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OZ Prepares to Celebrate Purim

Purim arrives on Saturday evening, March 22. Or Zarua will celebrate with evening services and the reading of the Megillah on Saturday evening, starting at 7 p.m. We will continue with services on Sunday morning at 9 a.m. We will close out the festivities with a Purim Shpiel and celebration on Sunday beginning immediately after the morning services. All services and events will take place at the Synagogue.

This year, 5757, is a leap year, which means a double month of Adar during February and March 1997. The weeks leading up to Purim are marked by Shabbat Shekalim (March 8), followed by Shabbat Zachor, two weeks later on March 22. Purim begins Saturday evening, March 22. On Shabbat Zachor two torahs are taken from the ark. In addition to the regular sedrah read from the first sefer, we read the section from the second that begins "Remember what Amalek did to you" (Devarim 25), from which the Shabbat gets its name of

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Rabbi Wechsler Receives Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from JTS

On November 6, 1996, Rabbi Wechsler was honored with a Doctor of Divinity degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary. The convocation honoring the members of the Conservative Rabbinate opened with a message from JTS Chancellor Ismar Schorsch. Rabbi Wechsler was sponsored by Dr. Samuel C. Klagsbrun and presented by Dr. Neil Gillman, who had the following to say about the rabbi:

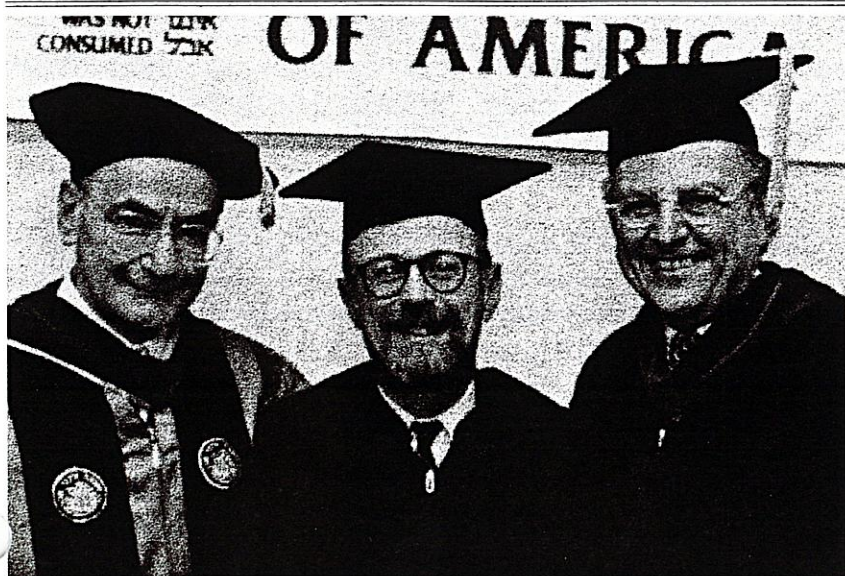
"You are the founding rabbi of Congregation Or Zarua which has become one of Manhattan's most dynamic Conservative congregations, a center of serious Jewish study on matters as diverse as rabbinic literature and modern Hebrew poetry. You also serve as Visiting Assistant Professor at this Seminary where you teach courses in Jewish ethics and the history of Jewish thought. Your highly regarded book, *What's So Bad About Guilt?*, has appeared in paperback and the Rabbinical Assembly has recently published the first two chapters of your commentary on the Talmudic tractate Berakhot.

"The Jewish community wisely regards you as an authority on the practical problems of medical thought as manifested in your heading the Medical Ethics Committee of UJA-Federation of New York. In seeking new methods of healing the seriously ill – in spirit as well as in body – you have served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital Chaplaincy, an interfaith center which trains chaplains for the major hospitals of New York City.

"As congregation leader, scholar and communal worker and teacher, you have fulfilled most felicitously the exacting demands of the rabbinic craft."

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Pictured above from left to right: Chancellor Schorsch, Rabbi Wechsler and Dr. Klagsbrun

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Or Zarua Hebrew School News:

The Hebrew School has just finished its Tu B'Shevat celebrations. Each of the classes participated in their own Tu B'Shevat Seder and tasted a variety of fruits and nuts in honor of the occasion. Additionally, our Vav class made another trip to New York Hospital with the Youth Hesed group and visited the children from the Pediatric Unit. Our youngest children in the congregation were able to participate in a special Tu B'Shevat program this year. Children came to the Or Zarua Synagogue and had a chance to experience Tu B'Shevat through vegetable sculptures, vegetable mosaics, and vegetable printing. The children had a wonderful morning together, and the program concluded with a Tu B'Shevat story and Kiddush.

With the start of the Hebrew School semester, students are continuing with their scheduled studies. The teachers spent the winter vacation planning for some new innovative ways to convey the curriculum to the students. For

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Or Zarua Youth Hesed

Or Zarua Youth Hesed ("OZYH") is off to an extremely successful start, thanks in large part to "shidduch" between the Or Zarua Religious School Vav Class and our long-time OZYH friends. On December 5th, OZYHers met in the New York Hospital Chapel to kick-off our First Night of Channukah Bikur Cholim visit.

The evening began with candle lighting (and a number of curious and proud onlookers) in the 68th Street entrance lobby. We then proceeded to the Pediatrics Unit, accompanied by the Jewish Chaplain, Rabbi Stephen Roberts, to wish Happy Birthday and Happy Channukah to a hospitalized 16 year old boy. The group then split into four smaller groups to visit children of all ages on three pediatrics floors. We read books, colored, played board games, and gave out dreidels. Several OZYHers quite ably assisted nursing staff by feeding dinner to patients and even changing diapers of hospitalized infants.

One highlight of the evening was the productive "give and take" with two adorable boys from the United Arab Emirates. OZYH members taught the boys (and their doctor) the game of dreidel. In return, we learned how to write Arabic numerals and to play Nintendo. The evening ended with the group and adult chaperones processing the various experiences and feelings about the evening.

Since Channukah, OZYH members have met twice for "Pizza and Planning" Meetings. In addition, on Tu B'Shevat, (January 23rd), we visited our friends at New York Hospital. This time, we brought a message of hope by giving children bean seeds, which they could watch grow, even after discharge from the hospital.

On Shabbat afternoon, February

Special Talmud Class with Professor Halivni of Columbia University

On Wednesday, February 26, 1997, Professor David Weiss-Halivni, noted Talmudic scholar and professor at Columbia University, will teach a special Talmud class at the Synagogue.

Professor Halivni is the author of the recently published *The Sword and The Book*, an account of his personal experiences in the camps during the Holocaust and his unique method of Talmud study, known as the "critical method." Professor Halivni will teach a lesson which will illustrate the "critical method," of which he is the originator and which is of great current interest. This class is not limited to the regular attendees of the weekly Talmud class, and all are invited to attend. It will begin at 8 p.m.

1st, several members of OZYH read Torah at the shul's monthly mincha service. Other members came to support their friends. We hope to participate in future services.

We are happy to report that our relationship with New York Hospital continues to grow. Rabbi Roberts, Jewish Chaplain at New York Hospital, has invited us to help deliver Mishloach Manot on Purim (Sunday March 23rd), and to give out invitations to the Hospital Passover Seder. Members of OZYH may even help lead the Hospital Seder (Tentatively scheduled for April 21st from 2:30-4:00 p.m.) All Congregation Or Zarua teens will receive additional mailings about these events. If you are not receiving OZYH mailings, please call Howard Blas at 472-5820 for additional information.

| 1997 | | February | | | | | 1997 |
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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT | |
| | | | | | | 1 Parshat Yitro 3:52 pm Minhah/Seudah Shlishit/Maariv | |
| 2 7:30 pm Book Club | 3 7:30-9 pm Guide to the Siddur & Services Class | 4 | 5 8 pm 8th Annual Dawidowicz Lecture | 6 | 7 | 8 Parshat Mishpatim Shabbat Class: Dalet, Hey & Vav | |
| 9 | 10 7:30 pm Final Guide to the Siddur & Services Class | 11 | 12 8-9:30pm Talmud Class | 13 Siddur Presen- tation to Bet Class | 14 CANDLELIGHTING 5:09 pm | 15 Parshat Terumah | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 <i>School closed/ President's week</i> | 19 8-9:30pm Talmud Class | 20 <i>School closed/ President's week</i> | 21 CANDLELIGHTING 5:18 pm | 22 Parshat Tetzaveh | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 8-9:30pm Learn- ing with Professor Halivni, Talmudic scholar & professor at Columbia, teaches a special session | 27 | 28 CANDLELIGHTING 5:26 pm | | |

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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | | | 1 Parshat <i>Kee Tissa</i> 4:26pm Minhah/Seudah Shlishit/Maariv |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 8-9:30pm Talmud Class | 6 | 7 CANDLELIGHTING 5:34 pm | 8 Parshat <i>Vayakhel</i> Shabbat Shekalim <i>Shabbat Class:</i> <i>Dalet, Hey &</i> <i>Vav</i> |
| 9 Rosh Hodesh Adar II 7:30pm Book Club (call office for location) Evan Zimroth: <i>Gang-</i> <i>sters: A Love Story</i> | 10 Rosh Hodesh Adar II 7:30-9 pm Haggadah Class | 11 | 12 8-9:30pm Talmud Class | 13 | 14 CANDLELIGHTING 5:41 pm | 15 Parshat <i>Pekude</i> |
| 16 | 17 7:30-9 pm Haggadah Class | 18 | 19 8-9:30pm Talmud Class | 20 <i>School Purim</i> <i>Celebration</i> | 21 CANDLELIGHTING 5:49 pm | 22 Parshat <i>Vayikra</i> Shabbat Zachor 7pm Purim Service and celebration |
| 23 9am Purim Service Purim Shpiel and celebration after service | 24 7:30-9 pm Haggadah Class | 25 | 26 8-9:30pm Talmud Class | 27 | 28 CANDLELIGHTING 5:54 pm | 29 Parshat <i>Tzav</i> Shabbat Parah |
| 30 | 31 7:30-9 pm Haggadah Class | | | | | Bar Mitzvah/ Ben Gliklich |

OZ Celebrates Purim (*con't*) Shabbat Zachor. There are four mitzvot prescribed for Purim: the reading of the Megillah, festivity and rejoicing, the mutual sending of food gifts, and gifts to the poor. The Megillah will be read both on Saturday evening and on Sunday morning. While it is a positive commandment to read the Megillah, one can fulfill the obligation by hearing the Megillah read. Or Zarua will fill the second of the commandments of Purim, festivity and rejoicing, with its Purim Shpiel and Brunch Party on Sunday, March 23, as well as with our normal festivity of the evening service and reading on Saturday evening. We fulfill the third of the four commandments of Purim by mishloach manot ("the sending of gifts to one another"). The gift must consist of at least two "portions" to fulfill this mitzvah. Only what is considered edible or drinkable without further cooking or preparation is considered a "portion." (E. Kitov, *The Book of Our Heritage* (1978).)

In his book (actually an anti-Jewish attack), *Derekh Emunah* (The Way of

Faith), the 17th-Century converso Giulio Morosini, whose real name was Samuel Nahmias, described the secular part of the celebration of Purim in the Venetian Ghetto in the following terms:

"Now let us look at another celebration at Purim, held outside the synagogue with rejoicing and festivities. The young people play at Bullfighting, using oxen and other animals, and in the evening married men too, and married and unmarried women don masks and go visiting their friends and relatives, where they dine and dance. This is how they do in Venice, and it is called the Jewish Carnival, and indeed there is not much difference, for our own Christians also celebrate Carnival there, although it does not end on the same day. The day before Purim, that is the 13th of the month of Adar, which comes in February or March, the Jews fast in the usual way . . . in memory of Esther's fast during the persecution of Haman, which ended with his tragic death as we fully read in the sacred Book . . ." (R. Calimani, *The Ghetto of Venice A History*, p. 196 (1985).)

Hebrew School News (*con't*) example, our Vav students are starting a unit on biomedical ethics, while our Alef students are completing their study of the Alef Bet letters and vowels. Additionally, Rabbi Wechsler is spending some time over the next few months visiting each of the classes and discussing various topics with the students (mezuzah, Israel and an "ask the Rabbi session").

Believe it or not, students are also looking forward to our Hebrew School Passover Candy Sale which began on February 3rd. Additionally, our younger classes are preparing for a trip to a Matzah Factory where they will learn about the process of making matzah. Stay tuned for more details in the next few months.

Michelle Schaerf

**Or Zarua Annual
2nd Seder Night
Tuesday, April 22, 1997
Save the Date!**

PROFESSOR ROBERT WISTRICH GIVES ANNUAL LUCY DAWIDOWICZ LECTURE

On February 5, 1997, Professor Robert Wistrich gave the annual Lucy Dawidowicz lecture to mark the eighth anniversary of Congregation Or Zarua. The topic of the lecture was "Zionism at its Centennial: Has it achieved its founders' hopes?" 1997 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the First Zionist Congress in Basel. Professor Wistrich gave a fascinating overview of the goals and ideology of Zionism at its outset, 100 years ago, and how those goals and ideology have changed in the ensuing years, particularly since the inception of Israel. He also discussed the development of Anti-Zionism and Post-Zionism, and the future role of Zionism in Israel.

Professor Wistrich holds the Neuberger Chair of Modern European and Jewish History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He was

previously the first incumbent of the Jewish Chronicle Chair of Jewish Studies at University College London and has been a visiting Professor at Oxford University and at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes in Paris. He is the author and editor of 15 books and many important articles which have appeared worldwide in academic journals and intellectual forums.

Several of his books have won international prizes: *Socialism and the Jews: the Dilemmas of Assimilation in Germany and Austria-Hungary* (Oxford 1982) won the James Parkes Prize in Jerusalem in 1985. *Antisemitism: The Longest Hatred* (Pantheon, New York 1992, hardcover/Schocken, New York 1994, paperback) won the United Kingdom Wingate Prize for Non-Fiction in 1992. And his book *The Jews of Vienna in the Age of Franz Joseph*

(Oxford, 1989) won the Viznitzer Prize in Israel for the best book on Jewish History in 1990 and the Anton Gindely Austrian State Prize for Danubian History in 1992. It has been translated into Italian (Rizzoli, Milan, 1994) and a German translation is pending.

Professor Wistrich conceived, wrote and edited the critically acclaimed three-hour PBS documentary on the history of anti-Semitism--*The Longest Hatred*--which has been screened worldwide; was a major collaborator and historical advisor in the BBC Channel Four Film--*Good Morning, Mr. Hitler*--also shown on the Discovery Channel in the USA; and has just written and co-directed an innovative educational documentary for British Schools entitled, *Understanding the Holocaust*. He is currently working on a history of Anti-Zionism.

OR ZARUA'S MITZVAH DAY SET FOR SUNDAY APRIL 6, 1997

For a number of years, Or Zarua, through the Hesed Committee, has provided dinner each Monday night to approximately 70 residents of a single room occupancy building on East 81st Street operated by the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter, Inc.

The Coalition began as a coalition of religious institutions, civic groups and individuals concerned with assisting the homeless. For the past sixteen years, the Coalition has provided programs to meet needs in the changing demographics of homeless people in the community. They have a formal service plan to guide homeless individuals through development leading to independence and permanent housing.

The Hesed Committee, in conjunction with the Neighborhood Coalition, will be sponsoring a Mitzvah Day on Sunday April 6, 1997. Members of the Or Zarua community will spend part of that day at the Neighborhood Coalition's East 77 Street Center. We will be performing a

number of mitzvahs that day. This will include preparing and serving brunch for the shelter's residents. We will also escort residents out of the Coalition's facility to events such as museum visits, movies, or other cultural events.

We also will have the opportunity to entertain the residents with musical performances by our members.

Additionally, we will organize a clothing drive to deliver much needed clothing and supplies to the Coalition residents on Mitzvah Day.

The Talmud teaches us that acts of kindness have no prescribed measure and that a person enjoys the fruits of acts of kindness in this world and that the principal remains intact in the world to come. We are also taught that "you are to love the stranger; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

Mitzvah Day is a new opportunity for our Or Zarua community to perform these acts of kindness to benefit those who are less fortunate in our greater community.

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Hesed Committee Seeks Volunteers for Interfaith Neighbors, Inc.

Interfaith Neighbors, Inc. is a community agency located on East 82nd Street dedicated to working with early adolescents ages 10 to 15 years. The Agency provides counseling, education and recreation services through a variety of programs for teenagers in Yorkville and East Harlem.

Or Zarua, through the Hesed Committee, would like to provide two services to Interfaith Neighbors. First, volunteers are needed in its after-school center to become a mentor or tutor. The agency provides orientation, training and ongoing support for mentors and tutors.

Second, Or Zarua would like to appoint one of its members to Interfaith Neighbors' counsel of representatives. This counsel meets monthly to raise funds for the agency, helps to plan events and acts as the liaison between Interfaith and its sponsoring religious institutions.

Anyone interested in more information regarding the mentor/tutor program, or who would be interested in being nominated to Interfaith's counsel of representatives should call Donald Bernstein at (212) 593-5050

Contributions

Marc & Joanne Ashley
 Sy & Dorothy Banner, in honor of Sam Klagsbrun
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 Robert & Wendy Diller Brill, in honor of the naming of their daughter, Natalya
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 Leon & Susan Heller, in memory of his brother, Harold Heller, on his yahrzeit
 Leon & Susan Heller, in memory of his father, Max Heller, on his yahrzeit
 Dore Hollander, in memory of her father, Meyer

Hollander, on his yahrzeit
 Mel Ilberman
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 Carol Judelson, in memory of her husband, Stephen B. Judelson
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 David Kogut, refuah shlema of Noah Zachary
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 Helen Lifton, in gratitude for prayers for members of her family
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 Charles & Deborah Olstein, in memory of Morris Sobel, Natalie Sobel's father
 Laura Resnikoff, with mazel tov to Marty & Rochelle Spergel for their son's engagement and to Yaakov & Roberta Shechter for their two daughters' marriages, with happy birthday wishes to Susanna Goldfinger, and with thanks to Mort Schwartz
 Seth & Rose Rowland, in honor of Rabbi Wechsler
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 Morton & Evelyn Schwartz
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 Reba Shelden, Shemini Atzeret Yizkor

Reba Shelden, Kaporet Beit
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 Jerome & Linda Spitzer, in honor of the 23rd wedding anniversary of Yehuda Nir and Bonnie Maslin
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 Peter Gruenberger & Carin Lamm, in honor of their aufruf and 1/14/97 marriage
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 Michael Jaffe, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of his daughter, Elana
 Alan & Yafa Nadel, in memory of his father, Bernard Nadel, on his yahrzeit
 Yehuda Nir & Bonnie Maslin, in honor of their 23rd wedding anniversary, the one Yehuda missed and the one he made
 Laura Resnikoff, in memory of her mother, Joy Hellman Resnikoff, on her yahrzeit
 Philip Schatten & Cheryl Fishbein in memory of Cheryl's mother, Adele Fishbein, on her yahrzeit
 Yaakov & Roberta Shechter, in honor of the aufruf and 8/3/96 wedding of their daughter, Mikal, to Brad Finkelstein
 Mark & Lynn Somerstein, in honor of Mark's birthday
 David & Elise Strauss, in honor of children Helene & Jonathan reading from the Torah Talmud Class, in honor of Rabbi Wechsler
 Bernard & Leah Tolpin, in honor of the birth of their grandsons

Kol Nidre Appeal Update

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 Jerry & Linda Spitzer, in honor of the birth of Miriam Wallerstein's granddaughters
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We Welcome New Members

Shelley Binder
Jonathan Engel & Rozlyn Coleman
Mel Ilberman
Julie Ratner
Helen Wargotz

Special Class on the Passover Haggadah

Rabbi Stephen H. Shulman will teach a five-session class on the "Geography and Choreography of the Passover Haggadah." The class is designed to teach what is in the Haggadah, how it holds together, and how one can lead a more intelligent seder. The first class is on March 10. Subsequent sessions are on March 17, 24, 31 and April 14. All classes will run from 7:30 - 9 p.m. and will take place at the Synagogue.

Condolences To

Gerald Cohen on the death of his grandfather, Barnett Cohen
Henry Michelman on the death of his mother, Hannah Michelman
Norman Podhoretz and Sharon Morris on the death of their mother and aunt, respectively, Helen Podhoretz
Susan Smirnoff on the death of her mother, Barbara Smirnoff
Natalie Sobel on the death of her father, Morris Louis Sobel
Helen Squire on the death of her husband, Judge Sidney Squire, and Walter & Sara Squire on the death of his father
Bill Tannenbaum on the death of his brother, Philip
Alan Weick on the death of his father, Robert Irving Weick

Congratulations To

Sally Brooks on the engagement of her son, Andrew, to Amy Kreiger. An April 6th wedding is planned.
Robert & Sarah Fitts, on the 11/4/96 birth of their son, Benjamin Nathan
Betsy Gould on her engagement to Alan Bomser.
Peter Gruenberger and Carin Lamm on their 1/4/97 marriage.
Neal Kozodoy on the December 29 marriage of his daughter, Sarah, to Vitali Penso.
Judd Kruger Livingston & Hillary Kruger on the 10/10/96 birth of their daughter, Miranda
Herbert Lukashok and Judith Spitzer on their engagement. A June 1 wedding is planned.
Esther Panitz, on being asked to be a member of the official People to People Ambassadors delegation which will go to the Republic of China the end of May. The group will go to different universities to study language, literature and rhetoric.
Bruce Roberts, on his engagement to Nancy Bach. They plan to be married 6/7/96.
Yaakov and Roberta Shechter on the marriage of their daughter, Batsheva, to Lior Tzadok.
Martin & Rochelle Spengel on the engagement of their son, John, to Louise Alterman. An April 6th wedding is planned.
Bernard & Leah Tolpin on the birth of their grandchildren
Leonard & Harriet Mayer and to Miriam Wallerstein on the birth of their granddaughter
Evan Zimroth on receiving the National Jewish Book Award for fiction for her book *Gangsters*

Mitzah Day, April 6th (con't)

Specific information on this special day will be mailed out later. In the meantime, please make sure that you save the date, Sunday April 6, 1997 for Or Zarua's Mitzvah Day. Anyone interested in assisting in organizing this event should call Donald Bernstein at home 212-316-5270, or leave a message for him at the Or Zarua office.

Or Zarua Youth Hesed (con't)

On Shabbat afternoon, February 1st, several members of OZYH read Torah at the shul's monthly mincha service. Other members came to support their friends. We hope to participate in future services.

We are happy to report that our relationship with New York Hospital continues to grow. Rabbi Roberts, Jewish Chaplain at New York Hospital, has invited us to help deliver Mishloach Manot on Purim (Sunday March 23rd), and to give out invitations to the Hospital Passover Seder. Members of OZYH may even help lead the Hospital Seder (Tentatively scheduled for April 21st from 2:30-4:00 p.m.) All Congregation Or Zarua teens will receive additional mailings about these events. If you are not receiving OZYH mailings, please call Howard Blas at 472-5820 for additional information.

*Don't Forget Congregation Or Zarua's
First Purim Shpiel
on Sunday March 23rd at about 11 am
(after the Megillah is Read)
Food & Drink will be Served after the Purim Shpiel*

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