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Hanukkah Commences Sunday Evening, Dec. 13th

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Hanukkah commences on Sunday evening, December 13, which is the 25th of Kislev. We set out below a few of the pertinent rules for lighting of the hanukkiah (menorah).

The candles are added one each night from right to left. One noted author explained the origin of this procedure as follows:

"The schools of Shammai and Hillel, the two great sages of the talmudic age, had a debate on a point of law: What is the proper procedure for lighting the Hanukkah menorah? The school of Shammai argued that all eight lights should be kindled on the first night and thereafter reduced by one every night. The school of Hillel held that one light should be kindled on the first night and thereafter increased by one every night. The school of Shammai may have based its argument on the original connection between the festivals of Hanukkah and Sukkot. On Sukkot, the priests sacrificed thirteen bullocks on the first day, twelve on the second, and so on, decreasing the number by one each day. The school of Hillel based its argument on a single principle: we increase in matters of holiness, not decrease. The school of Hillel won (as it usually did)." F. Klagsbrun, *Jewish Days: A Book of Jewish*

Life and Culture Around the Year (1996) (reprinted with permission of author).

The candles are kindled from left to right – the most recent candle therefore being lit first. Although hanukkiot come in a variety of shapes, technically all of the candles (other than the shamash) should be in a straight line and at the same height. The hanukkiah should be placed by a window or door so that it is visible from the outside. The candles should be lit in the home immediately upon appearance of the stars, that is after Maariv. However, if the hanukkiah is not kindled at that time, it may still be lit later as long as the members of the household are still awake. Of course, on Shabbat

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Light the First Candle at Our Congregational Hanukkah Party

Rabbi Wechsler and Naomi Friedland-Wechsler will be hosting the Or Zarua Hanukkah Party on December 13th, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. For members only, with children encouraged to come, the program will include music, singing, lighting the first candle, sufaniyot and latkes, and the conviviality that always abounds when our members get together.

Invitations have already been mailed. We encourage you to RSVP to the office (410-6041) to ensure we are able to prepare appropriately.

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Hebrew School News

Now that the Jewish holidays have come to a halt, Or Zarua Hebrew School is really starting to take off. We just keep growing in size and in strength! This year we are proud to offer 11 different classes for our students who range in age from 5 through 15. To date, we have 67 students enrolled in our school. The hallways at the Nightingale-Bamford School where our lower students meet, as well as the synagogue Beit Midrash where our high school students gather, are constantly buzzing with our Hebrew School groups. The classes have been taking time to get to know their new teachers and get familiar with their new curriculum. We are working hard to offer each class a new, challenging and exciting course of study for this 1998-99 school year. Many of our older students are forging ahead in their Hebrew, Bible and tefilla skills, and our youngest students are being introduced to the wonders of Jewish traditions, the Alef-Bet, and prayer skills. We look forward to watching the children grow and delve into their studies in the upcoming months.

For further inquiries about the Or Zarua Hebrew School, please contact me at 1-917-913-5120.

Michelle Schaerf
Education Director

Extend Your Celebration of Shabbat with Or Zarua

On the first Shabbat of each secular month, an hour before candlelighting time of the previous evening, we celebrate Shabbat with minhah, followed by a seudah shlishit and Havdalah services to end Shabbat. The tradition of celebrating Shabbat with a seudah shlishit (or "third meal") is an old one.

We gather downstairs, eat a light and delicious meal, study a text and sing Shabbat nigunim to bring Shabbat to a close. We then complete the Shabbat with Havdalah.

For those of you who have not experienced this aspect of Shabbat, we encourage you to join us. The dates and times are indicated in the Or Zarua newsletter calendar.

Hesed News

On November 26, 1998, volunteers from Or Zarua will be serving an early Thanksgiving Dinner to approximately 50 residents of the Neighborhood Coalition for the Homeless on East 77th Street, as we have done each Thanksgiving for the past two years.

We continue to serve dinner to residents of the Coalition's East 81st Street facility each Monday night. We still need your contributions. Without our participation and that of other synagogues and churches in the neighborhood, the Coalition would be unable to guarantee dinner to its residents each night. Please send your contributions to the office. Checks should be made payable to Congregation Or Zarua, earmarked for the Hesed Food fund.

We are also planning a workshop for Or Zarua volunteers to be led by professional staff members of The Rabbi Isaac N. Trainin

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Youth Hesed News

Once again, our visits to New York Hospital were very well received. Members of OZYH visited all Jewish patients on Erev Rosh Hashanah, wishing them a Shanah Tovah and inviting them to the hospital Rosh Hashanah service. Perhaps most memorable were the tears of joy from the man who was informed of the service by two OZYH members: He told us he was beginning to worry that his 75 years of not missing Rosh Hashanah services would be coming to an end. He signed up immediately to be escorted to the service!

We returned to the hospital a few days later, this time accompanied by the Vav Class of Or Zarua Hebrew School. About 15 of us ate cookies and drank soda as we made the sukkah at New York Hospital one of the best-decorated, friendliest sukkahs in the entire borough!

November was and December will be exciting months for OZYH. We were invited to participate in "Teensgiving" on Sunday, November 15th, when more than 300 Jewish teens from all over Manhattan met at the 92nd St. Y for breakfast and various hesed activities.

On Thursday, November 19th, OZYH once again participated in Operation Chicken Soup, a hunger relief project led by NYC Jewish teens and sponsored by the JCC on the Upper West Side. We met at Congregation Habonim on West 66th Street to make chicken soup and matzoh balls for those in need.

Please save this very important date: Sunday, December 20, 1998 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., OZYH will visit our friends at Dewitt Nursing Home where we will put on a Hanukkah program. OZYH members will receive more information in the mail regarding this activity and any rehearsals which may need to take place.

For more information about these and other OZYH events, call Howard Blas, 230-1774 or Helen Strauss, 535-8398.

Howard Blas
OZYH Director

Building Update

Much progress is being made on all fronts toward our goal of a Spring '99 construction start for Or Zarua's new home. Final construction documents are currently being prepared and are scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. Please take a look at the new set of plans that is now displayed on the lower level of the synagogue building - many changes have been incorporated since the last set of drawings, including a new facade design and the location of the social hall.

Some of the changes have resulted from an intensive process designed to better estimate construction costs and keep the project within our budget guidelines. During the summer, the Building Committee solicited bids based on a preliminary set of plans from a group of seven contractors. In addition to the raw numbers, the process provided insight into areas of potential cost savings. As a result, we now estimate that the eight-floor building will cost \$5.5 million to construct, inclusive of all hard and soft costs. With \$2.25 million in the bank, another \$1.3 million in pledges and \$1.5 million in loans (as planned), we are only some \$500,000 away from that goal. We thank all those who have contributed thus far.

Capital Campaign Report

The Capital Campaign is getting close to its goal, thanks to the support of the following members and friends of Or Zarua. We want very much for the whole Congregation to join in the building effort. To help us reach our financial goal, and our goal of 100% participation, we urge members who have not yet given to do so promptly and generously.

ROLE OF HONOR: *Contributors to the Capital Campaign as of November 9, 1998*

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Prof. Reuven Hammer to Lecture on Hanukkah

Prof. Reuven Hammer, former director of the Jewish Theological Seminary's Bet Midrash in Jerusalem and well known author of books on the prayerbook and Jerusalem, will be lecturing at Or Zarua on Wednesday evening December 16, 1998. Prof. Hammer's lecture will be entitled: "These Lights are Holy: Hanukkah and the Symbolism of Light in Judaism" A resident of Jerusalem and representative of the Conservative Movement to the Neeman Commission, Prof. Hammer is currently involved in the establishment of the Conversion Institutes

which were mandated by that commission. His most recent book, published this fall by the JPS, is *Entering the High Holy Days*. That was preceded by his studying of the prayerbook *Entering Jewish Prayer*. His book on Jerusalem is a classic on bringing together Jewish texts about the Holy City. Currently, Prof. Hammer is preparing a commentary to be included in future editions of the prayerbook of the Conservative Movement.

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Hevra Kadisha to Meet

Or Zarua has a Hevra Kadisha (Sacred Society) which serves the congregants at a time of death in the family. Some members of the Hevra Kadisha make certain that a minyan can take place in the house of mourning, some see to it that a meal is served when the family returns from the cemetery, some participate in taharah (ritual washing of the deceased) and yet others volunteer for shmirah (staying with a body). There are numerous ways that we can help each other at times when the need is so very great. The Hevra Kadisha also holds an annual dinner on the Yahrzeit of Moses.

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Please Let Us Know the Addresses of Your Children at College

Congregation Or Zarua would like to be in touch with the college-age children of members. To accomplish this, we need their addresses.

Please fill out the form below and fax or mail it back to the OZ office as soon as you can.

Fax: (212)410-2137 or

Mail to: Congregation Or Zarua, 1384 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10128

Name of Student: _____

College or University: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Contributions

All contributions listed were received on or before November 9, 1998.

Capital Campaign contributions are listed on Page 3

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Laura Resnikoff, in memory of her mother, Joy Hellman Resnikoff, on her yahrzeit

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Haskel Fleishaker & Jennifer Mieres

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Susan Friedland

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| | | 1 | 2 8-9:30 p.m. Talmud Class | 3 7:30 p.m. Hevra Kadisha Open Meeting | 4 4:11 p.m. Candle Lighting & Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 5 9 a.m. Shaharit, Vayishlah 3:11 p.m. Minhah/Seudah Shlishit/Maariv |
| 6 7:30 p.m. Book Club | 7 | 8 | 9 8-9:30 p.m. Talmud Class | 10 | 11 4:11 p.m. Candle Lighting & Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 12 9 a.m. Shaharit, Vayeshev |
| 13 First Hanukkah Candle 4-6 p.m. Annual Or Zarua Hanukkah Party | 14 Second Hanukkah Candle | 15 Third Hanukkah Candle | 16 Fourth Hanukkah Candle 8-9:30 p.m. Prof. Reuven Hammer Lecture | 17 Fifth Hanukkah Candle | 18 Sixth Hanukkah Candle 4:12 p.m. Candle Lighting & Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 19 9 a.m. Shaharit, Miketz Rosh Hodesh Tevet Seventh Hanukkah Candle |
| 20 Rosh Hodesh Tevet Eighth Hanukkah Candle | 21 | 22 | 23 8-9:30 p.m. Talmud Class | 24 | 25 4:16 p.m. Candle Lighting & Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 26 9 a.m. Shaharit, Vayigash |
| 27 | 28 | 29 Asarah b'Tevet | 30 8-9:30 p.m. Talmud Class | 31 | | |

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January

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| | | | | | 1 4:21 p.m. Candle Lighting & Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 2 9 a.m. Shaharit, Vayehi 3:21 p.m. Minhah/Seudah Shlishit/Maariv |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 8-9:30 p.m. Talmud Class | 7 | 8 4:28 p.m. Candle Lighting & Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 9 9 a.m. Shaharit, Shemot |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 8-9:30 p.m. Talmud Class | 14 | 15 4:35 p.m. Candle Lighting & Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 16 9 a.m. Shaharit, Vaera Bat Mitzvah/Stacey Schwartz |
| 17 | 18 Rosh Hodesh Shevat Martin Luther King Day | 19 | 20 8-9:30 p.m. Talmud Class | 21 | 22 4:43 p.m. Candle Lighting & Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 23 9 a.m. Shaharit, Bo |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 8-9:30 p.m. Talmud Class | 28 | 29 4:52 p.m. Candle Lighting & Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 30 9 a.m. Shaharit, Beshalah |
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 iam Pressman
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 nard Tolpin's father, Ezra Tolpin
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 of her mother, Bertha Roth
 Edward & Elyse Siegel, in memory
 of his father, Charles Siegel
 Laura Sloate

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 mother, Frances Karp
 Vicki Friedman, in honor of Miriam
 Wallerstein
 Arthur & Carol Goldberg, in honor
 of their daughter, Beth Goldberg

Hevra Kadisha to Meet

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Members of the Congregation are
 welcome to join this important
 activity. Periodically, the Hevra
 Kadisha meets in order to welcome
 new members and to discuss how best
 to serve the Congregation.

You are cordially invited to come to
 the next open meeting which will take
 place on Thursday evening, Decem-
 ber 3, 1998 at 7:30 PM in the
 synagogue building at 127 East 82nd
 Street.

Hesed News (Continued)

Coordinating Council on Bikur
 Cholim. This training session – on
 the appropriate techniques and
 customs of visiting the sick, whether
 at home, at hospitals or in long term
 care facilities – will take place in
 January 1999 at our synagogue on
 East 82nd Street. This will enable
 Or Zarua to organize its own Bikur
 Cholim program with our own
 trained volunteers.

Looking for that Perfect Hanukkah or Other Special Occasion Gift?

Did you know that a limited number
 of signed copies of the following four
 books are available from the Or Zarua
 office at a cost of \$18 each? The vol-
 umes were donated for subsequent sale
 either by the author or by a friend of the
 author, so your purchase will benefit the
 synagogue's General Fund.

What's So Bad About Guilt?, the
 widely-acclaimed book by our own
 Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler.

*Strange and Unexpected Love: A
 Teenage Girl's Holocaust Memoirs*, writ-
 ten and donated by our member
 Fanya Gottesfeld Heller.

The Lost Childhood, a memoir of the
 Holocaust written and donated by our
 member, Dr. Yehuda Nir.

Echoes from the Holocaust, written by
 Mira Ryckzke Kimmelman, mother of
 our member Benno Kimmelman.

Please call Enid Menzies at the Or
 Zarua office (410-6041) if you are
 interested in any of the above.

Capital Campaign Roll of Honor *(Continued)*

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 David Kogut
 Theodore & Shulamith Koton
 Neal & Maud Kozodoy
 Howard & Jane Kramer
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 Terry Krulwich & Paul Posner
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 Mikhail and Wendy Cornell Levin
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Prof. Reuven Hammer to Lecture on Hanukkah

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You are invited to come and celebrate Hanukkah with Or Zarua that evening. We will begin with the lighting of the hanukiah and will conclude with appropriate refreshments.

Lost and Found

Left in the Synagogue – a large bag with the name Aryeh Yehoshua Fischer embroidered on it in Hebrew. Please call Lidiya in the Or Zarua office (410-6041).

Book Club to Meet Sunday, Dec. 6

The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara, by David I. Kertzer, will be the subject of discussion at the next meeting of the Or Zarua book club on Sunday, December 6th.

The book is based on the true story of an 18th century Jewish boy kidnapped by the Catholic Church (a not uncommon occurrence at that time), which is said to have led to the downfall of a Pope.

Please call the Or Zarua office (410-6041) for the location of the meeting, which will start at 7:30 pm.

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OZY SERVICES

Two Youth Services, the first for children ages 2 through 5 and the second for children ages 6 through 9 (no parents), are held on the lower level of the synagogue every Shabbat morning, beginning promptly at 11 a.m. and ending at noon. At the conclusion of the Youth Services, the children are escorted to the Sanctuary to join our congregants in the concluding hymns and Kiddush.

Hanukkah Commences Sunday Evening, Dec. 13th

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the Hanukkah candles should be kindled before the Shabbat lights. The candles should be suitable so that they can burn for 30 minutes. The lighting of the Hanukkah lights is a positive obligation that falls on both men and women. A minor who has reached the age of nine should also light candles unless another does it for him or her. On the first night of Hanukkah, we recite three barachot. The first is the blessing for the commandment to light the Hanukkah lights (*"Baruch ata hashem, Elokenu melech ha'olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav, v'itzvanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah"*). The second blessing is for hashem having done miracles in bygone days (*"Baruch ata . . . she'asah nisim la'avotanu, bayamim hahem bazeman hazeh"*). The third is the Shehechyanu. On the remaining nights only the first two barachot are said.

The traditional association of the lighting of the Hanukkah lights with the Hasmonean revolt against the Hellenic rule and desecration of the Second Temple is well known. It was

on the 25th of Kislev that the victorious Hasmoneans entered the temple and found enough oil for the menorah that they lit to burn for one day. It burned for eight. The word "*Hanukkah*" is derived from the word "*Hanu*," meaning "they rested," and the letters "*haf-he*," the numerical value of which is twenty-five. (Rabbi Solomon Ganzfried, *Code of Jewish Law (Kitzur Shulhan Arukh)*, translated by H. Goldin (Hebrew Publishing Company, 1991).) Rabbi Pinhas of Koretz added another perspective on this historical holiday and provided additional content to the mitzvah of lighting the lights. As recounted by Martin Buber:

"Rabbi Pinhas said: 'Listen, and I shall tell you the meaning of the miracle of the light, at Hanukkah. The light which was hidden since the days of creation was then revealed. And every year, when the lights are lit for Hanukkah, the hidden light is revealed afresh. And it is the light of the Messiah.'" M. Buber, *Tales of the Hasidim*, p.124 (Schocken Books 1991).

Congratulations To Condolences To

Edward & Cynthia Brodsky on the August 20th birth of their grandson, Noah Wilder Brodsky.

Noah's parents are William and Karen Brodsky

Uri & Dinah Evan on the September 11th birth of their granddaughter, Ariel Ruth Evan. Her parents are Yoram and Sagit Evan

Jeffrey & Judith Siegel on the November 7th marriage of their daughter, Linda, to Nick Brustin
Andrew Turtel and Fredda Plesser on the October 20th birth of their second son, Casey Lloyd Turtel

George Axelrod on the death of his father, Nathan Axelrod

Erica Marks Panush on the death of her mother, Ruth C. Marks

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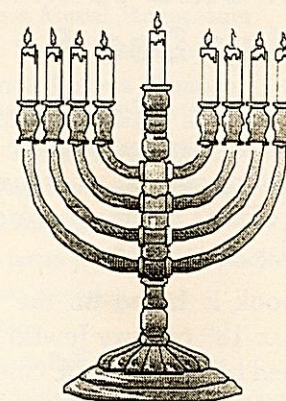
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