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# WELCOME TO CONGREGATION Or Zarua SHABBAT SHALOM



## PARASHAT RE'EH Rosh Hodesh Elul

**Friday, August 30, 2019**

Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 pm

Candlelighting, 7:13 pm

**Saturday, August 31**

Shaharit, 9:00 am

**Youth Shabbat Services**

Resume next Shabbat

**Shabbat Ends 8:07 pm**

### SERVICE TIMES FOR SEPTEMBER 1-6, 2019

Sunday, 8:45 am

**Monday, Labor Day, 9:30 am**

**Mazel Tov to Yoni Smook and his family on his becoming Bar Mitzvah**

Tuesday-Friday, 7:15 am, followed by breakfast

Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat Friday, September 6, 6:15 pm

Candlelighting at 7:02 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*

Diane Okrent, *President*

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## Welcome Back Kiddush

**Shabbat, Sept. 7, after services**

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

## Elul Chaburah with Barry Coller

**Shabbat, Sept. 14, after Kiddush**



Join us for an Elul-themed Chaburah with Dr. Barry Coller, “Questions Before the New Year: Why I Write for OROT.” Where does the concept of God’s forgiveness for sins appear in the Torah and what prompted it? What is the real end of the Akeidah story? What are the sources in the Torah that bear on the key issues regarding reparations for slaves, including our own people’s experience as slaves, the obligations of slave owners at the time of emancipation, and multi-generational and collective responsibility? Each of us has our own questions that we come to the Yamim Noraim with. Come listen to fellow Congregant Dr. Barry Coller share reflections about the inquiries he has made, as he approached the Yamim Noraim and crafted articles for Or Zarua’s Congregant-written and edited journal.

## Selihot Study with Rabbi Bolton

**Saturday evening, September 21**

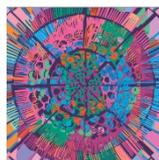
**7:45 pm Dessert Reception**

**8:15 pm Selihot Study ~ 9:15 pm Selihot Service**



Get ready for the High Holy Days with a dessert reception followed by Rabbi Bolton speaking on “The Inward and the Outward: Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch’s Philosophy on T’shuvah and Observing the High Holy Days” at 8:15 pm, and the Selihot Service will be at 9:15 pm.

## Creation in the OZ Art Gallery



Throughout the summer and fall, the OZ Gallery will be displaying 10 prints based on the creation narrative in Bereshit by the artist and multi-talented designer Rudi Wolff. Showing his vibrant, abstract work in our gallery is an opportunity to get to know this artist who designed the OZ logo and who has been an invaluable friend of the community.

## Get Social!

We’ve updated our website – check it out at [www.orzarua.org](http://www.orzarua.org)! Also, be sure to follow us on social media to learn, participate, and connect – and get the times to pray. Find us on Facebook as Congregation Or Zarua, on Instagram as @or\_zarua and on Twitter as @Or\_Zarua.





**Memorial Wall** Or Zarua offers the opportunity to remember your loved ones on our sanctuary's memorial wall. Contact the office (212) 452-2310 x14 or email Helene Santo for details at [hsanto@orzarua.org](mailto:hsanto@orzarua.org).

**Tell your friends about Or Zarua!** Now is a great time to spread the word about our Congregation. If you know anyone interested in High Holy Day tickets, please have them contact the office.



**Membership Renewal for 2019-2020** We are grateful to have you as part of our community and hope you'll continue to be with us. Membership renewal packets were mailed at the beginning of July. If you would like to discuss a payment arrangement, please contact Helene Santo. You can pay any balances by logging in to your Chaverweb account, by sending a check or by making a payment over the phone with Deborah Wenger at extension 12.



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

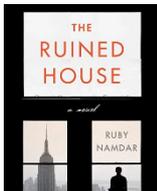
**1. Help package and distribute food** pantry packages for families 9:00 am-12 pm Wednesday, Sept. 4.  
**2. Volunteer to help serve a hot breakfast** at the NY Common Pantry, 8 East 109th St., on Tuesday, August 20 and Sept. 17, 7:00 am-9:30 am. Volunteers plate meals in the kitchen for 150 to 200 people. Contact Lesley Palmer at [hessed@orzarua.org](mailto:hessed@orzarua.org) to sign up or ask questions.



**Thursday Night Pasta and Salad at NCS**

**3rd & 4th Thursdays each month, 6:00-6:45 pm.**

OZ congregants serve hot food and good cheer at the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter's East 81st Street Residence. Volunteers needed as well as donations to the Hessed Fund. Contact Jeff Haberman, [jeff32449@verizon.net](mailto:jeff32449@verizon.net).



**Fall Book Discussion. Sunday, Sept. 15, 7:30 pm.** What better than to relax with a good book? Read *The Ruined House*, by Ruby Namdar, a brilliant novel which draws on Jewish symbols and texts and examines the themes of the American Jewish literary canon as it captures the privilege and pedantry of New York intellectual life in the opening years of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Sept. 15 discussion will be led by Pat Davidson.

**Save the date for the Annual T'shuvah Lecture Thursday, Oct. 3, 7:30 pm** with Benjamin D. Sommer, PhD, "Religious Personalities and Aseret Y'mei Tshuvah: Psalms as Inspiration during the High Holy Days Season."

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## YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Youth Shabbat Services

Youth Shabbat Services resume Sept. 7



### First Day of School Monday, Sept. 9

**Invite your friends to try us out!**

Have them call or email Sigal

(contact information below)

Please register as soon as possible for planning and hiring purposes.

**Offering after-school pickup!**

Sign up for our the service when you register for Hebrew School.

Register on Chaverweb.

Contact Sigal Hirsch for more information. Non-members, contact Sigal to enroll.

### Check out these NEW offerings for Middle School and High School

**8th and 9th Grade, Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00 pm**

New this year is our 8th and 9th grade class on Wednesday evenings. Students have the opportunity for continued weekly study of Hebrew and Judaics, driven by their own interests.

**Middle Schoolers: Tastes and Tradition with Rabbi Bolton, monthly Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 pm**

Together students will explore Jewish cultures and traditions from around the world as the enjoy cuisine from that country.



### Save the Date! Family Shabbat and Lunch

**Saturday, Sept. 14, 10:30 am**

Youth and Family Services begin at 10:30 am. A family lunch will follow services.



Keep track of upcoming events all year round by adding our Or L'Atid calendar to your Google calendar [www.orzarua.org/or-latid/calendar/](http://www.orzarua.org/or-latid/calendar/).



For more information about Youth Programs and Hebrew School, contact Sigal Hirsch at (212) 452-2310 x15 or [shirsch@orzarua.org](mailto:shirsch@orzarua.org), or visit [www.orzarua.org/or-latid/](http://www.orzarua.org/or-latid/).

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