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WELCOME TO CONGREGATION **Or Zarua** SHABBAT SHALOM



PARASHAT VAYIGASH

Friday, January 3, 2020

Candlelighting, 4:22 pm

Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv, 4:22 pm

Saturday, January 4

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

Israel on Campus Update after Kiddush with Micaela Raviv

Shabbat Ends 5:22 pm

SERVICE TIMES FOR JANUARY 5-10, 2020

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

Monday, 7:15 am, followed by breakfast

Tuesday, Fast of Tevet, 7:15 am

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

Friday, Jan. 10, 4:29 Candlelighting

Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv, 4:29 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*

Helene Santo, *Executive Director*

Sigal Hirsch, *Director of Youth Education & Programming*

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Israel On Campus Update

Today, after Kiddush, Jan. 4



Keshet Israel Presents "Israel On Campus Update," with OZ Member Micaela Raviv. Micaela is on the forefront of on-campus Israel advocacy at Brown; she is in her senior year. Training during high school prepared her for campus leadership, but there is nothing like experience to develop perspective and leadership. International programs keep her connected and networked with advocates of her generation, as well. Micaela will share personal stories about standing up for Israel, organizational realities and challenges and reflections about what it will take to overcome anti-Israel attitudes and the antisemitic BDS Movement.

Jews of India in the Israeli Press and on Gallery Walls

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Bolton, Monday, Jan. 13, Noon



Our next Lunch & Learn will feature Indian kosher food and an exploration of India's Jewish Community, most of whom reside in Israel today. Rabbi Bolton will focus the discussion using journalists' stories from Israeli newspapers and media outlets which have covered recent festivals and investigations celebrating Indian Jewish heritage. To deepen our perspective we will look at some artwork by contemporary Indian Jewish artists who have differing relationships to their Indian roots.

Contact the office or see the next eblast for registration information. (Artist: Siona Benjamin)

Musical Havdalah and Jazz Set with Michael Schwartz

Saturday evening, Jan. 18, 6:00 pm

Michael will perform 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.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



No Hate. No Fear. Solidarity March Sunday, Jan. 5, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Meet at Foley Square, 111 Worth St, NYC
March across Brooklyn Bridge to Columbus Park (near Cadman Plaza). When anti-Semitism strikes our community, we stand up and stand together. Tomorrow,

we will march through our streets – proud, united, and strong. The 1.5 million Jews of our great city and region will not stand down. We will not be intimidated. New Yorkers of every background are invited to stand with us and say no to hate and no to fear. Co-sponsored by UJA Federation, Congregation Or Zarua, JCRC, ADL, AJC, and NY Board of Rabbis. For information go to ujafedny.org/MarchNYC/ or Facebook (UJA-Federation of New York).



Lucy S. Dawidowicz Lecture Wed., 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 *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 *When Prayer and Remembering Meet: Yizkor, Funeral Rites, Daily Psalms and Reminders*. 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.

OZ Book Discussion Sunday, Jan. 26, 7:30 pm

We Stand Divided: The Rift Between American Jews, by Daniel Gordis. Discussion led by Rabbi Bolton. In his latest book Daniel Gordis, National Jewish Book Award winner presents a bold reevaluation of the tensions between American and Israeli Jews that reimagines the past, present, and future of Jewish life. Through an examination of the history of the troubled relationship between these two centers of contemporary Jewish life, showing that from the very outset-even before the state of Israel was created-the two communities' dreams for a Jewish future had little in common. Future titles and dates are: *Fly Already* by Etgar Keret on Sunday, March 15; and *Fighting Anti-Semitism* by Bari Weiss, Sunday, May 3. All are welcome to attend OZ Book Discussions.

SAVE THE DATES

Super Bowl Party and Tzedakah Sunday February 2.

Shabbat Shirah with Kaskeset Shabbat, February 8.

YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Youth Shabbat Programs

Torah Tots (Nursery/Pre-School/Pre-K) 11:00-11:45 am

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

Middle Schoolers, Tastes & Tradition with Rabbi Bolton

Monthly Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15. Next is Jan. 8.



Arts Beit Midrash – NEW Wednesday evenings for

Middle Schoolers (grades 6-8). First class Jan. 15. Legends about creatures & nature, beasts and mythic monsters abound in Jewish tradition. We will explore this terrain in midrashic texts in order to make art and expand our horizons.

With the guidance of Rabbi Bolton, Sigal and guest artists, we will design and create mixed media, art that stems from passages about animals and nature in the Torah, the Talmud and Jewish commentaries.

Registration. Children in grades 6-8, both members and non-members of Or Zarua, are invited to register for the class. Sign up on ShulCloud.

Contact Sigal for information, (212) 452-2310 x15, or shirsch@orzarua.org.

Family Shabbat Saturday, Jan. 11, 10:30 am



Join us for youth and family programming next Shabbat:

Shabbat & Me Saturday (Pre-School and younger)

Family Learning Experience

(for Elementary School and parents)

Mah Zeh Shabbat? (for Middle and High School)

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/>