

**In-Person Minyan is Back
Rebuild and Be Rebuilt**
Count me in the In-Person Morning Minyan!
Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Morning minyan is moving back to the sanctuary in person starting on Wednesday, March 16!

We need your help to rebuild and revitalize our daily minyan and morning breakfast: Sundays at 8:45 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 7:15 am (be sure to check the OZ calendar for holiday changes). The Tuesday morning service will continue as a Zoom-only event at 7:15 am.

Shabbat services will continue to be in person at 9:00 am.

"Why is in-person prayer important? When I close my eyes while someone is chanting the prayers

I don't care what page they're on. I use morning minyan to gather my gratitude. Rabbi Bolton taught me to especially express my thanks at the Modim (gratitude/acknowledgement) section during the Amidah. I hear that one word now, among a few others I've learned, and I'm launched into a great space every morning I join the minyan," one congregant reported.

When we are in the sanctuary members are able to support each other in remembering loved ones on yahrzeits and for kaddish during periods of mourning. Visitors who need to pray for sick loved ones and friends, or say kaddish in the presence of caring souls, are warmly welcomed upon arrival in the sanctuary. The

physical presence of others reassures us we are not alone.

Breakfast after minyan is a time to build community. The power of coming together for prayers and in-person interaction is a matter of good health, balance, and bettering ourselves. Deep feelings of associations not only with our own community but the Jewish People worldwide and in Israel come into our consciousness when we commit to being part of a daily minyan.

Let us know you are willing to attend morning minyan in person one or more days a week by adding your name to the minyan roster using this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/OZMinyan0322>

-Rabbi Bolton

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The Wilderness Adventure Cohosted by Rabbi Bolton and Shelley Saposnik

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Poetry Reading To Warm The Heart And Soul with Yehoshua and Baruch November

Saturday, April 2, 7:30 pm

Please See Page 3 for more information about each of these poetry events.



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President's Message

by Isaac Nagiel



Purim! We are busily planning a wonderful in-person Purim celebration with a host of activities for all ages, including Megillah

readings, our very own Purim Spiel, and a Young Professionals Purim party. This Purim is particularly meaningful, as it marks the two-year anniversary of our last big in-person holiday event, before the world essentially shut down.

Like many of you, my phone likes to show me what I did on this date in prior years. I recently happened to see pictures of me and my family enjoying Purim at Or Zarua, all dressed up in our costumes (the only masks people knew).

I still remember that strange, uneasy feeling of Purim 2020, sitting there, enjoying the Megillah, but not knowing what was to come. Nobody knew what would occur and synagogues had never dealt with a pandemic that closed their doors. As much as technology over-use and misuse can be detrimental, during the pandemic, technology was a lifeline that allowed us to continue our diverse programming and spiritual life. While Zoom kept us connected as a community, we all pined for that true connection that comes with in-person

interactions. I'm happy to report that we not only endured, but strengthened, as a community, over the past two years, despite the ups and downs of this pandemic.

Given the steep drop in cases in our neighborhood, we are continuing to open up and our sanctuary is filling up in ever greater numbers with every passing Shabbat. Looking forward, we have a multitude of exciting in-person events including: Purim, Weekly Youth Shabbat programming on Saturday mornings is re-starting, Or L'Atid Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner on March 25th, and save the dates for a Magevet Shabbaton and an Or Zarua Seder on the first night of Pesach!

It has been beautiful to see so many members return recently to the sanctuary, some for the first time in months or even years with the Rabbi recognizing them to rise and say the Shehecheyanu. It's powerful, poignant, and a reminder of all we have been through and the joy we have ahead of us.

Thank you to the Board of Trustees, the Health Task Force, and the congregation for working together to keep us safe and allowing us to move from strength to strength.

A Poetry Happening at Or Zarua
The Wilderness Adventure
Cohosted by Rabbi Bolton and Shelley Saposnik
Thursday, March 24, 7:00 pm
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/OZPoetry0322>

If you were leaving for a trek into the wilderness, what poem might you take with you? If you were thinking about wilderness inspiration what poems come to mind? Are you inspired to write a new one yourself? Join a group of members and bring a favorite poem to share, one of your own to workshop or some to read. We'll make tea, open a bottle of wine and move into a soulful, poetic zone. Since Pesah is around the corner, if you need more on the theme, think freedom, redemption and journey into the wilderness.

This is an in-person event at Or Zarua. Registration required (link above).

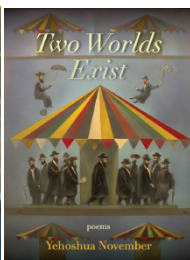
Email Rabbi Bolton with any questions at rabbibolton@orzarua.org.

God's Optimism, Bar Mitzvah Dreams & Two Worlds Exist
Poetry Reading To Warm The Heart And Soul
Havdalah with Yehoshua and Baruch November
Saturday, April 2, 7:30 pm

As winter rolls in, let's join together and give ear to two brothers' award-winning poetry. We'll gather at Or Zarua on Saturday evening, January 22, 7:30pm, to make havdalah and then hear the words of two poets. Come raise a glass and revel in a reading that will feature Yehoshua and Baruch November.



Yehoshua



Yehoshua November embraces a religious faith that can be compatible with a poetry of deep feelings of religious doubt and uncertainty as real options: "A Jew is supposed to trust in God, but this too comes against the backdrop, against the possibility of doing otherwise. This is what makes faith meaningful...If a religious poet is honest...he or she can represent the challenges and humanity of religious life."

Baruch November is the author of *Bar Mitzvah Dreams* and *Dry Nectars of Plenty* (co-winner of the *BigCityLit* Chapbook Contest). His poems and short fiction have been

featured in *Paterson Literary Review*, *Lumina*, *New Myths*, *The Forward*, and *Jewish Journal*. For nearly two decades, Baruch has taught courses in Shakespeare, poetry, and writing at Touro College in Manhattan. His poem "After Esav" was nominated for a 2021 Pushcart Prize.

Yehoshua November is the author of two poetry collections, *God's Optimism* (a finalist for the *Los Angeles Times Book Prize*) and *Two Worlds Exist* (a finalist for the *National Jewish Book Award* and the *Paterson Poetry Prize*). His work has been featured in *The New York Times Magazine*, *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, *The Sun*, *Virginia Quarterly Review*, on *National Public Radio* and *On Being's Poetry Unbound* podcast.



Baruch

This Spring
Chaburah Torah Study is Back!
Parashat Shemini
with Charlie Spielholz
Kashrut: Is It Good For You?
Shabbat, March 26, After Kiddush



Save the Date!
Chancellor Shuly Rubin Schwartz of JTS
Saturday, April 30

Shuly Rubin Schwartz, a groundbreaking scholar of American Jewish history and a visionary institutional leader, is the eighth chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS). She is the first woman to serve as chancellor of JTS in its 134-year history.

Chancellor Schwartz is devoted to building on JTS's unique strengths as a place where critical academic inquiry coexists with a deep commitment to Jewish tradition, where Jewish living and learning happen side by side, and where students develop the skills to discern and share the continued relevance of Jewish texts and the enduring power of Jewish ritual and community.

Chancellor Schwartz will speak during services. Following services, the community is invited to a Q&A with the Chancellor during a Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by Mimi and Barry Alperin.



Shabbat Shirah Shabbaton with Magevet

**Jewish, Hebrew, and Israeli a cappella
 from Yale University**

Friday and Saturday, April 8 & 9

Join us for an inspiring, musical Shabbat with Magevet, one of the nation's premiere Jewish a cappella singing groups. Magevet is known for its sweet blend of voices, unique arrangements, and lighthearted sense of humor. The group's diverse repertoire spans modern Israeli pop and Renaissance choral pieces to Yiddish folk tunes and Zionist classics.

Magevet will sing between Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv on Friday night, and add richness to those services.

There will be a dinner with a short set from Magevet and beautiful Friday night singing. Reservations will be required. The link to register will be sent out shortly. On Shabbat morning, Rabbi Bolton will collaborate with Magevet for a sermon in song, and we'll enjoy a post-kiddush concert around 1 pm on Shabbat day.

Congregant Owen Pell Hosted An Evening with the Auschwitz Institute for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities

Why Do We Believe We Can Prevent Genocide?

Watch Recorded Video: <https://tinyurl.com/PellAIGPOZ>



Purim, Passover and Holocaust remembrance and heroism Day beget the questions: *Why Do We Believe We Can Prevent Genocide?*

How are we doing it?

On the evening of March 7, OZ learned about genocide prevention in the 21st Century. Our own member, Owen Pell, currently serves as the President of the Board of the Auschwitz Institute for the Prevention of Genocide & Mass Atrocities (AIPG), an organization whose mission is to

make good on the pledge of "Never Again" by working with governments around the world. From developing innovative curricula to organizing training seminars, the Auschwitz Institute transforms people and agencies into prevention specialists, creating communities of practice dedicated to stopping atrocities before they begin. Owen was joined in discussion by Dr. James Waller, a leading scholar and curriculum developer in the field of genocide prevention. Dr. Waller addressed our community and discuss his research—including his critically acclaimed books—on what we know about genocide and how individuals can act to stop

it. We then heard from Samantha Capicotto, AIPG's Director of Standards and Best Practices, about what the work of genocide prevention looks like within a variety of regions, countries, and partners. Rabbi Bolton closed the evening with reflections on how engagement with genocide prevention on a global level helps to fulfill the universal aspect of our call to action as the holidays of Purim and Passover approach in this year 5782.



Classes with Rabbi Bolton

You May Join Any Of These Classes At Any Time

After Purim There will be Changes to how our Classes Meet
Beginning on Wednesday March 23 Talmud Class will meet
both in-person and on Zoom

Beginning on Thursday, March 24, Siddur Class meets in person only

Zoom Torah Study

Jewish Ethics, Jewish Wisdom

The Weekly Parsha in Rabbi Jonathan Sacks' Thought

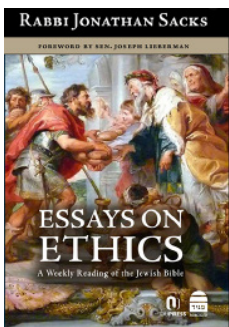
Mondays, 12 Noon

See Calender for dates

Zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/OZMondayTorahStudy>
 ID: 8152 249 6147; Passcode: 613

Make time for Torah study during your busy week! Join Rabbi Bolton and Or Zarua community members to explore essays by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, z"l, on the weekly Torah portion. Not only will Rabbi Sacks' big ideas be our focus, but we will examine the



classical sources that Rabbi Sacks raises to build his unique and poignant messages. Through his books, recorded lectures, and syndicated columns, Rabbi Sacks, z"l, shared his exquisite understanding of Torah for the modern world as the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth (UK). After stepping down as Chief Rabbi he served as Ingeborg and Ira Rennert Global Distinguished Professor of Judaic Thought at NYU. His recent death in November, 2020, caused many to reflect on his profound impact in America, in the UK and globally. Come study Torah as an expression of how much we value learning and to honor Rabbi Sacks' memory.



Talmud Class 5782

Punishments in Search of Crimes, Souls in Search of Expiation, & Society in Search of Justice

Tractate Makkot

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm

See Calender for dates

Zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/OZWedTalmudClass>
 Hybrid Talmud Class begins
 Wednesday, March 23

The chapters of Tractate Makkot deal with laws of the Jewish beit din and the punishments they may administer. The Talmudic discourse moves us into concerns about false witnesses and laws about manslaughter versus murder. Amid passages about offenses and their consequences we find theological and sociological reflections about crime, criminals and criminality. As policy for Jewish courts is derived, our Sages discuss the place of retribution, rehabilitation and restorative justice. Which offenses are minor breaches? Which more serious infractions? And do more lashes mean more expiation of guilt? Does receiving lashes somehow reverse the severe punishment of excommunication? While the Torah outlawed self-flagellation, Hanina ben Gamliel said, "If by the commission of a sin one forfeits his soul before God, so much the more reason is there for belief that, by a meritorious deed, such as voluntary submission to punishment, his soul is saved." The possibilities that Talmudic literature raises sometimes lead to particular laws and other times stand as thought exercises to explore important concepts or concerns. Makkot is about crime and punishment, and Makkot is about human nature, sin and pursuing justice.



Siddur Gems

Go to

<https://tinyurl.com/OZSiddurGems> for the first video in a new series: Siddur



Gems—Modeh Ani: A Soulfelt Attitude of Gratitude. Siddur Gems are teachings about Jewish liturgy and our prayer-

lives. I'll explore the language of tfillot, music for our prayers, the history of liturgy and the themes and ideas behind our sacred poetry.

Siddur Class 5782

Hear Our Sabbath Prayers

Thursdays, 8:40 am

See Calender for dates

Candlelighting, Kabbalat Shabbat, Lekha Dodi and Ma'ariv (The Evening Service), Shalom Aleichem...Did we always say the unique psalms that make up the preliminary service on Friday night? Sing for our Sabbath meal? Which prayers were central to our ancestors' experiences of Shabbat? How did poetry woven together from biblical allusions and medieval mystical texts become central to Jewish worship throughout both Ashkenaz and Sephardic lands? How do modern prayerbooks compare to siddurim from ages past, when it comes to Sabbath evening services and table liturgy for Shabbat dinners? Come explore the history of Shabbat over the Jewish ages and the liturgies that were recited, in addition to those we use today. During Siddur Class we explore the prayers' language, discuss their meanings and dig into their histories. Our conversations this year will surely take us into exploring the meaning of Shabbat in our lives and what the liturgy suggests as points of focus. Class meets at 8:40 am on Thursday mornings. ZOOM participants are encouraged to have their cameras on, to add their presence on screen to the learning community.



Hamentaschen Bake with Sigal (Zoom)

Thursday, March 10, 5:30 pm

Get ready for Purim with a Zoom Hamentaschen Bake with Sigal! Make delicious Hamentaschen to give to friends and family in Mishloah Manot. OZers of all ages are welcome!

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/HamentaschenBake> and Sigal will send you a list of ingredients and supplies.

Or L'Atid Purim Celebration

Thursday, March 17, 4:00 pm

Families with children of all ages are invited to celebrate Purim on Purim Day! Join us in costume for a fun-filled event with performance, pizza, and a villainous treat...

RSVP to Sigal, shirsch@orzarua.org.

Shabbat programs for kids are back! 11:00 -11:45 am, 7th floor

Join us for our multi-age Shabbat program for kids! Our youngest children celebrate Shabbat together with interactive songs, stories, puppets and more! Elementary School children engage with t'filah on a deeper level, and explore the weekly parashah with interactive activities and discussion. Older children develop leadership skills, assisting our service leader, Hannah, with activities for the little ones. For infants -5th Grade. Programming is adjusted based on ages of attendees.



Photos: Hebrew School students explored how we are like trees for Tu B'Shevat. Together they made a beautiful display of Shivat Haminim to adorn our 7th floor hallway.



Or L'Atid Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner Friday, March 25, 6:00 pm

The entire OZ Community is invited to welcome Shabbat with a very special Kabbalat Shabbat.

Hebrew School families, join us as we welcome Shabbat together so that the angelic voices of our children can be added to our communal song.

Students will be invited to join Sigal on the bimah to help lead Kabbalat Shabbat, which we've been learning in Hebrew School for the past two years.

Following Kabbalat Shabbat, families with children of all ages, join us for our first in-person Shabbat dinner in two years! Sign up using this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/OLShabbatDinner>



The Great Pesah Scavenger Hunt in Central Park

Sunday, April 10, 10:30 am

Gear up for Pesah with a Central Park Scavenger Hunt!

Families with children of all ages and educational backgrounds, join us for a fun-filled experience as we explore the themes of Pesah and the park!

RSVP to Sigal, shirsch@orzarua.org.

Photos: Students enjoyed a visit from Rabbi Bolton at Hebrew School t'filah.

Below: In classes, Middle Schoolers explored art depicting the Splitting of the Red Sea.



Purim Begins

Wednesday Night, March 16



Purim Services and Festivities

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

Mishloach Manot: Are you attending Ma'ariv, the Megillah Reading*, and Spiel* *Bye Bye Haman aka Shushan Side Story* Wednesday evening, March 16? Let us know so we can plan and have mishloach manot ready for you:

<https://tinyurl.com/OZPurim2022>

Taanit Esther (Fast): 5:54am-7:34pm

Wednesday Morning Minyan in-person: 7:15am (No Breakfast)

Ma'ariv, Megillah & Masks: 7:45pm

Remember your matanot l'evyonim, giving tzedakah on Purim, which is a special mitzvah. After the Reading of the Megillah there will be a Young Professionals Party on the Roof.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Minyan and Megillah Reading in-person: 7:15am

Pick up mishloach manot: 8:00am-10:00am

Pick up mishloach manot: 3:00pm-4:00pm

Or L'Atid Family Purim Celebration: 4:00pm

*The Megillah reading and the Spiel will be available on live stream on the OZ YouTube channel. Please look for the direct link in future eblasts.

Online OZ Gallery for March and April *Biblical Heroines of Purim and Pesah*

"When Adar comes, joy increases." It is now Adar 2 (5782 being a leap year) and our joy is intense. Purim is nigh, with Pesah not far behind. As we observe these glorious festivals, we remember two heroic women, Esther and Miriam.

We read Megillat Esther on Purim, the thrilling story of the Hebrew woman, born as Hadassah in Persia but known as Esther, who became queen of Persia and saved the Jews from extermination at the hands of the wicked Haman. She is the great Biblical heroine.

In the Pesah Haggadah, we tell the story of the Exodus from Egypt, reliving how Moses leads the Israelites from slavery. In the narrative of Moses's infancy the Torah speaks of the unnamed sister of Moses watching over him as he is drawn from the Nile. We know that is Miriam who, later in the Torah, is described as a prophetess. Notably, she leads the Israelites in the Song of the Sea after Pharaoh's army is destroyed at the Sea of Reeds.

In this edition of The Online OZ Gallery, we examine two works, one by Orazio Gentileschi (1563-1639) and the other by Artemisia Gentileschi (1593-1654, or later). They are father and daughter, both painters from Italy. Artemisia is considered the most celebrated female artist of the 17th century. Much of the attention devoted to her today focuses on her as a protofeminist artist.



Artemisia Gentileschi

Esther Before Ahasuerus, c.1630

Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY

In this image, Esther has come—unbidden—into the royal throne room to intervene with King Ahasuerus (who is unaware she is Jewish) on behalf of her people. Knowing that entering the king's presence without being summoned was forbidden on pain of death, Esther begins to fall into a faint. Did her courage fail her? Is she weakened by fasting? Or was it a ploy on her part? As she swoons, color drains from her face and her head leans against her lady-in-waiting. The king stirs, leans forward in his chair—looking towards Esther—indicating his concern for her. The Megillah tells us he listened to her plea and eventually spared her people. Note how your eye is drawn towards Esther, how the light falls on her face while the king is partially in shadow; her clothing, equally lavish, and more colorful than the king's. Gentileschi makes her the heroic figure, the protagonist of the scene. This is very much a consistent motif of Artemisia Gentileschi. You may recall the article "A Heroine for Hanukkah" in the Online Gallery edition of December 2020 which featured Artemisia's Judith and Her Maidservant with the Head of Holofernes. Some scholars have noted that many of Artemisia Gentileschi's paintings portray powerful women, some even committing acts of violence against men, as in her painting of Judith and Holofernes.

While much scholarly and popular attention today tends to focus on Artemisia, in the 17th century her father's fame eclipsed hers. Beyond Italy, where he was born, Orazio worked at the courts of Marie de' Medici in Paris and of Charles I in London. In 2002, New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art mounted an exhibition of the works of both Gentileschis. In announcing the exhibition, Philippe de Montebello, then the museum's Director, wrote that Orazio's paintings "are characterized by their compact, tightly-constructed compositions—surprisingly devoid of the dramatic urgency that lies at the core of Artemisia's paintings—and his brilliant use of color. He is often described as a poet of light."

You can see that tight composition in *The Finding of Moses*, which likely dates from the same period as Artemisia's *Esther*. In this graceful painting, the pointing hands of the women draw your attention to the baby Moses. His sister, Miriam, who watched as her brother was placed in the bulrushes of the Nile, has helped deliver him to safety. It is she who volunteers to call the child's mother (her mother) to nurse and care for the infant Moses. Later in the Exodus narrative, Miriam leads Hebrew women in singing, dancing and the playing of timbrels after the crossing of the Sea of Reeds. At that time in our history, Miriam was a leader, a true Biblical heroine.

At this time of year, we celebrate these valiant women, Esther and Miriam, and on behalf of the OZ Gallery

Committee, we wish you a Chag Sameach Purim and a Zissen Pesah!



Orazio Gentileschi

The Finding of Moses, 1633

Museo Nacional del Prado, Madrid

—Gerry Solomon and Bobbi Collier

Israel Opportunities & News

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Slice of Life Video

Trygve Maseng, a Norwegian living in NYC becomes an Israeli pilot in Israel's War of Independence. See the Video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qpEznGB062A>



Conversations on Zionism with JNF Reclaiming the Narrative

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<https://tinyurl.com/JNFZionismProgram>

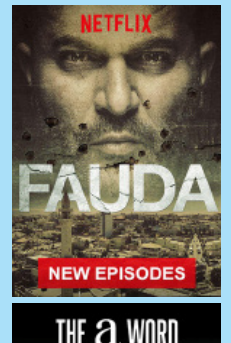
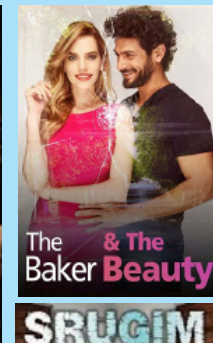
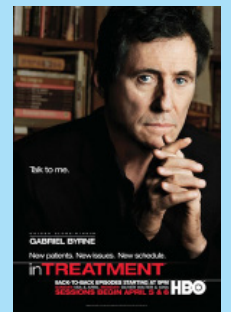


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Celebrating Israel Throughout the Year

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For Information on Accusations Against Israel

Ben and Jerry's and BDS

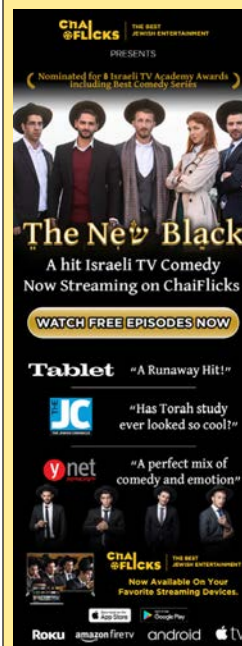
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1) The Consulate General of Israel, New York, sends out a weekly email, Israeli Culture in North America. The email provides links to a whole calendar of art, music, and film events that you can join in to watch. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/CGIsraelSignUp>.

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

Siyum Friday, April 15 Ta'anit Behorot Immediately Following Shaharit (morning service)

Rabbi Bolton will lead a siyum on Friday morning, April 15 after the completion of the Shaharit service (which begins at 7:15 am).

Everyone who attends the siyum will join in a festive meal. All are invited to attend the siyum.

Ta'anit Behorot Fast of the Firstborn Friday, April 15

What is the Fast of the Firstborn?

Ta'anit behorot, the Fast of the Firstborn, is a custom observed on the day before Pesah to commemorate our gratitude for surviving the pre-Exodus tenth plague, which smote all firstborn Egyptians but spared all firstborn Hebrews. It is a dawn-to-dusk fast, which this year falls on Friday, April 19.

Who is considered a firstborn?

For this fast, a firstborn is a male child who is the first child born either to his mother or to his father. Having an older brother or sister, by either parent, precludes his firstborn status—he is not the first child.

Why only the male firstborn?

In the ancient world, male firstborns were subject to Temple service. It was this hierarchy that was the target of the tenth plague.

How can a firstborn avoid fasting?

The mitzvah of attending a siyum—a completion of the reading of a tractate of Talmud—overrides the mitzvah of observing this fast. Firstborns can opt to attend a siyum, which is followed by a festive meal. The meal is part of the deal, so the fast is legitimately broken. Synagogues facilitate this choice for firstborns by scheduling a siyum for the morning before Pesah.

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The Holiest Package: Wrapping, Rolling, Encasing, and Enrobing the Torah

Seudah Shlishit Shiur

In Memory of Stewart Bolton, z"l

Saturday, April 23, 6:45 pm

Led by Rabbi Bolton

First we had to find right box for the tablets of the law as well as the broken pieces. Then the Talmud explains that Moses produced the first scroll of the Torah while in the wilderness. Are there notes about rolling or wrapping it?

Ashkenazi and Sephardic housing for our sacred scrolls developed differently and not every ark we open is built the same way. Looking through the lens of packaging engineering, material history and design theory, we will explore how the Jewish People have contained, encased, and enrobed our holiest possession.

Rabbi Bolton's shiur is dedicated to the memory of his father, Stewart L. Bolton, z"l, former pharmaceutical and food packaging specialist.

Or Zarua Community First Seder Leaving Egypt Behind, Renewal at Pesah Friday night, April 15 Led by Rabbi Bolton

Congregation Or Zarua invites you, your family, and friends to the OZ Community First Seder, led by Rabbi Bolton, Friday, April 15, after Kabbalat Shabbat

Please make reservations by Friday morning, April 1 through ShulCloud: <https://orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/2022-First-Night-Seder> or at 212-452-2310, ext. 39, or email Deborah Wenger at dwenger@orzarua.org

OZ Members and Guests: \$80 per adult; \$50 per child aged 8 and under.

Nonmembers: \$125 per adult; \$50 per child aged 8 and under.

Discount Code for Young Professionals (\$26 off): YPSeder2022

If finances are keeping you from joining the first Seder at Or Zarua, write to Rabbi Bolton at rabbibolton@orzarua.org.

Pesah Meal Match

Second Seder, Saturday night, April 16

Pesah is the time to invite guests into our homes to read the Haggadah during a Seder. If you would like to host a guest or guests in your home for the first Seder,

or if you would like to join other Or Zarua Congregants in their home, please contact the OZ office at 212-452-2310 and speak with Helene Santo (ext 14) or Deborah Wenger (ext 12) by Wednesday, April 1.

Sell Your Hametz

Rabbi Bolton will arrange the transaction

Before Passover, we are required to "sell" any hametz in our possession to a non-Jew. The transaction is arranged by the rabbi, to ensure compliance with the requirements of halakhah. The completed form, below, must arrive at

the synagogue office no later than noon on Thursday, April 14, or email a scan of the signed form to dwenger@orzarua.org. **Please be sure to sign the form.** It is customary to enclose a contribution to Or Zarua's Ma'ot Hittim Fund with your authorization.

Authorization for the Sale of Hametz

In accordance with Jewish law, I/we authorize Rabbi Bolton to sell all hametz in my/our possession at the locations listed below. Enclosed is my/our contribution to Or Zarua's Ma'ot Hittim Fund. **Note that this authorization must be signed; this authorization is NOT valid without your signature.**

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____ Apt # _____

City/State/Zip _____

Other Locations (vacation home, office, etc):

Address _____

Address _____

Address _____

Signature _____

Please note that this authorization must be signed.

This completed form must arrive at the OZ office no later than, Thursday, April 14:

-You may complete the form online using the following link:

<https://orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/2021-22-authorization-for-the-sale-of-hametz.html>

-Or you may complete the above form and scan it and email to:

dwenger@orzarua.org

Ma'ot Hittim Fund

Assist needy Jews to prepare for Passover

The Haggadah tells us that every Jew must experience the Exodus from Egypt, and the Mishnah tells us that a Jew should drink four cups of wine at the Seder, even if funds for these come from the public dole.

We, therefore, raise such funds each year to assist less fortunate Jews who cannot afford to prepare for Passover. We forward the funds, called ma'ot hittim (wheat

money), to two communal organizations — the Joint Passover Appeal in New York and the New York Board of Rabbis — for distribution to needy Jews.

We hope that you will give generously to the fund, as many will benefit from your kindness. Please make your check payable to Congregation Or Zarua and write Ma'ot Hittim Fund on the memo line.

PESAH SCHEDULE 5782/2022

Thursday, April 14

Submit Hametz Sale Authorization
Bedikat Hametz after 8:16 pm

Friday, April 15

Ta'anit Bechorot (Fast of the Firstborn)
Shaharit, Siyum 7:15 am
Finish Eating Hametz before 10:18 am
Sell and Burn Hametz before 11:35 am
Kabbalat Shabbat followed by
the Congregational Seder 6:30 pm
Erev Pesah/First Seder
Candlelighting 7:17 pm
OZ Congregational Seder 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 16

First Day of Pesah
Shaharit 9:00 am
Erev Second Day of Pesah/Second Seder
Light Candles after 8:14 pm

Sunday, April 17

Second Day of Pesah
Shaharit 9:00 am
Yom Tov Ends 8:15 pm

Monday, April 18 through Wednesday, April 20

Third-Fifth Day of Pesah, Hol Hamoed
Shaharit 7:15 am

Thursday, April 21

Sixth Day of Pesah, Hol Hamoed
Shaharit 7:15 am
Candlelighting 7:23 pm

Friday, April 22

Seventh Day of Pesah
Shaharit 9:00 am
Minhah/Ma'ariv 6:15 pm
Candlelighting 7:24 pm

Saturday, April 23

The Last Day of Pesah
Shaharit 9:00 am
Song of Songs
Yizkor
Minhah, Seudah Shlishit Shiur with
Rabbi Bolton, Ma'ariv 6:45 pm
Shabbat & Festival End 8:22 pm

Guidelines for Passover

The guidelines below were prepared for the Rabbinical Assembly Committee on Jewish Law and Standards by Rabbi Mayer Rabinowitz. They were accepted by the Committee on December 12, 1984, and have been reviewed by Rabbi Bolton. Remember that the kosher for Passover home is a unique and transcendent experience for adults as well as children. Pesah feels different to the extent that it is different, and special foods and practices are the source of the special experience.

The Torah prohibits the ownership of hametz (leaven) during Pesah. Therefore, we arrange for the sale of the hametz to a non-Jew. The sale—mekhirat hametz—is accomplished by appointing an agent, usually the rabbi, to handle the transfer. The transaction is a valid and legal transfer of ownership. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges for the reversion of ownership of the now-permitted hametz. If ownership of the hametz was not transferred before the holiday, the use of this hametz is prohibited even after the holiday (hametz sheaver alav ha-Pesah).

The Torah also prohibits the eating of hametz during Pesah. We often need guidance when shopping and preparing for the holiday because many common foods contain some admixture of hametz.

During the eight days of Pesah, hametz does not lose its identity, even in an admixture. Therefore, the minutest amount of hametz renders the whole admixture hametz, and its use on Pesah is prohibited.

Following are some general guidelines. Consult Rabbi Bolton when there is any doubt about the status of a product. Examine the Kosher le-Pesah label: If it does not bear the name of a rabbi, does not contain one of the recognized symbols of rabbinic supervision, or is not integral to the package, check with Rabbi Bolton.

Food Items

Prohibited food: leavened bread, cake, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffee containing cereal derivatives, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye, and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol.

According to Ashkenazic custom, the following foods—kitniyot—are added to the prohibited list: rice, corn, millet, and legumes (beans and peas; but string beans are permitted). The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has ruled unanimously that peanuts and peanut oil are permissible.

In contrast to Ashkenazic custom, Sephardic authorities permit the use of all kitniyot on Pesah.

Permitted foods that DO NOT require a Kosher le-Pesah label: fresh

fruit, fresh vegetables (for legumes, see above), and eggs.

Permitted foods that DO require a Kosher le-Pesah label: all baked products (matzah, cake, matzah flour, matzah farfel, matzah meal, and any other products containing matzah), canned or bottled fruit juice (often clarified with kitniyot, which are not listed among the ingredients), canned tuna (often processed in vegetable broth and/or hydrolyzed protein, even when packed in water), wine, vinegar, liquor, oil, dried fruit, ice cream, yogurt, and soda.

The following processed foods (canned, bottled, or frozen) DO require a Kosher le-Pesah label if PURCHASED DURING PESAH: milk and milk products, butter, juice, vegetables, fruit, spices, coffee, tea, fish, and meat.

Non-Food Items

Detergent: If permitted during the year, powdered and liquid detergents DO NOT require a Kosher le-Pesah label.

Medicine: Because many pills are made with hametz binders, follow this guideline: If the medicine is required for life-sustaining therapy, it may be used on Pesah; if it is not for life-sustaining therapy, some authorities permit, while others prohibit the use of the medicine. Consult Rabbi Bolton.

Kashering (of hametz items)

Utensils: The process of kashering utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to halakhah, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process through which it was absorbed into the utensil (ke-voleo kakh polet). Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashered by fire and heat, and those used only for cold food are kashered by rinsing.

Earthenware: China, pottery, etc. may not be kashered. However, fine translucent chinaware that has not been used for over a year may be used for Pesah if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

Metal: Utensils made entirely of metal and used in fire (such as a spit or broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed, cleaned, and then heated to the highest possible temperature. Utensils used for cooking or eating (such as silverware or pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed, cleaned, and then completely immersed in boiling water. These metal objects should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered for Pesah.

Ovens and ranges: Every part that comes into contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed, cleaned, and then

heated to the highest possible temperature for a half hour. For ovens with no self-cleaning feature, use the broil setting; for self-cleaning ovens, use the self-cleaning feature to achieve the highest temperature. Continuous-cleaning ovens must be kashered in the same manner as regular ovens.

Microwave ovens: These do not cook food by means of heat. After the interior is cleaned, place a cup of water inside. Keep the oven on until the water disappears. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered for Pesah.

Glassware: Drinking glasses and stemware require only a thorough cleaning, by hand or in a dishwasher, before Pesah.

Glass cookware: There is a difference of opinion as to whether glass cookware should be kashered. One opinion is that it must be kashered—after a thorough cleaning, boil water in the cookware so that it overflows the rim. The other opinion is that only a thorough cleaning is required.

Glass bakeware: Like metal bakeware, glass bakeware may not be kashered for Pesah.

Dishwashers: Clean any food trap or filter and leave the dishwasher unused for 24 hours. Then, complete a full wash cycle with detergent.

Electrical appliances: If parts that come into contact with hametz are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rule for metal utensils). If the parts are not removable, then the appliance cannot be kashered. However, all exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned in either case.

Tables, closets, and countertops: If they have come into contact with hametz, surfaces should be thoroughly cleaned and covered before use.

Kitchen sinks: Metal sinks must be thoroughly cleaned and then doused with boiling water. Porcelain sinks must be thoroughly cleaned and outfitted with a sink rack. Items may be soaked in a basin placed inside a porcelain sink.

Hametz and non-Passover items: In order to prevent accidental use, all non-Passover kitchen items and hametz whose ownership has been transferred should be separated from Passover items, marked, covered, and placed in a locked area.

An ever-increasing variety of Kosher le-Pesah products is available in local markets as well as in the specially dedicated Pesah stores that appear each year. Patronize these special Pesah stores, for they provide an important service to the Jewish community.

Omer Basics

WHAT'S AN OMER?

An omer is a unit of measure for cut sheaves of a grain crop. The 49-day period between the second day of Pesah and the day before Shavuot is referred to as the period of sefirat ha'omer—the counting of the omer.

WHY DO WE COUNT IT?

The Torah tells us in Parashat Emor (Leviticus 23:15–16) that an omer of barley was brought to the Temple on the second day of Pesah as a “wave offering.” This omer of barley consisted of newly harvested grain, and new barley could not be eaten until the omer offering was brought. Starting on the second day of Pesah, 49 days were counted, at the end of which Shavuot was celebrated and an offering was brought to the Temple from the early summer's wheat harvest. The counting, sefirat ha'omer, is done at nightfall each day during the seven weeks. The counting of the omer connects the Exodus from Egypt with the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. In eagerness, we count the days of waiting for the revelation.

HOW DO WE OBSERVE IT?

For a period of time during the counting of the omer it is traditional to observe certain semi-mourning customs, such as postponing weddings and forgoing haircuts. This tradition may have an agricultural origin in that the period leading up to the summer harvest is a time of concern for the continuing safety of the crop. But also during this time of year in the second century CE, some 24,000 of Rabbi Akiva's students perished—they were most likely killed by the Romans.

WHAT IS LAG B'OMER?

Lag B'Omer is the 33rd day of the counting—“lag” is an acronym made up of lamed (30) and gimel (3). The massive fatalities of Rabbi Akiva's students halted on that day, and the customs of semi-mourning are suspended. Lag B'Omer is observed as the yahrzeit of Rabbi Shimon bar Yohai, the person said to have authored the mystical book *The Zohar*. This year Lag B'Omer begins on the night of Wednesday, April 28.

Or Zarua Book Discussions



People Love Dead Jews by Dara Horn

Sunday, March 27, 7:00 pm

Discussion Leader: Rabbi Scott Bolton

The Netanyahus by Joshua Cohen

Sunday, May 15, 7:00 pm

Discussion Leader: TBA



Ukraine Relief

Give to the Or Zarua Lights in Ukraine Emergency Tzedakah Campaign. Our goal is \$18,000. Please contribute for Ukrainian Jews and Society.

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

Super Bowl Tzedakah Fund Still In Play! It's 4th Down and You're the One

It's Game On for our Super Bowl Tzedakah Fund and the clock is ticking! We will be making our significant annual contributions around Passover time this year. We like to support the Met Council and Project ORE with meaningful gifts. In typical times, Marcel and Shelly Adler throw a Super Bowl Party at Or Zarua in memory of his parents that starts the tzedakah collection in their honor. This year because of COVID there was no party, yet Shelly and Marcel are encouraging all of us to join them in making generous tzedakah donations. It's Fourth Down and goal to go. People are hungry and in need. Will you be the one who helps push us into the End Zone? Please contribute to the Super Bowl Tzedakah Fund using this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/OZSuper0322>



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 has remained open and is 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.nycommonpantryvolunteerhub.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.

Our next opportunities will be at the pantry on Tuesdays March 15, April 5, May 24, and June 21 at 4 PM to pack the groceries and the distribution at the building will start at approximately 5:30 PM.

Individuals and families are welcome to volunteer. However, all volunteers coming to the building or the pantry need to be fully vaccinated and wear a mask. 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 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.

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/>

The Or Zarua Community

Fund contributions received between December 1, 2021 and January 31, 2022

Condolences

Our deepest sympathies:

Karen Klapper and family on the death of her mother, Sylvia Pollack

The family of Alice Shuchman on her death. Alice will be remembered for her dedication to Jewish tradition, her love of family and for support of Or Zarua's unique mission.

May they and their loved ones be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Mazel Tov

Rosanne Alberts in honor of the marriage of her daughter, Hana R. Alberts, to John Mitchell
 Debbie and Joel Binstok in celebration of their son Michael's upcoming marriage to Lauren
 Laure Sebi and Ira Glauber on the birth of a grandson, Phillip Monroe Glauber

New Members

We welcome:

Miranda Bass and Alissa Platcow
 Debra and Joel Binstok
 Phyllis Rosenberg
 Amy and Justin Zises

30th Anniversary Appeal

Phyllis and Gerry Solomon

Emily Braun and Andrew Frackman

Bir'nana

Mimi and Barry Alperin

General Fund

Rosanne Alberts in honor of the marriage of her daughter, Hana R. Alberts, to John Mitchell
 Lily and David Broner in appreciation of Rabbi Scott Bolton
 Bobbi and Barry Collier in memory of Bobbi's father, Dr. H. Harold Gelfand
 Pat and Alan Davidson in memory of Pat's mother, Sylvia Baris
 Beth Fisher and Harvey Himel in memory of Dr. Bernard Fisher and Shirley Fisher, Dr. Zygmunt Himel and Sonja Himel
 Pam and Mark Gold
 Anita and Ira Halper in honor of Rabbi Scott Bolton and his creative teaching
 Arlene Slater and Stanley Goodman
 Lynn and Mark Somerstein, in memory of Mark's uncle, David Gelber
 Audrey and Richard Stadin in memory of Richard's father, Harry Stadin
 Judith Sykes and Fred Seid in memory of Fred's father, Sheldon Seid

Harry Gandel z"l Memorial Fund

Barbara Lutzky Packer and Stuart Packer

Hesed Fund

Shelley Binder in memory of her mother, Riva Binder

Ellen Wetter-Brenner and Mark Brenner in memory of A. Wetter

Linda and Jeffrey Haberman in memory of Linda's mother, Miriam Waldman, and Jeffrey's father, Marvin Haberman

Dara Murray, in memory of her beloved husband, John Leo Murray, on his yahrzeit

Anne and Reed Schneider for the New York Common Pantry in memory of Naomi Friedland-Wechsler

Ethel Bass-Weintraub and Barry Weintraub in memory of Ethel's mother, Anita Bass, on her yahrzeit

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Hevra Kadisha, continued

Marilyn Povodator in memory of her mother,
Anna Povodator
Emily and Brian Sahn in memory of Brian's
grandmother, Belle Spanbock
Phyllis and Gerry Solomon

Kiddush

Sandie Antar in honor of Or Zarua's birthday
Ellen and Said Hawa in honor of the marriage of
their daughter, Tammi, to Gabriel Wolofsky
Ruth Horowitz and Michael Nachman in memory of
Ruth's mother, Barbara Horowitz
Sue Katz in honor of Or Zarua's birthday
Hannah and Aaron Kranich in honor of their
daughter, Sonia Kranich, becoming Bat Mitzvah
Reena and Arthur Seltzer in memory of Theo
Danzig
Shelley Saposnik in honor of Or Zarua's birthday
Jill Shapiro in memory of her mother, Lorraine
Ackerman Shapiro
Phyllis and Gerry Solomon
Claire and Peter Wolf Smith

Kol Nidre Appeal

Elaine Blum
Rabbis Amy and Scott Bolton
Emily Braun and Andrew Frackman
Ellen Wetter-Brenner and Mark Brenner in memory
of A. Wetter
Phyllis Brochstein
Ilona and Benjamin Charkow
Julie Copeland and Robert Beller
Linda Dershowitz
Rosalind Devon
Laurie Dien and Alan Yaillen, and Aliza Yaillen and
Josh Gross
Naomi and Sherman Fabes in memory of their
grandparents, Anita and Herb Diamond and
Arlene and Joseph Yonack
Barry Feldman
Jessica Fichter and Neil Ferranti
Beth Fisher and Harvey Himel
Judith Friedlander
Alice Geisler
Karen and Henry Glanternik
Ellen Glass and Daniel Birger
Diana and Harrison Goldin
Judith and Robert Golub
Sara Adler Gottlieb and Paul Gottlieb
Joan and Stuart Gross
Sheila and Samuel Gunther
Ruth Horowitz and Michael Nachman
Caroline Golden Ilberman and Alan Ilberman
Debra Ilberman-Hoffman and Mark Hoffman
Tamara Jasper
Aliza Kaplan
Janet Katz
Vivian and Fred Kenvin
Francine and Sam Klagsbrun
Sarah Klagsbrun and Eric Weinstein
Karen and Harvey Klapper
Irina and Alex Knaster
Sheryl and John Leventhal
Amy and Michael Leviton
Sharon Shorofsky Mack and Alexander Mack
Allyn Maultasch
Liz Neumark and Chaim Wachsberger
Jonathan Mishkin
Diane Okrent and Aaron Shelden
Barbara Lutzky Packer and Stuart Packer
Pearl and Owen Pell

Paulette Posner
Marilyn Povodator
Meredith and Michael Proskin
Michael Rock
Ellen and Robert Schaffer
Anne and Reed Schneider
Laure Sebi and Ira Glauber
Reena and Arthur Seltzer
Rhonda and Gene Sherwin
Vera and Robert Silver
Robert Skolnick
Lynn and Mark Somerstein
Charlie Spielholz
Walter C. Squire and Sara Abramson, M.D.
Miriam Wallerstein
Rabbi Harlan Wechsler
Ellen Wetter-Brenner and Mark Brenner
Melinda and Adam Zalma
Nancy and Jay Zises

Minyan Fund

Tamara Jasper in memory of her fabulous father,
Norman Platnick
Michael Blumenstein

Naomi Friedland-Wechsler Memorial Fund

Sara Abramson, M.D., and Walter C. Squire
Judy Buchman-Ziv
Pat and Alan Davidson
Laurie Dien and Alan Yaillen, and Aliza Yaillen and
Josh Gross
Amy Doberman and Joe Griminger
Mona Dreier
Alice Geisler
Ellen Glass and Daniel Birger
Dore Hollander
Caroline Golden Ilberman and Alan Ilberman
Tamara Jasper
Johanna Kaplan
Meredith and Michael Katz
Susan Katz
Francine and Samuel Klagsbrun
Sarah Klagsbrun and Eric Weinstein
Melissa Kashan Lader and Craig Lader
Benjamin Marcus
Shari Prince Merkin and David Merkin
Dara Murray
Pearl and Owen Pell
Elizabeth Philipp and Patrick Moriarty
Judith and Barry Schneider
Barbara Scott and Jonathan Bromberg
Jill Shapiro
Rana Arons Silver and David Silver
Vera and Robert Silver
Robert Skolnick
Lynn and Mark Somerstein
Ethel Bass-Weintraub and Barry Weintraub
Elaine and Aryeh Weiss
Deborah and Avey Wenger
Keely and William Zientz

Or L'Atid

Laurie Dien, Alan Yaillen, Aliza Yaillen and Josh
Gross in honor of Gerry Solomon and Charlie
Spielholz for being honored as Hatan Torah
and Hatan B'reishit; the marriage of Tammi
Hawa and Gabriel Wolofsky; the engagements
of Shuli Bolton and Eyal Buchnik, Sigal Hirsch
and Shalom Cohen, Ethan Lowens and Sam
Friedlander; in memory of Theodore Danzig, and
Paulette Barash, mother of Lou Barash

Judith and Robert Hirsch in appreciation for
welcoming us to your Minyan
Caroline Golden Ilberman and Alan Ilberman in
memory of Alan's mother, Shirley

OZ Young Professionals

Laurie Dien, Alan Yaillen, Aliza Yaillen and Josh
Gross in honor of Sherman Fabes' 30th birthday
Ruth and Keith Fabes, in thanks for allowing
them to be part of Or Zarua this year after the
death of their mother and grandmother, Anita
Diamond, attending High Holiday services, and
all of the help from the Boltons. Yasher Koach!

Shabbaton Fund

Ruth Weinreb and Bennett Ashley in honor of Marc
Ashley

Purim Bash

Evelyn Kenvin and Arthur Rosenbloom
Vivian and Fred Kenvin
Carol Rosenbloom and Ira Kay in honor of Carol's
father, Arthur Rosenbloom
Melissa Katz-Rosenbloom and Lawrence
Rosenbloom in honor of Arthur Rosenbloom
Michael Schwartz

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Susan and Stanley Alt in memory of Stanley's
parents, Dorothy and Mannie Alt
Irene Bolton
Ellen Wetter-Brenner and Mark Brenner
Andrew Danzig in memory of Theodore Samuel
Danzig
Elaine Danzig in memory of Theodore Samuel
Danzig
Laurie Dien, Alan Yaillen, Aliza Yaillen and Josh
Gross in memory of Laurie's uncle, Barry Karsh
Morgan Dorsch and Joshua Magid in gratitude to
Rabbi Bolton for his immense impact on their
and their baby Rafi's lives. They moved to Los
Angeles in November, and really miss the
Or Zarua community!
Joseph Kannry
Joy and Benno Kimmelman in memory of Joy's
mother, Fay Noveck, on her yahrzeit
Sarah Klagsbrun and Eric Weinstein in memory of
Marian Rabbini, Gille Ann Rabbini's mother, and
in memory of Seth Slivka, brother and brother-
in-law of their friends, Mark Slivka and Moira
Morrissey
Shari Prince Merkin and David Merkin in memory
of Suri Susan Shusterman
Peggy and Neil Perlman in memory of Yetta
Perlman (Yenta bat Menachem Mendel v'Hinda)
Elizabeth Philipp and Patrick Moriarty in memory
of Elizabeth's mother, Rachel Philipp, on her
yahrzeit
John Philipp in memory of Rachel Philipp, on her
yahrzeit
Judith Princz in gratitude to Rabbi Bolton for all the
inspiring work that he does at Or Zarua
Diane Okrent and Aaron Shelden for Tutormate, in
memory of Diane's father, Meyer B. Okrent, who
inspired her love of reading
Lynn and Mark Somerstein in memory of Mark's
mother, Hadasa Somerstein
Dale Stern in memory of Dennis Labeau's brother,
David Allen Labeau

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		1•28 Adar I 7:15a Shahrar (Zoom)	2•29 Adar I 7:15a Shahrar (Hybrid) 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class	3•30 Adar I Rosh Hodesh 7:15a Shahrar (Zoom) 8:40a Siddur Class (Zoom) 7:00p Zoom Hebrew	4•1 Adar II Rosh Hodesh 7:15a Shahrar (Zoom) 5:20p Zoom into Shabbat 5:32p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	5•2 Adar II Pekudei 9:00a Shahrar 6:28p Shabbat Ends
6•3 Adar II 8:45a Shahrar 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal	7•4 Adar II 7:15a Shahrar 12:00p Zoom Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School 7:00p <i>Why Do We Believe We Can Prevent Genocide?</i> with Owen Pell, James Waller, and Samantha Capicotto	8•5 Adar II 7:15a Shahrar (Zoom)	9•6 Adar II 7:15a Shahrar (Hybrid) 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class	10•7 Adar II 7:15a Shahrar (Zoom) 10:30a Hamentaschen Bake 8:40a Siddur Class (Zoom) 7:00p Zoom Hebrew	11•8 Adar II 7:15a Shahrar (Zoom) 5:30p Zoom into Shabbat 5:40p Candlelighting Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	12•9 Adar II Shabbat Zakhor Vayikra 9:00a Shahrar 11:00a Youth Shabbat Program 6:36p Shabbat Ends
13•10 Adar II Daylight Savings Time 8:45a Shahrar 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal	14•11 Adar II 7:15a Shahrar 12:00p Zoom Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p Judaism: The Deep Dive with Rabbi Bolton	15•12 Adar II 7:15a Shahrar (Zoom) 4:00p MET Council Volunteers	16•13 Adar II Taanit Escher/Erev Purim 5:54a Fast Begins 7:15a Shahrar 5:30p Or'Avad Purim Celebration 7:34p Fast Ends 7:45p Purim Services with Megillah reading & Spiel 9:15p Young Professionals Purim Party <i>No Talmud Class. No Hebrew School</i>	17•14 Adar II Purim 7:15a Shahrar with Megillah Reading 5:00p NCS Hesed Program 7:00p Zoom Hebrew <i>No Siddur Class</i>	18•15 Adar II 7:15a Shahrar 5:45p Zoom into Shabbat 6:00p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:47p Candlelighting	19•16 Adar II Tzav 9:00a Shahrar 11:00a Youth Shabbat Program 7:43p Shabbat Ends
20•17 Adar II 8:45a Shahrar 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal	21•18 Adar II 7:15a Shahrar 12:00p Zoom Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School	22•19 Adar II 7:15a Shahrar (Zoom)	23•20 Adar II 7:15a Shahrar 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class	24•21 Adar II 7:15a Shahrar 8:40a Siddur Class (Zoom) 5:00p NCS Hesed Program 7:00p Zoom Hebrew 8:30p Poetry Reading to Warm the Heart and Soul with Shelley Saposnik	25•22 Adar II 7:15a Shahrar 5:45p Zoom into Shabbat 6:00p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:55p Candlelighting	26•23 Adar II Shabbat Parah Shemini 9:00a Shahrar (in person) 11:00a Youth Shabbat Program After Kiddush: Chaburah with Charlie Spielholz: <i>Kashrut: Is It Good For You?</i> 7:51p Shabbat Ends
27•24 Adar II 8:45a Shahrar 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal 7:00p Book Discussion: <i>People Love Dead Jews</i> by Dara Horn	28•25 Adar II 7:15a Shahrar 12:00p Zoom Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School	29•26 Adar II 7:15a Shahrar (Zoom)	30•27 Adar II 7:15a Shahrar 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class	31•28 Adar II 7:15a Shahrar 8:40a Siddur Class (Zoom) 7:00p Zoom Hebrew		

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10•9 Nissan 8:45a Shahrar 10:30a Or L'Atid Pesah Program 7:15p Bir'nana Rehearsal	11•10 Nissan 7:15a Shahrar 12:00p Zoom Torah Study 4:00p Hebrew School	12•11 Nissan 7:15a Shahrar (Zoom)	13•12 Nissan 7:15a Shahrar 4:00p Hebrew School 5:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 7:30p Talmud Class	14•13 Nissan Hameitz Sale Authorization Due Today 7:15a Shahrar 8:40a Siddur Class (Zoom) 5:00p NCS Hesed Program 7:00p Zoom Hebrew After 8:16p: Bedikat Hameitz (Search for Hameitz)	15•14 Nissan Erev Pesah Ta'anit Behorot 7:15a Shahrar and Siyum Bittul Hameitz (nullification) prior to 11:35a 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat & Congregational Seder 7:17p Candlelighting First Seder	16•15 Nissan First Day of Pesah 9:00a Shahrar Light Candles after 8:14p Second Seder
17•16 Nissan Second Day of Pesah 9:00a Shahrar 8:15p Yom Tov Ends <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	18•17 Nissan Hol Hamoed Third Day of Pesah 7:15a Shahrar <i>No Zoom Torah Study</i> <i>No Hebrew School</i>	19•18 Nissan Hol Hamoed Fourth Day of Pesah 7:15a Shahrar (Zoom)	20•19 Nissan Hol Hamoed Fifth Day of Pesah 7:15a Shahrar <i>No Talmud Class</i> <i>No Hebrew School</i>	21•20 Nissan Hol Hamoed Sixth Day of Pesah Erev Seventh Day Pesah 7:15a Shahrar 7:23p Candlelighting <i>No Siddur Class</i> <i>No Zoom Hebrew</i>	22•21 Nissan Seventh Day of Pesah 7:15a Shahrar 6:15p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:24p Candlelighting	23•22 Nissan Eighth Day of Pesah 9:00a Shahrar (Yizkor) 6:45p Minhah/Ma'ariv and Annual Shiur with Rabbi Bolton 8:22p Shabbat & Pesah End
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Congratulations to OZ Congregant Johanna Kaplan whose book, *Loss of Memory Is Only Temporary*, is a Vogue Best Book of 2022.

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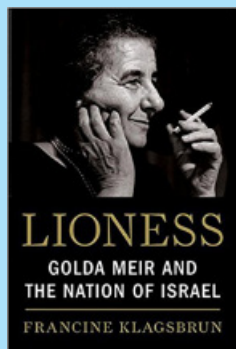
Or Zarua's Memorial Wall

For information about plaques for our Memorial Wall, please contact Helene Santo at hsanto@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 14. We will place another order when we have sufficient interest.

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.



LIONESS: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel



The Book *LIONESS, Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel* by OZ Congregant Francine Klagsbrun is being made into a mini series.

The series will star Shira Hass. Barbara Streisand and Eric Tuchman are the executive producers.

You can read more about this event here:

<https://tinyurl.com/LIONESSMiniseries1>

Additional information will be published in future issues of the OZ newsletter.



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 לפני 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 Yailen
Edon Valdman, Audio/Video Production

In Loving Memory
Sharon Seiler ז"ל