHT was held in Rabbi Bolton's apartment. In addition, Kadima members mailed copies of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks' book, *Radical Then, Radical Now*, to teen members of OZ. The books were donated by Congregants Ellen and Dr. Alain Roizen in memory of their parents.



RABBI AMY BOLTON

USY MEMBERS attended an update on Israel presented by Rabbi Bolton.

KADIMA AND USY EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 6:00 P.M.

Kadima Evening Event

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 6:30 P.M.

USY Citywide Teen Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner at OZ, beginning after services

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, TBA P.M.

USY Evening Event

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, TBA P.M.

USY Citywide Hanukkah Event

TOY DRIVE

For Chai Lifeline

Or Zarua's Hebrew School will again be collecting new toys and books for Chai Lifeline to help seriously ill children have as happy and normal a childhood as possible. Serious illness affects each member of the family and can have devastating financial effects. Donations will help bring joy to the lives of young patients and their families during the holiday season. Collection boxes will be set up in the social hall and on the seventh floor beginning Monday, November 3.

If you have any questions, contact Ilana Burgess at iburgess@orzarua.org or Dana Gross, chair of this program, at danagrossnyc@gmail.com.

HEBREW SCHOOL ART CALENDAR

The Or Zarua Hebrew School Art Calendar is a fundraiser for the Hebrew School.

A copy of the calendar has been mailed to each OZ membership unit. While there is no cost for the calendar, all money raised will help to support holiday celebrations, field trips, and tzedakah projects for the Or Zarua Hebrew School. We hope that you enjoy the calendar and will show your support by sending a donation to the synagogue office.



Upcoming Or Zarua Events

Programs from the Adult Education Committee

- "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: The Leonard A. Lauder Collection," with OZ Congregant Dr. Emily Braun, Distinguished Professor of Art and Art History, Hunter College, December 7, 7:00 p.m.
- Dinner Talk with OZ Congregant Helen Nash, who will discuss her latest cookbook, *New Kosher Cuisine: Healthy, Simple and Stylish*, Friday, January 9, after Kabbalat Shabbat.
- Scholarly Sabbath with Dr. David Kraemer, "Jewish Eating and Jewish Identity," January 10, during and after services.
- 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, plus "Personal Remembrances of Lucy" with author and OZ Congregant Francine Klagsbrun, January 22.
- Shabbat Shirah and Congregation Or Zarua birthday kiddush, January 31.
- "Jews and Jazz," with Loren Schoenberg, jazz historian, musician, and Grammy Award winner, February 20, dinner talk.
- Scholarly Sabbath with Rabbi David Hoffman, "21st-Century Talmud," March 28, during and after services.
- "Baseball!," with Ivy Weingram, Associate Curator, National Museum of American Jewish History, Philadelphia, April 26.
- Scholarly Sabbath Rabbi Judith Hauptman, "Protest or You're Guilty," May 30, during and after services.

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.

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Tzedakah Fund

Alain Roizen, in memory of his beloved parents

UJA-Israel Emergency Fund

Laurie Dien and Alan Yaillen
Audrey and Barry Feldman
Marcia Kalin and Stephen Rayport
Terry Krulwich and Paul Posner
Charlotte Schwartz

Youth Calendar Fundraiser

Laurie Dien and Alan Yaillen
Helen Nash
Roberta Hufnagel
Francine and Samuel Klagsbrun
Emilya and Brian Sahn
Barbara Scott and Jonathan Bromberg
Reena and Arthur Seltzer
Dara and David Shapiro
Marilyn Shapiro
Dora and Peter Silagy
Ethel Bass-Weintraub and Barry Weintraub
Sherry and Gene Zuriff

Youth Programming Fund

Laurie Dien and Alan Yaillen, in memory of Benjamin Marcus's father, Richard Marcus; Bonnie Maslin's husband, Yehuda Nir; Brian Sahn's father, Jack Sahn; and Pearl Schmutter's mother, Evelyn Silber; and in honor of Shiya Bolton's Bar Mitzvah, Sigal Hirsch's special birthday, Lauren Schneider and Jeffrey Lipton's wedding, and Zach Gold's high school graduation
Janet Katz, in honor of Shiya Bolton's Bar Mitzvah
Pearl and Owen Pell



THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY and CONGREGATION OR ZARUA are proud to present

Scholarly Sabbaths JTS at OZ

- OCTOBER 25, 2014**
Rabbi Daniel Nevins
Pearl Resnick Dean of The Rabbinical School and Dean of the Division of Religious Leadership, JTS
"Biotech and the Bible: Are Transgenic Organisms Kosher?"
- JANUARY 10, 2015**
Dr. David Kraemer
Joseph J. and Dora Abbeil Librarian and Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics, JTS
"Jewish Eating and Jewish Identity: What's the Relationship?"
- MARCH 28, 2015**
Rabbi David Hoffman
Assistant Professor in the Department of Talmud and Rabbinics, JTS
"21st-Century Talmud—1,900 Years Young"
- MAY 30, 2015**
Rabbi Judith Hauptman
E. Bili Ivy Professor of Talmud and Rabbinic Culture, JTS
"Protest or You're Guilty: An Exploration of a Talmudic Principle"

Learn with JTS's outstanding faculty on four Shabbat mornings at Congregation Or Zarua throughout 2014-2015. Each scholar will speak during services. The conversation will continue after kiddush for those who wish to delve further into the topic.

This program is free of charge, and no advance registration is required.

For more information, please contact Deborah Klee Wenger at dwenger@orzarua.org.

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SCHOLARLY SABBATHS

Jewish Theological Seminary at Congregation Or Zarua

On select Shabbatot, visiting scholars from the Jewish Theological Seminary will be teaching on a variety of topics on Jewish thought and practice. Each of the visiting scholars will speak for about 20 minutes between the Torah reading and Musaf and will remain for continuing discussions following kiddush.

Information about the Scholarly Sabbaths series can be found on the Congregation Or Zarua website at www.orzarua.org/scholarlyShabbat.shtml.

OZ MINYAN Congregants are needed for the OZ minyan. For the weekday morning service, contact Sheldon Adler at sadler@skadden.com. For the Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service, contact Richard Stadin at stadin1@aol.com. You may also choose "Daily Minyan" under the "Pray" menu on www.orzarua.org to sign up for a day or two each month.

The Or Zarua Community

Fund contributions received between August 1, 2014, and September 30, 2014

Mazal Tov

Ronit Setton and Benjamin Hershkowitz in honor of Rebecca's becoming Bat Mitzvah

Condolences

Our deepest sympathies to:

Andrew Irving on the death of his mother, Anne Irving
Michael Katz on the death of his father, Seymour Katz
Pearl Schmutter and Eric Schmutter on the death of Pearl's mother and Eric's grandmother, Evelyn Silber
May they and their loved ones be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

New Members

We welcome:

Naomi and Hernan Bornas
Debbie and Scott Edelman
Eric Goodman
Barbara Bluestone Heller and Alan Heller
Debra Ilberman-Hoffman and Mark Hoffman
Marilyn and Milton Kalin
Heather and Michael Mann
Liliana Richter and David Turchin
Susan Steinman
Eileen Wachter and Joseph Malki
Nicole Walden

Gallery Fund

Bobbi and Barry Collier
Benjamin Marcus, in honor of Bobbi Collier to celebrate her terrific work in creating the new Rudi Weissenstein gallery exhibit

General Fund

Robert April, in memory of Yehuda Nir
Joan and Jerome Badner, in memory of Ray W. Badner
Bobbi and Barry Collier, in memory of Bobbi's mother, Florence Gelfand
Laurie and Robert Cooper, in memory of Robert's parents, Louis Cooper and Miriam Cooper; and Laurie's father, Hyman Tenzer
Michele and David Cooperberg
Linda Dershowitz, in memory of Esther and Morris Dershowitz and Meyer Mann
Rosalind Devon for Yizkor
Betsy and Ira Dizengoff, in memory of Betsy's grandfather, Harry Jassen; and in honor of Shiya Bolton on his Bar Mitzvah
Debbie and Scott Edelman, in memory of Dr. Martin Zarlin
Daniel Eisen, in memory of his father, George Wolff
Dinah and Uri Evan, in memory of Joshua Ashkenazi
Beth Fisher and Harvey Himel, in memory of Zygmunt Himel
Suzi Garment, in memory of Leonard Garment
Roz Goldberg and Alan Bandler, in memory of Sonya Bandler and Jinx Bandler
Judy and Rabbi Robert Golub, in memory of Paul Golub and William Rubin

Ruth Gottesman
Phyllis Greenwald
Roberta Hufnagel, in honor of Betsy and Ira Dizengoff for hosting the garden party
Tamara Jasper, in memory of her grandmother, Anna Regan Wallis, and Pearl Schmutter's mother, Evelyn Silber
Sarah Klagsbrun and Eric Weinstein, in memory of Pearl Schmutter's mother and Eric Schmutter's grandmother, Evelyn Silber; and in memory of Yehuda Nir
Frances and Bernard Laterman
Debra and Warren Nachlis, warm Mazal Tov in honor of Shiya's Bar Mitzvah from Warren, Debbie, and Zachary
Liz Neumark and Chaim Wachsberger, in memory of Yehudah Nir
Rachel and Larry Norton, in memory of Yehuda Nir
Evelyn and Morton Schwartz, in memory of Morris Schwartz
Jill Slater and Marc Schwartzberg, in memory of Hebert Schwartzberg
Barbara Scott and Jonathan Bromberg, in memory of Barbara's grandmother, Bertha Sharan
Lynn and Mark Somerstein, in memory of Teddy Abel and Bernice Fishman; Mark's great-uncle, Max Jawer; and Mark's great-aunt, Margaret Jawer
Linda and Jerome Spitzer, in memory of Ray Spitzer on her yahrzeit, Rose Kirsten on her yahrzeit, and Yehuda Nir
Ethel Bass-Weintraub and Barry Weintraub, in memory of Morris Bass
Nancy and Jay Zises, in memory of Nat Frankel

Hebrew School Fund

Mina Greenstein, in honor of Shiya Bolton's Bar Mitzvah
Pearl and Owen Pell
Suzanne Spector and Bob Lawrence, in memory of Yehuda Nir

Hesed Fund

Shelley Binder, in memory of her father, Chaim Binder
Herbert Blum, in honor of Shiya Bolton's Bar Mitzvah
Mina Greenstein, in memory of Jeanne Baylis on her yahrzeit
Dara Murray, in memory of her mother, Anita Prisant
Sabina and Maurice Preter, in memory of Sabina's mother, Margit S. Crolla, and Yehuda Nir
Suzan and Daniel Rosen
Judith and Barry Schneider, in memory of Philip Elgart, Joseph P. Schneider, and Anita Steinberg
Lynn and Mark Somerstein, in honor of the birth of Meital Tehila
Ethel Bass-Weintraub and Barry Weintraub, in honor of Lauren Schneider and Jeffrey Lipton

Hevra Kadisha

Vera and Robert Silver, in memory of Ruach

Silver on her yahrzeit
Nora and Barry Yood, in memory of Nora's mother, Eleanor Vine

Kiddush Fund

Elaine Danzig, in memory of Leonard Danzig
Karen and Henry Glanternik, in honor of Shiya Bolton's Bar Mitzvah
Susan and Edward Kopelowitz, in memory of Susan's father, Nathan Goldberg
Benjamin Marcus, in memory of his mother, Estelle Marcus
Anne and Reed Schneider, in memory of Anne's father, Leonard Danzig
Ronit Setton and Benjamin Hershkowitz, in celebration of Rebecca's becoming Bat Mitzvah
Helene Wolff, in memory of Helene's mother, Jennie Simon

Kol Nidre Appeal

Sanford Batkin
Elaine Blum
Bobbi and Barry Collier
Julie Copeland and Robert Beller
Betsy and Ira Dizengoff
Laurel and Ran Eisenbruch
Helen Nash
Roberta Hufnagel
Adele Ilberman
Melissa Kashan Lader and Craig Lader
Susan and Edward Kopelowitz
Alan Nadel
Beth and Joshua Nash
David Parker and Ronnie Parker, in honor of Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler
Judith and Barry Schneider

L'Chaim Fund

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Memorial Wall

Betsy and Ira Dizengoff

Minyan Fund

Benjamin Post

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Susan and Stanley Alt, in memory of Susan's parents, Celia and Joseph M. Benbasset
Bobbi and Barry Collier
Karen and Henry Glanternik, in honor of Shiya Bolton's Bar Mitzvah
Brenda Goldman, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Shiya Bolton, and wishing him and his family all of God's blessing
Karen and Jonathan Israel
Benjamin Marcus, in honor of Shiya Bolton's becoming Bar Mitzvah

Special Purpose Fund

Marcel and Sheldon Adler for the Mahzor Lev Shalem, in memory of Belle and Murray Adler
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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@chadbourn.com or Jay Palmer at jpalmer@nyc.rr.com.

If you are interested in taking an adult Torah reading class with Mark Somerstein, please contact Rabbi Bolton at rabbibolton@orzarua.org.

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014

Or Zarua Young Professionals

Annual Sushi in the Sukkah and upcoming events

JEREMY SELTZER



Nearly 50 of OZ's Young Professionals attended the annual Sushi in the Sukkah dinner on Sunday night of Hol Hamoed Sukkot.

Or Zarua Young Professionals (OZYP) is a group in their 20s and 30s committed to building a welcoming and vibrant Jewish community within Or Zarua. They hope to continue to grow the group with other young professionals who are excited about celebrating their Judaism.

Please invite your friends to our upcoming events via our Facebook page: Or Zarua Young Professionals. If you would like to receive monthly, dedicated email updates on the Young Professionals, please contact Susan Steinman (susan.steinman@gmail.com) or Liora Seltzer (liora.avitan@gmail.com).

● **Or Zarua 25+ Silver Lights Gala**, November 12, 6:30 p.m., at The Pierre, celebrating OZ's 25th anniversary. A group of OZYP will be attending. Special rates are available for OZYP members. Contact Marc Alexander (marc.a.alexander@gmail.com) for details.

● **Friday Night Shabbat Services and Dinner**, November 14, 7:00 p.m. Spirited davening, delicious food and drink (including wine and whiskey), and excellent OZYP company.

● **Hanukkah Celebration, December 17**, second night of Hanukkah, 7:00 pm. Come enjoy an evening of candlelighting, delicious Hanukkah food (leave room for doughnuts!), learning a bit more about one of our favorite holidays—and, of course, drinks, music, and games!