



ELEVENTH BIRTHDAY PARTY TO TAKE PLACE FEBRUARY 7th

Dr. Vivian Mann to Deliver Lucy Dawidowicz Memorial Lecture

On March 7, 1994, we celebrated our fifth birthday at the Jewish Museum. Since then, our first home at 127 East 82nd Street has been the locale for our annual party. With that site now a hole in the ground, we're pleased to announce that on Monday, February 7, 2000, we will return to the Jewish Museum to celebrate the eleventh anniversary of our founding.

Dr. Vivian B. Mann will deliver the Lucy S. Dawidowicz Memorial Lecture, established at Or Zarua in memory of the great Jewish historian and writer Lucy Dawidowicz, who was a member of our congregation. Dr. Mann's subject will be: "Between Worshipper and Wall: The Place of Art in Liturgical Spaces."

Dr. Mann is the Morris and Eva Feld Chair of Judaica at the Jewish Museum, a position she has held since 1979. Three years later she became an Adjunct Professor and Advisor in the Master of Arts Program in Jewish Art & Material Culture in the Graduate School of The Jewish Theological Seminary, a position she still holds.

Prior to joining the staff of the Jewish Museum, Dr. Mann served as Visiting Assistant Professor at the State University at Purchase and as Chester Dale Research Fellow in the Medieval Department of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Dr. Mann's prolific writings include books, catalogues and articles. To mention but a few, she is the author of A Tale of Two Cities: Jewish Life in Frankfurt and Istanbul 1750-1870; and the co-author of Kings and Citizens: The History of The Jews in Denmark 1622-1983; The Precious Legacy: Judaic Treasures from the Czechoslovak State Collections; Treasures of the Jewish Museum; and Danzig 1939: Treasures of a Destroyed Community.

Dr. Mann has numerous professional affiliations, including membership in the Association of Jewish studies, the World Association of Jewish Studies, Columbia University Faculty Seminar on Jewish and Israeli Studies, and is a Founding Member of the Jewish Heritage Council, World Monuments Fund. She is the recipient of numerous awards and grants, the most recent

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OZY Services Expanded and Modified

Junior Congregation Service added; Ages Changed for OZY Services

We are proud of the progress of our new Junior Congregation program for children ages 7-13. Led by the dynamic duo of Josh Coren and Moshe Kornfeld, and our very own students, participants read from the Torah, discuss the Parsha, listen to stories and do a lot of singing. As always, high school students are welcome to assist and may receive school community credit. Junior Congregation services for the remainder of the school year have been scheduled for January 29, February 12, February 26, March 11, March 25, April 1 and April 15.

The weekly OZY service age brackets are being modified to best serve the educational needs of our students. The younger group, led by Boaz Gilad and Tanya Goldreich, will now consist of children through the age of 6 (children 3 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult). The older group, led by Moshe Kornfeld, will now be comprised of 7-10 year olds. (Continued on Page3)

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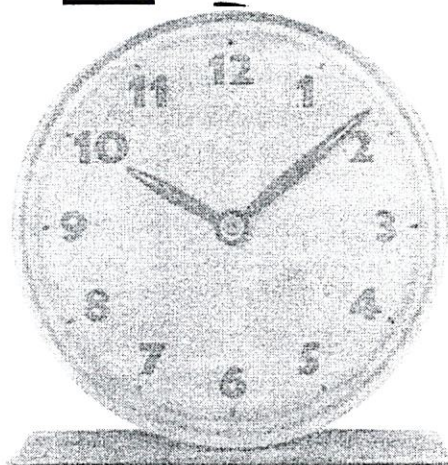
Or Zarua Youth Hesed members once again joined our friends at DeWitt Nursing Home to celebrate Hanukkah. On December 5th, our devoted OZYH members joined Chaplain David Barry and a packed roomful of DeWitt residents for the annual Hanukkah celebration. As in past years, we retold the story of Hanukkah, sang songs, mingled with the residents, and lit the Hanukkah menorah.

As always, each OZYH member had a moving experience. It is not always easy to visit a nursing home, but each person was touched in his or own way after performing this act of hesed.

To learn more about future OZYH activities, feel free to contact me at 230-1774.

Howard Blas, *OZYH Director*

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Hebrew School News

It has been a great fall season at the Or Zarua Hebrew School. It is my pleasure to share with you some of the highlights of the past few months.

We are continuing to fine-tune our exciting new "learning station" format for the upper grades' Shabbat classes.

With the musical talents of Jeremy Davidson, our brand new music program is progressing very well. Our students have participated eagerly in a number of spirited songfests which we hope will become a new OZ tradition.

A great deal of learning (and teaching) is going on in each of our classrooms. Mechina students have been studying everything from Hebrew vocabulary words, to Torah stories, to Jewish holidays and Shabbat. Members of our Alef class are progressing nicely with the Hebrew alphabet, prayers and Torah stories. The students in the Bet class have been asking some fundamental questions about God (Who is God? Who made God? etc.). Students in the Gimmel classes have been learning the Hebrew names of their body parts, as well as studying some key prophets.

Like their Bet class friends, the Dalet class is also having intriguing discussions about God. The Hey classes have been reviewing the life and times of our forefathers, while the Zayin class has been learning Hebrew, prayer and ethics through the fun and educational Media and Torah Values (MTV) Challenge. The High School students have been exploring the ethics of speech and communications as well as delving into many of the rituals of the Jewish tradition. And finally, the High School Hebrew students are progressing nicely in their spoken and written skills.

I would like to offer my thanks to everyone — our teachers, students and parents — for a wonderful first half of the school year. I wish you all a fun and relaxing winter vacation and a happy and healthy new year.

For more information, please call me at 917-834-0308.

Charlie Sherman, Educational Director

OZY Services Expanded and Modified

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On those Shabbat mornings when Junior Congregation does meet, these older OZY students will join the 7-13 year old service. And on weeks when Junior Congregation does not meet, we welcome the help and participation of children 11 years and up in both OZY services.

For more information, please call Charlie Sherman, Educational Director, at 917-834-0308.

Book Club Update

The Or Zarua Book Club's last meeting of the 20th Century, which took place in mid-December, centered on a stimulating and informative discussion of the history and philosophy of Jewish ideas of the afterlife, based on Rabbi Neil Gilman's National Jewish Book Award winning work, *The Death of Death, Resurrection and Immortality in Jewish Thought*. To the delight of all, the meeting was enhanced by the presence of the author.

The group's first meeting of the 21st Century will take place on Sunday, January 23, 2000, with a discussion of *The Last Kabbalist of Lisbon* by Richard Zimler, a mystery that takes place during the 1500's in Portugal, where it is now the #1 best seller. Future plans call for a discussion, among other works, of *The Secret History of Pius XII* by John Cornwell, a Catholic historian who hoped

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of which include the Henry Allen Moe Prize for the Catalogue of Distinction in the Arts, New York State Historical Association, for Gardens and Ghettos: the Art of Jewish Life in Italy; Fellow, The Institute for Advanced Studies, The Hebrew University; and the Jewish Cultural Achievement Award in Jewish Thought from the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, which she received last June.

At this time in Or Zarua's history when we are building a home and creating an esthetic environment for our religious life, we welcome Dr. Mann's insights into this dimension of Jewish religious history. An invitation to the lecture and party will be mailed closer to the date. In the meantime, you'll want to mark February 7, 2000 (8:00 pm) on your calendar.

Clothing Drive

Frances Freedman continues to collect clothes for the needy. With cold weather upon us, winter clothing is particularly welcome. Please call her at 988-6090 if you have any items to contribute.

to defend the Pope, but ended up condemning him instead.

Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the meetings, and encouraged to bring recommendations for future discussions.

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Temple Shaaray Tefila 250 East 79th Street (entrance on 2nd Ave)		92nd Street Y 1395 Lexington Avenue				
January						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 9am Shaharit, Shemot (92nd Street Y)
2	3	4	5	6	7 4:25pm Candle Lighting & Minhah-Maariv (Shaaray Tefila)	8 9am Shaharit, Vaera (92nd Street Y) Rosh Hodesh Shevat 3:25pm Minhah/Maariv/ Seudah Shlishit (Beit Midrash/office)
9	10	11	12 8pm Talmud Class (1384 Lex)	13	14 4:32pm Candle Lighting & Minhah-Maariv (Shaaray Tefila)	15 9am Shaharit, Bo (92nd Street Y)
16	17	18	19 8pm Talmud Class (1384 Lex)	20	21 4:42pm Candle Lighting & Minhah-Maariv (Shaaray Tefila)	22 9am Shaharit, Beshalah (92nd Street Y) Shabbat Shirah Tu B'Shevat Hebrew School Shabbat classes
23 8pm Book Club/The Last Kabbalist of Lisbon/ Richard Zimler	24	25	26 8pm Talmud Class (1384 Lex)	27	28 4:50pm Candle Lighting & Minhah-Maariv (Shaaray Tefila)	29 9am Shaharit, Yitro (92nd Street Y) 11am-12noon Junior Congregation OZY service
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February

2000

92nd Street Y
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2 8pm Talmud Class (1384 Lex)	3	4 4:57pm Candle Lighting & Minhah-Maariv (Shaaray Tefila)	5 9am Shaharit, Mishpatim (92nd Street Y) Hebrew School Shabbat classes 3:57pm Minhah/Maariv/ Seudah Shlishit (Belt Midrash/office)
6	7 8pm Birthday party/ Lucy Dawidowicz lecture (Jewish Museum)	8	9 8pm Talmud Class (1384 Lex)	10	11 5:06pm Candle Lighting & Minhah-Maariv (Shaaray Tefila)	12 9am Shaharit, Terumah (92nd Street Y) 11am-12noon Junior Congregation OZY service
13	14	15	16 8pm Talmud Class (1384 Lex)	17	18 5:14pm Candle Lighting & Minhah-Maariv (Shaaray Tefila)	19 9am Shaharit, Teitzaveh (92nd Street Y)
20	21	22	23 8pm Talmud Class (1384 Lex)	24	25 5:23pm Candle Lighting & Minhah-Maariv (Shaaray Tefila)	26 9am Shaharit, Kee Tissa (92nd Street Y) 11am-12noon Junior Congregation OZY service
27	28	29				

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Congratulations To

Sally Brooks on the birth of her first grandchild, Aaron Isaac Brooks, born on September 24, 1999, to Andrew and Amy Krieger Brooks

Barry Collier on his election to the Institute of Medicine

Bobbi Collier, who has curated the exhibit "Millennium Message: Time Capsule by Renowned Contemporary Artists Designers and Architects" at The Heckscher Museum in Huntington, NY

Andrew & Nancy Danzig on the 12/10/99 birth and subsequent brit milah of their son

Harvey & Linda Newman on the December 6th birth of their granddaughter. Parents are Chuck and Elysa Newman

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Larry & Leslie Rusoff on the October 23, 1999 birth of twins — Samantha Rose and Jordan Brie

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