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Or Zarua Gets Ready to Celebrate Pesah 5757

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Passover 5757 commences Monday evening, April 21st, with the first Seder. The schedule of important dates leading up to Pesah is as follows:

April begins with Shabbat Hahodesh, April 5th. (Rosh Hodesh Nisan fall two days later on Tuesday, April 8th.) Shabbat Hahodesh always falls on the Shabbat preceding Rosh Hodesh or on Rosh Hodesh itself if it coincides with Shabbat. The maftir reading from the second Torah is the portion beginning "This month shall be for you the head of the months; it is the first for you of the months of the year." (Shemot 12.) The haftarah is from Ezekiel, chapter 45.

The Shabbat before Passover is Shabbat HaGadol (April 19), the prelude to Pesah. It is called the "great" Shabbat because of the events that occurred preceding the departure of the Israelites from Egypt. The principal "miracle" marked by this Shabbat is that of the lamb that each man was directed to take for his household on the tenth of Nisan, four days before the Pesah offering. (Shemot 12.) Although the significance of this paschal sacrifice is debated, many believe it lies in the fact that the Israelites were defying the Egyptians by selecting for a sacrifice an animal that the Egyptians worshiped as a god. Others believe that the appellation "great" for this Shabbat derives from the haftarah read on the day, Malachi III, 4-24, which ends with the sentence: "Behold, I will send you Elijah, the prophet, before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord."

The search for the leaven (Bedikat Hametz) is to be conducted on Sunday evening. No hametz is to be eaten after 10:39 a.m. Monday and all hametz must be sold by 11:46 a.m. Included in this newsletter is a form for designating Rabbi Wechsler to sell our hametz on our behalf. (The transfer of hametz to a non-Jew for the duration of the holiday is called "mekhirat hametz.") In order for Rabbi Wechsler to be able to accomplish this task, the Synagogue office

must receive the form by Friday, April 18th. A guide to the rules of kashering one's home for Passover is also included on page 2 of this newsletter.

On erev Pesah, Monday morning, we will daven Shaharit at 7:30 a.m. in the Synagogue to mark the fast of the first born (siyum bekhorim). A full schedule of the services for Passover is set out below and in the calendar.

The first seder falls on Monday evening. Or Zarua members who can accommodate extra guests at their Seder and those who would like to partake of a Seder meal with a family should contact the Or Zarua office to be matched up.

As in past years, Or Zarua will have a communal Seder on the second night of Passover. The Seder will take place at the Ramaz Lower School, 125 East 85th Street, by reservation only. A separate invitation will be sent to the entire membership with pertinent information. Additional information is available for the Or Zarua office.

Passover is so rich a holiday with so many compelling events, rituals, and references that it is difficult to know where to begin. Do we focus on the Haggadah, and if so, which part? Do we turn our focus to Shir HaShirim, which is read on Shabbat Chol Hamoed? Do we exert ourselves trying to find historical and geographical verification for the events of Exodus, such as locating Yam Suf or explaining how the plagues could have occurred? The density of this holiday with its multiple references and levels undoubtedly contributes to the reported fact that more Jews celebrate Passover than any other holiday, including Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We wish you a Chag Kasher v'Sameach Pesah.

**You're Invited to Attend
Or Zarua's Second Seder
April 22 at 8:30 p.m.**

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Yom HaShoah Service Saturday, May 3, 8:30 PM

To commemorate Yom HaShoah, Or Zarua will have a service on Saturday evening, May 3rd, at 8:30 PM. Mira Kimmelman, a teacher and the mother of our congregant, Benno Kimmelman, will be the guest speaker. Mira Kimmelman is the author of the recently-published memoir, *Echoes from the Holocaust* (Univ. Of Tennessee Press 1996). Mrs. Kimmelman, a resident of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, was the daughter of a Jewish seed exporter in Danzig (now, Gdansk).

She describes her youth in Danzig in the 1920's and early 1930's, where her family remained despite a changing political climate that compelled many friends and relatives to leave. Mrs. Kimmelman tells of her experience following the Polish capitulation to Germany in 1939, leading to her arrival at Auschwitz in 1944. Selected for slave labor, Mrs. Kimmelman survived Auschwitz and was transported to Bergen-Belsen. She was liberated by British troops in April 1945 and reunited with her father. Most of the other members of her family perished. We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Kimmelman to Or Zarua.

Guidelines for Passover

This guide was prepared by the Rabbinical Assembly Committee on Jewish Law and Standards by Rabbi Mayer Rabinowitz. It was accepted by the Committee on December 12, 1984. The last paragraph of the introduction and Part A under "Permitted Foods," have been amended to reflect more recent decisions of the Committee affecting the status of peanuts, peanut oil and certain cheeses.

The Torah prohibits the ownership of *hametz* during *Pesah*. Therefore, we arrange for the sale of the *hametz* to a non-Jew. The transfer, *mekhirat hametz*, is accomplished by appointing an agent, usually the rabbi, to handle the sale. It is a valid and legal transfer of ownership. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges for the reversion of ownership of the now-permitted *hametz*. If ownership of the *hametz* is not transferred before the holiday, the use of this *hametz* is prohibited after the holiday as well (*hametz she-aver alav ha-Pesah*).

Since the Torah prohibits the eating of *hametz* during *Pesah*, and since many common foods contain some admixture of *hametz*, guidance is necessary when shopping and preparing for *Pesah*. During the eight days of *Pesah*, *hametz* cannot lose its identity in an admixture. Therefore, the minutest amount of *hametz* renders the whole admixture *hametz* and its use on *Pesah* is prohibited. However, during the rest of the year, *hametz* follows the normal rules of admixture, i.e., it loses its identity in an admixture of one part *hametz* and sixty parts of *non-hametz*. This affords us an opportunity to differentiate between foods purchased before and during *Pesah*.

What follows is a general guideline. However, Rabbi Wechsler should be consulted when any doubt arises.

Kosher *le-Pesah* labels that do not

bear the name of a rabbi or one of the recognized symbols of rabbinic supervision, or which are not integral to the package, should not be used without consulting Rabbi Wechsler.

Prohibited foods include the following: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereals, coffees containing cereal derivatives, wheat, barley oats, spelt, rye and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. Most Ashkenazic authorities have added the following foods (*kitniyot*) to the above list: rice, corn, millet, corn, legumes (beans and peas; however, string beans are permitted). The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has ruled unanimously that peanuts and peanut oil are permissible, as peanuts are not actually legumes. Some Ashkenazic authorities permit, while others forbid, the use of legumes in a form other than their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all of the above. Consult Rabbi Wechsler for guidance in the use of these products.

Permitted foods: A. The following foods require no kosher *le-Pesah* label if purchased prior to *Pesah*: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee without cereal additives (however, be aware that coffees produced by General Foods are not kosher for Passover unless marked KP); sugar, pure tea, salt (not iodized); pepper, natural spices; frozen fruit juices with no additives; frozen (uncooked) vegetables (for legumes, see above); milk; butter; cottage cheese; cream cheese; ripened cheeses such as cheddar (hard), muenster (semi-soft) and Camembert (soft); frozen (uncooked) fruit (with no additives); baking soda. (con't on Page 5)

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 8 p.m. Talmud Class	2 8 p.m. Talmud Class	3	4 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 6:05 p.m. Candle Lighting	5 9 a.m. Shaharit, Shemini Bat Mitzvah/Miriam Hyler Shabbat Hahodesh
6 "Or Zarua Mitzvah Day" Under the auspices of the Hesed Committee & the Neighborhood Coalition for the Homeless.	7	8	9 8 p.m. Talmud Class	10	11 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 7:12 p.m. Candle Lighting	12 9 a.m. Shaharit, Tazria Rabbi Arbib to Speak
13	14 7:30-9 p.m. Geography and Choreography of the Passover Haggadah	15	16 8 p.m. Talmud Class	17	18 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 7:20 p.m. Candle Lighting	19 9 a.m. Shaharit, Metzora Shabbat HaGadol
20	21 7:30 a.m. Siyum Bekhorim 6 p.m. Maariv, Passover 7:23 p.m. Candle Lighting	Hebrew School Vacation 22 9 a.m. Shaharit, Yom Tov Passover 8:30 p.m. Congregational Second Seder 8:23 p.m. Candle Lighting	23 9 a.m. Shaharit, Yom Tov Passover	Hebrew School Vacation 24	25 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 7:27 p.m. Candle Lighting	26 9 a.m. Shaharit, Shabbat Hol Hamoed Pesah
27 6 p.m. Maariv Yom Tov Passover 7:28 p.m. Candle Lighting	28 9 a.m. Shaharit, Yom Tov Passover 6 p.m. Maariv Yom Tov Passover 8:30 p.m. Candle Lighting	Hebrew School Vacation 29 9 a.m. Shaharit, Yom Tov Passover, Yitzkor 8:30 p.m. Pesah Ends	30 8 p.m. Talmud Class			

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 Hebrew School Classes Resume 7:45 p.m. Book Club	2 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 7:34 p.m. Candle Lighting	3 9 a.m. Shahrarit, Acharei Mot 6:34 p.m. Minhah 8:30 p.m. Yom HaShoah Service with speaker Mira Kimmelman
4	5	6	7 8 p.m. Talmud Class	8	9 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 7:42 p.m. Candle Lighting	10 9 a.m. Shahrarit, Kedoshim
11 8 p.m. Yom Haatzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) Service	12	13	14 8 p.m. Talmud Class	15	16 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 7:49 p.m. Candle Lighting	17 9 a.m. Shahrarit, Emor
18 Hebrew School Yom Haatzmaut Celebration	19	20	21 8 p.m. Talmud Class	22 4-6 p.m. Hebrew School Lag Ba'Omer Picnic	23 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 7:55 p.m. Candle Lighting	24 9 a.m. Shahrarit, Behar
25 Lag Ba'Omer	26	27	28 8 p.m. Talmud Class	29 Last Day of Hebrew School Classes	30 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 8:01 p.m. Candle Lighting	31 9 a.m. Shahrarit, Bechukotai

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B. The following foods require no kosher *le-Pesah* label if purchased before or during *Pesah*: fresh fruits and vegetables (for legumes, see above), eggs, fresh fish and fresh meat.

C. The following foods require a kosher *le-Pesah* label if purchased before or during *Pesah*: All baked products (*matzah*, cakes, *matzah* flour, farfel, *matzah* meal and any products containing *matzah*); canned or bottled fruit juices (these juices are often clarified with *kitniyot* which are not listed among the ingredients. However, if one knows there are no such agents, the juice may be purchased prior to *Pesah* without a kosher *le-Pesah* label); canned tuna (since tuna, even when packed in water often has been processed in vegetable broth and/or hydrolyzed protein - however, if it is known that the tuna is packed exclusively in water without any additional ingredients or additives, it may be purchased without a kosher *le-Pesah* label); wine, vinegar; liquor, oils, dried fruits; candy; chocolate flavored milk; ice cream; yogurt; and soda.

D. The following processed foods (canned, bottled or frozen) require a kosher *te-Pesah* label if purchased during *Pesah*: milk, butter, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea and fish, as well as all foods listed in category C.

Detergents: If permitted during the year, powdered and liquid detergents do not require a kosher *le-Pesah* label.

Medicine: Since *hametz* binders are used in many pills, the following guidelines should be followed: If the medicine is required for life sustaining therapy, it may be used on *Pesah*. If it is not for life sustaining therapy, some authorities permit, while others prohibit. Consult

Rabbi Wechsler. In all cases, capsules are preferable.

Kashering of utensils: The process of *kashering* utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to *halakhah*, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil (*ke-voleo kakh polet*). Therefore, utensils used in cooking are *kashered* by boiling, those used in broiling are *kashered* by fire and heat, and those used only for cold food are *kashered* by rinsing.

A. Earthenware (china, pottery, etc.) may not be *kashered*. However, fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

B. Metal (wholly made of metal) utensils used in fire (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should have water boiled in them which will overflow the rim. Pans in which bread or cake have been baked may not be *kashered*.

C. Ovens and Ranges: Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then, oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil setting, use it. Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned and then put through the self cleaning cycle. Continuous cleaning ovens must be *kashered* in the same manner as regular ovens.

Microwave ovens, which do not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned, and then a cup of water should be placed inside. Then the oven should be turned on

until the water disappears. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be *kashered* for *Pesah*.

D. Glassware: Drinking glasses require a thorough scrubbing before *Pesah*, or putting them through a dishwasher.

E. After not using the dishwashing machine for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run.

F. Electrical Appliances: If the parts that come into contact with *hametz* are removable, they can be *kashered* in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rule for metal utensils). If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be *kashered*. (All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned).

G. Tables, closets and counters: If used with *hametz*, they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered, and then they may be used.

H. Kitchen Sink: A metal sink can be *kashered* by thorough cleaning and then pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

I. *Hametz* and Non-Passover utensils: Non-Passover dishes, pots and *hametz* whose ownership has been transferred, should be separated, locked up or covered, and marked in order to prevent accidental use.

(To sell your hametz, use the coupon on Page 7 in this issue)

Take Part in Or Zarua's
Pesah Meal Match

Look for the form on Page 9

OZ Youth Hesed

Or Zarua Youth Hesed (OZYH) returns to New York Hospital for two exciting Pre-Passover events. On Sunday, April 20th (4:00 to 5:30 p.m.), OZYH members will visit all Jewish patients at New York Hospital. We will wish them a "Chag Kasher v'Sameach", and we will invite them to attend the annual hospital Seder. We will then return to the hospital on Monday, April 21st (2:00 to 4:00 p.m.) to help lead the New York Hospital Seder, held each year for those unable to be home for Passover.

Both of these activities are true acts of Hesed. Given the dates (just before Pesah-- some members may be home helping clean and cook for Pesah) and the times (the Monday event may require early dismissal from school), we understand if attendance at this event is not possible. No need to Worry! We are already planning future "Pizza Planning Meetings", visits to children on the pediatrics units at New York Hospital, etc.

Check your mailboxes or the back of the shul for news of upcoming OZYH activities. Or you may call Howard Blas at 472-5820 for additional information.

Announcing the Or Zarua Web Site

Or Zarua can now be found on the Internet. Our Web Site is located at www.orzarua.org and contains calendar information, photos of events, and links to Jewish resources all over the Internet.

We are currently collecting e-mail addresses of members so that the Hevra Kadisha can mobilize a minyan more easily on short notice. If you have an e-mail account, even if you only check your mail every couple of days, please send a message with your name and e-mail address to info@orzarua.org and you will be added to the list. The list will not be distributed, nor will the names be posted on the Web Site.

Voice from the Congregation

Singing has always brought me immense pleasure. I sang squeakily in my elementary and junior high school's three-part chorus (Soprano, Second Soprano, Alto), and was enraptured to finally be able to take part in the four-part (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) choir at summer camp. I now happily sing in the Senior Chorus at my high school. For as long as I can remember, I've been a second row (medium height) bashful alto, sometimes singing my way dutifully through many pieces which I could appreciate musically but not empathize with - such as Mass music, or spirituals. But now there is one chorus that I sing with where that tension doesn't exist, where the music is wholly meaningful. Hazamir, the National Jewish High School Chorus, of which I belong to the New York branch. Hazamir is an experience like no other.

A diverse group of high school students from different secular and day schools meet once or twice a month (more before concerts) for a few hours in the afternoon to sing fantastic Jewish music with Matti Lazar, the charis-

matic and devoted founder and conductor of Hazamir. An observant Jew and a highly gifted musician, he uses humorous metaphors to supplement his conducting: "When you start to lose the pitch, and go flat...that's how *avodah zarah* happens. You have to stay focused."

Hazamir is not an elitist organization. Anyone brave enough to want to sing a solo can. We harmonize simple folk tunes that extol the glory of Jerusalem, we sing Liturgical texts put to music, and we sing everything from the Ladino Hannukah song "Ocho kandelikas" to Yiddish medleys.

There is something very magical and transformative about singing in a chorus. I feel that once the music takes hold, an instant community appears where previously individuals had sat in their chairs, nervously looking over the score. There are no auditions for Hazamir, but a level of professionalism is demanded. We do sight-reading and also sing mixed, which means we purposely do not stand next to others who sing our vocal part. And yet the atmosphere is relaxed enough so

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Move over Broadway!

That was the message of triumph when the Purim Spiel Players took to Habimah for Congregation Or Zarua's first annual Purim Spiel, relaying the holiday's joyous message of triumph over anti-Semitism.

All the usual suspects were there, relating their messages in modern song - Vashti, intoning "Don't Cry for me Ahashverosh" to the tune of "Don't Cry for me Argentina." (You didn't know Evita or Madonna were Jewish, did you?)

-- To Ahashverosh sounding suspiciously like Al Jolson (born Asa Jolson, son of a chazzan, from Washington, DC) when he sang of his need to find a really nice girl to the tune of "April Showers."

-- To Haman gloating "I Just Can't Wait to be Mean" to the tune recognizable to children of any age, of "I Just Can't Wait to be King" from *The Lion King*.

And there was "Rabbi Elimelech"

and "Yigdal" to which the chorus answered, from the Yiddish version of "Ghost Riders in the Sky," recorded by Yiddish theater clarinetist Mickey Katz, father of Joel Grey, "Yippie Oy Vay!"

The standing-room-only production was the culmination of several months' work, for which thanks go to: Tibor Feldman, Zella Goldfinger, David Kogut, Barbara Leibowitz, Leslie Levison, Bonnie Maslin, Dara Prisamt Murray, Sybil Pollet, Jeremy Posner, Arthur Rosenbloom (kudos to his long-suffering secretary, Violetta) Martha Sasmor, Reed Schneider, Aaron Shelden, Linda Shulsky, Vera Silver, Mark Somerstein, Julio Velez, and Rabbi Wechsler who numbered the wedding of Esther and Ahashverosh as the most unusual he's ever officiated at. Catering for the Purim Seudah was by Bonnie Maslin.

And a merry old time was had by all
by David Kogut

Sell Your Hametz

Fill out and send this coupon so that it is received by April 18

Dr. Harlan J. Wechsler, Rabbi
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Dear Rabbi Wechsler,

Please sell all hametz in my possession, at the locations listed below, before Passover, in accordance with Jewish law (*halakha*). Enclosed is my contribution to Or Zarua's Ma'ot Hittim Fund.

Address: _____ Apt. No. _____

City, State, Zip _____

Other Locations (summer home, office):

Name: _____ Date: _____

Office News

We are pleased to inform the congregation that Or Zarua has signed a lease for the apartment above the current office, which we will be taking possession of in April. This will be a tremendous benefit to our office operations, which have been suffering from a shortage of space over the past months. It will also provide needed space for educational programs when the Synagogue building is under construction. We are interested in donations of appropriate furniture for the new space. Please contact Lidiya Yunatanov at the Or Zarua office if you would like to donate furniture that would be suitable in an office setting.

Congratulations To

Barry and Mimi Alperin on the 3/15 birth of their granddaughter Emily Rose Alperin. Proud parents are Daniel and Becky Federman Alperin.

Allen and Valerie Hyman on the birth last December of twin grandchildren, Jacob Morris Hyman and Julia Elizabeth Hyman. Parents are Joshua Hyman and Elizabeth Corsini

Dan and Suzan (Rajna) Rosen on the birth of their daughter, Leilah Zahri, on February 20.

Carl & Michelle Schaerf on the March 6th birth of their daughter, Emily Brette Schaerf

Marc Spero and Lavern Sullivan on the birth of their daughter, Victoria Chalotte, on February 28.

Designated Special Gift

Ran & Laurel Eisenbruch
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Martha Berman
 Yehudah Nir and Bonnie Maslin

Condolences To

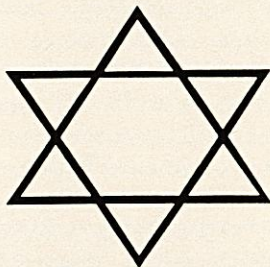
Ran Eisenbruch on the death of his mother, Bunia Eisenbruch
 Julio Velez on the death of his father, Justo Velez-Cruz

Kol Nidre Appeal

Ira & Stephanie Rubin

Hesed Fund

Barry & Bobbi Collier in memory of her father, Dr. Harold Gelfand, on his yahrzeit
 Andrew Frackman & Emily Braun in memory of his father, Leonard Frackman
 Jack & Esther Oberman, refuah shlema for Noah Zachary, in honor of the marriage of Neal Kozodoy's daughter, Sarah, and in honor of the marriages of Yaakov and Roberta Schechter's daughters
 Kirk Zachary & Susan Smirnoff, refuah shlema for Noah Zachary



Hesed Food Fund

David & Annette Araten
 Donald & Robin Bernstein
 Kay Denmark
 Mina Greenstein in memory of her father, Hyman C. Baylis, on his yahrzeit
 Fred Kenvin in honor of Stephen Agus
 Aaron & Ben Schluger
 Barry & Judith Schneider
 Herbert & Lorraine Shapiro, in memory of Ran Eisenbruch's mother, Bunia Eisenbruch
 Jerome & Linda Spitzer in honor of Susanna Goldfinger's 18th birthday
 Jerome & Linda Spitzer in honor of the engagement of Herbert Lukashok and Judith Spitzer
 Jerome & Linda Spitzer in honor of the birth of Barry and Mimi Alperin's second granddaughter, Emily
 Kirk Zachary & Susan Smirnoff
 refuah shlema for Noah Zachary

Kiddush Fund

David & Annette Araten in honor of their first wedding anniversary
 Congregation Or Zarua, in honor of the cast of the Purim Spiel
 Tibor Feldman & Ellen Gerson & their children, Harris and Aaron, in honor of the congregation
 Seth & Linda Horowitz in honor of the 20th anniversary of Seth's Bar Mitzvah
 Fred Kenvin in honor of his future bride, Vivian Sun
 Samuel & Francine Klagsbrun in memory of Francine's mother, Anna Lifton, on her yahrzeit
 Ted & Eva Lazarus in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Shira
 Mark Lowenthal in honor of his marriage to Georgina Rhodes and their aufruff
 Herbert Lukashok and Judith Spitzer in honor of their engagement
 Frederick and Martha Mendelsohn in memory of her father, Arnold Neustadter
 David Nir, with thanks to Jeremy Posner for pulling his paper out of the electronic vortex.
 Yehuda Nir & Bonnie Maslin in honor of Frieda Maslin's acceptance to graduate school
 Paul Posner and Terry Krulwich in honor of Mickey Krulwich's milestone birthday
 Daniel & Suzan Rosen in honor of the naming of their daughter Leilah Zahri
 Arthur Rosenbloom & Evelyn Kenvin in memory of Evelyn's brother, Peter Billig, on his yahrzeit
 Jerome & Linda Spitzer in memory of his father, Harry Spitzer, on his yahrzeit
 Bernard & Leah Tolpin in memory of her parents, Sheindel and Israel Halevi Unger

Contributions

Dr. and Mrs. Steven Abramson in memory of Judge Sidney Squire
 Jeanette Brizel
 Edward & Cynthia Brodsky in memory of her father, Jacob Donner, on his yahrzeit
 Shelton & Hope Brooks, in memory of Judge Sidney Squire
 Roger & Helen Ferszt in memory of his father, Samuel Ferszt
 Glenn, Zella & Susanna Goldfinger in memory of Bunia Eisenbruch, mother of Ran Eisenbruch
 Glenn, Zella & Susanna Goldfinger in honor of the engagement and forthcoming marriage of John Spergel, Marty and Shelly Spergel's son
 Glenn, Zella & Susanna Goldfinger on the birth of Victoria Spero, daughter of Marc Spero and Lavern Sullivan
 Glenn, Zella & Susanna Goldfinger in honor of the birth of Michelle and Carl Schaerf's daughter, Emily
 Glenn, Zella & Susanna Goldfinger in memory of Justo Velez-Cruz, Julio Velez' father
 Santley & Rita Isquith in memory of Judge Sidney Squire
 Stuart & Miriam Kingoff and daughter in memory of Judge Sidney Squire
 Robert & Helen Kravitz in memory of Judge Sidney Squire
 Bernard & Frances Laterman in memory of his mother, Sarah Laterman, on her yahrzeit
 Yehuda Nir & Bonnie Maslin in memory of the mother of Amy and Monty Farber
 Yehuda Nir & Bonnie Maslin in memory of Julio Velez' father, Justo Velez-Cruz
 Yehuda Nir & Bonnie Maslin in memory of Bunia Eisenbruch, Ran Eisenbruch's mother
 Marilyn Moss in memory of her father, Emil Moss, on his yahrzeit
 Park Avenue Religious School sec-

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ond graders, in memory of Judge Sidney Squire, grandfather of their classmate, Andrew Squire

Donald & Ellen Simon in memory of her father, Herman B. Perlman, and his father, Milton R. Simon, on their yahrzeits

Donald & Ellen Simon in memory of her mother, Jeanne Perlman

Raymond & Johanna Sokolov

Jerome & Linda Spitzer in memory of Julio Velez' father, Justo Velez-Cruz

Bernard & Leah Tolpin in memory of Morris Sobel, Natalie Sobel's father

Bernard & Leah Tolpin in honor of the 50th anniversary of Yaakov Shechter's Bar Mitzvah

Martin J. Warmbrand, in memory of Judge Sidney Squire

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Kirk & Susan Smirnoff refuah shlema for Noah Zachary

All contributions listed were received on or before March 31st. Capital Campaign contributions are not listed.

We Welcome New Member

Sharon Strassfeld

Book Club to Meet May 1st

On Wednesday, May 1st, at 7:45 p.m. We will be discussing Daniel Goldhagen's important book, *Hitler's Willing Executioners*. Yehuda Nir will be leading the discussion. The meeting will be held at the home of Laura Resnikoff.

Please plan on attending this discussion of what Josef Joffe of *The New York Review of Books*, called a "Brilliant contribution" to literature on the Holocaust.

This book is available at Barnes & Noble and other bookstores, both in paperback and hardcover. It is also available in the Public Library.

TakePart in Or Zarua's Pesah Meal Match

If you are able to make room at your table, or would like to be a guest for the first Pesah Seder, Monday, April 21st, please fill out this form and return it to Enid Menzies at the Or Zarua office, 1384 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10128; or fax it to: (212) 410-2137

Yes, I would like to be a (GUEST) (HOST) (circle one)

GUESTS: Are you planning to bring children? YES NO (circle one)

How many, and what ages? _____

HOSTS: How many people will you host? _____

Do you have any children? _____

How many and what ages? _____

Do you welcome children as guest? _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Best time to call: _____

Schedule of Passover Services

Monday, April 21

Erev of Passover

Shaharit

7:30 a.m.

Maariv

6:00 p.m.

Candlelighting

7:23 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22

First Day of Passover

Shaharit

9:00 a.m.

Maariv

7:30 p.m.

Candlelighting

8:23 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23

Second Day of Passover

Shaharit

9:00 a.m.

Festival ends

8:34 p.m.

Friday, April 25

Kabbalat Shabbat

6:00 p.m.

Candlelighting

7:27 p.m.

Saturday, April 26

Hol Hamoed Pesah

Shaharit

9:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 27

Maariv

6:00 p.m.

Candlelighting

7:28 p.m.

Monday, April 28

7th Day of Passover

Shaharit

9:00 a.m.

Maariv

6:00 p.m.

Candlelighting

8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29

8th Day of Passover

Shaharit

9:00 a.m.

Festival ends

8:30 p.m.

All services to be held at the synagogue, except the evening of Tuesday, April 22, which will take place at Kehilath Jeshurun.

Hazamir Chorus (con't)

that for the first time in my choral history I felt comfortable enough to sing a solo-- at the Hazamir Winter Festival in Philadelphia. I sang the melody to a song Matti had arranged, Ten Shabbat v'Ten Shalom.

Hazamir has had a wonderful impact on my life; I've made a whole slew of new friends from different backgrounds and there is a sense of open naturalness to the group dynamic because of the bond singing creates. And as if that weren't enough, through Hazamir, I have also had the opportunity to sing at such events as the Jerusalem 3000 concert at Avery Fisher Hall last spring, with Naomi Shemer, an Israeli "national treasure" and singer/songwriter. Hearing her play the piano and sing the first, few simple words of "Al Kol Eileh", and then hearing my own voice join in the chorus, I found myself crying. I was not surprised that after "Yerushalayim shel Zahav," the whole audience seemed to be weeping.

We will be performing on April 14th at Francine Klagsbrun's book signing at Barnes & Noble at 83rd Street and Broadway, so look for us there.

by *Susanna Goldfinger*

Enjoy the Second Seder with Congregation Or Zarua

Our Seder will be held on Tuesday, April 22 at RAMAZ Lower School. It starts at 8:30 p.m., immediately after the services at Kehilath Jeshurun, which begin at 7:30 p.m. The Seder will be led by Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler. We invite you, your family and friends to share this wonderful evening with us. The cost is \$60.00 per adult and for children 12 and over; \$40 per child 6 through 11; and no charge for children under 6.

If you would like to make a reservation, please fill out and return the form given below. Your reservation and check must be received by Monday, April 14.

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Name: _____

Please reserve _____ spaces at the second Seder. There will be _____ adults (ages 12 and over) at \$60 each and _____ children (ages 6-11) at \$40 each in our party. In addition, there will be _____ children (ages 5 and under) at no charge.

If possible, we would like
to be seated with _____

Enclosed please find my check made to Congregation Or Zarua in the amount of \$ _____

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