



# OR ZARUA newsletter

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## ***Tisha B'Av Services to be Held on Monday August 11th at 8:00 p.m.***

Tisha B'Av, the ninth of Av, falls on Tuesday, August 12. Or Zarua will mark this solemn day with services on Monday evening, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Maariv services will commence at 8:00 p.m., followed by a reading of Eichah (Lamentations) and Kinot.

Tisha B'Av marks the date of the destruction of the first Temple, in 3338, and the second Temple in 3828. The date also commemorates the capture of Beitar and the defeat of Bar Kochba by the Romans 52 years later. Some also connect the date with another tragedy of the Jewish people, the expulsion from Spain in 1492. Although the expulsion edict set the date for the last Jews to leave (or convert) for July 31<sup>st</sup>, an extension of two days, to August 2<sup>nd</sup>, brought it to the Ninth of Av. (Kitov, III, p. 229)

Tisha B'Av is a fast day. (For those fasting, the fast begins at 7:59 p.m. on Monday and concludes at 8:43 p.m. on Tuesday.) Among the prohibitions of the day are eating, drinking, washing (except upon awakening and for hygienic purposes), and applying ointments. Many of the traditional prohibitions correspond to prohibitions of Yom Kippur, such as not wearing leather

shoes and not having marital relations. Learning Torah is forbidden as it gladdens the heart. (Continued on Page 6)

## **Selihot Services Will be Held on Saturday Night, September 27.**

Summer is drawing to a close, Tisha B'Av has arrived, and that means that the High Holy days are not far behind. Even given that this is a leap year, and therefore the High Holy days are later than usual, it is not far off. Rosh Hashanah is on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The month of Elul, which precedes Rosh Hashanah, is a period of repentance. Although there are different minhagim as to recitation of selihot, the traditional Ashkanazi custom is to recite selihot beginning with the first day of the week (Saturday evening) in which Rosh Hashanah falls, provided that four days are left before Rosh Hashanah. Or Zarua will have selihot services on Saturday evening, September 27<sup>th</sup>. At 9:00 p.m. Rabbi Wechsler will lead study on Rav Kook's OROT HATESHUVAH (Lights of Repentance). Selihot services will follow at 10:00 p.m.

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## **TYPE O POSITIVE BLOOD DONORS NEEDED!**

The 15 month-old son of one of our members is facing heart surgery, September 16. If you have blood type O Positive and are willing to donate blood on

Friday, September 12 (the only day possible for use in relation to this surgery), please call Enid Menzies at the Or Zarua office: 410-6041.



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## Rabbi Shulman to Lead Classes on Beginner's Hebrew and "The Geography and Choreography of the High Holy Day Mahzor"

A beginner's Hebrew crash reading course will be offered at Or Zarua on Monday through Thursday evenings, September 15, 16, 17 and 18, and September 22, 23, 24 and 25, from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. No prior experience or background is necessary.

A course in the "Geography and Choreography of the High Holy Day Mahzor" will also be offered at Or Zarua on Monday through

Thursday evenings, September 15-18 and 22-25, from 8:15 to 9:15 P.M.

Both courses will be taught by Rabbi Stephen Shulman, staff chaplain of the Health Care Chaplaincy and the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Rabbi Shulman has been teaching classes in Hebrew reading, siddur, and the Passover haggadah at Or Zarua since 1992.

## Or Zarua's Fame Spans the Globe

### Or Zarua Hebrew School News

Preparations are currently being made for 1997-98 Hebrew School year. This coming year we will offer the following classes: Alef, Bet, 2 Gimmel classes, Hey, Vav, and Zion. Classes are for students ranging in age from 6 to 14 years old. Registration for the school year is presently closed, and we expect to have approximately 50 students enrolled this year! The first day of Hebrew School is Monday, September 15th for Zion students; Tuesday, September 16th for Bet, Gimmel, Hey and Vav students; and Thursday, September 18th for Alef students. For further information, please contact the synagogue office. We look forward to a successful and productive school year!

*Michelle Schaerf*  
 Educational Director

We thought you might be interested in this e-mail that the congregation recently received at the Or Zarua website:

"Although I live in Syracuse, New York, I have enjoyed attending Or Zarua during my occasional visits to New York City, generally around Thanksgiving or Christmas. I wish we had a traditional egalitarian congregation like yours in Syracuse (where they are either traditional non-egalitarian or egalitarian nontraditional). I thought that you might like to know that (in addition to Friday night davening) the name of your congregation seems to keep coming up in discussions of Jewish life in NYC.

"For example, I am presently visiting the University of Meunster in Germany, and met a fellow Jew, Dr. Jonathan Bakin, and guess what, he attended Or Zarua! So Jewish geography strikes again, and Or Zarua is now being discussed around the world. I also understand that the daughter of a

fellow Syracusan attends your congregation. Coincidences no doubt, but perhaps statistically significant that I keep running into Or Zarua."

Remember to visit our website at [www.orzarua.org](http://www.orzarua.org).

### Congratulations To

Mark & Joanne Ashley on the April 6th birth of their daughter, Rebecca Michal  
 Peter Ezzard & Abby Altman on the June 7th birth of their daughter, Sarah  
 Morris & Fiona Markel on the June 18th birth of their son, Joseph Max  
 Martin & Rochelle Spergel on the June 24th birth in Princeton, NJ, of their granddaughter, Sarah Fiona, daughter of David & Laura Spergel

### Condolences To

Susan Blumstein on the death of her mother, Lillian Z. Bender  
 Rozlyn Coleman on the death of her father, Morgan Coleman  
 Jonathan David on the death of his father, Rabbi Arthur David  
 Jack Less on the death of his brother, Morris Less  
 Steven Magid on the death of his mother, Edith Magid  
 Barry Weintraub on the death of his father, William Weintraub  
 Ellen Gerson on the death of her stepfather, Daniel Karlin

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## August

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 7:52 p.m. Candle Lighting	2 6:52 p.m. Minhah/Seudah Shlisht/Maariv Motto/Massey
3	4	5	6	7	8 7:43 p.m. Candle Lighting	9 9 a.m. Shahrut, D'varim Shabbat Hazon
10	11 8 p.m. Tisha B'Av Service	12 Tisha B'Av	13	14	15 7:34 p.m. Candle Lighting	16 9 a.m. Shahrut, Va'et'hanan Shabbat Nahamu
17	18	19	20	21	22 7:24 p.m. Candle Lighting	23 9 a.m. Shahrut, Ekev
24	25	26	27	28	29 7:13 p.m. Candle Lighting	30 9 a.m. Shahrut, Re'eh
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## September

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
					7:02 p.m. Candle Lighting	9 a.m. Shaharit, Shoflim
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					6:50 p.m. Candle Lighting	6:02 p.m. Minhah/Seudah Shilshit/Maariv
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
7:30 p.m. Book Club	Hebrew School Begins Zion Class 7 p.m. Beginners Hebrew Course 8:15 p.m. Geography & Choreography of HHD Mahzor	Hebrew School Begins Bet, Gimmel, Hey & Vav Classes 7 p.m. Beginners Hebrew Course 8:15 p.m. Geography & Choreography of HHD Mahzor	7 p.m. Beginners Hebrew Course 8:15 p.m. Geography & Choreography of HHD Mahzor	Hebrew School Begins Alef Class 7 p.m. Beginners Hebrew Course 8:15 p.m. Geography & Choreography of HHD Mahzor	6:38 p.m. Candle Lighting	9 a.m. Shaharit, Ki Tavo
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	7 p.m. Beginners Hebrew Course 8:15 p.m. Geography & Choreography of HHD Mahzor	7 p.m. Beginners Hebrew Course 8:15 p.m. Geography & Choreography of HHD Mahzor	7 p.m. Beginners Hebrew Course 8:15 p.m. Geography & Choreography of HHD Mahzor	6-8 p.m. New Members Reception 7 p.m. Beginners Hebrew Course 8:15 p.m. Geog. & Chor. of HHD Mahzor	6:26 p.m. Candle Lighting	9 a.m. Shaharit, Nitzavim/Va'yaylekh 9 p.m. Rav Kook's Orot HaTeshuvah 10 p.m. Sellhot Service
28	29	30			<b>Please note:</b> <b>Erev Rosh Hashanah is October 1st</b>	

# Contributions

Edward & Harriet Abramson, in memory of her parents, Joseph & Rose Tillinger  
 Marc & Joanne Ashley, in honor of their children, Rebecca & Joshua  
 Solomon & Thelma Borodkin, Yizkor  
 Solomon & Thelma Borodkin, in honor of the birth of Marc & Joanne Ashley's daughter, Rebecca  
 Solomon & Thelma Borodkin, in honor of Susanna Goldfinger's graduation & Justin Goldfinger's return from Israel  
 Edward & Cynthia Brodsky, in memory of her mother, Dorothy Berger, on her *yahrzeit*  
 Ralph & Nancy Caulsen, in memory of Judge Sidney Squire  
 Marvin Cohen, in memory of Gertrude Weinstein  
 Riki Conway, in honor of the birth & naming of her granddaughter, Sophie Anna Zuriff  
 Florence Edelstein, Yizkor, in memory of her father, Meyer Ben Hersch Cohen  
 Roger & Helen Ferszt, in memory of Helen's father, Louis Karp  
 David & Carla Glasser, in memory of Steven Magid's mother, Edith Magid  
 Leon & Susan Heller, in memory of Susan's mother, Bella Windt, on her *yahrzeit*

Alice Heyman, in memory of her father, Oscar Heyman, on his *yahrzeit*  
 Howard & Helene Kenvin, in honor of their children, Fred & Vivian Kenvin, who were married 3/15/97  
 Jack & Rose Less  
 Zanel & Sylvia Liff, in loving memory of Sylvia's parents, Isidore Barchenko & Pearl Gottlieb Barchenko  
 Peter & Diana Lipton, visitors to Or Zarua, as a token of their appreciation  
 Herbert & Judith Lukashok, in appreciation of everything pertaining to their *aufuf* & wedding  
 Hannah Mallin, in memory of her husband, Edward, on his *yahrzeit*  
 Enid Menzies, *refuah shlemah* for her sister-in-law, Marcia Stenn  
 Yehuda Nir & Bonnie Maslin, in honor of Martin & Anna Rabinowitz, on the publication of Anna's book, *On the Site of Inside Out*  
 Diane Okrent, Shavuot Yizkor  
 Shirley Okrent, in memory of her husband, Meyer Okrent  
 Laura Resnikoff, in memory of Steven Magid's mother, Edith Magid  
 Laura Resnikoff, in honor of Rochelle Spergel's birthday  
 Bruce & Nancy Roberts, in appreciation

& pride on being members of Or Zarua  
 Carl & Michelle Schaerf, in appreciation & with thanks for daughter Emily's Simhat Ha-Bat  
 Reed & Anne Schneider, in honor of the birth of Hannah Ruth Cohen, daughter of Gerald Cohen & Elizabeth Brandwein  
 Reed & Anne Schneider, in honor of the birth of Ruth Chava Engel, daughter of Jonathan Engel & Rozlyn Coleman  
 Reed & Anne Schneider, in honor of the birth of Sarah Ezzard, daughter of Peter Ezzard & Abby Altman  
 Aaron Shelden, Shavuot Yizkor  
 Aaron Shelden & Diane Okrent, in memory of his father, Victor Shelden, on his *yahrzeit*  
 Reba Shelden, in memory of her husband, Victor Shelden, on his *yahrzeit*  
 Brad & Barbara Simon & Family  
 David & Elise Strauss, in memory of Steven Magid's mother, Edith Magid  
 William & Muriel Tannenbaum, in memory of Steven Magid's mother, Edith Magid  
 William & Muriel Tannenbaum, in honor of the naming of Michaela Ann Palmer, daughter of Jay & Lesley Palmer

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## Gift in Kind

Daniel & Alisa Doctoroff  
 Jay & Nancy Zises

## Designated Special Gift

Bernard & Ruth Zises

## Hesed Fund

Sam & Ruth Perelson  
 Herbert & Lorraine Shapiro  
 Herbert & Lorraine Shapiro, in memory of William Weintraub, father of Barry Weintraub  
 Lynda Wertheim

## Hesed Food Fund

Sam & Ellen Deutsch  
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 Barry & Judith Schneider  
 Reed & Anne Schneider, in memory of Reed's grandfather, Alfred Spitzer  
 Herbert & Lorraine Shapiro  
 Aaron Shelden & Diane Okrent, in memory of Steven Magid's mother, Edith Magid  
 Aaron Shelden & Diane Okrent, in memory of Barry Weintraub's father, William Weintraub  
 Lynda Wertheim

## Hesed Youth Fund

1996/97 Hebrew School Vav Class

## Hevra Kadisha Fund

Michael Jaffe  
 Jerome & Linda Spitzer, in memory of Edith Magid, Steven Magid's mother  
 Barry & Ethel Weintraub, in memory of his father, William Weintraub

## Kehilat Sinai Fund

Tess E. Katz

## Kiddush Fund

Marc & Joanne Ashely, in honor of the naming of their daughter, Rebecca  
 Donald & Robin Bernstein, in memory of Robin's mother, Bernice Axelrod, on her *yahrzeit*  
 Daniel & Ellen Birger, in honor of daughter Ruthie reading Musaf at 6/14 Shabbat service  
 Herbert & Marion Cohen, in honor of the naming of their granddaughter, Hannah Ruth Cohen, daughter of Gerald Cohen & Elizabeth Brandwein  
 Betty Goldberg, in memory of her son, Ariel

## Kiddush Fund (continued)

Philip & Catherine Pointelet Isaac, in honor of the birthdays of their daughters, Amital and Ortal  
 Samuel & Francine Klagsbrun & Robert & Helen Lifton, in memory of Fran & Robert's father, Benjamin Lifton, on his first *yahrzeit*  
 Rafael Kleiman & Natalie Sobel  
 Paul Posner & Terry Krulwich, in memory of their fathers, Harry Posner & Lester Krulwich, on their *yahrzeits*  
 Bruce Roberts & Nancy Bach, in honor of their *aufuf*  
 Yaakov & Roberta Schecter, in honor of the marriage of their daughter, Batsheva, to Lior Tzadok  
 Martin & Rochelle Spergel, in honor of the *aufuf* & marriage of their son, John, to Louise Alterman  
 Miriam Wallerstein, in honor of the naming of her granddaughters, Avery & Julia Wallerstein, born on May 3rd, to her son William & his wife, Meryl, daughter of Leonard & Harriet Mayer

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## Contributions (con't)

William & Muriel Tannenbaum, in honor of the naming of Carl & Michelle Schaerf's daughter, Emily  
 William & Muriel Tannenbaum, in honor of the birth of Martin & Rochelle Spergel's granddaughter, Sarah Fiona Spergel  
 William & Muriel Tannenbaum, in honor of the naming of Marc & Joanne Ashley's daughter, Rebecca Barry & Ethel Weintraub

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## Ma'ot Mittim Fund

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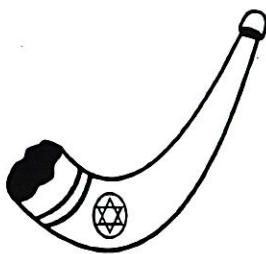
## Prayer Book Fund

Marvin Cohen, in memory of Peggy Schuloff

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Jay & Lesley Palmer, in honor of the naming of their daughter, Michaela  
 Janee Ries  
 Reed & Anne Schneider  
 Irving Shaprio

*All contributions listed were received on or before July 30, 1997. Capital Campaign contributions are not listed.*



## Shofar Blower Needed

New York Hospital is looking for a shofar blower for this Rosh Hashanah. Are you able or would you like to learn?

Call Rabbi Wechsler at the Or Zarua office, (212)410-6041

## We Welcome New Members

Robert & Wendy Diller Brill  
 Laurence Friedman  
 Simon & Janet Katz  
 Fred & Vivian Kenvin  
 Joan Regen  
 Lawrence Rusoff & Leslie Fear  
 Andre & Barbara Sassoon  
 Gloria Schamis  
 Charles Spieholz & Sharon Seiler  
 Herbert Weinstein & Wendy Schriber

## Tisha B'Av Services

(Continued)

On Monday evening, after Maariv, we will read Eichah (Lamentations). At the end of Eichah, we repeat the second -to-last verse, hashivenu . . . , so as not to end on an unpleasant note. Eichah is, of course, the source for this phrase that is recited when the Torah is returned to the Ark during Shaharit. Tallit and tefillin are not worn during Shaharit on Tisha B'Av, but are worn instead for Minhah.

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