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Tisha B'Av (August 10th) is a sad and tragic day. Also known as the Fast of the Ninth of Av, it is a day of mourning which memorializes the destruction of the First Temple in Jerusalem (586 B.C.E.) and the destruction of the Second Temple on the same day in 70 C.E. Still other tragic events occurred on Tisha B'Av; for example, in 1290, there was the expulsion of Jews from England and in 1492, the decree was signed ordering the removal of all Jews from Spain.

Tisha B'Av marks the end of a three week period that is marked by semi-mourning. This period begins with the Fast of the Seventeenth of Tammuz. During this period, the mourning increases on the first of Av. The following Nine Days leading up to Tisha B'Av are characterized by even more somberness.

In addition to fasting, other Tisha B'Av customs include abstaining from studying Torah. Reading or studying

books such as Lamentations, Job, selections of Jeremiah and parts of the Talmud that deal with the destruction of the Temple or with the laws of mourning are permissible to study.

On this day we are reminded that the Temple is still not restored. Additionally, we remember and mourn all those times in Israel's history and in Jewish history which involved sorrow, suffering, death,

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Returning to Ramaz

Or Zarua will hold Saturday morning services at Ramaz's Upper School Building (instead of the 92nd Street Y) beginning August 12th. Saturday morning services will be held there through Succoth. We look forward to seeing members at Ramaz beginning the 12th.

The Year in Review

As you read this edition of the newsletter, you'll see that we've chosen to highlight some of the activities and programs offered to Or Zarua members. For example, the education programs, the Hebrew School and the Book Club are some of the programs designed to further everyone's knowledge. OZ strives to contribute positively to the community through Youth Hesed and the Hesed Committee and you'll read about some of these efforts within this bulletin. While not highlighted in this edition, it would be incomplete without mentioning the talented members who create the OZ Purim Spiel. Our hope is to build on the programs offered this year and continue to offer interesting, diverse, exciting and informative programs that appeal to all Or Zarua members.

Activities are accomplished through many people's hard work and time. We appreciate everyone's efforts, ideas and input and hope you find this year in review informative.

Holy Change

Based on an article submitted by Dr. Daniel Rosen

Everybody is aware that they should leave a corner of their income pie for the neediest. We do it or we don't, but if we don't, we feel guilty, because we know. In order to add to our knowledge (and to our guilt -what's wrong with guilt?), let's look at a neglected corner of the Jewish law concerning "gleanings" [leket in Hebrew].

In Biblical times, when the Israelites were living in the Land of Israel and their income was primarily the produce from farming, the Torah (in Leviticus 19:9-10) had an elaborate collection system:

"When you reap the harvest of your land, do not complete your reaping to the corner [peah] of your field, and do not take the gleanings [leket] of your harvest. Do not pick from the underdeveloped twigs of your vineyard and do not gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; for the poor and the stranger shall you leave them - I am Hashem [The Lord], your God."

The Mishnah (Peah 4:10) explains that the produce subject to the law of gleaning is "that which falls [to the ground] during the harvest." The above verses are in the beginning of the portion of "Kedoshim" ["be holy"], which starts with: "Hashem spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to the entire assembly of the Children of Israel and say to them: Be holy, for I, Hashem, your God, am holy." (Leviticus 19:1-2) By leaving the corner and the gleanings for the neediest, we can imitate God's holiness.

Rashi, the famous medieval commentator of the Bible, goes even further when he explains (quoting Sifra) why this commandment of peah and leket is repeated in Leviticus 23:22: "It is repeated so that the transgressor will violate two transgressions, thus making the sin more severe. Rabbi Avdimi ben Rabbi Yose said: Why does the Scripture place this precept in the middle of the discussion of the festivals? To teach that if someone leaves the gleanings [leket], the forgotten sheaf and the corner [peah] as he is commanded, it is regarded as if he had built the Temple and brought his [festival] offerings in it."

In the same spirit of sanctification through sheaves left for the poor, the Talmud of Jerusalem (Peah 25a) questions when exactly the gleanings become holy: "...Hilfai asked, As regards to the gleanings, what is its status regarding sanctification from the moment it

falls [toward the ground, but before it actually hits the ground]?" We learn from this passage that it is clear that the gleanings are holy as soon as they hit the ground.

We know how to observe the spirit of peah, by setting aside a portion of our income to causes serving people in need, but how can we fulfill the beautiful spirit of the law of gleanings? What would be, in our time and in our cities, the equivalent of gleaning? Small change. Pennies. Nickels. Dimes. (Hey, we need the quarters for the laundry!) What if, at the end of each day, we put all the pennies, nickels, dimes and why not even quarters, left in our wallet or pockets in a tsedakah box? You will therefore have to estimate how much change you have at the end of the day. Let's say that it is no more than 99 cents per day, and no less than 24 cents per day. Wouldn't that be the modern equivalent of fulfilling the commandment of "do not take the gleanings of your harvest"?

What if I forgot one evening to empty my wallet of this small change? Don't worry, the Mishnah (Peah 5:1) mentions that in certain circumstances (when the wind scatters the sheaves and this creates a doubt concerning what belongs to the poor), "they estimate how much [of the field's produce] is likely to be [subject to the restrictions of] gleaning, and gives [this amount of produce] to the poor."

If you find the idea of emptying your wallet every night too taxing, you still could fulfill the spirit of leket by giving an additional \$361.35 (0.99 x 365) or at least \$87.60 (0.24 x 365) per year, in addition to your usual level of giving. Let's make this pledge before Succoth, which marks the completion of the agricultural year.

However, I like the idea of physically getting rid of this holy small change. (You can decide for yourself when it actually becomes holy.) Maimonides in addition explains that "the good qualities a man acquires are not the product of a single great act, but the recurrence of many good works; only in this manner is virtue firmly acquired. For example, a charitable nature is not gained when a person gives one needy individual a thousand gold pieces on one occasion ... but when a person distributes one gold piece on a thousand occasions he does acquire a charitable nature. Being charitable once, represents no more

than that this individual has been suddenly stirred to perform one good deed; thereafter it may leave him." You can get a tsedakah box specially designated to symbolically fulfill this commandment of leket, and you can place it where you usually put your wallet at night.

May the fulfillment of the commandment of "do not take the gleanings of your harvest" (by symbolically leaving those sheaves to the neediest) help bring the redemption and peace for Israel and all other nations, as in King David's vision in Psalm 126. In that Psalm the Prophet David describes Messianic times and the redemption is, in an allegoric way, represented by a carrier of sheaves.

May the merit of leaving the sheaves to the neediest, bring us the sheaves of redemption.

Ed. Note: This is an edited version of a more lengthy article submitted by Daniel Rosen. Contact the synagogue office for the full version for the original article to learn more about this topic.

Additional information: See Pirkei Avot (5:12) where there is a specific emphasis on giving their due to the neediest by the end of Succoth: "At four periods pestilence increases: (...) annually, at the conclusion of the festival [of Succoth], for robbing the poor of their gifts." This refers to gifts related to the harvest, like leket and peah, according to Maimonides in his commentary on Pirkei Avot.

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Hebrew School News

By Charlie Sherman, Educational Director

Another wonderful year has come to a close for the students and staff of the Or Zarua Hebrew School.

Every class in our Hebrew School advanced greatly in terms of its Hebrew and Torah knowledge as well as in its overall understanding and practice of Gemilut Hasadim (acts of kindness). It was wonderful to see all of our students reading, enjoying and understanding the Hebrew language, praying to God and learning about what it means to be a Jew.

The OZ Shabbat program also made great strides. Our Hebrew School Shabbat program was filled with new and exciting learning, praying and singing. We also began a brand new Junior Congregation service which met 1-2 times per month and brought in an additional 15-20 people each Shabbat.

Throughout the last nine months, our school children celebrated many of the Jewish holidays with characteristic OZ style.

- Our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur programs drew a record 120 children for special prayer services and age-appropriate holiday learning sessions.
- The OZ Youth Hesed group continued its annual tradition of decorating the sukkah at New York Hospital.
- Always one of our favorite programs, the Hanukkah carnival was a blast for students and teachers alike.
- We enjoyed eating the first fruits of the season on Tu B'shvat.
- Our Purim carnival featured a wonderful video by our Bet and Hey classes, a variety of creative booths and outstanding costumes.
- For Pesach, we started a new OZ tradition: innovative class sedarim that enabled each age group to focus on

key themes and concepts of the holiday like never before.

- For Yom Ha'atzmaut we invited a talented storyteller who taught the entire school about Israel. We also learned from the educational video produced by our very own Zayin class.
- Our Lag Ba'omer picnic in Central Park was a terrific way to end our wonderful school year.

At each holiday observance, we enjoyed singing the Jewish songs that we learned through our new music program. Beautiful singing could be heard in the halls of our school throughout the year and helped to generate much lively ruach (spirit). It was music to our ears — literally!

On a personal note, I want to express my gratitude to all of the students and families I have had the privilege to work with in this past year. Since I began my affiliation with the synagogue as a Hebrew School teacher, four years ago, Or Zarua has been my second home. As I have assumed the role of Educational Director this year, I have been proud to continue and expand upon the many wonderful Hebrew School traditions that were established by my mentor Michelle Schaerf in the early years of the school. In fact, the Or Zarua Hebrew School, which started in the fall of 1991 with only seven students, now educates some eighty students ranging in age from five to eighteen. I look forward to continuing my work with the school as it — and OZ itself — continues to grow by leaps and bounds.

Planning has already begun for the upcoming school year and enrollment is going on now. Classes will resume this fall. For further information regarding the Or Zarua Hebrew School, please contact me at 917-834-0308.

Youth Hesed

By Howard Blas, OZYH Director

Or Zarua Youth Hesed, affectionately known as OZYH, was started many years ago by the teens of Congregation Or Zarua. The founding members of this group felt they had enough opportunities to socialize, play sports, and "hang out" with friends. They felt that a hesed component was missing from their lives, and they approached Rabbi Wechsler about starting a group geared to helping those in need. (Incidentally, several of those founding members have recently graduated from college!). Over the years, our work has grown and evolved. We have performed skits, sang songs and shared holidays with residents of the De Witt Nursing Home. We have visited with children and adults at New York Presbyterian Hospital. (We have led the hospital seder, decorated the Or Zarua-sponsored sukkah, and delivered invitations to holiday programs). In recent years, we have continued our relationship with DeWitt and New York Presbyterian, while also helping the elderly at Dorot and making chicken soup for the needy through the highly successful "Operation Chicken Soup" program. At Dorot, our members have joined nearly 400 other volunteers in delivering holiday food packages before Jewish holidays.

Our group is always evolving and open to input. We even help perform hesed close to home. We have helped out at synagogue events. This year, members made tzedakah boxes for the Purim Spiel. In the future, we may have increased involvement with the very active adult hesed committee. Our group is always evolving and open to input. If you are a teenager or older Hebrew school student, feel free to join us. For more information, call Howard Blas at 230-1774.

Hesed Happenings:

By Lesley Palmer, Hesed Committee Chair

Israeli Night at Ronald McDonald

House: On June 1, Or Zarua hosted an Israeli Evening at the Ronald McDonald House, an Upper East Side residence for children with cancer who are in treatment at local hospitals. To celebrate Yom Yerushalayim and introduce the children to a little Israeli culture, the Hesed Committee arranged for a catered kosher dinner buffet with falafel and assorted salads, and for desserts to be donated by talented Or Zarua volunteer bakers. Entertainment included a sing-along, Israeli folk dancing and juggling (Jaffa oranges, of course!) Many thanks to all of the Or Zarua volunteers who made the evening a wonderful celebration for the children and their families.

As Rabbi Wechsler said, "We brought an hour of fun and delight to families desperately in need of fun and delight. What a Mitzvah."

Spaghetti Supper: Or Zarua's weekly Monday night dinner at the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter's residence at 211 East 81st Street needs volunteers to help serve dinner. It's an easy and enjoyable hour — arrive at 5:30 p.m. when the food is delivered and serve it in the kitchen. You can stay and kibitz with the residents or leave for home by 6:30 p.m. Approximately 20 residents attend the meal, so only 2 or 3 volunteers are needed each week. Please contact Richard Stadin to sign up at 212-879-0448.

Hesed Fund: You can support Hesed activities with a donation to the Or Zarua Hesed Fund. Also, copies of the 2000 Purim Spiel video are on sale for \$18 each, with proceeds to benefit Hesed. Complete the Purim Spiel Video Order Form on page 5 and return it to the Or Zarua office to purchase your own copy of Star Schlep 6001.

OZY Services

Two Or Zarua Youth (OZY) Services, one for children ages 2 through 6 (children 3 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult) and another one for children ages 7 through 10 (no parents) are held every Shabbat morning, beginning promptly at 11 a.m. and ending at noon. At the conclusion of the OZY services, the children are escorted from their classrooms to join our congregants in the concluding hymns and Kiddush.

Signs are posted indicating the location of the OZY services.

Chevra Kadisha

By Martha Mendelsohn, Chevra Member

First, the bad news. More than 14 members of Or Zarua lost either a mother, father, husband, wife, or sibling in the past year. To state the obvious, death is a fact of life even for a young congregation.

Next, some reassuring information. A seamless chain of events is set in motion when a member or a member's loved one dies. Chairs, talliths, and prayerbooks are delivered to the house of mourning. The bereaved come home from the cemetery to a kosher seudat havraa (consolation meal) of egg salad, smoked fish, bagels, and the traditional hard-boiled eggs.

The synagogue office sends out postcards, informing members where the family will sit shivah and notifying them of services to be held. Some families choose to hold morning and evening services at home throughout the shiva period. Others may hold only evening services. Either way, in the Or Zarua community, mourners can count on having a minyan.

Who are the volunteers who make this all happen? The members of the Chevra Kadisha, or burial society.

A multitude of misconceptions surround Jewish funeral and burial customs, laws, and practices. C.K. members are there to answer your questions—with a little help from Rabbi Wechsler. For instance, did you know that mourners are not obliged to sit on uncomfortable chairs, merely on ones that are close to the ground? There's no need to use the cardboard crates from the funeral home—we furnish low folding chairs that won't break your back.

Some C.K. members have also been trained to perform the tahara or ritual preparation of the deceased for burial: to wash the body, dress it in shrouds, and place it in the coffin.

"While my mother did have some health problems, her death was unexpected," says Aaron Shelden, an OZ member who recently finished the prescribed year of mourning. "I was not prepared. I relied on Rabbi Wechsler and the Chevra Kadisha."

"The Chevra Kadisha went into action: they brought chairs, siddurs, the meal of consolation. And I chose to have the Chevra Kadisha do the tahara. I felt that my mother deserved to be treated in a special, holy way." Aaron's wife, Diane Okrent, adds, "We had services twice a day for the whole shivah period. The living room was full for every minyan, even early in the morning."

The mitzvah of belonging to the Chevra Kadisha is its own reward. "I'm always grateful to see how appreciative people are," says one member, who chooses to remain anonymous, in keeping with the tradition that C.K. volunteers should eschew recognition.

"You could be the 10th person in the minyan, or the 20th, but either way the mourners are grateful for your presence as a sign of communal support. I know that you're not supposed to socialize at a shiva call, but I have made friends at the minyans. Maybe it sounds silly, but one of the best ways to be part of the life of our synagogue is to join the Chevra Kadisha."

July 2000

Temple Shaaray Tefila
250 East 79th Street (entrance on 2nd Ave)

92nd Street Y
1395 Lexington Avenue

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 9am Shelah (92 Street Y)
2	3 Rosh Chodesh Tammuz	4 Rosh Chodesh Tammuz Independence Day	5	6	7 7pm Minhah-Maariv (Shaaray Tefila) 8:10pm Candle Lighting	8 9am Korah (92nd Street Y)
9	10	11	12	13	14 7pm Minhah-Maariv (Shaaray Tefila) 8:07pm Candle Lighting	15 9am Hukat-Balak (92nd Street Y)
16	17	18 8pm Book Club/Ravelstein by Saul Bellow	19	20 Shive'ah Asar B'Tammuz	21 7pm Minhah-Maariv (Shaaray Tefila) 8:02pm Candle Lighting	22 9am Pinhas (92nd Street Y)
23	24	25	26	27	28 7pm Minhah-Maariv (Shaaray Tefila) 7:56pm Candle Lighting	29 9am Mattot-Mase (92nd Street Y)
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August 2000

Temple Sharay Tefila
250 East 79th Street (entrance on 2nd Ave)

Ramaz Upper School Building
60 E. 78th Street

92nd Street Y
1395 Lexington Avenue

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		1	2 Rosh Chodesh Av	3	4 6:45pm Minhah-Maariv (Shaaray Tefila) 7:48pm Candle Lighting	5 9am Devarim (92nd Street Y) Shabbat Hazon
6	7	8	9 7:45pm Tisha B'Av service (Shaaray Tefila)	10 7:30pm Tisha B'Av service (Shaaray Tefila)	11 6:45pm Minhah-Maariv (Shaaray Tefila) 7:40pm Candle Lighting	12 9am Vaethanan (Ramaz Upper School Building) Shabbat Naharnu
13	14	15	16	17	18 6:45pm Minhah-Maariv (Shaaray Tefila) 7:30pm Candle Lighting	19 9am Ekev (Ramaz Upper School Building)
20	21	22	23	24	25 6:45pm Minhah-Maariv (Shaaray Tefila) 7:20pm Candle Lighting	26 9am Re'eh (Ramaz Upper School Building)
27	28	29	30	31 Rosh Chodesh Elul		

Purim Spiel Video Order Form

Please fill out and send back to the Or Zarua office (1384 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10128) with your check made payable to Congregation Or Zarua.

Yes, I would like to buy _____ copy(ies) of the 2000 Purim Spiel Video at \$18.00 each, and enclose \$ _____ in payment. All proceeds benefit the Or Zarua Hesed Fund.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Telephone: _____

Book Club

By Shelley Spergel

The Or Zarua Book Club meets informally in our homes throughout the year, and is lead by a different member each time. We read books of Jewish interest and books written by members of the congregation. Over the last year, the Book Club met six times and discussed a variety of books.

When possible, the authors attend our meetings. For example, one of the highlights was Rabbi Neil Gilman's participation in the December 12th, 1999 discussion of his fascinating book, "The Death of Death" which deals with Jewish concepts of resurrection. His insights and comments were a wonderful addition to our meeting.

Abraham B. Yehoshua's "A Journey to the End of the Millennium," which examined the differences between Sephardi and Ashkenazi Jews in the year 999, and Richard Zimler's "The Last Kabbalist of Lisbon" which told of Portuguese Jews at the time of the Expulsion from Spain, added to our knowledge of the world of Sephardic Jewry. With Aharon Appelfeld's "The Conversion" we read a masterful novel that analyzed the significance of reli-

gious identity. "Hitler's Pope: The Secret History of Pius XII" by John Cornwell presented a study of the pope who was never able to condemn the Nazis. Our April 30th discussion focused on Cornwell's suggestions that this occurred because of the Pope's desire to centralize power and his fear of communism.

If you are an author in the congregation and would like your book or book in progress read, or if you have read a book of Jewish interest you particularly enjoyed or would like to discuss, please let us know. All members of the congregation are invited to participate and bring a friend.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 18th, 2000 at 8:00p.m. when we will discuss "Ravelstein" by Saul Bellow. Please contact the Or Zarua office for the address. Books we are considering for future discussion include: Philip Roth's "The Human Stain," Victor Klemper's "I Will Bear Witness, Vol. II", David Grossman's "See Under Love," and Thane Rosenbaum's "Second Hand Smoke." We hope that you will join us at our next meeting.

Tisha B'Av Cont.

cruelty and oppression. We look forward to joy as the rabbis have said: Everyone who mourns for Jerusalem merits to share in her joy, And anyone who does not mourn for her will not share in her joy. (Mishnah Ta'anit 4:6-7).

Tisha B'Av services will be held at Shaaray Tefila at 7:45pm on August 9th and at 7:30pm on August 10th.

Clothing Drive

Over 200 people donated clothing to Or Zarua this past year. Under Frances Freedman's leadership, the clothes were organized and given to the Young Israel of Brighton Beach to distribute to individuals in need. While winter coats are the most sought after item, the Clothing Drive will try to use whatever you donate. Your donations can brighten someone else's day and bring a smile to their face.

To arrange a donation, please contact Frances Freedman (212-988-6090).

Adult Education Activity

A variety of lectures and classes were sponsored over the last year to meet the needs of members and also enhance their knowledge. Plans are being made for next year's programs as well.

Lectures

Lucy Dawidowicz lecture, (Feb. 7) Dr. Vivian Mann, Adjunct Prof. in the Graduate School of JTS and Morris and Eva Feld Chair of Judaica at the Jewish Museum spoke on: "Between Worshipper and Wall: The Place of Art in Liturgical Spaces".

Yom Ha'Atzmaut (May 18) lecture given by Anne Lerner, Professor of Jewish Literature at JTS, who spoke on: "New Voices in Israeli Poetry".

Guest Speaker

Yom HaShoah service (May 1) featured our congregant, Joseph Bamberger, who spoke on: "Some Recollections of Hamburg, Patchogue and New York".

Courses/Classes

Two seven-session Hebrew crash courses offered in September '99: Beginners Hebrew course and Introduction to the Mahzor (for advanced beginners). These courses were taught by Rabbi Stephen Shulman, Jewish Chaplain at

Memorial Sloan Kettering, seasoned Hebrew teacher and wonderful rabbi.

Weekly Talmud class, led by Rabbi Wechsler. This past year the class studied the 6th chapter of "Masakhet Berakhot". Dr. Judith Hauptman led 3 sessions (1/5/00, 1/12 and 3/29)

Torah/Haftarah Classes: 8 sessions on Torah and haftarah reading taught by Ezra Friedland-Wechsler

"The Oral Law in Jewish Thought: Where History and Theology Converge" -a four session course taught by our congregant Marc Ashley an attorney who formerly was a doctoral candidate in Jewish Studies at Columbia University, where he received an M.A. degree in Religion

(All courses above offered free to members; there is a charge for non-member participants)

Study Group

Or Zarua Bavli-Yerushalmi study group started 2/10/00 and focused on The Book of Ruth. Dr. Edward Greenstein, the group's Israeli consultant, led one of the sessions. The study group's partner group in Jerusalem is Kehilah Lomedet Hayovel (The Hayovel Learning Community).

The Or Zarua Community

Condolences

Mimi Alperin on the death of her aunt, Elsie Pape

Allan Blumenstein on the death of his mother, Sarah Blumenstein

Myron Glantz on the death of his wife Harriet

Marjorie Goldin and Harrison (Jay) Goldin on the death of their husband and brother, Gurston D. Goldin

Neil Schluger on the death of his father, Joseph Schluger

Harry Trattner on the death of his father, Albert Trattner

Congratulations To

David & Michelle Cooperberg and Theodore & Shulamith Koton on the May marriage of their son and grandson, Matthew Cooperberg, to Jacqueline Dolev

Judy Goldstein on the May 22nd birth of a granddaughter, Mirelle Schoeberlein, daughter of Deborah and Joseph Schoeberlein

Francine and Sam Klagsbrun who were honored by the American Jewish Committee and received the Stanley M. Isaacs Human Relations Award for the year 2000

Jeffrey & Judith Siegel on the birth of their granddaughter, Susanna Esther Brustin, daughter of Linda Siegel and Nick Brustin

Lawrence Turtel and Emily Berger on their June 2nd marriage

Jack Steinberg and Sharon Weinstock on the May 31st birth of a son, Jordan Ross Steinberg

Contributions

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Shelley Doctors, to honor Bonnie Maslin's extraordinary talent and dedication
Rosalie Goldberg, in honor of
Arthur Rosenbloom

Gift in Kind

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Hesed Food Fund

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Jeffrey & Judith Siegel, in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Susanna Esther Brustin
Martin & Rochelle Spergel, in honor of Gail and Ira Druckies
Charles Spielholz & Sharon Seiler
Jerome & Linda Spitzer, with their wishes for continued good health for Herb Shapiro
Jerome & Linda Spitzer, in honor of the arrival of Linda Yarden's daughter, Callie Jordan Smith
Jerome & Linda Spitzer, in honor of the birth of Alan and Pat Davidson's grandson, Zachary Aaron Chazen
David & Elise Strauss
William & Muriel Tannenbaum, in honor of the birth of Alan and Pat Davidson's grandson, Zachary Aaron Chazen

Hesed Fund

Robin Blumenthal, with hope for a complete recovery for her mother, Rhoda Blumenthal
Edward & Cynthia Brodsky
Ruth Drazen, in memory of her father, Maurice Yorkin
Judith Goldstein
Benno & Joy Kimmelman, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Melanie Kimmelman
Samuel & Francine Klagsbrun
Frederick & Martha Mendelsohn
Jacob & Esther Oberman
Paula Offricht
Gerry & Phyllis Solomon, in honor of Aaron Shelden and Diane Okrent on the occasion of Aaron's reading from the Torah
Martin & Rochelle Spergel, with thanks to Zella and Glenn Goldfinger for their kindness

Richard, Audrey & Jonathan Stadin
William & Muriel Tannenbaum, in memory of Neil Schluger's father, Joseph Schluger

Hevra Kadisha Fund

Herbert & Lorraine Shapiro, for a speedy and complete recovery for David Kogut

Kiddush Fund

David & Michelle Cooperberg, on the occasion of the aufruff and subsequent marriage of son Matthew to Jacqueline Dolev
Jerry & Patti Josepher, in memory of her mother, Joyce Keller Burden, on her yahrzeit
Benno & Joy Kimmelman, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Melanie
Frederick & Martha Mendelsohn, in memory of her father, Arnold Neustadter
The Okrent and Shelden families, in memory of Meyer Okrent on his fourth yahrzeit
Gerry & Phyllis Solomon, in honor of the naming of Linda and Jerry Spitzer's first granddaughter, Hannah Beth Spitzer
Chris Smith & Linda Yarden, in honor of the birth and naming of their daughter, Callie Jordan Smith
Martin & Rochelle Spergel, in memory of Marti's uncle Eliezer Mann and his family, who were killed in the holocaust
Miriam Wallerstein, in memory of her mother, Goldie Patt

Ma'ot Hittim Fund

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