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SHABBAT SHALOM



SHABBAT VAYISHLAH

Friday, December 13, 2019

Candlelighting, 4:10 pm

Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat, 4:10 pm

Saturday, December 14

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

Mazel Tov to Benjamin Knaster and his family on his becoming Bar Mitzvah

Shabbat Ends 5:10 pm

Musical Havdalah, Concert, and Kids' Program, 5:30 pm

SERVICE TIMES FOR DECEMBER 15-20, 2019

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

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

Friday, Dec. 20, 4:12 pm, Candlelighting & Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat



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

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Gear up for Hanukkah ...

Hanukkah Improv for Kids Tonight, 5:30 pm

After Havdalah, children of all ages are invited to a pre-Hanukkah youth program at the time of the concert. Join Aliza Small (*God Should Not Have Chosen Us Sketch Comedy, Home by Ten*) and Aaron Friedman (*The Bible Players*) for an evening of Hanukkah improv! Light dinner will be served for children before we begin the Hanukkah improv fun and games. Please note, this is a drop-off program for children.

Parents are encouraged to come to Havdalah with their kids and then join the community for the Klezmer concert with Aaron Shelden (see next item).

A Bissele Klezmer concert with Aaron Shelden Tonight, 5:30 pm

Come to the second Musical Havdalah of the season. After a nosh, Havdalah and songs to welcome the new week, Aaron Shelden will lead us with his accordion in a night of Jewish music. From Klezmer to other favorites Aaron will share the Yiddishe spirit and present songs that speak to our hearts and souls.

Aaron started studying the accordion at the age of 10. As a teenager he was playing professionally with his twin brother, Paul, and their band in the Catskills. Aaron will provide historic and musicological insights about Klezmer along with his performance.

Hanukkah & Me and Young Family Dinner Friday, Dec. 20, 5:00 pm

Usher in Shabbat with a special holiday version of Shabbat & Me as we gear up for Hanukkah together. Welcome Shabbat with songs, stories, simple prayers and activities. for families with children from birth though age 6. Older siblings welcome. Light dinner to follow. Sign up through ShulCloud.

First-year members are welcome to attend for free, but please sign up through Sigal Hirsch x15 shirsch@orzarua.org so we know how much food to order.

Hanukkah begins Sunday night, Dec. 22

Candle Lighting and Pizza Party Monday, Dec. 23, 5:45 pm

Celebrate Hanukkah with OZ as we light the second candle together.

Spin the dreidel, do hesed, and enjoy latkes and sufganiyot.

After candle lighting, stay for a Hanukkah pizza party! Sign up through ShulCloud by 10:00 am Friday, Dec. 20.

Hanukkah events continue next page ...

CELEBRATE HANUKKAH



Bir'nana Performance and Festive Shabbat Dinner

Friday, Dec. 27, Candlelighting, 4:16 pm

Services at 5:30 pm; Bir'nana performance at 6:15 pm

Dinner follows at 6:30 pm (RSVP required for dinner only)

Dreidels on the tables! After a dinner of brisket and latkes, sing classic Hanukkah songs together. Come for Kabbalat Shabbat services, and stay to hear Bir'nana, OZ's a cappella group, welcome Shabbat and celebrate the holiday with beautiful harmony. After the performance, our celebration continues with a community dinner. Reservations required for the dinner.

<https://orzarua.shulcloud.com/form/2019-Shabbat-Hanukkah-Dinner>.

First-year members are welcome to attend for free, but please sign up by calling or emailing Deborah dwenger@orzarua.org so we know how much food to order.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Do good in December with OZ. Year-end tax deadlines can give us a focused opportunity to do good when we have done well. Year-end opportunities include two particular types of charitable contributions: Donations of appreciated public-company stocks and the direction of required minimum distributions from IRAs. If you would like more information to take advantage of either of these opportunities, call Helene at (212) 452-2310, ext. 14.

OZ Book Discussion: Kaddish.com Sunday, Dec. 15, 7:30 pm *Kaddish.com*, by Nathan Englander. The prize-winning author of *Dinner at the Center of the Earth* and *What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank* delivers a streamlined comic masterpiece about a son's failure to say Kaddish for his father.



OZ's Annual Coat Drive Through Dec. 16, OZ basement bins Help low income families and older adults in NYC by donating gently-used winter coats, all sizes needed. Adult-sized coats will be donated to the Educational Alliance for their older population through Project ORE, a program for vulnerable and isolated older adults. The rest will be donated to New York Cares or a similar program.



Volunteers needed to glean, pack, and deliver food

Erev Christmas, Tuesday evening, Dec. 24. Volunteers pack and deliver food donated by Eli Zabar. This is a wonderful communal way to help those in need, a true mitzvah. See *weekly email for details*. Contact Jeff Haberman, (917) 697-1677 or jeff32449@verizon.net, for information or to sign up.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

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, Jan. 8.

2. Volunteer to help serve a hot breakfast at the NY Common Pantry, 8 East 109th St., 7:00 am-9:30 am Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Sign up and information, Lesley Palmer hessed@orzarua.org.

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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 Hesed Fund. Contact Jeff Haberman, jeff32449@verizon.net.

Fall Talmud & Siddur Classes with Rabbi Bolton

Talmud Class. Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm, (no class Dec. 25 or Jan. 1) *Who Can Be Judged? Who Can Bear Witness? Kings, Judges, And the Great Men and Women Of Israel* (Chapter 2 of Masekhet Sanhedrin). No previous knowledge required.

Siddur Class. Thursdays, 8:40-9:40 am (no class Dec. 26 or Jan. 2). *When Prayer and Remembering Meet: Yizkor, Funeral Rites, Daily Psalms and Reminders.* Explore the themes and language of our Yizkor prayers, as well as funeral liturgies. In general the class explores the history, forms, content and meaning of Jewish liturgy and prayer rites.

YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Youth Shabbat Programs

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

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



Family Shabbat Dec. 21 has been cancelled.

Youth programs will continue Jan. 4

Middle Schoolers, Tastes & Tradition with Rabbi Bolton **NOTE CHANGE IN DATE!**

Monthly Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15. The next meeting is Dec. 18.



FAMILIES & HANUKKAH!

For more information about Hanukkah programs for all ages see the special Hanukkah Section on pages 2-3. The first big event is tonight, A Musical Havdalah and Hanukkah Improv for Kids.

Yoga, Goga, Shabbat! Fridays, 10:00 am, Dec. 13 & 20, Parents, grandparents and caregivers get in the Shabbat mood with little ones through yoga, Jewish meditation, sensory experiences and more. Focus on family and being together as we unplug before Shabbat. <http://www.orzarua.org/or-latid/early-childhood/>

Shalom Sing-A-Long Mondays, 10:15 am (not meeting Dec. 30) Join us with little ones for Jewish and Hebrew songs along with favorite kids' "classics" with music, movement, puppets, instruments and more! Sign up for one class or for the whole semester (discount) <http://www.orzarua.org/or-latid/early-childhood/>



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.org/or-latid/.