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SHABBAT SHALOM



## SHABBAT VAYESHEV BIRKAT HAHODESH

**Friday, December 20, 2019**

Candlelighting, 4:12 pm

Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat, 4:12 pm

**Saturday, December 21**

Shaharit, 9:00 am

**Youth Shabbat Services**

Resume Jan. 4, 2020

**Shabbat Ends 5:12 pm**

### SERVICE TIMES FOR DECEMBER 22-27, 2019

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

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

Wednesday, 8:45 am, followed by breakfast

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

Friday, Dec. 27

4:16 Candlelighting

5:30 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv



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

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## Community Candle Lighting and Hanukkah Party for All Ages

Monday, Dec. 23, 5:45 pm

Celebrate Hanukkah with OZ as we light the second candle together. Spin the dreidel, and enjoy latkes and sufganiyot. It's traditional to eat dairy foods on Hanukkah so, after candle lighting, stay for bagels, lox, and pizza! Sign up through ShulCloud by Sunday, Dec. 22.



## Festive Shabbat Hanukkah Dinner with Latkes and Song; Bir'nana Performs, too! Join with community for the Shabbat of Hanukkah

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.

## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HOT SOUP



#### **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](mailto:jeff32449@verizon.net), for information or to sign up.



**Casting Call for Purim Spiel** OZ singers of all ages are invited to participate in our annual Purim Spiel on Monday, March 9, masterfully directed by our very own Judy Buchman-Ziv Work with professional musicians to stage original Purim Parody songs, featuring music from Porgy & Bess, Carmen Jones, Hairspray, The Greatest Showman and more!

**Schedule of rehearsals:** Sundays, 5:00-7:00 pm, January 5, 12, 26, February 2, 9, 23; Sunday, March 1, time to be determined; Thursday, March 5, Mandatory Dress Rehearsal, time to be determined.

**Purim is Monday night, March 9.** Remember, this is a community production. Everyone gets a part, but there are no "stars!"

**Youth,** we want you in the spiel! Say "yes" to an opportunity for real drama and Jewish connection at OZ! Contact Rabbi Bolton or Sigal for more information. Contact Judy to start singing, [eileenbz@yahoo.com](mailto:eileenbz@yahoo.com).

#### **Musical Havdalah and Jazz Set with Michael Schwartz**

**Saturday evening, Jan. 18, 6:00 pm**

Michael will be performing jazz arrangements of some of the standards from the "Great American Songbook" and some important jazz originals that are less familiar. The jazz artist whose compositions he will feature is the late pianist Thelonious Monk.



#### **Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture Wednesday, Jan. 29, 7:30 pm**

**"Edith Stein: Jewish Apostate and Catholic Saint"** with Leora Batnitzky, PhD. This lecture considers the contested legacies of the Jewish apostate and Catholic saint, Edith Stein.

Murdered at Auschwitz in 1942 because of her Jewish lineage, Stein was subsequently canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1998. Her legacy remains a point of painful and heated disagreement between Jews and Catholics. What can we learn from the controversy about Stein's identity regarding the complex historical and theological relationship between Judaism and Christianity? And what can we learn from Stein's life about the power and limitations of empathy?



**Dr. Leora Batnitzky** is the Ronald O. Perelman Professor of Jewish Studies at Princeton University. Her teaching and research interests include philosophy of religion, modern Jewish thought, hermeneutics, and contemporary legal and political theory. In 2002 she received Princeton's President's Award for Distinguished Teaching.

## 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.

**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, Jan. 21. Sign up and information, Lesley Palmer hesed@orzarua.org.

## 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.

## YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Youth Shabbat Programs

Youth programs will continue Jan. 4  
Next Family Shabbat is Jan. 11



### FAMILIES & HANUKKAH!

**For more information about Hanukkah programs for all ages** see the special Hanukkah Section on pages 2-3.

### Middle Schoolers, Tastes & Tradition with Rabbi Bolton

**Monthly Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15.** The next meeting is Jan. 8.

**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/>

