

OZ Annual Tshuvah Lecture: Repentance or Return

with Rabbi Michael Carasik, PhD, Thursday, October 6, 7:30 pm



Or Zarua will host Rabbi Michael Carasik, PhD for the Annual Tshuvah Lecture on October 6 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. His presentation, "Repentance or Return," will cover texts related to the Jewish understanding of tshuvah, repentance, in our lives.

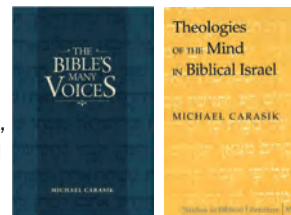
Rabbi Carasik teaches Biblical Hebrew at the University of Pennsylvania and Hebrew Bible at St. Joseph's University; he is the weekday Torah reader at Historic Congregation Keshet Israel, Philadelphia. He has a bachelor's degree from New College (Sarasota), bachelor's and master's

degrees in Jewish studies from Spertus College, and a PhD. in Bible and the ancient Near East from Brandeis University. He is the author of *The Bible's Many Voices* (JPS), a layman's guide to the Bible as its human authors intended it, and creator of *The Commentators' Bible* (JPS), an English-language equivalent of the traditional



Hebrew commentaries that have been used for centuries. You can listen to his weekly "Torah Talk" podcast on his "Bible Guy" blog at <http://mcarasik.wordpress.com>. He has also written *Theologies of the Mind in Biblical Israel* (Peter Lang), a description of the Israelite understanding of psychology as revealed in the Bible.

OZ's Annual Tshuvah Lecture is open to all who are interested. Although there is no charge, an RSVP will be helpful for planning; call 212-452-2310, ext 39 or email dwenger@orzarua.org.



Pre High Holy Days ZIMRIYAH Community Singing

Saturday, September 17
After Kiddush in the OZ Art Gallery

Please join us to sing Shabbat songs and learn High Holy Day melodies. Rabbi Bolton, Marc Ashley and our service leaders will sing new tunes and review familiar ones for the High Holy Days. High Holy Day information is on pages 8 and 9.

SELIHOT

Saturday Night, September 24

8:00 pm Sinful Desserts
8:30 pm Selihot Study with Rabbi Bolton
Medieval & Modern Repentance: Rabbeinu Bachya and the Netivot Shalom on Tshuvah
9:30 pm Selihot Services



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Or Zarua's Rooftop

is the site of numerous events and functions. This past summer OZ's rooftop hosted a kosher cheese tasting with Or L'Atid featuring The Cheese Guy (photos) and book discussions. The next series of rooftop events will be during Sukkot; see page 10 for Festival information.





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President's Message

by Marc D. Ashley



Rosh Hashanah is around the corner. Exciting possibilities and opportunities abound.

One year will soon conclude and another will then emerge before us

as a clean slate. The Jewish new year is a period of fresh starts and new beginnings, a time pregnant with possibility, opportunity and hopefulness. We strive ambitiously to change ourselves for the better. I urge you to make Or Zarua a destination for your revitalization

Tradition tells us that Rosh Hashanah is not just the occasion for our annual personal renewal but is also the anniversary of the creation of the world, the beginning of all beginnings. The first day of Tishrei marks the inauguration of God's grand project of creation. Following each set of shofar blasts during the Rosh Hashanah musaf service, in recognition of God's sovereignty we joyously declare "hayom harat olam" – "today is the birthday of the world."

On this momentous milestone, we aspire to rejuvenate ourselves and our world in the year to come. We commemorate the creation of the world by committing to make tomorrow better than today, both individually and communally. We rededicate ourselves to putting words into action, to translating High Holy Day prayers into productive behavior for the coming year.

Indeed, Maimonides teaches that genuine repentance, borne of vigilant self-examination and commitment to change, can allow one to say, "I am someone else and not the same person who committed those acts [repented of]" (*Mishneh Torah, Hilkhot Teshuvah 2:4*). The pledge to improve, however, must be accompanied by action that exhibits our renewed sense of purpose. We must transform the abstract potential of renewal into concrete acts of actual improvement.

Or Zarua is the perfect place to implement your repentance plan this year. Judaism is a communal religion; authentic teshuvah entails participating in and bolstering your community. The start of the year offers pristine possibilities to

try new and different things in the Jewish experience. Take advantage of those newfound opportunities at Or Zarua. This Rosh Hashanah, create your Jewish world anew at our beloved shul. Make it your home away from home. Reorient yourself within our unique congregation and engage with our wonderful congregants.

Have you ever attended Or Zarua's Friday night service to welcome the Sabbath? If not, experiment this year with the Kabbalat Shabbat experience, an unparalleled hour of melodious prayer and tranquil reflection as the mundane weekday gives way to the sacredness of Shabbat. Or start off a weekday with the holiness of Or Zarua's morning minyan. Communal prayer services on Shabbat, holidays or an otherwise ordinary weekday can help transform your experience of time, infusing the rest of your week with a sense of meaning and fulfillment.

And there are numerous pathways into our synagogue community beyond prayer. Sophisticated learning happens everyday at Or Zarua; venture into one of our many adult education classes on a variety of subjects throughout the year. Explore our museum-quality gallery exhibits. Ascend to the roof for festive communal meals and gatherings. On Rosh Hashanah, commit yourself to trying something new and different at Or Zarua this coming year.

Of course, at Or Zarua the future is always tied to the past; there is nothing completely new under the sun. A clean slate does not mean neglecting what has already been learned. Change is usually incremental rather than wholesale, as we seek to build on prior achievements in the cause of future improvement. Authentic tradition is the foundation of genuine renewal.

May the Shabbat prayer that we sing harmoniously as the Torah is returned to the ark inspire our path forward in the new year and beyond: "Help us turn to You, and we shall return; renew our lives as in days of old." May we be blessed this Rosh Hashanah with happiness and health, with renewed energy and enthusiasm, and with a successful next page in the book of life.

Machlokis, Tzuris & Achdus: Disputes, Troubles and Unity During the Iconic Period of Jewish Settlement in NYC

Jewish History with Barry Feldman

Four Sundays, November 13 & 20 and December 11 & 18, 10 am–12 noon.



Or Zarua Congregant Barry Feldman will be leading a four-session ethnographic and historical inquiry into institutions and incidents that shaped American Jewry during the iconic period of immigration at the turn of the 20th century. Each session will involve discussion; class participation is urged.

- Session 1 (November 13)

You Be The Judge presents cases brought to the Jewish–American Board of Conciliation. The need of the court for a Yiddish speaking population, the types of cases presented and how they reflect the changing community will be discussed. Participants will present cases and verdicts.

- Session 2 (November 20)

An analysis of the **Bintel Brief Letters** sent to the Yiddish *Forward* reveals the changing needs and concerns of letter writers over the years as Jews accommodated to life in America.

- Session 3 (December 11)

Sholem Aleichem Died: Let's go to a Simcha speaks to the emerging coalescence of New York's Jewish Community in the first quarter of the 20th century. Questions addressed will refer to the reworking of traditional organizations to reflect American sensibilities; the role of the Yiddish press in facilitating accommodation to America; and the need for competing expressions of Judaism to coalesce and present a united community to New York and to themselves.

- Session 4 (December 18)

The last session will be a tour highlighting selected sites discussed in class and a **visit to the Bialystok Synagogue** and a traditional shtibl.

Barry is an urban historian, museum educator and licensed New York City tour guide. He has created and developed tours of the Jewish Lower East Side covering the late 18th century to the present. In the fall of 2014, he taught a class at OZ about the growth of the Jewish population of New York from the end of 19th to the beginning of the 20th century.

Art for Inspiration Curator Talk with Brooke Kamin Rapaport Sunday, September 25, 7:00 pm

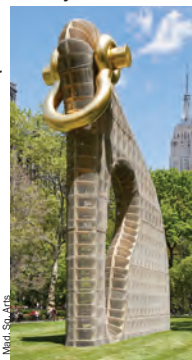


What is the public's role in public art? OZ Congregant Brooke Kamin Rapaport, director and Martin Friedman Senior Curator of Mad. Sq. Art at the Madison Square Park Conservancy, will share her perspective on the current show of modern sculpture at Madison Square Park. We will also hear her reflections on the role of public art, the public's role in public art and modern sculpture as inspiration.

Mad. Sq. Art is a free contemporary art program of the Madison Square Park Conservancy, the not-for-profit organization that maintains and enhances Madison Square Park, including its exquisite gardens and numerous programs. Mad. Sq. Art

commissions and presents art installations in the park. **Big Bling**, designed and created by American sculptor Martin Puryear, is a 40-foot tall multitier structure. Puryear's largest temporary outdoor sculpture to date, **Big Bling** is Mad Sq. Art's public art exhibit and is on view until January 8, 2017.

Rabbi Bolton will be in dialogue with Brooke regarding the power of public art before taking questions from the community. This program is open to both members and nonmembers of OZ.



Big Bling installation at Madison Square Park

Hesed Programs

"The world exists for the sake of kindness."

—Rashi

Book Drive September 9–30

Or Zarua is holding a book drive, September 9–30, for our neighbor, the Stanley Isaacs Neighborhood Center, a settlement house serving families in need in East Harlem and Yorkville. One of the center's library rooms recently had a flood and its contents were destroyed. Please donate: children's and young adult books and large print books (for seniors) in new or gently-used condition (hard cover or large trade paperbacks preferred). Drop off donations in collection boxes in OZ's basement lobby or on the sixth floor.

Volunteers needed for DOROT!

Or Zarua is participating in DOROT's annual Rosh Hashanah package delivery on Sunday, Sept. 25, 10:30 am. Bring holiday joy and goodies to a senior on the East Side. Volunteers will meet at Sutton Place Synagogue, 225 E 51st St (between 2nd and 3rd Ave). Plan on two hours for the project: each visit with a senior should last about one hour, plus time to travel to and from the senior's home on the East Side (between 14th and 96th St). It's a wonderful way to connect with seniors during holiday time. Families welcome. Please contact Lesley Palmer (lesleypalmer123@gmail.com) with questions or to register.

A Solution to Hunger

Help feed the hungry in our community by donating to or volunteering with the New York Common Pantry. Collection bins are in the social hall for food donations of healthy (low-sodium, whole wheat, low-fat or nonfat), packaged grocery items. Volunteers from OZ are needed the first Wednesday of each month, from 9:00 am to noon, in the pantry's distribution center, located off Fifth Avenue at 8 East 109th Street. Contact Lesley Palmer (lesleypalmer123@gmail.com) to sign up for Wednesday, September 7 or Thursday, October 6.

Home Visit Volunteers

Volunteer to visit and cheer ill or home-bound OZ congregants. Please contact Deborah Wenger at dwenger@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 12, if you are interested.

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 to 6:45 pm on the last two Mondays of each month. Please contact Jeffrey Haberman (jeff32449@verizon.net) for information.

For information about Hesed programs, please contact Susan J. Lorin, Hesed Committee Chair, at lorin@sewkis.com or 212-717-4647.



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



SIGAL HIRSCH

Hebrew School Begins September 12 with our “Welcome Back Night” Register by September 18 for the 2016–2017 School Year

Elementary School

Join us for Hebrew School 2.0.

Kindergarten–second grade - students build a deep foundation in the Hebrew language—learning to read and write, while beginning to establish a rich vocabulary.

Third through fifth grade students experience Judaism through Etgar Yesodi on Mondays and Wednesdays. Think deeply and understand the roots and practices of Jewish life as never before.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, participate in t'filah. Kindergarten–5th graders, come together to grow our vibrant prayer community.

Middle School Students

Join us on Monday nights for **B'nei Mitvah Scholars**. Continue your Hebrew language education with **HALLEL** (Hebrew Language and Literature) and spend the fall semester in **JAMM** (Judaism for the Modern Mind) learning Talmud and Mishnah, understanding the foundations of Jewish law and ritual that we still practice today.

Registration for Hebrew School is easy: Log in to your Chaverweb account, click “School Registration” and select your class.

High School

Participate in our exciting new slate of courses. Continue learning the language of groundbreaking scientists, Nobel Prize winners, world-class musicians and actors, artists and authors in **Rock–Ivrit** on Mondays.

You can also sign up for **Sushi & Study with Rabbi Bolton**, joining him once each month for an evening of rich text study, engaging discussion, and dinner!

Sign up before the first class on September 19, where we'll be exploring the question “Why Fast?”

Don't forget to sign up for our brand new teen **Megillah Reading class with Mark Somerstein**, beginning in November!



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Hebrew School and other youth programs are back! Get ready for a year filled with fun and learning. Join us on Sukkot at teen events, on Shabbat, and MORE! Contact Sigal Hirsch, at shirsch@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 15 for information about Or Zarua's youth education and programming



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Spend Shabbat at Or Zarua

Shabbat & Me Friday

Welcome Shabbat with family and friends every month at Shabbat & Me Friday! Usher in Shabbat with songs, stories, simple prayers and a special snack, while building connections with your children and other Jewish families that will last a lifetime.

Join us on October 21 for a special holiday edition of Sukkot & Me! For families with children from birth through age 6. Older siblings welcome.

Shabbat & Me Saturday

Celebrate Shabbat together every month at Shabbat & Me Saturday, where families with children birth-4 sing, pray, learn and play!

Shabbat & Me Saturday meets from 10:30-11:45 am and concludes with a light snack. Other weeks, join us for Torah Tots 11:15-11:45 am, for stories, songs and snacks!

Join us after our first Shabbat & Me Saturday of the year for our first Family Shabbat Lunch!



BENJAMIN MARCUS

OZ's sanctuary has a new chandelier!

After a few hurdles along the road of delivery from the fabricators in Northern California, our custom-designed light fixture, equipped with long-lasting and environmentally friendly LED lamps, is now fully installed. A new dimmer system is also in the works to provide specialized settings of illumination for the various purposes of worship, celebration, and gathering that put the Or in Or Zarua.

Benjamin Marcus

Teens

Teens, get ready for another year of OZUSY! Mark your calendars for September 11 at 7:00 pm for a welcome back dinner at Sigal's apartment! Reconnect with OZ friends as together we plan for a great year!



SIGAL LISBACH



CHARLIE SPENGLER

RABBI WECHSLER TEACHES ON SIRIUS XM RADIO

Channel 106
www.siriusxm.com.

Sundays at 4:00 am and 8:00 pm.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 • 28 7:15a Shaharit	2 • 29 7:15a Shaharit 6:15p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:08p Candlelighting	3 • 30 Rosh Hodesh 9:00 am Shaharit Re'eh 8:13p Shabbat Ends
4 • 1 Elul Rosh Hodesh 8:45a Shaharit	5 • 2 Labor Day 8:45a Shaharit <i>OZ Office Closed</i>	6 • 3 7:15a Shaharit	7 • 4 7:15a Shaharit 9:00a NYCP	8 • 5 7:15a Shaharit	9 • 6 7:15a Shaharit 6:15p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p OZYP BBQ Dinner 6:56p Candlelighting	10 • 7 9:00 am Shaharit Shoftim 10:30a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots 12:00p Welcome Back Kiddush 8:01p Shabbat Ends
11 • 8 8:45a Shaharit 7:00: Teen Welcome Back Dinner at Sigal Hirsch's Home 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	12 • 9 7:15a Shaharit Hebrew School Welcome Back Night 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 5:30p Rock-Ivrit	13 • 10 7:15a Shaharit	14 • 11 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 7:30p Talmudic Takes with Rabbi Mordecai Schwartz	15 • 12 7:15a Shaharit	16 • 13 7:15a Shaharit 6:15p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:44p Candlelighting	17 • 14 9:00 am Shaharit Ki Tetse 10:30a Shabbat & Me 10:30a Torah Kids 12:00p Family Shabbat Lunch 1:00p Zimriyah Community Singing 7:49p Shabbat Ends
18 • 15 8:45a Shaharit 3:00p OZYP Cooking Class with Nancy Wolfson 6:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal 7:30p Book Discussion with author Jessamyn Hope	19 • 16 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 6:30 p Sushi & Teen Text Study with Rabbi Bolton 5:30p Rock-Ivrit	20 • 17 7:15a Shaharit	21 • 18 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 7:30p Talmud Class Launch: Tzedakah with Rabbi Bolton	22 • 19 7:15a Shaharit	23 • 20 7:15a Shaharit 6:15p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:33p Candlelighting	24 • 21 9:00 am Shaharit Ki Tavo 10:30a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots 7:38p Shabbat Ends 8:00p Sinful Desserts 8:30p Selihot Study 9:30p Selihot Service
25 • 22 8:45a Selihot & Shaharit 10:00a Dorot Program 7:00p Curator Talk with Brooke Kamin Rapaport	26 • 23 7:00a Selihot & Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 5:30p Rock-Ivrit	27 • 24 7:00a Selihot & Shaharit	28 • 25 7:00a Selihot & Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 No Talmud Class	29 • 26 7:00a Selihot & Shaharit	30 • 27 7:15a Selihot & Shaharit 6:15p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:21p Candlelighting	

Congregation Or Zarua Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 am-5:00 pm; Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm. The office is closed Saturday and Sunday, as well as on Jewish and federal holidays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 • 28 9:00 am Shaharit Nitsavim 10:30a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots 1:00p Bir'nana Rehearsal 7:26p Shabbat Ends
2 • 29 Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:45a Selichot & Shaharit 6:00p Minhah/Ma'ariv (OZ) 6:17p Candlelighting	3 • 1 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah I 8:30a Shaharit (Wallace Hall) 10:45a Youth Service (WH) 4:00p Community Tashlikh for children (Carl Schurz Park) 5:30p Tashlikh (Central Park) 6:30p Minhah/Ma'ariv (OZ) Light Candles after 7:14p	4 • 2 Rosh Hashanah II 8:30a Shaharit (Wallace Hall) 10:45a Youth Service (WH) 10:45a Family Learning Experience (OZ) 7:13p Rosh Hashanah Ends	5 • 3 Tzom Gedaliah 7:00a Selihot & Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 No Talmud Class	6 • 4 7:00a Selihot & Shaharit 9:00a NYCP 7:30p Tshuvah Lecture with Rabbi Carasik	7 • 5 7:00a Selihot & Shaharit 6:00p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:09p Candlelighting	8 • 6 Shabbat Shuva 9:00a Shaharit Vayelekh 10:30a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots 7:14p Shabbat Ends
9 • 7 8:45a Selihot & Shaharit 7:00p Bir'nana Extended Rehearsal	10 • 8 Columbus Day 7:00a Selichot & Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars <i>OZ Office Open</i>	11 • 9 Erev Yom Kippur 7:00a Selichot & Shaharit 1:30p Minhah (OZ) 5:45p Kol Nidre (Wallace Hall) 5:45p Youth Service (WH) 6:03p Candlelighting	12 • 10 Yom Kippur 9:00a Services Begin 10:45a Youth Service (WH) 10:45a Family Learning Experience (OZ) Yizkor 7:00p Yom Kippur Ends	13 • 11 7:15a Shaharit	14 • 12 7:15a Shaharit 5:58p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:58p Candlelighting	15 • 13 9:00a Shaharit Ha'azinu 10:30a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots 7:03p Shabbat Ends
16 • 14 Erev Sukkot 8:45a Shaharit 6:00p Festival Ma'ariv 5:55p Candlelighting 7:00p Sukkot Dinner in the OZ Sukkah (RSVP required) & Bir'nana Performance	17 • 15 Sukkot First Day 9:00a Shaharit 10:30a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots Kiddush in the Sukkah 6:30p Minhah/Ma'ariv Light Candles after 6:53p	18 • 16 Sukkot Second Day 9:00a Shaharit Kiddush in the Sukkah 6:51p Yom Tov ends	19 • 17 Hol Hamoed Sukkot 7:00a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 5:30p Hebrew School Family Dinner in the Sukkah 6:45p Teen Dinner and Study in the Sukkah	20 • 18 Hol Hamoed Sukkot 7:00a Shaharit 6:30p OZYP Sushi in the Sukkah	21 • 19 Hol Hamoed Sukkot 7:00a Shaharit 5:00p Sukkot and Me 5:48p Candlelighting 5:48p Minhah/Ma'ariv 6:45p Bring Your Own Dinner to the Sukkah	22 • 20 Hol Hamoed Sukkot 8:45a Shaharit Megillat Kohelet 10:30a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots 6:53p Shabbat Ends 7:30p Youth Sukkah Sleepover
23 • 21 Hoshanah Rabbah Erev Shemni Atzeret 8:45a Shaharit 6:00p Minhah/Ma'ariv 6:00p Candlelighting	24 • 22 Shemini Atzeret Erev Simhat Torah 9:00a Shaharit/Yizkor 5:30p Ice Cream at Sinai 5:30p Teen Dinner Light Candles after 6:43p 6:30p Minhah/Ma'ariv	25 • 23 Simhat Torah 9:00a Shaharit 6:42p Festival Ends	26 • 24 7:15 am Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0	27 • 25 7:15a Shaharit	28 • 26 7:15a Shaharit 5:38p Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:38p Candlelighting	29 • 27 9:00a Shaharit Bereshit Bar Mitzvah Benjamin Nayman 10:30a Torah Kids 11:15a Torah Tots 6:43p Shabbat Ends
30 • 28 8:45a Shaharit 7:30p Bir'nana Rehearsal	31 • 29 7:15a Shaharit 4:00p Hebrew School 2.0 6:00p B'nei Mitzvah Scholars 5:30p Rock-Ivrit					

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES 5777/2016

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, October 2

Evening 6:00 pm–7:00 pm
at *Congregation Or Zarua*

First Day Rosh Hashanah
Monday, October 3

Morning 8:30 am–1:00 pm
at *Wallace Hall*

Tashlikh 5:30 pm–6:00 pm
at *Central Park Reservoir, south end*

Evening 6:30 pm–7:30 pm
at *Congregation Or Zarua*

Second Day Rosh Hashanah
Tuesday, October 4

Morning 8:30 am–1:00 pm
at *Wallace Hall*

Minhah/Ma'ariv 6:15 pm–7:15 pm
at *Congregation Or Zarua*

Shabbat Shuva
Tuesday, October 8

Shaharit 9:00 am–12:00 noon
at *Congregation Or Zarua*

Erev Yom Kippur
Wednesday, October 11

Minhah 1:30 pm–1:55 pm
at *Congregation Or Zarua*

Kol Nidre 5:45 pm–8:15 pm
at *Wallace Hall*

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, October 12

Services 9:00 am–7:00 pm
at *Wallace Hall*

• Service Locations •

Congregation Or Zarua
127 East 82nd Street
between Lexington and Park Avenues

Wallace Hall
west side of Park Avenue
between 83rd and 84th Streets

Tickets are required for all services at both locations, except Shabbat Shuva.

The Talmudic Take on the High Holy Days
Rabbi Mordecai Schwartz, PhD
Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 pm



Talmudic Takes on the Holidays is a series of three scholarly presentations about major themes of the High Holy Days, Hanukkah and Passover. Our guest lecturer, Rabbi Mordecai Schwartz, PhD, will deliver text-based lectures to expand on profound ideas and practices that enrich our holidays. Join us for these unique opportunities with a master teacher of Talmudic and Rabbinic texts.

WELCOME–BACK KIDDUSH
Saturday, September 10
12 pm; after services

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

Annual Tshuvah Lecture
REPENTANCE OR RETURN
with Rabbi Michael Carasik, PhD
Thursday, October 6, 7:30 pm
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

ADDITIONAL HIGH HOLY DAY TICKETS Guest tickets for all High Holy Day services are \$360 each for ages 13 and up, and \$180 for ages 5–12. Young Professionals may purchase discounted tickets for \$180. Tickets for nonmembers wishing to bring their families to the Family Learning Experience are \$180 per family. To order, contact Luisa Paulino at lpaulino@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 10.

High Holy Day Services 5777/2016
General information

Our High Holy Day services will be held at Wallace Hall, on the west side of Park Avenue between 83rd and 84th Streets, not far from our synagogue building on East 82nd Street.

OZ offers three types of services for the High Holy Days: a main service, led by Rabbi Scott Bolton; youth services, divided by age; and a Family Learning Experience, led by Rabbi Amy Bolton. Youth services will be held on both days of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur. Please note that children 2–4 years old must be accompanied by no more than one parent. There will be a Mah Zeh?! program for Teens on Yom Kippur. Teenagers are encouraged to attend the main service. Please review the High Holy Day services schedules, on pages 8 and 9, for times and locations.

The Family Learning Experience, described on page 9, led by Rabbi Amy Bolton, is designed for the entire family and is not a drop-off service. It will be held in the Or Zarua library from 10:45 am to 12:45 pm on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. Grandparents are also invited. Times and locations are listed on the OZ

Youth services schedule on page 9.

If you know of people who might be without a place to go for High Holy Day Services, please have them contact the office.

The schedule for all main services for the High Holy Days will be printed on the reverse side of your ticket. Tickets will be mailed in mid-September to all members in good standing; remember to bring your ticket with you to all services at both Wallace Hall and OZ. Call the synagogue office with questions regarding your membership. Note that all children through the age of 22 are included in family membership; children 23 and older are required to have guest tickets. Call the synagogue office, 212-452-2310, or go online to Chaverweb to purchase guest tickets.

Memorial Wall Update

Or Zarua is expecting delivery of the first set of memorial wall plaques in time for the High Holy Days. Orders for future deliveries of plaques can be made by contacting Helene Santo at hsanto@orzarua.org or 212-452-2310, ext 14.

Youth Programs and Services

for the High Holy Days 5777/2016

Share the High Holy Days in uplifting, family-centered ways with your kids at the Family Learning Experience with Rabbi Amy Bolton and our other High Holy Day programs.

The **Family Learning Experience with Rabbi Amy Bolton** for families with children through 6th grade will meet on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, 10:45 am-12:45 pm at Or Zarua. Join together with other families for prayer, music, interactive discussion, and parent-child learning.

Break out into age-appropriate groups, where our littlest ones play, young children participate in interactive activities, and our older learners engage in parent-child discussion surrounding the following questions:

What (or who) is God anyway?

What do superheroes have to do with Yom Kippur?

Learn new tunes and explanations for key holiday prayers as you find new meaning in High Holy Day services.

Parents and grandparents accompany children, celebrating the Holy Days and learning together. Children through 6th grade are welcome, and older siblings should feel free to come along. This one-of-a-kind

experience is perfect for all ages!

Be sure to review the schedule at right for information about other High Holy Day youth programs including the Upper East Side community Tashlikh for families with children sponsored by OZ, Kehilath Jeshurun and the PJ Library and Mah Zeh High Holy Days?! for teens on Yom Kippur.

Children not participating in a Youth Service or the Family Learning Experience are encouraged to join their parents in the main service.

For information about youth High Holy Day programming contact Sigal Hirsch, Director of Youth Education and Programming, at shirsch@orzarua.org, or 212-452-2310, ext 15.

Nonmembers wishing to attend these youth programs should call Helene Santo at 212-452-2310, ext 14, for guest tickets.



Rabbi Amy Bolton (left); Director of Youth Education and Programming Sigal Hirsch (right).

HIGH HOLY DAY YOUTH SERVICES 5777/2016

First Day Rosh Hashanah Monday, October 3

Youth Services 10:45 am-12:45 pm
High Holy Days Tots (Nursery/Pre-School/Pre-K)
High Holy Days Kids (Elementary School)
at Wallace Hall

Family Tashlikh 4:00 pm
Carl Schurz Park, East 86 Street Entrance
For children, their parents and grandparents, sponsored by OZ, KJ and the PJ Library.

Second Day Rosh Hashanah Tuesday, October 4

Youth Services 10:45 am-12:45 pm
High Holy Days Kids (Elementary School)
at Wallace Hall

Family Learning Experience with Rabbi Amy Bolton 10:45 am - 12:45 am
For families with children through 6th grade. Older siblings are welcome. Note that this program is not a drop-off.
at Congregation Or Zarua

Shabbat Shuva Saturday, October 8

Torah Kids 10:30 am-11:45 am
Torah Tots 11:15 am-11:45 am
at Congregation Or Zarua

Kol Nidre Wednesday, October 11

Youth Services 5:45 pm-8:15 pm
High Holy Days Kids (Elementary School)
at Wallace Hall (Family Break Room).

Yom Kippur Wednesday, October 12

Youth Services 10:45 am-12:45 pm
High Holy Days Kids (Elementary School)
at Wallace Hall

Family Learning Experience with Rabbi Amy Bolton 10:45 am - 12:45 am
For families with children through 6th grade. Older siblings are welcome.
at Congregation Or Zarua

Teen Program Between Services Mah Zeh High Holy Days?! (6th-12 grades)
at Wallace Hall

Tickets are required for all services at both locations, except Shabbat Shuva.

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- 1) Visit smile.amazon.com and search for Congregation Or Zarua
- 2) Shop for your favorite items any time of the year through AmazonSmile!

Or Zarua Book Discussions

Sunday, September 18, 7:30 pm

Safekeeping by Jessamyn Hope
 We will be joined by the author.
 In the OZ Library



Adam, a drug addict from NYC, is attempting to turn his life around. He travels to Israel

with the intention of returning a sapphire brooch to a woman his father had loved when he was a Holocaust refugee living on a kibbutz in 1947 as the British Mandate ended. The story deals with redemption, brevity of life and the history of a priceless medieval brooch.

Sunday, October 30, 7:30 pm

ALLY: My Journey Across the American-Israeli Divide by Michael B. Oren
 Led by Congregant Arthur Seltzer



Michael B. Oren, former Israeli ambassador to the United States describes his view of the relationship between the United States and Israel from 2009 to 2013. The book is an eye-opening portrait of the sometimes tense relationship between the Obama and

Netanyahu administrations.

OZ's Book Discussions are open to all. For additional information about the Or Zarua Book Discussions, call the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, ext 12, or simply attend.

Meals in the Sukkah

It is a mitzvah to eat in the sukkah during the Festival of Sukkot. Or Zarua is offering Congregants several opportunities to have lunch or dinner in the sukkah on the synagogue's roof.

Dinner on Erev Sukkot

Sunday, October 16
 Minhah Ma'ariv 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
 Dinner begins at 7:00 pm
 includes a performance by Bir'nana
This dinner requires reservations.
 \$45 for adults, \$25 for children ages 5-12, no charge for children under 5.
 RSVP by Thursday, October 13 by calling 212-452-2310, ext 39 or by logging into your Chaverweb account and selecting Sukkot 10-16-16 in the pull-down menu.

Kiddush in the Sukkah

Monday, October 17
 Tuesday, October 18
 Immediately after services

Bring-Your-Own Dinner

You bring dinner and all service items, including beverages, plates, cups, napkins, and utensils. All food brought to the sukkah must be kosher. Please conclude your evening meal by 9:00 pm.

To bring your own dinner to the sukkah, please notify Deborah Wenger in the synagogue office at 212-452-2310, ext 12, of the number of people in your group by noon of the day you wish to use the sukkah.

ETROGIM and LULAVIM

The joyous holiday of Sukkot begins Sunday evening, October 16. Congregation Or Zarua will again arrange for the purchase of etrogim and lulavim. All orders are delivered in complete sets: etrog in a box, lulav with hadassim, and aravot in a bag.

Three options, each certified for use on Sukkot, are available:

- Special Set (Aleph), \$75.00 each
- Choice Set (Bet), \$65.00 each
- Standard Set (Gimmel), \$55.00 each
- Extra set of Hoshanot-Hadassim-Aravot, \$7.50 each

To order, contact Deborah Wenger at ext 12, dwenger@orzarua.org, or log into your Chaverweb account at www.tinyurl.com/OZ-Etrog-2016, by noon on Thursday, October 6. We cannot accept any orders without payment. Sets will be available for pickup between Yom Kippur and Sukkot on a date to be determined.

Sukkot Events for Youth and Families

Torah Kids

Monday, October 17, 11:00 am

Torah Tots

Monday, October 17, 11:15 am

Hebrew School Family Dinner

Wednesday, Oct 19, 5:30 pm

Teen Dinner and Study in the Sukkah

Wednesday, Oct 19, 6:45 pm

Sukkot & Me

Friday, Oct 21, 5:00 pm

Sukkah Sleepover (see below)

Saturday, October 22, 7:30 pm

Ice Cream at Sinai

Monday, October 24, 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

Teen Simhat Torah Dinner

Monday, October 24, 5:30 pm

FESTIVAL SERVICES 5777/2016

Erev Sukkot

Sunday, October 16

Festival Ma'ariv 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

First Day Sukkot

Monday, October 17

Shaharit 9:00 am-12:00 pm
 Evening 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Second Day Sukkot

Tuesday, October 18

Shaharit 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Hol Hamoed Sukkot (weekday)
 Wednesday, October 19 - Friday, October 21

Shaharit 7:00 am-8:15 am

Shabbat-Hol Hamoed Sukkot
 Saturday, October 22

Shaharit 8:45 am-12:15 pm
 (includes reading of Megillat Kohelet)

Hoshanah Rabbah
 Sunday, October 23

Shaharit 8:45 am-10:45 am

Erev Shemni Atzeret
 Sunday, October 23

Minhah/Ma'ariv 6:00 pm

Shemni Atzeret
 Monday, October 24

Shaharit 9:00 am-12:00 pm
 Yizkor

Erev Simhat Torah
 Monday, October 24

Minhah/Ma'ariv 6:30 pm

Simhat Torah
 Tuesday, October 25

Shaharit 9:00 am-12:00 pm

SUKKAH SLEEPOVER

Saturday, October 22, beginning at 7:30 pm

All Or Zarua children aged 5-13 are invited to participate in the mitzvah of sleeping in the sukkah starting after Shabbat at 7:30 pm. A pizza dinner will be served, followed by "make your own sundaes." There will also be pool, foosball, board games, and a movie.

RSVP to Sigal Hirsch at shirsch@orzarua.org by 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 20.

SUSHI IN THE SUKKAH

Thursday, October 20, 6:30 pm

OZ's Young Professionals will gather in the roof-top sukkah for sushi. RSVP online: <http://tinyurl.com/YP-Sushi-10-20-16>.

The Or Zarua Community

The First Week of November

Wednesday Evening, November 2

Guest Talmudic Scholar
Rabbi Reuven Hammer, PhD



Or Zarua will host Rabbi Reuven Hammer, PhD, author of *Or Hadash: A Commentary on Siddur Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Festivals*, and its weekday version as well as many books, including

two National Jewish Book Award winners. He is former director, dean and professor of Rabbinic literature, JTS, Jerusalem.

Saturday, November 5

Shabbat Iyun (talk) After Kiddush (1 pm)
Dr. Larry Norton, MSKCC



“Genetic Susceptibility to Breast Cancer in Ashkenazi Jews and Others” an essential conversation with OZ Cogregant Dr. Larry Norton, Deputy Physician-in-Chief for the Breast Cancer Program, Medical

Director of Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center and Norna S. Sarofim Chair in Clinical Oncology at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.



The next show in the OZ Gallery will be “Printed Matters,”

a one-person show of printed work by Dr. Mark Podwal, opening November 6. Dr. Podwal is an artist, author, filmmaker and physician. His work has been exhibited in museums

worldwide including the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Until the opening, view the current exhibit, “Justice Illuminated: The Art of Arthur Szyk.”

-Gerry Solomon



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TALMUD CLASS LAUNCH
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Tzedakah in the Talmud

Begins Wednesday, September 21, 7:30 pm



For the first semester of 2016–2017, we will study Talmudic passages regarding tzedakah (charity), gemilut chassadim (bestowal of kindnesses), and righteousness. No background necessary;

texts in Hebrew and English will be provided. On Wednesdays, beginning before the High Holy Days on Wednesday September 21, 7:30 pm, and continuing on Wednesdays as of November 2. Dates will appear on the OZ Newsletter calendar.

Rabbi Bolton's Siddur Class

This fall we begin an exploration of Tahanun and the Torah Service. Join us beginning Thursday, November 3, 8:30 am as we continue to translate and delve into our daily liturgy.

Torah Reading Class

Mark Somerstein will again be teaching



his course in Torah reading. The aim of this class, which has been taught annually at Or Zarua, is to expand participation of OZ Congregants in reading Torah on Shabbat, holidays and other times. Mark's class has been critical in supporting OZ's status as a participatory synagogue.

The class is designed to enable people to read Torah with confidence and an understanding of the trope. Mark, a longtime member of Or Zarua, has been teaching people how to leyn (read Torah) for more than 50 years.

This course is designed for all skill levels and is scheduled to begin this fall with meeting dates and times to be determined. For additional information or to sign up, please contact Mark at 646-303-1076 or msmrstn@aol.com.

Join Or Zarua's minyan for Shaharit (morning service), followed by breakfast. Start times are listed on the calendar. Meet other Congregants and enjoy coffee, OJ, bagels, cake and yogurt.

OR ZARUA'S
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

are entering the New Year with two events:

Friday, September 9, 6:15 pm

OZ Young Professionals will be hosting a BBQ Shabbat dinner. Happy hour followed by spiritual services and a yummy BBQ dinner.

Sunday, September 18, 3:00 pm

We will be doing a fun, Rosh HaShanah themed, cooking class with Nancy Wolfson.



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