

2023 Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture Series with Gary A. Rendsburg, PhD

The People of the Book: From Canaan to Cairo to La Coruña

Three Sunday mornings at 10:00 am by Zoom:

January 22, January 29, February 5

Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/LucySeries2022>

(Zoom ID: 814 9363 8376; Passcode: 613)



Jews have been “the people of the book” through all the many twists and turns of their 3000-year history. Although the Jewish people has flourished in varying historical circumstances and geographic regions,

our robust attachment to the written text has persisted through time. Our tradition’s great books have had a powerful impact through millennia on Jewish minds, hearts and souls.

Join us for a newly structured three-part Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture series in 2023, as Professor Gary Rendsburg leads us through the fascinating history of the abiding Jewish engagement with the written word. Dr. Rendsburg’s lecture series will traverse centuries of diverse Jewish experience, unified by a passionate embrace of books and their study. The annual Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture, usually given in a single evening, will be stretched out in 2023 over three Sunday mornings, allowing us to luxuriate in the exciting teaching of a leading scholar.

In the first lecture, *Beginnings: Writing in Ancient Israel*, Dr. Rendsburg will initiate our intellectual journey with the earliest evidence from ancient Israel, ranging from the smallest of clay and stone inscriptions during the time of King David to the writing of extended literary compositions on papyrus and parchment scrolls, including the remarkable recovery of the burnt

Leviticus scroll from the Ein Gedi synagogue.

The second lecture, *From Córdoba to Cardamon: The World of the Cairo Geniza*, will highlight the treasures of the Cairo Geniza, constituting the greatest Hebrew manuscript discovery ever made, the approximately 300,000 documents found in the attic storeroom of the Ben Ezra Synagogue (Cairo) during the 1890s. The documents reflect every aspect of Jewish social and religious life, including our oldest extant copies of the Passover Haggadah.

The third lecture, *The Greatest Bible Ever Written: Kennicott no. 1, Bodleian Library, Oxford*, will focus on the crown jewel of all medieval Hebrew manuscripts: the joint production of a master scribe and an ingenious artist, written in La Coruña in far northwestern Spain in 1476, shortly before the Spanish expulsion. This lecture will present both the story of the creation of the manuscript and the amazing tale of how it was owned by a Scottish earl before it reached the confines of the Bodleian Library, Oxford.

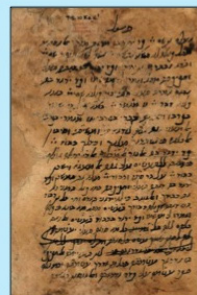
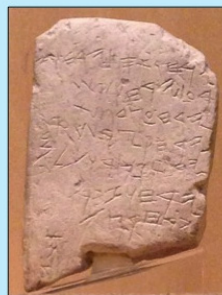
The annual Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture is named in memory of the leading 20th-century historian of the Holocaust and an Or Zarua member in its earliest years. Professor Rendsburg is the most recent of a long line of prominent

scholars to deliver this significant lecture.

Dr. Rendsburg, Distinguished Professor of Jewish Studies and History and Blanche and Irving Laurie Chair in Jewish History at Rutgers University, has been a premier biblical scholar and charismatic teacher for decades. He has previously taught at (among other institutions) Cornell, Canisius, Oxford, UCLA, Colgate, Binghamton, and Penn, has been a guest lecturer on several continents around the world, and is the author or editor of 17 books and more than 200 articles. He is spending 2022-23 on sabbatical as a visiting professor at Bar-Ilan University and the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome.

Please join us in early 2023 for an extended exploration by a wonderful scholar of the Jewish people’s perennial engagement with and celebration of the written word. Dr. Rendsburg’s three-part lecture series promises to be a captivating and compelling retelling of an old and enduring story.

-by Marc Ashley



Images beginning from the left: (1) Gezer Calendar (ancient Israel, 10th century B.C.E.); (2) Maimonides handwritten draft of Guide for the Perplexed (Cairo Geniza); (3) Kennicott Bible, opening page, with Genesis 1 (Spain, 1476)



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President's Message

by Isaac Nagiel



Happy Hanukkah!

I always find it intriguing when an archaeological discovery can corroborate our biblical texts. As an example, the famous

Tel Dan Stele, currently on display at the Israel Museum, was discovered in 1993 by Gila Cook, a member of an archaeological team led by Avraham Biran. Initially, the archaeologists didn't make much of the chunk of basalt as it looked like any other piece of stone making up a wall structure they uncovered. The team eventually uncovered Aramaic writings on the slab, realizing that this stele was originally erected to commemorate the ascension and military victories of a King of Aram, but was later repurposed as building materials. The incredible discovery on the stone was the inscription on line nine referring to the "House of David." For many, this stele proved the existence of King David beyond just biblical references.

Archaeology is fascinating and provides incredible insights on the historical record. Now, with the advent of modern science and genome sequencing, we can supercharge archaeology to a degree maybe never once imagined. This was clearly illuminated just weeks ago by an article published in the scientific journal *Cell* titled "Genome-Wide Data from Medieval German Jews Show that the Ashkenazi Founder Event Pre-Dated the 14th century." This was the first major study of a medieval Jewish population from a genetic perspective and received fairly widespread media coverage. Geneticists David Reich of Harvard and Shai Carmi of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem compared the DNA extracted from the teeth of 33 Jewish men, women, and children buried in a medieval cemetery in Erfurt, Germany with the DNA taken from hundreds of modern Ashkenazi Jews around the world. Previous genetic studies of modern Ashkenazic Jewry concluded that the population is quite genetically homogeneous; whether an Ashkenazi

Jew lived in Israel or California, they are genetically very similar. Had this always been the case going back hundreds of years? The article in *Cell* concluded that European Jews from around 600 years ago came from two divergent gene pools despite sharing common ancestors. This would suggest that the two groups of Ashkenazi Jewry that ended up mixing in Medieval Erfurt remained fairly isolated from each other for many generations beforehand.

When I read this research suggesting common ancestry but diverse genetic make-up of Ashkenazic Jews, I couldn't help but think about the recent parashiyot we read about Jacob's children who go on to become the twelve tribes of Israel. Does this new research corroborate the concept of the scattered tribes of Israel? The tribes had a clear common ancestry but perhaps they did live quite separately for generations creating a divergent genetic make-up that only became homogeneous in more recent centuries due to population movement patterns such as the one that brought two divergent Ashkenazi populations together in Erfurt in the Middle Ages.

I often find myself at Shul getting lost in thought pondering our ancient texts amidst the beautiful backdrop of the melodic chanting of our Torah. Shul is a place where time slows down, and we can all take the time to think, explore our inner souls, and let our minds wander in pursuit of deeper meaning. While my musing on the twelve tribes and its connection to a recent paper on genetics may not truly corroborate much, it sparked my imagination and excited me about further avenues of learning.

Come join us and let yourself get lost in a text and incite your intellectual curiosity. We have wonderful ways to learn whether that be in religious services or via a wide variety of congregational and guest speakers, including our annual Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture, this year featuring biblical scholar Dr. Gary Rendsburg in a three-part lecture series.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Hanukkah and a Happy New Year!

Isaac Nagiel

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE PURIMSPIEL

aka

LITTLE SHUSHAN OF HORRORS

Monday Night, March 6

Casting Call: Contact Judy Buchman
(no skills necessarily necessary)



Ridiculousness
is a critical skill:
Contribute to the
Purim edition of the
OZ newsletter.
Contact Charlie
via the synagogue office:
dwenger@orzarua.org

Book Launch and Tu B'Shevat Celebration!

The Kabbalistic Tree: Parchment Scrolls for Contemplation

Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 pm (In-person only)



Or Zarua is delighted to welcome Dr. Yossi Chajes, Sir Isaac Wolfson Professor of Jewish Thought in the Department of Jewish History at the University of Haifa, on Tuesday,

February 7, 7:00 pm for what promises to be a visually and intellectually dynamic presentation. It was an honor for Or Zarua to invest in the Ilanot Project's groundbreaking work to introduce a new genre of Jewish mystical literature to the world through a magnificent new volume, *The Kabbalistic Tree*, (Pennsylvania University Press).

For the past decade, Dr. Chajes has directed the Ilanot Project, an ambitious and unprecedented attempt to research the history of kabbalistic diagrams and the ilanot genre in particular. Dr. Chajes's pioneering work has been awarded four consecutive Israel Science Foundation personal research grants, three ISF research seminar grants, an ISF book subvention award, and the 2014 Friedenberg Prize for the outstanding ISF-funded project in the humanities. Dr. Chajes has been awarded two consecutive grants by the German Ministry of Science



and Culture of Lower Saxony/Volkswagen Foundation to partner with the digital humanities lab at the University of Göttingen to build a platform for the research and presentation of critical editions of ilanot online: *Maps of God*.

Professor Chajes's talk will introduce the genre of "ilanot" (trees), striking parchment rolls devoted to visualizations of kabbalistic lore that have been created and used by kabbalists since the fourteenth century for study and contemplation. These divinity maps were made wherever there were kabbalists throughout the Jewish world. Each has a unique story; individually and collectively they offer new perspectives on the ways in which Jews visualized knowledge, assimilated diverse traditions, and interacted with contemporary cultures. Chajes's *The Kabbalistic Tree* (PSUP, 2022) is the first ever study of this practical expression of Kabbalah, about which he is the pre-eminent authority.



Or Zarua Super Bowl Tzedakah Party

Sunday night, February 12

Details to follow



Join us for Minhah and Ma'ariv followed by the game and BBQ dinner. The party is free for OZ members and their guests but all (even those who are unable to attend) are encouraged to make a generous donation. Tzedakah we raise will be split between Project ORE and the Met Council this year. We hope to raise at least \$10,000 for both of these organizations that do the holy work of hunger relief. This is a private event for Members only (and their invited guests). Details to RSVP and to make donations will follow in eblasts and the next edition of the newsletter.

Poetry Happenings with Shelley Saposnik

SECRETS, LIGHT, AND DARK: POST HANUKKAH REFLECTIONS

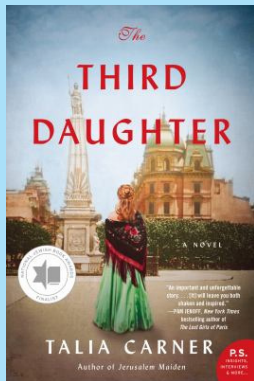
Thursday, January 26, 7:30 pm

The Baal Shem Tov tells us that the Gematria for light (ohr) has the same numerical value as the word secret (raz). Secrets live in the dark and are revealed by the light of day. The dance between light and dark imagery and the metaphors that grow out of this twinning abound in Judaism and point to the secret of creation itself.

In these post Hanukkah days after we have watched our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews cast an ever-increasing light throughout our homes, one candle at a time, we have time to ponder the light and dark tropes in Judaism and the poets who have sought to embrace wisdom in these metaphors.

Join us on January 26 th at 7:30 for a post-Hanukkah poetry happening as we bask in the light of poets who have used these metaphors to reveal a hidden secret or illuminate a truth. Bring in the poetry of Byron, Wordsworth, Shelley or your own glimmer of poetic light to share. We will read a few poems, our own or those of others, drink a little wine and if inspired, try some generative work as we explore the spirituality inherent in light and dark imagery.

Or Zarua Book Discussions



The Third Daughter
by Talia Carver

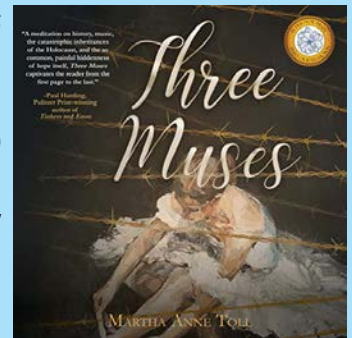
Sunday, January 29
7:00 pm
In the OZ Library

Discussion Leader:
Mark Somerstein

The Three Muses
by Martha Anne Toll

Sunday, March 19
7:00 pm
In the OZ Library

Discussion Leader:
Aliza Kaplan



Daily Shaharit at OZ

The Morning Minyan during Kislev by Rabbi Scott N. Bolton

Kislev is the Jewish month for rededication. So come make the minyan! It is a strong move to get up for services. It is meditative and a mitzvah. You help people remember loved ones who need to say kaddish. Our own memories and reflection come amidst the leader's chanting. You don't have to know every prayer or be on the same page as the service leader every minute. And people who have a spiritual community and coffee together live better and feel less loneliness. At this time, I am looking to

expand our group of committed minyan-goers especially on Mondays and Thursdays. Men and women count. We daven in Hebrew. Choose to use the Sim Shalom or the Koren siddur. We repeat the full Amidah. We meet from 7:15am to 8:10am Mondays and Thursdays. Bagels and schmoozing afterwards. Come belong, be strengthened and make the minyan stronger. If you're not in the area or able to come to us, I'm sure there's a minyan nearby who would love to see you there!

Currently our daily Shaharit service, the morning minyan, meets in person Sunday through Friday except Tuesday; Tuesday remains a Zoom meeting. The minyan starts at 7:15 am Monday through Friday and 8:45 am on Sunday. Contact Shelly Adler at: sadler568@gmail.com to discuss options for yahrzeits or about which days need your help making the minyan.

Learning with Rabbi Bolton

Community Torah Study Mondays on ZOOM

Beginning Monday, October 24, noon
Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZMondayTorahStudy>

Leadership: Searching the Weekly Torah Portion for Inspiration

Join the community to explore the weekly Torah portion and essays by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks that pertain to leadership. We honor the memory of Rabbi Sacks by engaging with his materials, and we expand the learning by adding classic and other modern commentary. Make it your lunch & learn or set aside the noon hour on Mondays to participate and learn in this dynamic, online, community Torah study. Check the calendar and eblasts for exact schedule.

OZ Talmud Class: Masekhet Makkot Continued

Beginning Wednesday, October 26, 7:30 pm
In the OZ Library and Zoom

Punishments In Search of Crimes & Wisdom for Developing Moral Citizenship

Exercise your mind and mine insights from the world of our Sages. Join the Or Zarua Talmud class this year on Wednesday nights over ZOOM or in person for further exploration of Masekhet Makkot - so relevant to big questions of modern societies and our lives. When does someone get a "get out of jail free" card? What does a criminal justice system look like in the Rabbis' minds and what are the value concepts it functions with that inform modern systems of punishment and/or rehabilitation? Along the way there are always expansive discussions about familiar and not so familiar Jewish customs and culture, and anyone with any background adds to our class. Class meets from 7:30 to 9pm most Wednesdays. Check the calendar and eblasts for exact schedule.

OZ Siddur and Prayer Class & Discussion Group

Beginning Thursday, October 27, 8:45 am
In the OZ Library

Lekha Dodi - Meeting the Mystical Sabbath Queen and Other Evening Prayers

Come explore the mystical poetry of Kabbalat Shabbat. Our first major area of focus will be Lekha Dodi. This 16th century addition to the siddur took off like wildfire around the Jewish world. We'll sing it with many different tunes, discuss the content and expand the ongoing conversation among class participants about prayer experiences. Over the year we will compare the weekday and Sabbath evening services. Classes include general explorations of Jewish spirituality and the prayer experience. Careful attention to the language of prayers is a focus. Class meets in person only at OZ 8:40am on Thursdays after morning minyan.

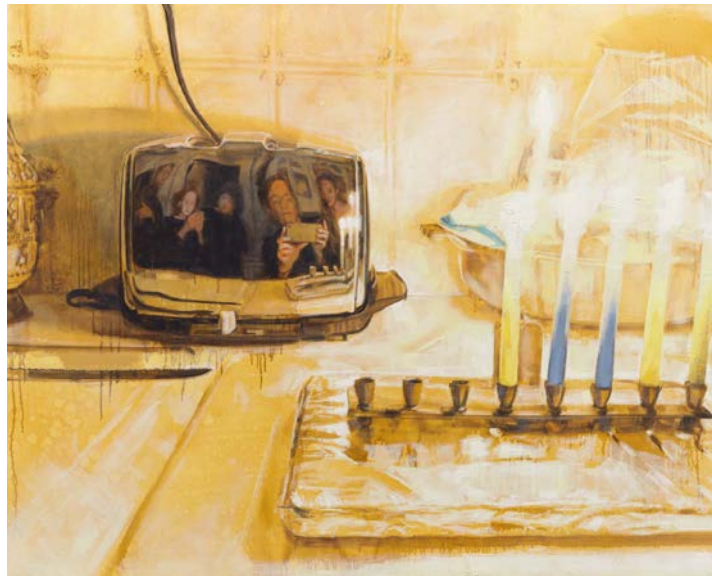
Check the Or Zarua calendar in each issue of the newsletter to confirm days that each class meets.

OZ Gallery News

Hanukkah Lights Pierce the Gloom of Winter

The winter solstice this year occurs at 4:47pm on Wednesday, December 21st. It is the day of the year with the least amount of daylight and, therefore, the longest night. The next few months are likely to be cold and dark. However, December is not all gloom because on the evening of Sunday, December 18th (24 Kislev, 5783) we welcomed the Festival of Lights as we light the first candle of Hanukkah, ushering in eight special days and nights! We gather around the communal hearth, the hanukkiah, as the glow from the Hanukkah lights—whether from burning oil, wax candles or electricity—draws us in, bringing us together to recall the victory of Jewish rebels over their Assyrian oppressors many centuries ago. We remember the triumph of sacredness over profanation, of good over evil and of light over darkness. It is a time of rededication and a time of drawing strength from one another. But in our modern technological age do we truly experience the joy and warmth that comes from being together?

In this oil-on-wood painting, Brooklyn artist Laura Karetzky offers her unique take on connectivity—or lack thereof—in this modern image that reflects the reality of the presence of the internet, smartphones and virtual reality. In *Toast*, Karetzky encourages us to think about the role of technology in personal relationships, using a Hanukkah gathering as her focus. The artist's reflection appears in the metal toaster. She is seen standing in the kitchen, illuminated by the yellow glow from the hanukkiah. Karetzky can be seen trying to capture the instant while friends capture images of their own. For the most part, their gazes are on their phones, not on the burning candles or



Laura Karetzky, *Toast*, 2019
Collection of the artist

each other. As individuals rely more and more on screen-based technology to bring them together, Karetzky says she is interested in “the experience of being in the same room and yet not.” It is a tension between real-life encounters and the proliferation of photographic images.

Meanwhile, at Or Zarua, a warm glow continues to emanate from the OZ Gallery where *Wonder and Illumination: The Art of Barbara Wolff* continues its run. Recently, there was a special occasion in the Gallery—a talk by Barbara herself. It was the Gallery's

first in-person artist talk since the pandemic began more than two-and-a-half years ago. Referring to herself as an “alchemist”, Barbara described how she illuminates ancient texts. Working with gold and silver foils, ground powdered gold and an array of natural materials, she magically turns them into precious works of art. In her introduction to the artist, art curator and OZ Gallery chair Bobbi Collier described Barbara Wolff as “one of the foremost manuscript illuminators of our time. She transports us to the Middle Ages when hand-held, miniature paintings conjured a world of natural beauty and divine wonders. When looking at Barbara's work we can imagine the delight of the medieval scholar who expectantly turned each precious page by candlelight, and thrilled as sparks of light caught the gleam of gold and silver leaf. These manuscripts did, and still do, illuminate the night and the imagination.” *Wonder and Illumination: The Art of Barbara Wolff* remains on display in the OZ Gallery through the winter. We trust it will raise your spirits and bring you warmth and illumination

Happy Hanukkah from the OZ Gallery Committee!

by Gerry Solomon



For Kids and Families



Friday, January 6

Services begin at 4:25 pm,
dinner to follow (approx. 5:30 pm)

OZ families with children of all ages are invited to join us for Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner! Students are invited to join Sigal to lead Kabbalat Shabbat services.

This dinner is for all Or Zarua families, not limited to Hebrew School families.

Sign up by Wednesday, January 4 at 12:00 pm.

Friends and family are welcome!

Invite them to join us. Please note, each household should submit their own form for the dinner.

The cost of the dinner is \$25/adult and \$10/child, with a maximum of \$70/household.

First year members, contact Sigal before signing up for a discount code.

Sign up at tinyurl.com/OLShabbatDinner123.



Mondays, 10:00 am

Our signature Early Childhood program is back in full swing! Join Hannah weekly on Monday mornings to start the week off right!

Enjoy songs, puppets, stories, and of course, bubbles! Children will learn simply Hebrew language, get ready for upcoming holidays, learn about Jewish values and so much more.

Sign up on Shulcloud, Kidpass, or Sawyer.

orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/shalom-sing-along

****NEW****

**Pre-K Hebrew School
Mondays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm**

Get a taste of Hebrew School! Check out our new Hebrew School class for Pre-K children. Begin learning the Alef-Bet, introductory t'filot, about the parashah and Jewish holidays.

The program is open to members and non-members, so please share with anyone who might be interested.

It's not too late for kids to sign up to start learning in January!

Sign up on Shulcloud:

tinyurl.com/OZHebrewSchool22

**It's not too late to sign up for
Hebrew School. Contact Sigal
if you're interested in enrolling!
shirsch@orzarua.org**

Announcing Or Zarua's First-Ever Kids' Purim Spiel!

The original spiel, written and directed by Or Zarua's own Ziggy Bornas, will get us ready for Purim on Sunday, March 5. Children of all ages are invited to participate,

We will hold rehearsals in the months leading up to the spiel, so children who would like to participate must be able to attend the majority of rehearsals.

The entire Or Zarua community is invited to the performance.

Email Sigal if your child is interested in participating. Stay tuned for more information.

Children, age 11 and up are also invited and encouraged to participate in the community Purim spiel, which will take place following Megillah reading on Monday, March 6.

See page 3 for more information.



Fridays, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Our second semester of our new after school program begins on January 6! Sign up for the Winter and Spring semesters and get moving on Friday afternoons.

Children will run, jump, play and grow on Fridays at NazoOZ. In partnership with Kids in Sports, kids will be coached in balance, agility, teamwork, flexibility and so much more.

The timing of this program is geared to Jewish Day School students who have early dismissal on Fridays. Sports programming will begin at 3:00 pm so that all students (public school or private school) can participate.

From 2:00 - 3:00, students will bake, do art projects, and explore Jewish culture with Sigal!

Sign up for the full session (2:00 - 4:00 pm) or the half session (3:00 - 4:00 pm).

Children will be supervised by program staff until the start of Kabbalat Shabbat (the time varies each week, listed on the OZ website), by which time parents must collect their children. Families are invited to join the community for services on Friday evenings.

Sign up on Shulcloud:

tinyurl.com/OZAfterSchool



For more information about Hebrew School or Or Zarua's various programs for all kids and families, contact Sigal, shirsch@orzarua.org

Celebrate Hanukkah WITH OR ZARUA



December 18 through December 26

- Kiddush in Round: The December Edition (December 17)
- Zoom Torah with Rabbi Bolton, with a Hanukkah twist
- Sheva Brakhot Hanukkah Dinner to celebrate Sigal and Shalom
- Siddur Class with Rabbi Bolton, with a Hanukkah twist
- Friday Night, December 23, Shabbat Hanukkah dinner with Bir'nana

RSVP Required for Dinner: <https://tinyurl.com/OZHanukkahDinner2022>

- Kiddush and Sufganiyot on Shabbat Hanukkah (Dec. 24)
- Erev Christmas Gleaning (Dec. 24, after Shabbat)
- Hanukkah Services: See the Calender

Or Zarua's Young Professionals

January 10th: Ice Skating

February 10th: Shabbat dinner

February 26th: Ski Trip

March 30th: Rugrats Passover movie night

April 22nd: Kiddish picnic in Central Park

May 19th: Shabbat dinner

Check Their Facebook Page For Information

Israel Opportunities & News

Israeli Celebrity's Music Becomes Theme Song, Inspiration for Iranian Protesters

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZ012022>



Nearly half the world's Jews live in Israel. The chart (below) shows where the other Jews live!

THE JEWISH POPULATION IN NUMBERS*:

- ★ **15.3 MILLION JEWS WORLDWIDE**
- LARGEST JEWISH COMMUNITIES:**
- 🇮🇱 **7,080,000 LIVE IN ISRAEL (46.2%)**
- 🇺🇸 **6 MILLION LIVE IN THE USA**
- 🇫🇷 **442 THOUSAND LIVE IN FRANCE**
- 🇨🇦 **349 THOUSAND LIVE IN CANADA**
- 🇬🇧 **292 THOUSAND LIVE IN THE UK**
- 🇦🇷 **173 THOUSAND LIVE IN ARGENTINA**
- 🇷🇺 **145 THOUSAND LIVE IN RUSSIA**
- ✈️ **60 THOUSAND MADE ALIYAH IN THE PAST YEAR**

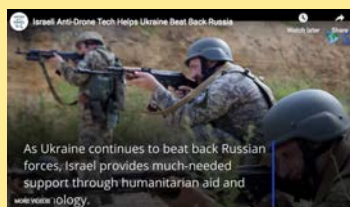
*Start of the Jewish New Year, 5783

StandWithUs

Israeli Anti-Drone Tech Helps Ukraine Beat Back Russia

Go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/OZ052022>



Israeli Startup Contributes to Success of NASA Mission

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZ022022>



A Full-Circle Journey: Bringing Ethiopian Jewry Home

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZ042022>



Frozen in time: 3,300-year-old burial cave from Ramses II era found at popular beach

During construction work at Palmachim National Park near Tel Aviv, a fallen rock reveals an ancient treasure trove from the era of the biblically notorious pharaoh

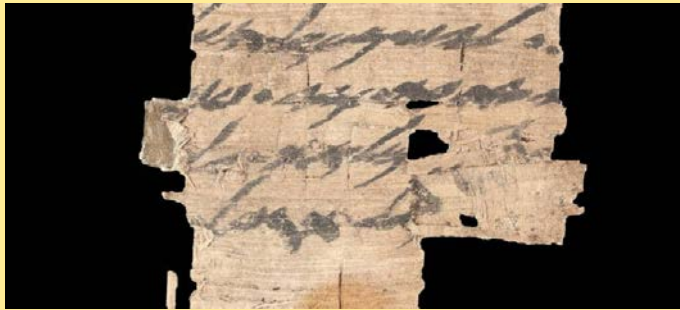
<https://tinyurl.com/OZ3452022>



Celebrating Israel Throughout the Year

Ancient Hebrew Papyrus from First Temple Era Returned to Israel After Intel Operation:

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZ062022>



Ivory Treasure: First Temple-Era Relics

Discovered in Jerusalem

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZ092022>



<https://tinyurl.com/IsraelBonds0922>

Keep Up With News In Israel

THE JERUSALEM POST

<https://www.jpost.com/>

AIFL Young Professionals is a New York City-based apolitical community of young individuals, both American and Israeli, of all faiths and backgrounds:

<https://aifl.org/program/young-professionals/>

Joshua's City: 3,300-Year-Old Israelite Town Discovered

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZ3332022>



Resources for Zionism

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OZ222202>

**Herzl's Dream
Our Legacy**

Israel Forever



1) The Consulate General of Israel, New York, sends out a weekly email, Israeli Culture in North America. The email provides links to a whole calendar of art, music, and film events that you can join in to watch. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/CGIsraelSignUp>.

2) American Friends of the Israel Philharmonic sends out a weekly email detailing talks and recordings of wonderful performances. Sign up here: <https://afipo.org/>.

3) American Jewish University sponsors weekly seminars with Israeli top artists and curators. Join their mailing list at: <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1861357/1771533/>.

4) The Creative Community for Peace is an organization that promotes the arts as a bridge to peace, counters antisemitism within the entertainment industry, and galvanizes support against the cultural boycott of Israel. They sponsor many Zooms that include members of the entertainment industry who host discussions and take you behind the scenes of the entertainment world. Subscribe here: <https://www.creativecommunityforpeace.com/newsletters/>.

5) Joining the Times of Israel allows you to experience Israel virtually while supporting Israeli tour guides. With over a dozen online experiential tours scheduled over the course of the year you can visit Israel twice a month...without the jet-lag. Join by signing up on their site: <https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-unlocked/>.

6) JNF provides virtual tours. Also, check out the Israel Museum, the Tel Aviv Museum of Art, and the Tower of David Museum who all offer virtual tours of their exhibits. Go to their website: <https://tinyurl.com/JNFVirtualTours>.

Am Yisrael Chai!

-Reena Levine Seltzer

From Compassion to Action: OZ Hesed Opportunities

“The reward for charity depends entirely upon the extent of the kindness in it.”—Talmud Bavli

New York Common Pantry Helping the Hungry

Our long-time partner remained open and was deemed an essential service during the COVID-19 crisis. They are seeing huge demand for their services. The best way to help is to make a donation through our Hesed Fund. You can learn more about the Pantry here: <http://nycommonpantry.org>.

You can also donate needed pantry staples—particularly rice and pasta—via the Pantry’s Amazon list. While Or Zarua has not resumed in-person Hesed activities due to the pandemic, please note that NYCP posts its volunteer shifts at www.nycommonpantry.volunteerhub.com. Volunteers can manage their own sign-ups and signing-in is done electronically as well. Shifts are 3.5 hours and include lifting 30 pound bags of groceries. Before arrival, volunteers need to know their user name and password for Volunteer Hub as it is used for sign in. It’s easy to reset your password if needed. When you arrive, please head straight to the pantry. For more information, contact Stacy at sgonzalez@nycommonpantry.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help pack groceries at a Met Council pantry and distribute to a Senior Residence on the Upper East Side. The OZ Hesed Committee is working with the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty (Met Council) on a project to bring groceries to Seniors. We will be packing the groceries at a Met Council pantry (Lexington Avenue and 31st Street) for delivery to and distribution at a Senior Residence on East 92nd Street.

Individuals and families are welcome to volunteer. However, all volunteers coming to the building or the pantry need to be fully vaccinated; wearing a mask is optional but recommended.

Please watch for emails with upcoming dates.

If interested please contact Jeff Haberman at: jeff32449@verizon.net or (917) 697-1677.

Thursday Night Pasta and Salad at the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter

OZ Congregants package food at the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter’s East 81st Street Residence from 5:00 to 5:45 pm on the the third and fourth Thursdays of each month. Donations to the Hesed Fund are also needed. To volunteer when NCS is able to resume our usual practice of serving food to the residents please contact Jeff Haberman at jeff32449@verizon.net. Note that masks are required.

Or Zarua Hesed Fund

Please consider making a donation to the OZ Hesed Fund using Shulcloud (<https://tinyurl.com/OZDonationPage>) for disbursement to our partners. You may learn more about them at the links below:

New York Common Pantry:

<http://nycommonpantry.org>

Met Council for Jewish Poverty:

<https://www.metcouncil.org>

Project ORE:

<https://edalliance.org/our-programs/community-centers/project-ore>

Food Bank for New York City:

<https://www.foodbanknyc.org>

UJA Federation of New York:

<https://www.ujafedny.org>

Leket, Table to Table (Israeli):

<https://www.leket.org/en/>

Ukraine Relief

Give to the Or Zarua Lights in Ukraine Emergency Tzedakah Campaign.

We have exceeded our original goal and raised more than \$23,000!

Please help Or Zarua continue to make a meaningful contribution to Ukraine Relief. Contribute for emergency relief and assistance through the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund by noting the funds are for the Ukraine using this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/OZUkraine0322>

Funds will be given to UJA-Federation relief efforts, Masorti Olami, the United Jewish Communities of Ukraine, IsraAID, the Joint Distribution Committee, and United Hatzalah.

Photos from the Or Zarua Hessed Committe's Erev Thanksgiving Gleaning Program. The next gleaning will be Christmas Eve. If you would like to help out contact Jeff Haberman at jeff32449@verizon.net.



Recent Heshvan-Kislev Events



The Goldbergs with Barry Feldman

The course explored a fictional mid-century Jewish American family relative to the general culture of the time. The use of television as an ethnographic tool was examined and evaluated.

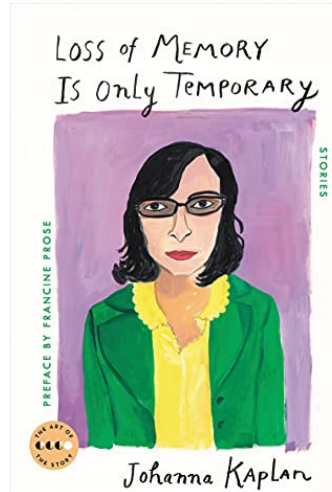
Questions included:

- Is there a typical American Jewish family?
- Is the television show an accurate presentation of your family?
- What were family values as presented in the series?
- Could Jewish communal solidarity in the series be identified?
- Is Molly Goldberg an accurate portrayal of the Jewish mother?
- What role does religion appear in the series?



The Site That Led to the Reunification of Jerusalem
With Alon Wald

Ammunition Hill National Heritage Center
Presented Shabbat, November 5
by Or Zarua in Partnership with JNF



Book Discussion

Loss of Memory Is Only Temporary
with the author Johanna Kaplan



Or Zarua at the Israel Philharmonic at Carnegie Hall

After three years of virtual performances, the celebrated Israel Philharmonic Orchestra performed at Carnegie Hall on Monday, November 14 under the baton of Music Director Lahav Shani.

To see a recording (from a different place and time) of the orchestra, please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJ4rSwGrPDM&t=5s>

The Or Zarua Community

Fund contributions received between August 1, 2022 and October 31, 2022

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Or Zarua's Memorial Wall

Order forms are available online at <http://tinyurl.com/OZMemorialPlaque> or from the OZ office by calling Deborah Wenger at 212-452-2310, ext 12. For more information about plaques for our Memorial Wall, please contact Helene Santo at hsanto@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 14.



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Bir'nana sings L'cha Dodi on YouTube!

Hear & See Them: <https://tinyurl.com/BirnanaLChaDodi032021>



Bir'nana – ברננה
The A Cappella Group of
Congregation Or Zarua, New York, NY

עבדו אתה' בשמחה באו לפניו ברננה
Worship the Lord in gladness;
come before the Divine Presence with joy!
-Psalm 100:2



L'cha Dodi – לכה דודי
Welcoming the Shabbat Bride
Composed by Aaron Bensoussan
Arranged by Scott Stein

Singers
Amy Bolton, Music Director
Judy Buchman-Ziv
Dore Hollander
Aliza Kaplan
Marcia Kalin
Terry Krulwich
Susan March
Shelley Saposnik
Aaron Shelden
Vera Horn Silver
Pete Wolf Smith
Alan Yaillen
Edon Valdman, Audio/Video Production

In Loving Memory
Sharon Seiler ז"ל

Helping Or Zarua

Or Zarua is a vibrant community, and all communities need their members. Here are some quick and easy ways to help:

Choose to pay via ACH when paying online. This is a direct debit from your checking account. It saves the congregation credit card transaction fees.

Still want to pay via credit card? Choose to include the transaction fee in your payment. This ensures that the entire payment comes to OZ.

Start your shopping at Amazon Smile! Go to smile.amazon.com when you shop on Amazon and choose Or Zarua as your beneficiary. Then shop as usual. OZ earns a percentage of every eligible purchase.

Sponsor a lecture, Shabbat Zoom, or other program. Our online programming has been varied and well attended. This will defray the costs to the congregation of having these wonderful events. Please contact Helene Santo for more information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1•7 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class	2•8 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit 2:00p NazoOZ After School 4:10p Candlelighting 4:10p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p Young Professionals Shabbat Dinner	3•9 Kislev Vayetze 9:00a Shaharit 5:09p Havdalah
4•10 Kislev 8:45a Shaharit 10:00a Jewish History with Barry Feldman: 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal	5•11 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Shalom Sing-a-Long with Tkiya 12:00p Zoom Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p MS/HS Class with Rabbi Bolton	6•12 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	7•13 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class	8•14 Kislev 7:5a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class	9•15 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit 2:00p NazoOZ After School 4:10p Candlelighting 4:10p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	10•16 Kislev Vayishlah 9:00a Shaharit 5:09p Havdalah
11•17 Kislev 8:45a Shaharit 10:00a Jewish History with Barry Feldman: 7:00p Book Discussion: <i>Loss of Memory is Only Temporary</i> 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal	12•18 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Shalom Sing-a-Long with Tkiya 12:00p Zoom Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School	13•19 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	14•20 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class	15•21 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class 5:00p NCS Hessed Program	16•22 Kislev 7:15a Shaharit 2:00p NazoOZ After School 4:11p Candlelighting 4:11p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	17•23 Kislev Vayeshev 9:00a Shaharit 11:00a Torah Tots with Tikya Kiddush in the Round 5:10p Havdalah
18•24 Kislev Erev Hanukkah 8:45a Shaharit 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal Light 1 Candle at Night	19•25 Kislev Hanukkah Day 1 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Shalom Sing-a-Long with Tkiya 12:00p Zoom Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School Light 2 Candles at Night	20•26 Kislev Hanukkah Day 2 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 4:00p Met Council Volunteers Light 3 Candles at Night	21•27 Kislev Hanukkah Day 3 7:15a Shaharit 5:00p Family Program for Sheva Brakhot 6:00p Dinner & Sheva Brachot Sigal & Shalom <i>No Hebrew School</i> <i>No Talmud Class</i> Light 4 Candles at Night	22•28 Kislev Hanukkah Day 4 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class 5:00p NCS Hessed Program Light 5 Candles at Night	23•29 Kislev Hanukkah Day 5 7:15a Shaharit Light 6 Candles before Shabbat 4:14p Candlelighting 6:00p Kabbalat Shabbat (no minhah) Shabbat Hanukkah Dinner with Bir'nana (RSVP) <i>No NazoOZ After School</i>	24•30 Kislev Rosh Hodesh Hanukkah Day 6 Miketz 9:00a Shaharit 5:14p Havdalah Light 7 Candles at Night
25•1 Tevet Hanukkah Day 7 8:54a Shaharit Light 8 Candles at Night	26•2 Tevet Hanukkah Day 8 8:45a Shaharit 12:00p Zoom Torah Study <i>No Shalom Sing-a-Long</i> <i>No Hebrew School</i>	27•3 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	28•4 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Hebrew School</i> <i>No Talmud Class</i>	29•5 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit <i>No Siddur Class</i>	30•6 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 4:19p Candlelighting 4:19p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat <i>No NazoOZ After School</i>	31•30 Tevet Vayigash 9:00a Shaharit 5:19p Havdalah

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1•8 Tevet 8:45a S'lihot & Shaharit <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	2•9 Tevet 8:45a Shaharit 12:00p Zoom Torah Study <i>No Shalom Sing-a-Long</i> <i>No Hebrew School</i>	3•10 Tevet Tzom Asarah B'Tevet 6:08a Fast Begins 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 5:15p Fast Ends	4•11 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class	5•12 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class	6•13 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 2:00p NazoOZ After School 4:25p Candlelighting 4:25p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat Following Services: Or L'Atid Shabbat Dinner	7•14 Tevet Vayechi 9:00a Shaharit 5:25p Havdalah
8•15 Tevet 8:45a Shaharit 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal	9•16 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Shalom Sing-a-Long with Tkiya 12:00p Zoom Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p MS/HS Class with Rabbi Bolton	10•17 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	11•18 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class	12•19 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class	13•20 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 2:00p NazoOZ After School 4:32p Candlelighting 4:32p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	14•21 Tevet Shemot 8:45a Shaharit 5:32p Havdalah
15•22 Tevet 8:45a Shaharit 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal	16•23 Tevet Martin Luther King Day 7:15a Shaharit 12:00p Zoom Torah Study <i>No Shalom Sing-a-Long</i> <i>No Hebrew School</i>	17•24 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	18•25 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class	19•26 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class 5:00p NCS Hesed Program	20•27 Tevet 7:15a Shaharit 2:00p NazoOZ After School 4:40p Candlelighting 4:40p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	21•28 Tevet Vaera 9:00a Shaharit 5:39p Havdalah
22•29 Tevet 8:45a Shaharit 10:00a Lucy Dawidowicz Lecture Series with Gary A Rendsburg, PhD: <i>People of the Book</i> 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal	23•1 Shevat Rosh Hodesh 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Shalom Sing-a-Long with Tkiya 12:00p Zoom Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School	24•2 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom) 4:00p MET Council	25•3 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class	26•4 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class 5:00p NCS Hesed Program 7:30p Poetry: Secrets, Light & Dark: A Post Hanukkah Reflections with Shelley Saposnik	27•5 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 2:00p NazoOZ After School 4:49p Candlelighting 4:49p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	28•6 Shevat Bo 9:00a Shaharit 11:00a Torah Tots with Tkiya Kiddush in the Round 5:47p Havdalah
29•7 Shevat 8:45a Shaharit 10:00a Lucy Dawidowicz Lecture Series with Gary A Rendsburg, PhD: <i>People of the Book</i> 7:00p Book Discussion: <i>The Third Daughter</i> 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal	30•8 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 10:00a Shalom Sing-a-Long with Tkiya 12p Zoom Torah 4:00p Hebrew School	31•9 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit (Zoom)	1 Feb•10 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class	2 Feb•11 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 8:40a Siddur Class	3 Feb•12 Shevat 7:15a Shaharit 2:00p NazoOZ After School 4:57p Candlelighting 4:57p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	4 Feb•13 Shevat Shabbat Shira Beshalach 9:00a Shaharit 11:00a Torah Tots with Tkiya 5:55p Havdalah Or L'Atid Musical Havdalah