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WELCOME TO CONGREGATION **Or Zarua** SHABBAT SHALOM



PARASHAT VAYIKRA Shabbat HaHodesh – Rosh Hodesh Nissan

Friday, March 16, 2018

Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:00 pm

Candlelighting, 6:46 pm

Saturday, March 17

Shaharit 9:00 am

Youth Shabbat Services

Torah Tots (Nursery/Pre-School/Pre-K) 11:00-11:45 am

Torah Kids (Elementary School) 11:00-11:45 am

B'nei Mitzvah Cohort Lunch 'n' Learn 12:30 pm

Shabbat Ends 7:51 pm

SERVICE TIMES FOR MARCH 18-23, 2018

Sunday, 8:45 am, followed by breakfast

Monday-Friday 7:15 am, followed by breakfast

Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat Friday, March 23, 6:00 pm

Candlelighting at 6:53 pm



Main Sanctuary, 2nd Floor
Sanctuary Balcony, 3rd Fl.
Social Hall, 1st Floor
Library, 4th Floor
Coatroom and Restrooms,
Lower Level

Scott N. Bolton, *Rabbi*

Dr. Harlan J. Wechsler, *Rabbi*
Emeritus

Sara Stone, *President*

Helene Santo, *Executive Director*

Sigal Hirsch, *Director of Youth*
Education & Programming

Chaburah: OZ Torah Study

Today, after Kiddush

This new Torah study group meets after kiddush once per month. A congregant will present an exposition on the Parsha which will then be followed by a discussion with the attendees. Today, Arthur Rosenbloom will speak on Vayikra; April 14, Karen Kaplan on Shemini. Everyone is invited to attend.

Talmudic Takes on Passover

Thursday, March 22, 7:00 pm



Join Rabbi Mordecai Schwartz, PhD, on this exploration of "The Shank Bone: The Phantom Limb of the Passover Seder." One metaphor that we employ with sacrifices is sharing a meal with God. For human beings sharing food is a form of intimacy and a way of developing relationships; it is

a sign of caring, love, and generosity. What happens when this sign is removed, and we are forced to continue without it? In this session of Talmudic Takes we will look at a few of the places where we can notice the absence of the Paschal Lamb most strongly. We will also try and uncover its meaning and significance in the present time for us.

Pesah Meal Match

First Seder, Friday night, March 30 – Sign up by March 22

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 Thursday, March 22.



OZ Community Seder, 2nd Night of Passover

Saturday Night, March 31 – Sign up by March 26

A Night of Many Questions



Nehama Leibowitz, z"l, is coming to our Seder! We'll be engaging Nehama's many questions about the Haggadah and commentaries about the text of Passover at our community Seder the second night of Passover. Come share together spirited Passover songs and traditions of the Seder with your OZ community. \$75 for OZ Members and their guests; \$125 for

non-members; \$50 for children age 8 and under. **RSVP by Monday, March 26**, at www.tinyurl.com/OZSeder2018 or (212) 452-2310 x39.

Congregation Or Zarua has distinguished itself as a vibrant, innovative and involved urban synagogue centered on: Torah (study and practice), Avodah (religious worship), and Gemilut Hasadim (doing good deeds). While traditional and authentic in our Torah study and religious observance, we are an egalitarian, Conservative synagogue, offering men and women equality in all aspects of religious worship, participation and leadership. Please visit our website, www.OrZarua.org or call us at (212) 452-2310.



Donate your Hametz to the NY Common Pantry. Through Friday, March 23 (after which time OZ cannot accept any hametz).

Cleaning out your cabinets before Passover? This is a great time of year to support the NY Common Pantry's efforts to fight hunger by dropping off food in the bins located in the OZ social hall. The Pantry collects and redistributes healthy non perishable food to New Yorkers in need, including new/unused peanut butter, pasta, rice, oatmeal, grits, beans, canned fish, and nuts. For more information contact Lesley Palmer at lesleypalmer123@gmail.com.



OZ Doubles Commitment to NY Common Pantry

Monday, March. 19, 10 am-1 pm, 8 East 109th St.

Wednesday, April 4, 9:00 am - 12 noon, 8 East 109th

More OZ volunteers are needed to help at the city's largest community based food program as we have taken on a second monthly shift. OZ volunteers at the Pantry take food orders from clients and help bag food the first Wednesday of every month and pack food for seniors the third Monday of each month. To sign up, or request more information, please contact Lesley Palmer, lesleypalmer123@gmail.com. As always, we are also collecting food for the pantry this month, particularly whole wheat pasta and canned soups/beans. Collection bins are located on the first floor.



God, Torah and Israel: Key Questions in Modern Jewish Thought

Tuesdays, 6:30-9:00 pm, March 20, 27; April 10, 17, 24; and

May 1, 8 This JTS Community Learning course, taught by Dr.

William Plevan of JTS, is an exploration of major questions of modern Judaism, through reading some of the most important modern Jewish thinkers, including, Mendelssohn, Buber, Heschel, Kaplan, Soloveitchik, Plaskow and others.

Dr. William Plevan holds a PhD in Religion from Princeton University and rabbinic ordination from JTS. He teaches modern Jewish thought at JTS and HUC and is currently writing a book on the German-Jewish philosopher Martin Buber. Cost for the course, which began March 13, is \$425. Register at www.jtsa.edu/god-torah-israel. For more information, contact Lynn Feinman, lyfeinman@jtsa.edu or (212) 678-8821.



Yiddish Theater Returns to Or Zarua Wednesday, May 23, 6:30

pm OZ and the Greenwich Village Society will co-sponsor a showing of the film "Golden Age of Yiddish Theater." The film celebrates Yiddish theater in America from Bowery to its Second Avenue heyday. It includes rare footage of Second Avenue

scenes of Yiddish plays, movies and actors Paul Muni, Celia Adler, and Molly Picon. Rita Silverstein, wife of the documentary's producer, and Sharon Lebewohl, Abe Lebewohl's daughter, will introduce the film and discuss the efforts to save the sidewalk star plaques.

Admission is free, but space is limited. Priority will be given to Or Zarua members who respond by Wednesday, April 4. To register, send the name and email of each attendee to Deborah at dwenger@orzarua.org or (212) 452-2310 x12. For those who RSVP after April 4, we will provide the contact information for the Greenwich Village Society so that you may do so directly through them.

Looking for a Passover Gift? At the OZ Gallery, we are celebrating trees in the exquisite photographs of Mark Hirsch. The photographs are for sale and would

make a magical gift. Alternatively, the book, *That Tree*, which includes all 365 images of the majestic bur oak tree, is available through the synagogue office for a limited time. Contact Deborah at x12.

Talmud & Siddur Classes with Rabbi Bolton Talmud Class. Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm. *The Gates Are Unlocked: The Yom Kippur Experience in The Talmud.* Participants should purchase Artscroll Yoma Vol. 2 or a gemara Yoma which contains the last chapter. **Siddur Class. Thursdays, 8:40-9:40 am.** We are continuing our investigation of the *history and meaning of the siddur and Jewish prayer experience.*

Honoring Luisa's Memory. We were deeply saddened by the death of Luisa Paulino on Feb. 24. During her years as bookkeeper at Or Zarua, Luisa shared her light, decency, commitment and goodness with our synagogue community. *To honor Luisa's memory, OZ is collecting tzedakah to provide for her funeral and burial expenses, in addition to family needs. Send a check made payable to Congregation Or Zarua with "In Memory of Luisa" in the memo line.* We will be dedicating a plaque in Luisa's memory on the Memorial Wall in the sanctuary, so that she will be remembered forever in our congregation. May God keep her soul and provide comfort to her family.

YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Youth Shabbat Services

Torah Tots (Infant-Pre-K), **11:00-11:45 am.**

Torah Kids (Elementary School) weekly **11:00-11:45 am**

B'nei Mitzvah Cohort Lunch 'n' Learn 12:30 pm

Family Shabbat Saturday, March 24, 10:30 am

Join us for youth and family programming:

Shabbat & Me Saturday (Pre-School and younger)

Family Learning Experience (for Elementary, Middle, High School and parents)

Shabbat Buddies (for Middle and High School)

After youth services, join us for a Family Shabbat Lunch!

Shalom Sing-A-Long Mondays, 10:15-11:00 am. *Recommended for ages 1-4.*

Join us on Monday mornings for our Early Childhood morning music class!

OrZarua-OrLatid.org/Shalom-Sing-A-Long/ to register, or drop in for any class.

Newcomers are welcome to try a first class free using promo code "tryshalom."

Spring Semester sign-up is open.

Save These Dates!

Shabbat & Me Friday and Young Family Dinner

Friday, April 13, 5:00 pm

Yom Give Back

Sunday, April 29, 11:00 am!



For more information about Youth Programs and Hebrew School, contact Sigal Hirsch at (212) 452-2310 x15 or shirsch@orzarua.org, or visit www.orzarua-orlatid.org.