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WELCOME TO CONGREGATION **Or Zarua** SHABBAT SHALOM



PARASHAT MISHPATIM Birkat HaHodesh

Friday, February 1, 2019

Candlelighting, 4:56 pm

Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat, 4:56 pm

Saturday, February 2

Shaharit, 9:00 am

Family Shabbat, 10:30 am

Shabbat & Me Saturday (Pre-School and younger)

Family Learning Experience (Elementary School, Middle School, and Parents)

After youth services, stay for a special Family Kiddush and Hangout

Sermon by Dr. Harlan J. Wechsler, Rabbi Emeritus

Shabbat ends 5:52 pm

SERVICE TIMES FOR FEBRUARY 3-8, 2019

Sunday, Shaharit, 8:45 am, followed by breakfast

Monday; Thursday-Friday, 7:15 am, followed by breakfast

Tuesday-Wednesday, Rosh Hodesh, 7:00 am, followed by breakfast

Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat, Friday, Feb. 8, 5:04 pm

Candlelighting at 5:04 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*

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Emeritus

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Chaburah OZ Torah Study

Today, Feb. 2, after Kiddush



Join OZ Congregant Rob Schaffer, on Parashat Mishpatim. The final session for this year will be Burt Biderman on Tzav (April 13). Everyone is invited to attend.

Rabbi Wechsler Speaks

Wednesdays, Feb. 6 and 13, 7:30-9:00 pm



Rabbi Wechsler will deliver two Wednesday lectures during the month of February. In them, he will share some of his recent research in the field of Jewish theology.

February 6: "Piety and Place: Psalms 145 and 84." In this lecture Rabbi Wechsler will focus on the "Ashrei," a prayer repeated three times a day, just like the Amidah and more times a day than the Shema. Why is it so central to the liturgy? What are the parameters of piety that are contained in the 145th psalm and what does the 84th psalm contribute to the prayer that is crucial to its importance in Jewish theology?

February 13: "Can Belief in God be Commanded?" The first of the Ten Commandments is the mitzvah to believe in God. But Rabbi Wechsler will ask: Is this a reasonable command? Shouldn't belief be the result of a personal search and the conclusions drawn from it, rather than submission to a command? Through the study of both Maimonides (Rambam) and Nachmanides (Ramban) we will explore the limits of such a command and its meaning, a meaning less obvious than you might think.

GAME ON! OZ Super Bowl Party Teaming Up to Tackle Poverty

Sunday, Feb. 3, 5:00 pm



OZ members are invited to our 17th Annual Super Bowl Party, where you can view the game on a large-screen HDTV, socialize with friends in a family-friendly atmosphere, eat great kosher food, while teaming up to raise funds for Project ORE, serving the Jewish poor and elderly since 1987.

Everyone (even those who are unable to attend) is encouraged to make a generous donation to Project ORE. Checks should be made payable to Or Zarua and indicate "Project ORE" on the memo line. *Please note that for security purposes, only OZ members and their guests who have pre-registered and are on the security guard's list will be admitted.*

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.



The Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture Thursday, Feb. 7, 7:30 pm

This year's annual lecture will feature Christine Hayes, PhD, who will deliver an address about her landmark book, *What's so Divine About Divine Law?* She is the Robert F. & Patricia Ross Weis Professor of Religious Studies, Yale University. Before joining the Yale faculty in 1996, Dr. Hayes was Assistant Professor of Hebrew Studies in the Department of Near Eastern

Studies at Princeton University for three years. Her published works include several books and many articles in *Vetus Testamentum*, *The Journal for the Study of Judaism*, *The Harvard Theological Review*.



Did you know 1 in 5 New Yorkers is food insecure?

Here's how you can help:

- 1. Help package and distribute food** pantry packages for families 9:00 am-12 pm Wednesday, **Feb. 6**.
 - 2. Volunteer** to help serve a hot breakfast at the NY Common Pantry, 8 East 109th St., on Tuesday, **Feb. 19**, 7:00 am-9:00 am. Volunteers plate meals in the kitchen for 150 to 200 people.
 - 3. Drop off donations** of nonperishable food in the OZ social hall such as: pasta (1 lb), canned beans, dry beans (1 lb), shelf-stable milk (1 qt). No glass jars.
- Contact Lesley Palmer at hessed@orzaru.org to sign up or ask questions.



Talmud & Siddur Classes with Rabbi Bolton

Talmud Class. Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm. Please note that there is no regular Talmud Class on the dates Rabbi Wechsler is teaching, Feb. 6 and 13. (See p. 2 for details.)

Fasting, Praying, Planting, and Walking Through the Rain: continues as we explore ancient ideas about individual prayers, fasts, and communal practices to influence Heaven. No previous Talmud study or knowledge of Hebrew or Aramaic is required.

Siddur Class. Thursdays, 8:40-9:40 am. *To the Finish Line: Prayers at the End of Our Service.* Continue to explore the richness and depth of our liturgy and the meaning we make of our Jewish prayer practices.



Remembering Luisa Saturday, Feb. 23, Kiddush following

services. During her years as bookkeeper at Or Zarua, Luisa shared her light, decency, commitment and goodness with our synagogue community. She went above and beyond the call of duty often, and she extended a warm and caring greeting to our members. She was a treasure to our Congregation.

To honor Luisa's memory one year after her death last February, the staff of Or Zarua is sponsoring Kiddush. All are welcome to attend.



The Fabric of Survival: The Art of Esther Nisenthal Krinitz New Exhibition at the OZ Gallery January 26 to May 26

In 1942, when the Nazis ordered the Jews of the town of Mniszek in Poland to report for "relocation," 15-year-old Esther Nisenthal and her 13-year-old sister broke away from the rest of the villagers and evaded the Gestapo by pretending to be Catholic farm girls. After the war, Esther married a fellow survivor and moved to the United States. At

age 50, she began creating works of art using fabric and yarns to share her story

of enduring the Holocaust. *The Fabric of Survival* is a traveling exhibition composed of high-quality photographic reproductions of the original fabric work of Esther Krinitz circulated by Art and Remembrance (<https://artandremembrance.org/about/esther-krinitz/>).

Save the date - Sunday evening, April 28. We will have a special program showing the documentary film about Esther's work, *Through the Eye of the Needle*, followed by a discussion with the daughters of the artist.

YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Family Shabbat Saturday, Feb. 2

All youth programs begin at 10:30 am

Shabbat & Me Saturday (Pre-School and younger)

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

Shabbat Buddies (for Middle and High School)

Stay for a special Family Kiddush and Hangout.



Middle School and High School Gelato Making Saturday, Feb. 2, 7:00-9:00 pm

Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers, join us once again for an evening of kosher gelato making at Mia Chef Gelateria!

Make fresh gelato and bring home your own! Register on Chaverweb.



Shabbat & Me and Young Family Dinner

Friday, Feb. 8, 5:00-7:00 pm.

Usher in Shabbat with Shabbat & Me Friday! Welcome Shabbat together with songs, stories, simple prayers, and special Shabbat activities. *For families with children birth through age 6. Older siblings welcome.*

Light dinner to follow. \$18/family, registration required. Register on Chaverweb.

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: try a first class free, promo code "tryshalom."

Interested in OZ's Hebrew School? Invite your friends to try us out!

Have them call or email Sigal (contact information below)

Contact Sigal Hirsch shirsch@orzarua.org for more information.

Go to <http://orzarua-ortalid.org/calendar-2/> for the full Or L'Atid calendar and add it to your Google calendar!.



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-ortalid.org.