

## Movie at Or Zarua: *The Band's Visit*

Film version of the Broadway hit, Monday, July 23, 7:30 pm

See the Israeli film that inspired it all! Before it was this year's Tony Award winner for best musical and before it was an off-Broadway hit, *The Band's Visit* was a critically acclaimed movie, a sweet,

melancholy story about what happens when eight Egyptian musicians arrive in the wrong Israeli village—a tiny speck in the Negev—and find they have no way out of town until the next day and no place to

stay. (The town has no hotels.) *The Band's Visit* shows how Egyptians and Israelis overcome ethnic barriers to find comfort and understanding—and even love—through their shared sense of loneliness, longings, hopes, and disappointments. It's also quite funny. Several critics rated it one of the best films of 2007–2008.

Since the Tonys, *The Band's Visit* has become a tough (and expensive) show ticket to get. But you can see the film for free in the OZ Gallery on Monday, July 23, at 7:30 pm. RSVP to Deborah Wenger: 212-452-2310, ext 39 or [dwenger@orzarua.org](mailto:dwenger@orzarua.org).

**Lineup Change:** Keeping with our baseball theme, mark your scorecard to reflect that *The Band's Visit* is pinch-hitting for *The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg*, the story of the Baseball Hall of Famer and the game's first Jewish superstar. The Greenberg film is rescheduled for Sunday, October 21 (see page 12).



## Summer Learning with Rabbi Bolton

An Exploration of Tanakh (Jewish Bible) and Rabbinic Texts (Talmud, Midrash, and Halakha)

Three Wednesdays in August, 7:00 pm

August 8: *Biblical Roots and Blessings in Three Parts*


August 15: *Thanks, Praise, and Bodily Functions: Blessings for Everything*

August 29: *What? No Blessing for Coffee and Chocolate?! Literature on the Laws of Blessings*



There are blessings over mitzvot, over food, over phenomena, and there's even a blessing we say upon exiting the bathroom. Familiar, formulaic wording beginning with "Barukh atah..." links the various blessings. And yet, the variety of ideas, theologies, and concerns expressed in blessings point to how they help us recognize a nuanced reality in our relationships with God, our natural world, and our physical existence. We will explore the roots and the concept of blessings in the Tanakh and in the Rabbinic literature in order to understand how the Rabbis conceived of the system of blessings that we still engage today, thousands of years later. Come to one or all of the summer learning classes and explore *The Biography of Blessings* with Rabbi Bolton.




  
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*If you are interested in serving on a synagogue committee, please contact the office for the committee chair's email address.*

# President's Message

by Diane Okrent



I am honored to be the president of Congregation Or Zarua again, although I am saddened by the circumstances that precluded Sara Stone from continuing as president. I join the congregation in mourning the passing of her husband, David Stone.

From 2011 to 2014, I was the eighth person, and the third woman, to be elected to this position. Now, I am the eleventh president. We have now had four women presidents. Once again, I look forward to meeting the challenges that come with the office.

In 2011, I wrote the following: "Every Or Zarua president has faced similar issues: How can we grow our membership? How do we retain our current members? How do we maintain the quality of our Hebrew School? How do we maintain our building? How do we provide new and attractive programs, lectures, and courses? How do we keep our services vibrant while remaining traditional? And, how do we finance it all? The Board and its officers will continue to address these challenges in the years to come."

Those words ring as true today as they did seven years ago. And, as I did then, I know we are all up to those challenges and ready to continue the adventure that is Or Zarua.

We are in our 30th year! *Barukh atah adonai eloheinu melekh ha-olam, she-heheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higi'anu la-z'man ha-zeh*. Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, for granting us life, for sustaining us, and for helping us to reach this day.

Very soon, you will receive information about membership renewal. We hope you will join us as we embark on our fourth decade as a congregation. And, if you know people who would be interested in Or Zarua, please send them our way.

The Board and staff are hard at work planning for the coming year. And, we are open all summer. If you are in town, please join us for the movie *The Band's Visit*, Rabbi Bolton's classes about blessings, our Tisha B'Av observances, and, of course, daily morning minyan and weekly Shabbat services. With so many people away, your presence is especially important.

Before we know it, Rosh Hashanah will be here (September 9), and 5779 will begin. We will be together again in our Or Zarua building and in Wallace Hall (Park Avenue between 83rd and 84th Streets) for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. These will be our 30th High Holy Days at Or Zarua!

As we approach our 30th birthday in January, we have begun to develop a strategic plan that will take us into our fourth decade. The plan will address many of the issues outlined above.

As part of the plan, we will be sending a survey to all members to elicit your thinking about the congregation and its future. Please look for the survey next month.

In addition to the survey, I personally look forward to hearing your thoughts. In my professional life, I am a qualitative research consultant. Clients hire me to interview their customers and potential customers, analyze what I have heard, and propose ways to implement ideas. I expect to do the same in my capacity as president. I will hear what you have to say, analyze what I have heard, and propose ways to implement your ideas. I cannot promise to use all your ideas, but I can promise to hear them.

The next few years will be exciting and gratifying, and I look forward to what we will accomplish together!

Have a wonderful summer! Please join us at services whenever you can.

*Diane*



**About 90 Congregants and one puppy represented Or Zarua in this year's Celebrate Israel Parade.** If you missed it, you can see OZ in the official video here: <http://celebrateisraelny.org/parade-video/> Please join us next year on Sunday, June 2.

# Tisha B'Av Services and Study

**Erev Tisha B'Av**  
**Saturday, July 21**

**8:23 pm: Fast begins**  
**9:00 pm: Eikha**  
**9:04 pm: Shabbat ends**

**Tisha B'Av Day**  
**Sunday, July 22**

**8:45 am: Shaharit**  
**7:30 pm: Minhah,**  
**study with**  
**Rabbi Bolton, Ma'ariv**  
**9:00 pm: Fast ends**

## When History Feels Like the Book of Job An Exploration of a Book We Are Allowed to Study on Tisha B'Av Study with Rabbi Bolton

**Sunday, July 22, between Minhah & Ma'ariv**

Suffering on personal and societal levels and challenges are routine parts of human history. What messages beyond

"Were you around when I created the world?!" arise from the *Book of Job*? We will explore portions of the Book of Job, said to be one of the few we may study on Tisha B'Av as well as commentary by the Malbim and modern scholarship on this important book.

## I Think, I Feel, I Am

### A Book of Children's Poems by Elaine Blum



**O**Z Congregant, Elaine Blum, has written and published a book of children's poetry called *I Think, I Feel, I Am: A Book of Children's Poems*. The idea for the book came about from her experience as a speech and language teacher for NYC school children. Elaine realized the system was not attending to the emotional needs of the children. This book of poems was Elaine's way to tell readers how her students felt about themselves and was also a way to give

her young students hope and the power of love. Each of the 35 poems is accompanied by an illustration, one of which is replicated below. The book is available at Amazon at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/ThinkFeelAm>.



Above: The author with her grandchildren

### GOING TO BED

When we're put to bed at night  
After Ma turns off the light  
We wait until the time is right  
And then we have a pillow fight

And then our Ma comes in again  
We greet her with a grin and then  
She warns us and we climb in bed  
She thinks we're sleeping but instead

We whisper all about the day  
About the fun we had at play  
And all about what we will do  
When morning comes and night is through

And as we whisper in the night  
The world at last, appears all right  
And fuzziness is in our heads  
As we nestle in our beds

Grownup voices very near  
Blends with music loud and clear  
All whispering and thinking cease  
We drift to a night world of peace



### Kiddush & Minyan Breakfast Sponsorship

Consider sponsoring a Shabbat kiddush or minyan breakfast. Sponsoring a kiddush can be a meaningful way to remember your loved ones or celebrate a birthday or anniversary with fellow congregants while enhancing the community's Shabbat experience.

Contact Deborah Wenger (212-452-2310, ext 12) for details.

## Upcoming this Fall Talmud & Siddur Classes with Rabbi Bolton

**Talmud Class for 5779**  
**Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm**  
**beginning after Sukkot**

### Fasting, Praying, Planting, and Walking Through the Rain: Masekhet Ta'anit

We will be studying Masekhet Ta'anit. In four chapters (30 pages), the Talmud explores ancient ideas about individual prayers, fasts, and communal practices to influence Heaven. Material addressed includes: prayers for rain, our relationship to the natural world (that is, rain, seasons, and agriculture), our power as "pray-ers," and the Koheinic blessings that were performed in ancient days. A discussion of public fast days allows for a presentation and review of Jewish history. The Rabbis begin the discussion of which is more important: a focus on tragedies or a focus on moments of success and triumph? We will see some of the earliest material in the Talmud that deals with communal prayer, which, according to some scholarship, coalesced around public fast days that were declared for the purpose of beseeching God for communal needs. Join Rabbi Bolton on Wednesday evenings to explore this fascinating tractate.

**Siddur Class for 5779**  
**Thursdays, 8:40-9:40 am**  
**beginning after Sukkot**

### To the Finish Line: Prayers at the End of our Service

Thursday mornings, the Siddur Class meets to explore the richness and depth of our liturgy and to consider what meaning we make of our Jewish prayer practices. Discussions center on the language of the prayerbook, as well as comparisons to siddur manuscripts from throughout the Jewish ages. We also discuss the lived experience of prayer—how to engage, when it feels empty, infusing the minyan experience with meaning. Those wondering about how prayer life can be developed find a place around the table, as much as those whose interests lie in the Hebrew of the siddur and a historical look at our liturgy. Our focus this coming year will be the prayers at the end of our services. We will look again at Ashrei, and talk about psalms that have been included; the selection "U'va LTzion," with ideas of holiness and redemption at its core, and, Aleinu and Mourner's Kaddish. When are we ever done praying?! Come join the Siddur Class on Thursday mornings.

# Say Yes! To Hessed Programs

Get involved through Or Zarua and help those in need

## New In-person Tutoring Opportunity with Local Children

DREAM, formerly Harlem RBI, is a youth development program that began as a baseball/softball program in East Harlem 26 years ago, and today offers a charter school and after-school program serving over 2,000 youth. The backbone of DREAM is its volunteers which are needed for three programs:

- *DREAM's after-school tutoring program, TeamBuilders*, is looking for volunteer tutors to work with middle-schoolers one afternoon a week, helping with homework, test preparation, remediation, and general enrichment. Tutors must make a commitment of one afternoon per week for a minimum of three months. Training will be provided.
- *College success mentors*, a one year commitment to mentor a low-income student transitioning to college life. Communication for this commitment is mostly done by email and phone.
- *Baseball, softball, and rookies tee-ball coaches* are needed this summer.

If you are interested in helping an under-



**School's Out for OZ Tutors!** Twenty dedicated Or Zarua members tutored first- and second-grade students during the past school year—without leaving their home or office! Using telephones, a computer and an online program called TutorMate, Or Zarua's tutors helped underperforming students at PS 92 in the Bronx improve their reading skills through weekly 30-minute sessions. The TutorMate program was created by the Chicago-based nonprofit Innovations for Learning to enable corporate volunteers to engage in remote tutoring. Or Zarua is the first synagogue to participate in the program, which helps thousands of children every year across the US. Dan Weisberg, National Director of TutorMate, pointed out, "The early-grade literacy gap between affluent communities and those less fortunate accounts for much of the persistence of long-term poverty—not just in NYC but in the US at large. One-on-one tutoring is a proven avenue to address this issue. Or Zarua really practices Tikkun Olam in ways that make a lasting difference. We hope other synagogues around the country follow suit as they learn about this opportunity." Rabbi Bolton observed, "The Talmud teaches that it is the community's responsibility to help educate the next generation. At Or Zarua, we see that as including our family and our neighbors' children. TutorMate makes fulfilling that commandment possible. Tutoring children from the Bronx has allowed congregants to extend their hearts and love of literacy."

Kudos to our volunteers, many of whom celebrated with their student at an end-of-year party at the school on May 24: Rabbi Scott Bolton, Pat Davidson, Pam Gold, Ruth Gottesman, Joe Halpern, Roberta Hufnagel, Jonathan Kaplan, Meredith Katz, Evelyn Kervin, Vivian Kervin, Susan Lorin, Marla Marin, Barbara Nadler, Diane Okrent, Caitlin Pitt, Jill Shapiro, Aaron Shelden, Cheryl Sternlieb, Lynda Wertheim, and Susan Zilberman.

performing student succeed, please contact Susan J. Lorin (hessed@orzarua.org).

## Do you have one morning to fight hunger?

Join OZ volunteers at the NY Common Pantry, the city's largest community-based food program. Or Zarua volunteers help with the distribution of nutritious, fresh food pantry packages for families the first Wednesday (9 am to noon) of every month and of supplemental food for seniors the third Monday (10 am to 1 pm) of each month (with adjustments for holidays). Upcoming Wednesday dates are: July 11 (instead of July 4), August 1, and September 5; upcoming Monday dates are: July 16, August 20, and September 17. To sign up or request info, please contact the Hessed Committee at hessed@orzarua.org. You can also donate non-perishable food items, such as whole wheat pasta, canned soups, and beans. Collection bins are located in the OZ social hall and the basement.

## Monday Night Pasta and Salad at NCS

OZ congregants serve hot food and good cheer at the Neighborhood Coalition for



Shelter's East 81st Street Residence from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm on the last two Mondays of each month. Contact Jeffrey Haberman at jeff32449@verizon.net, for information.

## Home Visit Volunteers

Volunteer to visit and bring cheer to ill or home-bound OZ Congregants. Contact Deborah Wenger: dwenger@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 12.

## South Bronx Salvation and Deliverance Church

Pre-owned adult, and children's clothing, toys, dolls, games, and related items can be put to good use by the many transitional homeless residents and families in the South Bronx. OZ partners with South Bronx Salvation and Deliverance Church, whose members are housekeepers caring for their own local needy. Contact Richard Stadin at 212-744-6697 or stadin1@aol.com to arrange for donations.

For more information about Hessed programs, contact Susan J. Lorin, Hessed Committee Chair, at hessed@orzarua.org.



**Would you like to learn to leyn (read Torah) or lead services at Or Zarua?**  
**If so, contact Mark Somerstein (msmrstn@aol.com) or call the synagogue office 212-452-2310, ext 12.**

**OZ's Young Professionals** are a group in their 20s and 30s committed to building a welcoming and vibrant Jewish community within Or Zarua.  
 For more details, follow their Facebook page (Or Zarua Young Professionals). Contact OZ's Young Professionals with any questions, suggestions, or just to say hi via email: OZYoungPros@gmail.com.

# New Or Zarua Board Members

## Three Congregants Join the Class of 2021

### Sherman Fabes



**S**herman is originally from Staten Island, NY and currently chairs the Or Zarua Young Professionals program with his wife, Naomi. He is a media relations specialist for the communications consultancy, Ketchum. Previously, Sherman was an Emmy Award-winning producer at MLB Network and CBS Sports. His love for Judaism began when he started going to shul every Saturday morning with his grandfather; it grew through the Shabbat dinners spent with the rest of his family. He has found a second Jewish family in the community at Or Zarua and cannot wait to serve the Congregation. In his free time, Sherman enjoys watching sports, traveling, cooking and playing with his dog Mallomar.

### Vera Silver



**S**ynagogue membership is a central part of Vera's life and she looks forward to serving as a Trustee for Or Zarua. For over 20 years she has been privileged to work in the world of affordable housing for The Related Companies, where she's managed all operational facets of low income housing tax credit and inclusionary housing programs for luxury properties here in New York City, as well as Boston, Washington, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. For Vera this has represented a blend of the best of public and private entities and industry; she is grateful to work in a field where she has been able to touch people's lives. Vera earned an MBA in finance and information systems from Pace University and her BS

is in Music. She and her husband, Robert, a software engineer and UAV enthusiast, are the parents of Kayla and Shira. Each daughter was named and became a bat mitzvah at OZ. For many years Vera and her daughters spent precious time together rehearsing for the annual Purim Shpiel. While both children live outside of NYC, OZ remains their synagogue home. Vera is honored to be part of the conversation of how Or Zarua will meet today's challenges, be prepared for the future, and maintain its special seasoning of learning, fellowship, and ruach.

### Arlene Simon



**A**rlene is originally from West Hartford, CT. She received a BA from Smith College and an MBA in health care management from Boston University. She retired a short while ago from a long career as a medical editor, originally at Harvard Medical School in Boston, then as an editing consultant while she and her family lived for 12 years in Columbus, Ohio, and most recently at New York Medical College in Valhalla, NY. She continues to use her editing skills as a co-editor of Or Zarua's *Orot*. Arlene is a long-time Jewish community volunteer. In Columbus she served on the board of her synagogue and on the board of the Jewish day school that her children attended. In New York, she is a weekly volunteer narrator of "talking books" at JBI International (Jewish Braille Institute) and is also a member of the JBI board. In addition to her commitments in the Jewish community, she is an active alumna of Smith College. Arlene is excited to join the board of Congregation Or Zarua and looks forward to participating in the leadership of this dynamic institution!

### Welcome-Back Kiddush

#### Saturday, September 8

Congregation Or Zarua welcomes everyone back with a post-summer kiddush beginning immediately after services. Guests and newcomers are welcome.

### High Holy Days 5779

#### Selihot

**Saturday, September 1**  
Dessert Reception, Study, and Services, 8:30 pm (OZ)

#### Erev Rosh Hashanah

#### Sunday, September 9

Evening Service, 6:15 pm (OZ)

#### First Day Rosh Hashanah

#### Monday, September 10

Morning Service, 8:30 am (Wallace Hall)  
Tashlikh, 6:00 pm (Central Park Reservoir)  
Evening Service, 7:00 pm (OZ)

#### Second Day Rosh Hashanah

#### Tuesday, September 11

Morning Service, 8:30 am (Wallace Hall)  
Evening Service, 7:00 pm (OZ)

#### Tshuvah Lecture

#### Sunday Evening, September 16

Alyssa M. Gray, JD, PhD  
Details to Follow

#### Kol Nidre

#### Tuesday, September 18

Minhah, 1:30 pm (OZ)  
Evening Service, 6:15 pm (Wallace Hall)

#### Yom Kippur

#### Wednesday, September 19

Morning Service, 9:00 am (Wallace Hall)

### For information about the Family Learning Experience, please see page 8

Additional High Holy Day and ticket information will arrive by mail, email, and the next issue of the OZ Newsletter.

### Sukkot begins Sunday evening, September 23, 2018 at Or Zarua.

### Membership Renewal

Letters regarding renewal of membership at Or Zarua are being mailed. Please contact the synagogue office at 212- 452-2310 with any questions regarding membership at Congregation Or Zarua.



**Join us for our daily minyan this summer!** One hour of your time one morning a month will allow members who have lost loved ones to say Kaddish. You'll be doing a mitzvah and helping them to do one, as well. If you choose a Monday or Thursday, having a minyan will allow us to read Torah, something that isn't allowed without a minyan. And so that you leave the shul filled both spiritually and nutritiously, there's always a breakfast with cake, coffee and tea, orange juice, bagels, yogurt, and cottage cheese. And great conversation. Contact Sheldon Adler (sadler@skadden.com) and tell him the day that's best for you. Services at OZ start at 7:15 am on weekday mornings, 8:45 am on Sundays, and 7:00 am on Hol Hamoed and Rosh Hodesh.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>1 • 18 Tammuz</b> <b>Fast 17th Tammuz</b> 4:17a Fast Begins 8:45a Shahrith 9:11p Fast Ends <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i></p>	<p><b>2 • 19 Tammuz</b> 7:15a Shahrith</p>	<p><b>3 • 20 Tammuz</b> 7:15a Shahrith</p>	<p><b>4 • 21 Tammuz</b> <b>Independence Day</b> 8:45a Shahrith <i>OZ Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>5 • 22 Tammuz</b> 7:15a Shahrith</p>	<p><b>6 • 23 Tammuz</b> 7:15a Shahrith 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:12p Candlelighting</p>	<p><b>7 • 24 Tammuz</b> 9:00a Shahrith <b>Pinhas</b> 9:13p Shabbat Ends</p>
<p><b>8 • 25 Tammuz</b> 8:45a Shahrith 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>9 • 26 Tammuz</b> 7:15a Shahrith</p>	<p><b>10 • 27 Tammuz</b> 7:15a Shahrith</p>	<p><b>11 • 28 Tammuz</b> 7:15a Shahrith 9:00a NY Common Pantry 11:00a Art Gallery Visiting Hours (until 2:00 pm)</p>	<p><b>12 • 29 Tammuz</b> 7:15a Shahrith</p>	<p><b>13 • 1 Av</b> <b>Rosh Hodesh</b> 7:00a Shahrith 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 8:10p Candlelighting</p>	<p><b>14 • 2 Av</b> 9:00 am Shahrith <b>Mattot-Masei</b> 9:10p Shabbat Ends</p>
<p><b>15 • 3 Av</b> 8:45a Shahrith <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i></p>	<p><b>16 • 4 Av</b> 7:15a Shahrith 10:00a NY Common Pantry</p>	<p><b>17 • 5 Av</b> 7:15a Shahrith</p>	<p><b>18 • 6 Av</b> 7:15a Shahrith 11:00a Art Gallery Visiting Hours (until 2:00 pm)</p>	<p><b>19 • 7 Av</b> 7:15a Shahrith</p>	<p><b>20 • 8 Av</b> 7:15a Shahrith 6:45p Minhah/Ma'ariv 8:05p Candlelighting</p>	<p><b>21 • 9 Av</b> 9:00a Shahrith <b>Devarim</b> <b>Erev Tisha B'Av</b> 8:23p Fast Begins 9:00p Tisha B'Av/Eikha 9:04p Shabbat Ends</p>
<p><b>22 • 10 Av</b> <b>Tisha B'Av</b> 8:45a Shahrith 7:30p Minhah, Lecture, Ma'ariv 9:00p Fast Ends <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i></p>	<p><b>23 • 11 Av</b> 7:15a Shahrith 7:30p Movie: <i>The Band's Visit</i></p>	<p><b>24 • 12 Av</b> 7:15a Shahrith</p>	<p><b>25 • 13 Av</b> 7:15a Shahrith</p>	<p><b>26 • 14 Av</b> 7:15a Shahrith</p>	<p><b>27 • 15 Av</b> <b>Tu B'Av</b> 7:15a Shahrith 6:45p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:58p Candlelighting</p>	<p><b>28 • 16 Av</b> 9:00a Shahrith <b>Vaethanan</b> 8:57p Shabbat Ends</p>
<p><b>29 • 17 Av</b> 8:45a Shahrith 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>30 • 18 Av</b> 7:15a Shahrith</p>	<p><b>31 • 19 Av</b> 7:15a Shahrith</p>				

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5 • 24 Av 8:45a Shaharit <i>No Bir'nana Rehearsal</i>	6 • 25 Av 7:15a Shaharit	7 • 26 Av 7:15a Shaharit	8 • 27 Av 7:15a Shaharit 7:00p Summer Learning with Rabbi Bolton: <i>Biography of Blessing; Biblical Roots &amp; Blessings</i>	9 • 28 Av 7:15a Shaharit	10 • 29 Av 7:15a Shaharit 6:30p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:44p Candlelighting	11 • 30 Av <b>Rosh Hodesh</b> 9:00a Shaharit <b>Re'eh</b> 8:38p Shabbat Ends
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**High Holy Day  
Family Learning Experience**

*For families with  
infants through 6th graders*

**September 11 & September 19  
10:45 am-12:45 pm**

Parents, grandparents and children learn together with Rabbi Amy Bolton at the Family Learning Experience, a one-of-a-kind, inter-generational opportunity to learn and pray together at our holiest time of the year. Details on Or L'Atid High Holy Day programming for youth of all ages coming soon!



**Annual Or L'Atid Parents' Night Out  
On the OZ Roof  
Thursday, August 2, 6:30 pm**

Save the date for our annual Parents' Night Out on the Or Zarua roof! Enjoy an evening of fun and socializing with other parents in the OZ community. Invite friends along - all are welcome. Bring your kids along for pizza and a movie! Details and invitation to follow.

**RSVP to Sigal Hirsch at [sigalhirsch@orzarua.org](mailto:sigalhirsch@orzarua.org)**





# Hebrew School Registration

Hebrew School Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year is open!

Join us this coming fall for another year of rich study, when the OZ building becomes full of the sounds of learning and laughter on Monday evenings as all students, Kindergarten through 12th grade join us for various programs.

Kindergarten through 2nd grade students study Hebrew language, reading and writing from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, preparing them for long lives of Jewish study, prayer, and connection with both Israel and our heritage.

Third through fifth graders explore Jewish holidays and values in deep, and interdisciplinary learning. In addition they will do intensive Hebrew reading units, strengthening skills they developed in earlier years.

All elementary schoolers come together for t'filah, study of our weekly Torah portion, parashat hashavuah, and school-wide educational holiday celebrations.

Third through fifth graders continue their learning on Wednesdays, committing more deeply to their Jewish education.

Middle School students love B'nei Mitzvah Scholars, which meets from 6:00 to 8:00pm on Monday evenings. Students come together over dinner, giving them time to socialize and get to know one another, building a community of friends and

learners. Students then split into two groups: one to study Hebrew and the other to explore semester-based courses in various Judaic Studies disciplines. New for this year will be our Middle School Sushi & Study with Rabbi Bolton, giving students the opportunity for monthly text study and discussion with the Rabbi.

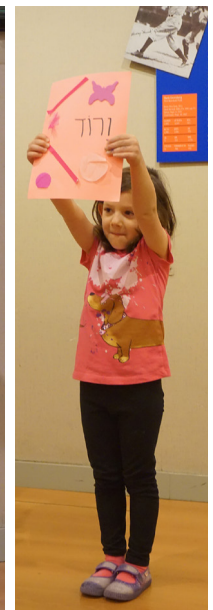
High Schoolers study Hebrew in Rock-Ivrit and, with Rabbi Bolton in Sushi & Study, study Jewish texts, ethics and modern-day Jewish questions. Students can sign up for either or both programs; Hebrew meets three weeks each month, breaking one Monday each month for Sushi & Study.

Students truly love Hebrew School at Or Zarua. If you are thinking about any of our programs for your child, be in touch with Sigal Hirsch, who is happy to share more details about each class and explore what the experience could look like for your child and your family.

If you have friends or family who might be interested in our wonderful community, please also connect them with Sigal Hirsch, Director of Youth Education and Programming (212-452-2310, ext 15 or shirsch@orzarua.org) as we continue to grow our Or L'Atid programs and our Hebrew School classes.



**For information about Youth Education and Programming contact Sigal Hirsch, Director, at shirsch@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 15.**



Hebrew School students ended the year on a great note at our Hebrew School siyum. Students presented on what they learned this year with songs, skits and more!

# The Or Zarua Community

## Helping Or Zarua

**O**r 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 using Chaverweb. This is a direct debit from your checking account. It saves OZ the higher credit card transaction fees.

Still want to pay via credit card? Choose to **include the transaction fee** in your payment! It covers that transaction fee so 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!** Our Tshuvah and Lucy Dawidowicz Lectures are important features of OZ programming. You can sponsor a portion, one, or both! Sponsorship defrays the costs of these wonderful events. Please contact Rabbi Bolton or Helene Santo for information.

**Stuff envelopes!** We send out mailings. You can come in and stuff envelopes or fold newsletters. It gets mailings out in a quick and efficient manner and requires only a few minutes of dedication. Contact Helene Santo for more information.



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**Bir'nana, OZ's a cappella group, rehearsing for a performance.** Bir'nana is always looking for new talent; Contact Aliza Kaplan via email at [aliza.kaplan@gmail.com](mailto:aliza.kaplan@gmail.com).



**OZers had a great time at the Mets game!** Despite the Mets' loss, everyone enjoyed the kosher hotdogs, beautiful weather and great company!

# Major League Mensches Welcomes Visitors This Summer

All-Star lineup of Jewish baseball players to welcome guests to the OZ Gallery

Two Wednesdays, July 11 and 18, from 11 am to 2 pm



Like the sport and the athletes it celebrates, *Major League Mensches: Jewish Stars of Baseball*, the current exhibit in the OZ Gallery, is approaching midseason. And, as Major League baseball gets set for this year's All-Star break in mid-

July, we are opening our gates to the public by setting Open Viewing Hours on two Wednesdays this month.

Invite your friends to view the Gallery's remarkable display of Jewish baseball memorabilia during these two days: Wednesdays July 11 and 18, from 11 am to 2 pm. During these hours, representatives of the Gallery committee will be available to answer questions and point out interesting items. (Of course, you can always enjoy the exhibit during Shabbat Kiddush, after morning minyan, or you may

contact the office to schedule a special time to visit when we will try to arrange for a Gallery committee member to give you a tour.)

Among the items you can see: a bobblehead doll and game-used bat of Alex Bregman, infielder for last year's World Series champion Houston Astros and he is on this year's All-Star ballot, at 3rd Base.

Items on display in *Major League Mensches* are on loan from Jeff Aeder, Chicago real estate developer, restaurateur and civic leader and the owner of the nation's largest collection of Jewish baseball memorabilia. Mr. Aeder is also the founder of the online *Jewish Baseball Museum*.

*Major League Mensches* will remain on view in the OZ Gallery through the Fall, when the baseball season ends with the World Series. And on Sunday, October 21, the OZ Gallery will host a screening of the film *The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg*.



**Save the Date for a Film Screening**  
***The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg***  
 with special guest Steve Greenberg, Hank Greenberg's son.  
 Sunday, October 21, 6:00 pm

Following the screening,  
 Steve Greenberg will be interviewed by  
 Ira Berkow, sport's reporter and a winner of the  
 2001 Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting.