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HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

The Jewish New Year for the year 5758 begins Wednesday evening, October 1. This year Rosh Hashanah falls on the fifth day of the week. (It can only fall on the second, third or fifth days of the week.) In the Or Zarua tradition, we will begin our commemoration of the Yamim Noraim with selihot services on Saturday evening, September 27. Rabbi Wechsler will speak on Rav Kook's *Orot HaTeshuvah, The Lights of Repentance*, starting at 9:00 p.m., followed by services at 10:00 p.m. The selihot prayers focus us on the upcoming Days of Awe and the challenge of Teshuvah awaiting each of us. Rav Kook's book is the most important mystical work written on repentance in this century.

Services for erev Rosh Hashanah begin at 6:00 p.m. Tickets and details regarding the services, including the special services for children, have been distributed to congregants in good standing. As in previous years, the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services will be held at the Ramaz School, 60 East 78th Street. Shaharit for the first day of Rosh Hashanah begins at 8:30 a.m. Prior to Minhah that afternoon, at 6:00 p.m. members of the Congregation will gather at the Central Park Reservoir for Tashlikh. Evening services will follow at the Ramaz Upper School at 7 p.m. Services for the second day of Rosh Hashanah also will begin at 8:30 a.m. Minhah and Maariv will be at 6:20 p.m. at the synagogue, 127 E. 82nd St. On Rosh Hashanah, we blow the shofar. It is a positive commandment to hear the shofar blasts. The Saadya Gaon stated that there were ten reasons for the blowing of the shofar: 1) because Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of creation; 2) because Rosh Hashanah is the first of the ten days of repentance; 3) to remind us of our stand at the foot of Mt. Sinai; 4) to remind us of the words of the prophets; 5) to remind us of the destruction of the Temple; 6) to remind us of the binding of Isaac; 7) so that we tremble

and bow our will to the will of the Creator; 8) to remind us of the Day of Judgment; 9) to remind us of our hope for the gathering of the dispersed of Israel; and 10) to remind us of the revival of the dead.

The Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Shabbat Shuvah, is one of the most elevated shabbats of the year. Haazinu from Dvarim is read. Friday evening and Shabbat services will be at the synagogue.

Kol Nidre services will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 10. Yom Kippur services, on Shabbat, will begin at 9:00 a.m.

SUKKOT SERVICES

The joyous holiday of Sukkot commences on Wednesday evening, October 15. Maariv services will begin at 5:56 p.m. Remember to purchase your lulavim and etrogim. A form appears on page 5 of the newsletter. Please return it promptly to the Synagogue office. Services for the first and second days of Sukkot will commence at 9:00 a.m. Minhah and Maariv for the second day of Sukkot will commence at 6:10 p.m. All services will be at the Synagogue.

Sukkot is a festival rich in mitzvot, including the mitzvah of Sukkah and the mitzvah of lulav and etrog. It is a festival of joy to celebrate the completion of the arduous Yamim Noraim, and one of the three pilgrimage festivals mentioned in the Torah.

As in the past, we will have a Sukkah in the garden of the Synagogue office. Decoration of the Sukkah will take place on Tuesday afternoon, October 14.

Members of Or Zarua who would like to bring kosher meals to the Sukkah may make reservations with the Or Zarua office for meals during Hol Hamoed.

Shemini Atzeret commences on Wednesday evening, October 22. Services will be at 5:46 p.m. Candlelighting is at 5:46 p.m. Services for Shemini Atzeret, including Yizkor services, will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 23.

Or Zarua will celebrate Simhat Torah with our customary joy on Thursday evening, October 23, at 6 p.m. Simhat Torah services will take place on Friday morning, starting at 9:00 a.m.

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Or Zarua Dedicates New Sefer Torah

On Thursday evening, October 30, 1997, at 7:30 p.m., Or Zarua will celebrate the completion and inauguration of a new Sefer Torah. The Torah is the gift to Congregation Or Zarua of Ruth and Bernard Zises, whose entire family is warmly associated with our synagogue. This Torah is in memory of Mrs. Ruth Zises' parents, Meir Leib and Zlata Grau, and in honor of all their grandchildren.

The evening celebration will include the completion of the Torah by a scribe, a Dvar Torah, dancing, and finally the placement of the Torah in the Ark. This will be followed by a reception sponsored by Seymour and Cathy Zises.

This new, beautiful Torah, written for Congregation Or Zarua, will be read for the first time on Shabbat Noah, two days later, by Ben and Sam Zises, who will be celebrating their Bar Mitzvah.

The entire Congregation is invited to join in this wonderful celebration.

Contributions

All contributions listed were received on or before September 10, 1997. Capital Campaign contributions are not listed.

General Fund

Samuel Abrams, in honor of Yehuda Nir and the Grunfeld/Nir Center
 Barry & Mimi Alperin
 Silvia & Ruth Alter in gratitude to Jerry and Patti Josepher for their Mitzvah
 Shelley Binder, Yizkor in memory of her father, Chaim Binder
 Roger & Helen Ferszt, in memory of Claire Schiffman, Roberta Shechter's mother
 Elizabeth Goldberg, with thanks for calling her to the Torah
 Irving Hoffman, in memory of his wife, Mildred, on her yahrzeit
 Yehuda Nir and Bonnie Maslin in honor of the wedding of Dinah and Uri Evan's children
 Barry & Ethel Weintraub, in memory of Ethel's father, Morris Bass, on his yahrzeit
 Barry & Judith Schneider
 Jerome & Linda Spitzer, in honor of the birth of Sarah Fiona Spergel, granddaughter of Rochelle and Martin Spergel
 Lynda Wertheim, in honor of the birthday of her mother, Evelyn Doliner

Hesed Fund

Solomon & Thelma Borodkin, in memory of Grace Schiffman, mother of Roberta Shechter
 Francesca Kritz, in honor of Larry Norton

Hesed Food Fund

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 Mina Greenstein, in memory of her mother, Jeanne Baylis, on her yahrzeit
 Mina Greenstein, in memory of Rabbi Arthur David, father of Jonathan David
 Barry & Judith Schneider
 Jerome & Linda Spitzer, in honor of the birth of Sarah Fiona Spergel, granddaughter of Rochelle and Martin Spergel
 Lynda Wertheim, in honor of the birthday of her mother, Evelyn Doliner

Hevra Kadisha Fund

David Kogut
 Jerome & Linda Spitzer, in memory of Roberta Shechter's mother, Grace Schiffman

Kiddush Fund

Rosanne Alberts, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Hana Alberts
 Doron Gopstein & Teresa Norwich in honor of their son David's Bar Mitzvah
 David Kogut, in memory of his sister, Irene Kogut Laster
 Mark Somerstein family in honor of the Goldfinger family
 Martin & Rochelle Spergel in honor of the birth and speedy recovery of their granddaughter, Sarah Fiona Spergel
 Barry & Ethel Weintraub, in memory of her father, Morris Bass
 Naomi Wolfensohn, in honor of her mother Elaine's birthday
 Seymour & Cathy Zises, in honor of their son Aaron's Bar Mitzvah

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Eldridge Street Project: An Exciting Docent Opportunity

Participate in a unique docent experience and discover the history and architecture of one of New York's most fascinating landmarks. Learn to lead children, adult, and family tours of the historic Eldridge Street Synagogue (1887), a National Historic Landmark and the first synagogue built by Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe in America.

Requirements: Bright, personable individual who is available a minimum of one weekday or one Sunday each month. Special interest in Lower East Side, architectural and/or religious history is a plus, but no previous knowledge is required.

Docent Training Session

Date Sunday, Sept. 21, 1997
Time 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Place Eldridge Street Synagogue
 12 Eldridge Street
 New York City

To reserve a spot, contact Beth Rosenthal at (212)219-0903

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September

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
					6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 7:02 p.m. Candle Lighting	9 a.m. Shaharit, Shofim 6:02 p.m. Minhah/Seudah Shlishit/Maariv
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 6:50 p.m. Candle Lighting	9 a.m. Shaharit, Ki Tetze Bat Mitzvah/ Hana Alberts
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
7:30 p.m. Book Club	Hebrew School Begins Zion Class 7 p.m. Beginners Hebrew Course 8:15 p.m. Geography & Choreography of HHD Mahzor	Hebrew School Begins Bet, Gimmel, Hey & Vav Classes 7 p.m. Beginners Hebrew Course 8:15 p.m. Geography & Choreography of HHD Mahzor	7 p.m. Beginners Hebrew Course 8:15 p.m. Geography & Choreography of HHD Mahzor	Hebrew School Begins Alef Class 7 p.m. Beginners Hebrew Course 8:15 p.m. Geography & Choreography of HHD Mahzor	6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 6:38 p.m. Candle Lighting	9 a.m. Shaharit, Ki Tavo
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	7 p.m. Beginners Hebrew Course 8:15 p.m. Geography & Choreography of HHD Mahzor	7 p.m. Beginners Hebrew Course 8:15 p.m. Geography & Choreography of HHD Mahzor	7 p.m. Beginners Hebrew Course 8:15 p.m. Geography & Choreography of HHD Mahzor	6-8 p.m. New Members Reception 7 p.m. Beginners Hebrew Course 8:15 p.m. Geog. & Chor. of HHD Mahzor	6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 6:26 p.m. Candle Lighting	9 a.m. Shaharit, Nitzavim/ Va'yaylekh 9 p.m. Rav Kook's Orot HaTeshuvah 10 p.m. Sellhot Service
28	29	30			Please note: Erev Rosh Hashanah is October 1st	

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 Erev Rosh Hashanah 6 p.m. Services at Ramaz Upper School 6:19 p.m. Candle Lighting	2 1st Day Rosh Hashanah 8:30 a.m. Shaharit, 6 p.m. Tashlikh in Central Park 7 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Evening Service 7:21 p.m. Candle Lighting	3 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah 8:30 a.m. Shaharit 6:15 p.m. Candle Lighting 6:20 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat at Or Zarua (127 E. 82)	4 Shabbat Shuvah 9 a.m. Shaharit, Haazinu
5	6	7	8	9	10 6 p.m. Kol Nidre Service at Ramaz Upper School 6:04 Candle Lighting	11 9 a.m. Yom Kippur Service 7:10 p.m. Shofar is blown
12	13 Columbus Day No Zion Class	14 Hebrew School Sukkah Decorating at 1384 Lex. Sukkah Decorating at NY Hospital for Vav & Zion Classes	15 5:56 p.m. Candle Lighting 5:56 p.m. Sukkot Evening Service No Zion Class	16 9 a.m. Sukkot 1st Day Service 6:10 p.m. Sukkot Evening Service 6:58 p.m. Candle Lighting	17 9 a.m. Sukkot 2nd Day 5:53 p.m. Candle Lighting 5:53 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat	18 9 a.m. Shaharit, Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot
19 Hol Hamoed Sukkot	20 Hol Hamoed Sukkot	21 Hol Hamoed Sukkot	22 Hoshana Rabbah No Zion Class 5:46 p.m. Candle Lighting 5:46 p.m. Shemini Atzeret Evening Service	23 9 a.m. Shemini Atzeret, Yizkor Services 6 p.m. Simhat Torah Evening Service 6:48 p.m. Candle Lighting	24 9 a.m. Simhat Torah Service 5:43 p.m. Candle Lighting 5:43 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat	25 9 a.m. Shaharit, Bereshit Bat Mitzvah/ Sarah Beller
26 Standard Time Begins	27	28	29 8 p.m. Talmud Class Begins	30 7:30 p.m. Dedication of Sefer Torah at the Synagogue	31 Rosh Hodesh Heshvan 4:34 p.m. Candle Lighting 4:34 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat	

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 9 a.m. Shaharit, Noah, Rosh Hodesh Heshvan Bar Mitzvah/Ben & Sam Zises 3:34 p.m. Minhah/Seudah/ Shlishit/Maariv
2	3	4	5 8 p.m. Talmud Class	6	7 4:26 p.m. Candle Lighting 4:26 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat	8 9 a.m. Shaharit, Lekha Bar Mitzvah/Sam Levy
9	10	11	12 8 p.m. Talmud Class	13	14 4:19 p.m. Candle Lighting 4:19 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat	15 9 a.m. Shaharit, Vayera Shabbat Class: Gimmel, Hey, Vav & Zion Classes
16	17	18	19 8 p.m. Talmud Class	20	21 4:14 p.m. Candle Lighting 4:14 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat	22 9 a.m. Shaharit, Haye Sarah Bat Mitzvah/Rebecca Bromberg Skolnick
23	24	25	26 8 p.m. Talmud Class	27 Hebrew School Closed/ Thanksgiving	28 4:10 p.m. Candle Lighting 4:10 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat	29 9 a.m. Shaharit, Toledot
30	Rosh Hodesh Kislev					

Holiday Services Schedule

All Services are at 127 E. 82nd St. unless otherwise noted

Sat. 9/27 9 p.m. Selihot Lecture, followed by Services

Rosh Hashanah

Wed. 10/1 6 p.m. Rosh Hashanah 1st Night at Ramaz Upper School

Thurs. 10/2 8:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah 1st Day at Ramaz

6 p.m. Tashlikh at Central Park Reservoir

7 p.m. Evening service at Ramaz

Fri. 10/3 8:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day at Ramaz

6:20 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

Sat. 10/4 9 a.m. Shabbat Shuvah

Yom Kippur

Fri. 10/10 6 p.m. Kol Nidre Service at Ramaz

Sat. 10/11 9 a.m. Yom Kippur Service at Ramaz

Note: Fast concludes at 7:10 p.m.

Sukkot

Wed. 10/15 5:56 p.m. Sukkot 1st Night Service

Thurs. 10/16 9 a.m. Sukkot 1st Day Service

6:10 p.m. Sukkot 2nd Night Service

Fri. 10/17 9 a.m. Sukkot 2nd Day

5:53 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

Wed. 10/22 5:46 p.m. Shemini Atzeret Evening Service

Thurs. 10/23 9 a.m. Shemini Atzeret Service (Yizkor)

6 p.m. Simhat Torah Evening Service

Fri. 10/24 9 a.m. Simhat Torah

Or Zarua Hebrew School News

Or Zarua Hebrew School is beginning its seventh year this fall. We have eight classes in the Hebrew School this year, ranging from Alef to Zion. Students will be studying a variety of subjects this year. Some highlights include Hebrew language, Tefila (prayer), Bible/Prophets, Jewish identity, Jewish ethics, Jewish holidays. We look forward to a productive and successful school year.

Additionally, as the High Holidays approach, preparations are being made for our children's services. We will be offering services for our young children on both days of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre evening, and on Yom Kippur.

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Talmud Class to Begin Wednesday, October 29

The Or Zarua Talmud class will continue its studies on Wednesday evening, October 29, at 8 p.m. at the Synagogue. Rabbi Wechsler will lead us in studying Chapter 4 of Masechet Barachot, which is the classic source for the law and theology behind the recitation of the Amidah. It is a rich Talmudic chapter, often the principal chapter studied in this tractate. There is no better way to understand the central issues of Jewish prayer than the study of this chapter. Everyone is welcome to join the class and no prior experience is required.

Or Zarua Youth Hesed News

The Or Zarua Youth Hesed year was officially kicked off on September 18th with a three hour orientation and pizza-eating meeting at New York Hospital. We are looking forward to an exciting year of activities, and we are always open to new "hesed" possibilities.

Our relationship with New York Hospital will continue this year. On September 30th, we will wish patients "Happy New Year" and invite them to a hospital service. On October 14th, we will help decorate the hospital sukkah. In late December, we will likely participate in a party for pediatric patients, details for these and future events will follow.

This year, hospital chaplain Rabbi Stephen Roberts has invited Or Zarua youths 14 and older to become full hospital volunteers. This group will join the 14 and unders for regular OZYH New York Hospital events. However, they will be trained as hospital volunteers and will be visiting children on the pediatric floors at various times during the year. They may be asked to be available once or twice during the year on an "on-call" basis to visit hospitalized children on somewhat short notice.

If you would like additional information about any aspect of the Or Zarua Youth Hesed Program, please feel free to contact Howard Blas at (212)472-5820.

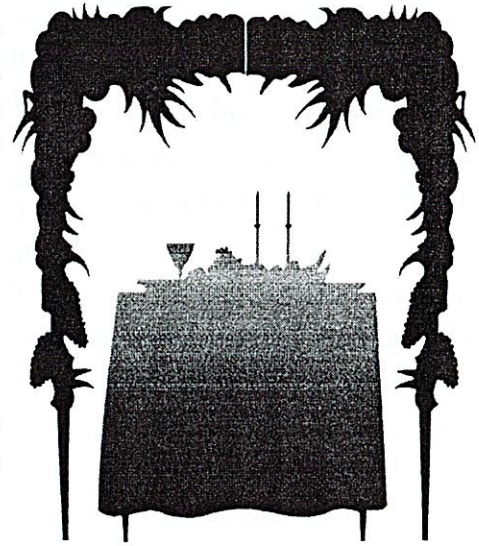
Ordering Etrogim and Lulavim

If you are unable to get to an etrog market yourself, Congregation Or Zarua will arrange for the purchase of *Etrogim* and *Lulavim*. Three different sets, certified for use on Sukkot, are available. All orders are delivered in complete sets with the four *minim*: Etrog in box, bagged *Lulav* with *Hadassim* and *Aravot*.

Standard	\$33
Choice (<i>Muvchar</i>)	\$39
Gorgeous (<i>Mehudar</i>)	\$50

Orders may be picked up at the Or Zarua office on Tuesday afternoon, October 14, between 2 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., or Wednesday, October 15, between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Members may also call in orders no later than Monday, October 6



Order Form: Must be received at the Or Zarua office by Monday, October 6

Congregation Or Zarua
1384 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10128
(212)410-6041

Please purchase (how many?) () *lulav* and *etrog* set(s)

Standard \$33 _____

Choice (*Muvchar*) \$39 _____

Gorgeous (*Mehudar*) \$50 _____

Total: \$ _____

My check, payable to Congregation Or Zarua in the total amount shown, is enclosed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____

Getting to Know You

Meeting and greeting new members in the warmth of our homes, sharing a Shabbat lunch or dinner, is a lovely way to extend our synagogue experience beyond the few hours we are together at services.

If you would like to host a Shabbat lunch or dinner to include new members, as well as "older" members, please call Linda Spitzer, Membership Chair, at (212)535-2324. New members are also invited to act as hosts.

Or Zarua Hebrew School News *(Con't)*

Please look for details included with the High Holiday mailings.

Since Rosh Hashanah is soon upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Hebrew School families a Shanah Tovah--may it be a happy and sweet new year!

Michelle Schaerf

Educational Director

Congratulations To

Jonathan Engel and Rozlyn Coleman on the May 19th birth of their daughter, Ruth Chava Engel
Marcel Kahan and Andrea Fastenberg on the September 3rd birth of their daughter, Ariella Fastenberg Kahan

Herbert Lukashok and Judith Spitzer on their June 1st wedding
Sam and Ruth Perelson on the birth of their granddaughter, Mikaela Gillian Adwar, born July 31st. Proud parents, living in Jericho, NY, are Lila and Keith Adwar

Elizabeth Philipp on the July 2nd birth of her son, Thomas Philipp Moriarty

Bruce Roberts and Nancy Bach on their June 7th wedding

Charles Spielholz & Sharon Seiler on the August 12th birth of their daughter, Talia Emily Spielholz

Condolences To

Alan Bandler on the death of his wife, Jinx

Roberta Shechter on the death of her mother, Grace Schiffman

We Welcome New Members

Perry & Marilyn Braunstein
David & Michele Cooperberg
Bernard Feuerstein
Arthur & Carol Goldberg
David Hait & Eleanor
Merczynski
Jessica Korn
Robert Schallop
Alan Schwartz & Linda
Dershowitz
Michael Stanislawski & Marjorie
Kaplan
Elliott & Susan Sussman
Sanford & Elizabeth Weinberg

Contributions *(con't)*

Kol Nidre Appeal

Alan & Pat Davidson

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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Gerald Cohen & Elizabeth Brandwein, in appreciation of Rabbi Wechsler's help in making the Simchat Bat of their daughter Hannah so sweet

Sander Flaum and Adele Spickler in memory of their sister, Rose Flaum
Bill & Fiona Markel in honor of the birth of their son, Joseph Max Markel

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