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Dear Congregant,

As the new President of the Or Zarua Board of Trustees, I am humbled and honored to invite you to renew your Congregation Or Zarua membership for this coming year— 5785 — our 36th year! My husband, Aaron, and I have been OZ members for nearly ten years along with our three children, Jacob, Sonia and Dahlia. I am looking forward to connecting with each of you in the year ahead.

As we approach the end of another inspiring year at Or Zarua, we reflect on the many meaningful moments and connections we have shared as a community. Your steadfast support and participation have been instrumental in creating a warm and welcoming environment where Jewish traditions thrive and are made new again daily.

In these challenging times, fostering community and connection is more crucial than ever. Your membership and involvement contribute to our ability to provide enriching Jewish programs that highlight music, art and scholarship, spiritual guidance, and a sense of belonging to all who walk through our doors from any background. Whether through our engaging Shabbat services and daily minyan services, communal meals, educational opportunities, Israel programs, Or L'Atid family programming, or Hesed initiatives and outreach, your presence makes a difference.

Please take a moment to renew your membership for the coming year. There will be no change in membership rates this year. Your continued support allows us to plan and prepare effectively, ensuring that we can offer the programs and services that matter most to you and your family. Renewing your membership is easy. You can visit orzarua.shulcloud.com, sign in and click the Renew My Membership tab. Once you are logged in and on the payment page, you will have the option to set up a payment plan should you choose to do that. If you have any questions or need a dues

adjustment, please do not hesitate to contact Rabbi Bolton or Helene Santo. Importantly, we do not turn anyone away from Or Zarua due to financial hardship.

Rosh Hashanah begins the evening of October 2, 2024. Our Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur services will again be held in Wallace Hall at Park Avenue between 83rd and 84th Streets. Evening services for Rosh Hashanah will be held in our building on East 82nd Street. As has been the case for the past few years, we will also livestream services for members. To receive your High Holy Day tickets, you must be a member in good standing. If you would like to purchase guest tickets for your family and friends, please use the enclosed form or go to the Forms tab on orzarua.shulcloud.com. As always, there are no extra fees to attend High Holy Day services or tiered seating. As a single congregation, we sit together.

As we look forward to the upcoming year, we are excited to continue our journey together, fostering a vibrant Jewish community right here on the Upper East Side. Your renewal of membership is vital to sustain our efforts and ensure that we can uphold our commitments to each other and future generations.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hannah Kranich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hannah" and last name "Kranich" clearly legible.

Hannah Kranich