

SPOTLIGHT

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Summer

IN THE

WITH  Or Zarua

City 

NEW YORK CITY IS THE PLACE TO BE THIS SUMMER.
SPEND SHABBAT ON THE ROOF AT OZ!

ENJOY THIS SPECIAL SUMMER EDITION OF SPOTLIGHT.

Mark your calendars for summer events at OZ:

INDEPENDENCE DAY KIDDUSH

Saturday, July 4, following services

TRIVIA NIGHT WITH WINE AND CHEESE ON THE ROOF

Wednesday, July 8, 7:00 pm

ROOFTOP SHABBAT DINNERS

Fridays, July 10 and August 14, after services

TISHA B'AV

Wednesday July 22 - Thursday, July 23

ISRAELI MOVIE NIGHT

Monday, July 27

SUMMER LEARNING ON THE ROOF WITH RABBI BOLTON

Wednesday, August 5, 7:00 pm

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

HEBREW SCHOOL AT OR ZARUA

MAH JONGG AND BIR'NANA

WELCOME BACK COCKTAILS
& HHD TICKET PICK-UP

HIGH HOLY DAYS AND SUKKOT

SUMMER 2026/5786

LEARN WITH RABBI BOLTON

CLASSES WILL RESUME IN THE FALL

TORAH STUDY, MONDAYS, 12:00 PM, ZOOM ONLY

Explore the weekly Torah reading through the lens of “I Believe,” by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, z”l.

LEARNING HEBREW AND BIG JEWISH IDEAS, MONDAYS, 6:00 PM

Looking to build your Jewish literacy, start your Hebrew journey or simply deepen the Jewish conversation? Join this class to understand Hebrew roots, words and phrases to grow your Jewish literacy.

TALMUD CLASS, WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 PM, HYBRID

Route 66: The Top Sixty-Six Sugiyot (Passages) Every Educated Jew Must Know

SIDDUR AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE, THURSDAYS, 8:45 AM

Explore the Siddur and discuss our prayer experience.



PRAY WITH US

SEE THE CALENDAR ON PAGES 15-16 FOR ALL SERVICE TIMES.

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday Services: See calendar

Saturday Services: 9:00 am

WEEKDAY MINYAN

Sunday: 8:45 am

Monday - Friday: 7:15 am (Tuesday Zoom only)

Sign up for daily minyan at tinyurl.com/OZMinyan

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JULY 4TH BBQ

START THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS ON JULY 4!

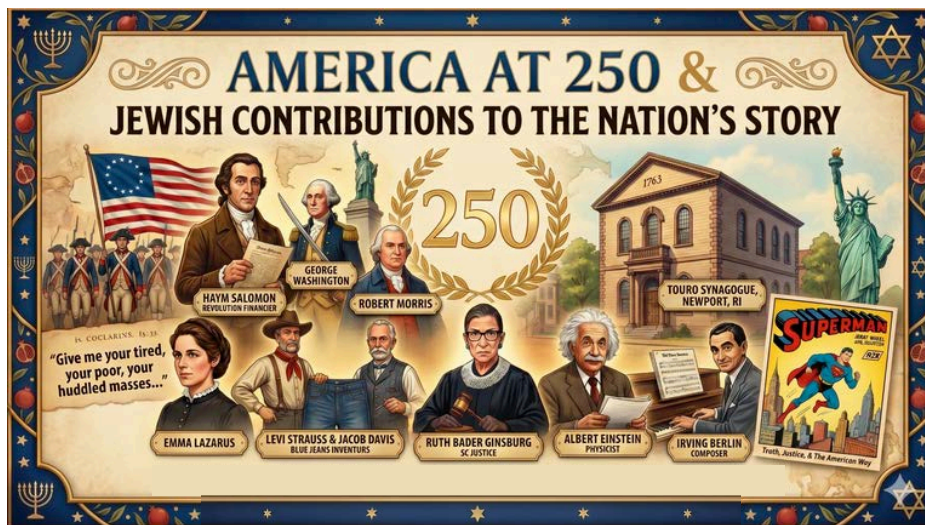
Come for the services, stay for the delicious barbecue—a festive feast in honor of Independence Day weekend. Sign up at orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/JulyFourthKiddush.html if you plan to attend!

The BBQ Kiddush is sponsored by Andrew and Deborah Zelenetz. A contribution to the Kiddush Fund was made by Helen and Ken Golub in memory of Helen's father, Leo Levy, z"l.

TRIVIA NIGHT ON THE ROOF

WITH WINE AND CHEESE

Wednesday, July 8th, 7:00 PM



Celebrate 250 years of American history by uncovering the incredible, surprising, and deeply woven impact of Jewish Americans on the nation's story. From the foundational financing of the Revolutionary War to the creation of iconic comic book superheroes and cultural milestones,

test your knowledge on the people who helped shape the fabric of the United States. Join us for an unforgettable trivia night filled with fascinating stories, friendly competition, and a unique look at America's quarter-millennium journey!

Sign up at orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/rooftop-trivia.html

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: ISRAELI MOVIE NIGHT MONDAY, JULY 27, 7:00 PM

Come for a movie and snacks.
Watch the eblast for the movie title
and other details.

ROOFTOP SHABBAT DINNER

SPEND SUMMER IN THE CITY AT OR ZARUA!

Friday, July 10, services at 6:45 pm in the library, dinner to follow

Sponsored by Ilona and Ben Charkow & Deb Olstein and Charlie Spielholz

We're shaking things up for Shabbat! First we'll daven Kabbalat Shabbat in the Or Zarua library and then head upstairs for an unforgettable Rooftop Shabbat Dinner. Share a delicious meal and meaningful conversation as we wind down the week and lift up the spirit.

\$36/person for dinner; \$18/ages 5-12

Note: There will be no Oneg on July 10.

CAN'T MAKE IT JULY 10?

Sign up for the next Rooftop Shabbat Dinner on August 14.

orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/ShabbatRooftopDinnerAugust

**SIGN UP AT [ORZARUA.SHULCLOUD.COM/
FORM/SHABBATROOFTOPDINNERJULY](https://orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/ShabbatRooftopDinnerJuly)**



SIPS, SPIRITS AND STUDY

SUMMER LEARNING ON THE ROOF WITH RABBI BOLTON

Wednesday, August 5, 7:00 PM

Gather on the roof for an evening of wine, soft drinks and nosh with a short study led by Rabbi Bolton.



MAH JONGG OPEN PLAY NIGHTS!

All Members and Their Friends Are Welcome!

Tuesdays, July 14 , 28, August 11, 25, 7:00 pm

Whether you're a seasoned player or brand-new to the tiles, we'd love to have you join our friendly Mah Jongg Open Play evenings. Let us know if you would like guided play. Drop in anytime between 6:00 and 7:00 pm and enjoy a relaxed, social atmosphere where everyone can play together.

Bring a friend—or two! It's a wonderful way to introduce others to our community and to the joy of the game.



 **\$10/MEMBER, \$15/NON-MEMBER, PER NIGHT**
 **IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE RSVP AT**
[ORZARUA.SHULCLOUD.COM/FORM/MAHJONGG.HTML](https://orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/mahjongg.html)

BIR'NANA: JEWISH A CAPPELLA AT OZ



Do you like music? Try something new in 5787!

Starting after Simchat Torah in October, join Bir'nana for any 1, 2, or all of our series throughout the year. No prior group singing experience, reading music, or proficient Hebrew knowledge required. Led by Director Rabbi Amy Bolton, and Professional Music Leader and Accompanist Elliot Roman.

All voices welcome! For more information please contact the group coordinator Rachel Friedman, rfriedman616@gmail.com

Bir'nana 5787 Season

Series I: Fall – Beyond Hanukkah

Sing a variety of Hanukkah and other Hebrew and English songs. Repertoire is a musical mosaic of time periods, musical styles, and composers. Help create a brighter Hanukkah, for yourself and the Or Zarua community.

Performance: Shabbat Hanukkah — Friday evening, December 11

NEW! *Open Rehearsal:* October 18 – Open to anyone interested in singing this season.

Rehearsals: Sundays 7:15 – 8:45pm October 25 – December 6, at Or Zarua

Series II: Purim

Want to ham it up but keep it kosher? The Purimspiel is a highlight of our season. Bring your love of singing and a little comic pizzazz. Add your energy to this annual creative retelling of the Megillah. Original script, written by Pete Wolf Smith.

Performance: Purim evening, Monday, March 22

Rehearsals: Sunday 7 – 8:30pm (note earlier time) January 10 – March 21, at Or Zarua

Series III: Spring – Am Yisrael Chai

Enjoy singing songs related to Israel, past and present. Enhance your experience of Yom HaZikaron/Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Memorial and Independence Days, and Yom Yerushalayim/Jerusalem Day.

Performance: Songs of Israel — Shabbat Morning Kiddush, June 5

Open Rehearsal: April 4 – Open to anyone interested in singing this season.

Rehearsals: Sundays 7:15 – 8:45pm, April 11 – May 23 at Or Zarua

BIR'NANA LEADERSHIP

Music Director: Rabbi Amy Bolton

Professional Music Leader & Accompanist: Elliot Roman

Group Coordinator: Rachel Friedman, Purimspiel Maestro: Pete Wolf Smith

HEBREW SCHOOL AT OR ZARUA

A NEW PARTNERSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR OR ZARUA FAMILIES
Tuesday afternoons at 92NY

We are thrilled to launch our educational partnership with 92NY and to offer Or Zarua families access to the ATiD program—a dynamic and engaging approach to Jewish learning that reflects our shared commitment to nurturing knowledgeable, connected, and inspired Jewish children.

Registration is open for the innovative, high-quality Jewish learning experience designed to engage students in meaningful, developmentally appropriate ways while strengthening their connection to Jewish life, values, and community.

For details on how to receive a special rate for Or Zarua members, please reach out to the Or Zarua office.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR OR ZARUA FAMILIES

Or Zarua continues to have a Hebrew School. This partnership enhances—not replaces—our commitment to Jewish education, ensuring our children benefit from both excellent classroom learning, a wider Jewish social scene, and deep synagogue connection..

92NY
ATiD

Through **ATiD on Tuesday afternoons at the 92NY**, students will participate in a dynamic Jewish learning program with experienced educators, small class sizes, and a thoughtful, grade-based curriculum (Kindergarten through 7th grade) that builds Jewish identity, literacy, and values. Hebrew instruction is fully integrated into the program.

Being part of the 92NY will **enlarge the student cohort**, creating a more vibrant and dynamic peer group while still maintaining small class sizes for individualized attention.



PIZZA AND PARSHA WITH RABBI BOLTON: SIXTH & SEVENTH GRADERS

Monday afternoons at Or Zarua

Rabbi Bolton has thoughtfully designed a Monday afternoon experience for sixth and seventh graders. The learning will focus on Torah, how it applies to our lives, Jewish history and Hebrew. A registration link will be sent directly to rising 6th and 7th grade families for this Monday program. Let Rabbi Bolton know you're interested in this class with an email to rabbibolton@orzarua.org.

ONCE-A-MONTH "RABBI'S STUDY SUPPER": FOR EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Discuss Torah, Current Events, and the Arts & Jews at 6pm on given Thursdays. Please let Rabbi Bolton know your teen is interested (rabbibolton@orzarua.org) or write him with your teen's number so he can reach out over text.



TISHA B'AV

Wednesday, July 22 - Thursday, July 23

Tisha B'Av Night

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

8:21 pm Tisha B'Av Fast begins

8:25 pm Ma'ariv for Tisha B'Av with Reading of Eikhah & Kinot

Tisha B'Av Day

Thursday, July 23, 2026

7:15 am Shahrarit with Torah Reading, Haftarah, and Kinot (no breakfast)

7:50 pm Minhah with T'fillin and Ma'ariv

8:55 pm Tisha B'Av Fast ends; light break-the-fast



WATCH FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!

Please watch your mail for your membership renewal information. Your continued participation helps sustain the programs, services, and community life we build together.

The High Holy Days begin on September 11 this year!

We will mail tickets to all members who renew by **August 18**. After that date, tickets will be available for pickup at the synagogue.

If you have questions about your dues, please feel free to reach out to **Rabbi Bolton** or **Rhonda Sherwin**.

SAVE THE DATE!

WELCOME BACK COCKTAILS & HIGH HOLY DAY TICKET PICK-UP

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 5:30 TO 7:30PM

Join us for Welcome Back Cocktails and High Holiday ticket pick-up — a perfect chance to reconnect with the community, enjoy a drink, and get ready for the High Holy Days.



**AND, IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO
ORDER YOUR LULAV AND
ETROG. PLEASE USE THIS
LINK TO PLACE YOUR
ORDER:
[ORZARUA.SHULCLOUD.COM/
FORM/LULAV-AND-ETROG-
ORDER-FORM.HTML](https://orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/lulav-and-etrog-order-form.html)**

CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLY DAYS WITH OR ZARUA

ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS FRIDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 11

GET READY FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, LEIL S'LIHOT AND SINFUL DESSERTS

8:00 pm Sinful Desserts, followed by Shiur and S'lihot services

ROSH HASHANAH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, EREV ROSH HASHANAH

6:00 pm Rosh Hashanah evening services (Or Zarua)

6:53 pm Candle Lighting

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1

8:30 am Morning services (Wallace Hall)

10:00 am Apple and Honey Tots (Wallace Hall)

11:15 am Apples and Honey Kids (Wallace Hall)

6:30 pm Evening services (Or Zarua)

Light candles after 7:52 pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2

8:30 am Morning services (Wallace Hall)

10:30 am Family High Holiday Experience – Early Childhood –
birth-age 4 (Or Zarua)

11:15 am Family High Holiday Experience – *Pre-K to 8th grade*
(Or Zarua)

4:15 pm Shofar and Tashlikh (Carl Schurz)

6:00 pm Tashlikh (Central Park)

You can find recordings of several High Holy Day melodies on our website at: orzarua.org/pray/music/

Prepare for the High Holy Days by learning or reviewing the selections.

GUEST TICKETS

To purchase guest tickets,
visit
orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/guest-ticket.html

CONNECT ON YOM KIPPUR AND DURING THE DAYS OF REPENTANCE

YOM KIPPUR BEGINS SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 20

YOM KIPPUR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, EREV YOM KIPPUR

- 6:30 pm Kol Nidre service (Wallace Hall)
- 6:30 pm Kol Nidre Kids (Wallace Hall)
- 6:38 pm Candle Lighting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, YOM KIPPUR

- 9:00 am Morning services (Wallace Hall)
- 10:30 am Family High Holiday Experience –
Early Childhood – *birth-age 4* (Or Zarua)
- 11:15 am Family High Holiday Experience –
Pre-K to 8th grade (Or Zarua)
- 3:00 pm Afternoon service and Yizkor (Wallace Hall)
- 7:37 pm Yom Kippur ends

**HELP US CREATE
AND MAINTAIN
SACRED SPACES
THROUGHOUT THE
HOLIDAYS**

**POWER DOWN AND
CONNECT!**

We ask that all of our Or Zarua spaces at Wallace Hall and in our synagogue building remain TECH-FREE.

➤➤➤ LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

All services at Wallace Hall will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person.

Go to youtube.com/@congregationorzarua8110/streams and click on the service currently live.



SUKKOT AT OZ IS THE BEST! JOIN US ON THE ROOF.

SUKKOT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT AND THE ROOFTOP SUKKAH WILL BE ALIVE WITH ACTIVITY.

Watch your email for details on how to help build and decorate the sukkah, our catered dinner, bring-your-own nights, and a range of programs designed for all ages to celebrate together.



SUKKOT BEGINS FRIDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 25

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: EREV SUKKOT

- 6:29 pm Candle lighting, Day 1
- 6:30 pm Shabbat & Sukkot First Night, Festival Ma'ariv

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: SUKKOT DAY 1

- 9:00 am Shabbat & Sukkot First Day, morning services
- 7:28 pm Candle lighting after 7:28 pm, Day 2

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: SUKKOT DAY 2

- 8:45 am Sukkot Second Day, morning services
- 7:26 pm Yom Tov ends

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2: HOSHANAH RABBAH

- 7:15 am Hoshana Rabbah, morning services
- 6:00 pm Shabbat & Shemini Atzeret, evening services
- 6:18 pm Candle Lighting, Shabbat and Shemini Atzeret

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, SHEMINI ATZERET

- 8:45 am Shabbat & Shemini Atzeret morning services with Hallel and Yizkor
- 7:00 pm Simhat Torah evening services with hakafot
- 7:16 pm Candle lighting after 7:16 pm, Simhat Torah

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, SIMHAT TORAH

- 9:00 am Simhat Torah, morning services and hakafot
- 7:10 pm Yom Tov ends

JULY 2026/5786 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 · 16 Tamuz 7:15a Minyan	2 · 17 Tamuz Fast of Tamuz 4:16a Fast Begins 7:15a Minyan 9:08p Fast Ends	3 · 18 Tamuz 8:45a Minyan 6:45p Shabbat Services 8:12p Candle Lighting Office Closed	4 · 19 Tamuz Parashat Pinhas 9:00a Services July 4th BBQ Kiddush after services 9:13p Havdalah
5 · 20 Tamuz 8:45a Minyan	6 · 21 Tamuz 7:15a Minyan	7 · 22 Tamuz 7:15a Minyan (Zoom)	8 · 23 Tamuz 7:15a Minyan 7:00p America at 250: Wine and Cheese Trivia Night on the Roof	9 · 24 Tamuz 7:15a Minyan	10 · 25 Tamuz 7:15a Minyan 6:45p Shabbat Services No Oneg Rooftop Shabbat Dinner after Services 8:10p Candle Lighting	11 · 26 Tamuz Parashat Mattot-Masei 9:00a Services 9:10p Havdalah
12 · 27 Tamuz 8:45a Minyan	13 · 28 Tamuz 7:15a Minyan	14 · 29 Tamuz 7:15a Minyan (Zoom) 7:00p Open Mah Jongg	15 · 1 Av Rosh Hodesh 7:15a Minyan	16 · 2 Av 7:15a Minyan	17 · 3 Av 7:15a Minyan 6:45p Shabbat Services 8:06p Candle Lighting	18 · 4 Av Shabbat Hazon Parashat Devarim 9:00a Services 9:06p Havdalah
19 · 5 Av 8:45a Minyan	20 · 6 Av 7:15a Minyan	21 · 7 Av 7:15a Minyan (Zoom)	22 · 8 Av Erev Tisha B'Av 7:15a Minyan 8:21p Fast Begins 8:25p Ma'ariv with Reading of Eikhah & Kinot	23 · 9 Av Tisha B'Av 7:15a Minyan with Torah Reading, Haftarah, and Kinot 7:50p Minhah with T'fillin and Ma'ariv 8:55p Fast Ends	24 · 10 Av 7:15a Minyan 6:45p Shabbat Services 8:01p Candle Lighting	25 · 11 Av Shabbat Nahamu Parashat Vaet'hanan 9:00a Services 9:00 Havdalah
26 · 12 Av 8:45a Minyan	27 · 13 Av 7:15a Minyan 7:00p Israeli Movie Night	28 · 14 Av 7:15a Minyan (Zoom) 7:00p Open Mah Jongg	29 · 15 Av Tu B'Av 7:15a Minyan	30 · 16 Av 7:15a Minyan	31 · 17 Av 7:15a Minyan 6:45p Shabbat Services 7:54p Candle Lighting	

AUGUST 2026/5786 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 · 18 Av Parashat Eikev 9:00a Services 8:53p Havdalah
2 · 19 Av 8:45a Minyan	3 · 20 Av 7:15a Minyan	4 · 21 Av 7:15a Minyan (Zoom)	5 · 22 Av 7:15a Minyan 7:00p Sips, Spirits and Study on the Roof with Rabbi Bolton	6 · 23 Av 7:15a Minyan	7 · 24 Av 7:15a Minyan 6:30p Shabbat Services 7:46p Candle Lighting	8 · 25 Av Parashat Re'eh 9:00a Services 8:45p Havdalah
9 · 26 Av 8:45a Minyan	10 · 27 Av 7:15a Minyan	11 · 28 Av 7:15a Minyan (Zoom) 7:00p Open Mah Jongg	12 · 29 Av 7:15a Minyan	13 · 30 Av Rosh Hodesh 7:15a Minyan	14 · 1 Elul Rosh Hodesh 7:15a Minyan 6:30p Shabbat Services No Oneg Rooftop Shabbat Dinner after Services 7:37p Candle Lighting	15 · 2 Elul Parashat Shoftim 9:00a Services 8:36p Havdalah
16 · 3 Elul 8:45a Minyan	17 · 4 Elul 7:15a Minyan	18 · 5 Elul 7:15a Minyan (Zoom)	19 · 6 Elul 7:15a Minyan	20 · 7 Elul 7:15a Minyan	21 · 8 Elul 7:15a Minyan 6:30p Shabbat Services 7:27p Candle Lighting	22 · 9 Elul Parashat Ki Tetze 9:00a Services 8:26 Havdalah
23 · 10 Elul 8:45a Minyan	24 · 11 Elul 7:15a Minyan	25 · 12 Elul 7:15a Minyan (Zoom) 7:00p Open Mah Jongg	26 · 13 Elul 7:15a Minyan	27 · 14 Elul 7:15a Minyan	28 · 15 Elul 7:15a Minyan 6:30p Shabbat Services 7:16p Candle Lighting	29 · 16 Elul Parashat Ki Tavo 9:00a Services 8:15 Havdalah
30 · 17 Elul 8:45a Minyan	31 · 18 Elul 7:15a Minyan					