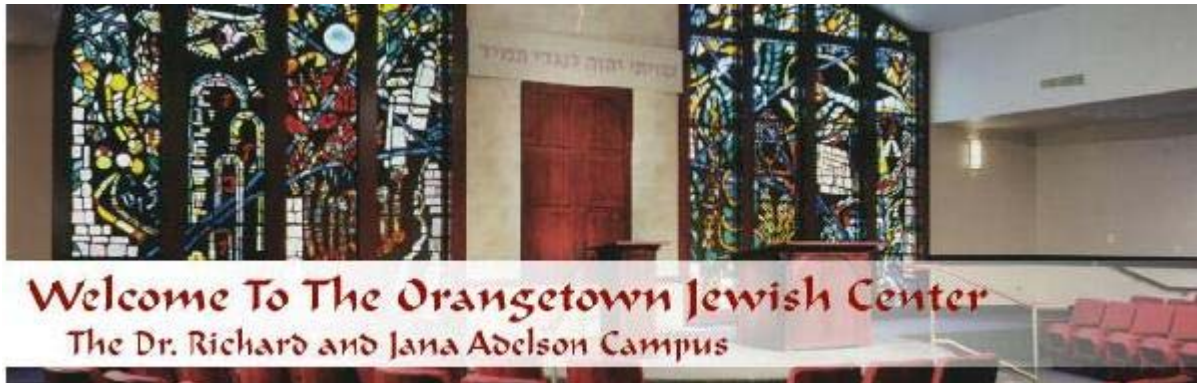


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Shabbat Shalom!

Torah portion: Parashat Vayeishev
Candle lighting: Friday 4:11 p.m.

Our [Hebrew Literacy campaign](#) kicks off this week with a Tuesday class at 5 p.m. and a Wednesday class at 7:30 p.m. RSVP to [Rabbi Scheff](#).

Chanukah is upon us - wow, where did the time go!? We invite our congregation to join us next weekend for our [OJC Hanukkah Weekend](#), December 7 -9, when there will be something for the entire family.

You are invited to join in the **Shabbat Dinner celebration** of Hanukkah at the OJC at 5:45 p.m. on Friday, December 7. There is a separate cost for the dinner. Make your reservations by calling Audrey Gueldenzopf at (845) 708-0611.

Check out the **new montages** of [OJC Israeli Mission to Kfar Ahava](#) or [Mitzvah Day 2007](#) or some shots from the magnificent [Sisterhood Kol Ishah program](#), held on November 19.

Please RSVP for the **Special Shabbat Chanukah Youth Service** to [Scott Scheff](#) by December 5.

On December 13 at 7:30 p.m., join the Sisterhood for the [Book Chat of the book Away](#).

And don't forget to come out on December 17 for an [evening with OJC member Judith Umlas, author of Power of Acknowledgment](#). It should be a great evening.

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SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, January 5, 2008

The 2nd Annual OJC Mystery Dinner Theatre returns. Watch for details soon!

Click on the links to the left or scroll down to see *some* of what's going on in and around the OJC this week.

Important Dates & Information for This Week

Friday, November 30

7:00 p.m. Shabbat Services

Dr. Marty Cohen Lecture Series - "Noah's Flood"

Saturday, December 1

9:00 a.m. Morning service: Bar Mitzvah of Alec Zbar

3:30 p.m. Mincha/Maariv service

5:18 p.m. Havdalah

[View schedule of Shabbat children's services](#)

Sunday, December 2

1:00 p.m. [Ruach 4th & 5th Grade Chanukah Party](#)

6:30 p.m. Children's Choir

Monday, December 3

11:00 a.m. [Caregivers Support Group](#)

Tuesday, December 4

11:00 a.m. [Towards a Healing Path From Grief - Support Group](#)

5:00 p.m. [Hebrew Literacy Campaign](#)

Wednesday, December 5

Chanukah Day 1

6:30 p.m. Support Group for Parents of Adult Children

You may still join if you were not able to make the first meeting. For more information, please contact Lita Mustacchi at 359-3810.

7:30 p.m. Adult Bnai Mitzvah Class

7:30 p.m. [Hebrew Literacy Campaign](#)

Thursday, December 6

Chanukah Day 2

10:00 a.m. Text and Context

6:15 p.m. [Kadima Chanukah Party](#)

Please help out if you are able to attend minyan at 7:30 p.m. any evening throughout the fall. Prior experience not required.

It's a satisfying and meaningful way to participate in our community and you'll be fulfilling an important mitzvah by assisting those congregants who need to say kaddish.

We appreciate your help!

The Grand Opening of the Rockland Jewish Community Campus

The new Rockland Jewish Community Campus, a spectacular,

state-of-the-art building opens this Sunday, Dec. 2 with a celebration from 2 to 5 p.m. at 450 West Nyack Rd. in West Nyack.

As one of the agencies making this phenomenal place our new home, the Jewish Federation of Rockland County invites you to join them in the festivities and check out their new offices on the second floor which is also home to the Center for Jewish Education of Rockland and The Rockland Jewish Reporter, the monthly newspaper.

In addition to CJER and the Reporter, this will be home to Jewish Family Service and the JCC , both beneficiary agencies of the Federation. As well, HUV PAC and the local Hadassah chapter have also relocated.

We salute the RJCC committee for its hard work and extraordinary achievement. [Click here](#) to find out more about what's in store for the community when the doors open for business on Monday, Dec. 3.

All of the Men's Clubs in the area have been asked to help out with the security at the opening of the new JCC in West Nyack on Sunday , Dec. 2 from 12 noon to 5 p.m.. It will primarily be for security but there may be other things to do. Shifts may be as little as 1 hour, however we need to know how many people we can count on. Please call or email [Bart Bookman](#) or (845-942-2736) if you can help and be a part of this great event.

PACT (Parents and Children Together) Programs for December

Sunday, December 9 at 10:30 a.m.

[Chanukah Workshop](#)

for Teens in Grades 6-8 and Their Families

Join us for an awesome morning workshop and Hanukkah treats with renowned teachers and entertainers Mark Nowak and Renee Brachfeld.

Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m.

[Torah: Follow our Map for Life!](#)

for Children in Grades 2 and 3 and their Families

Story telling and a project!

A fantastic game of Jewish life!

Something special for kids and parents!

Fun for your entire family!

What could be better?

RSVP by December 13, 2007 to [Rabbi Drill](#), 845-359- 5920 x 8

Light a Candle for Our Captured Soldiers

In the summer of 2006, we began praying at every evening minyan for the release of Gilad Shalit, Ehud Goldwasser, and Eldad Regev, the three soldiers captured at the outset of the war with Lebanon. Many of us have attended rallies in New York and have written letters to show that we have not forgotten these three young men.

During our recent "Hands On" Mission in Israel, we promised Shlomo Goldwasser, father of Ehud, that we would not stop our efforts on behalf of his son and the other two soldiers.

Ynetnews, in coordination with the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, has developed the "Candles of Hope" website, enabling people around the world to light a symbolic Hanukkah candle to demonstrate our ongoing concern for the wellbeing of our Israeli brethren.

Together, let us continue to show our support for the Shalit, Goldwasser, and Regev families.

[Link to the Candles of Hope website](#)

Helping Hands 2007-2008

For the third year in a row, the OJC is one of several religious institutions in Rockland County participating in the Helping Hands program. We will once again welcome the homeless into our shul, offering meals and a safe, warm place for them to sleep.

Many of you helped us last year in this wonderful mitzvah and we hope that you will volunteer again this winter. For everyone else, we offer this opportunity to join us as we open our hearts and doors to those less fortunate. It is an experience that benefits all who participate and truly gives meaning to the idea of sanctuary.

We will host guests on December 11, January 7, February 7, and March 5.

Volunteers are needed for the following: (Many of these jobs can be great activities for entire families, depending on the age of your children. We are happy to guide you.)

- Food shopping
- Cooking
- Room Prep
- Food Prep
- Set Up
- Meet and Greet
- Servers
- Clean Up
- Overnight Chaperoning
- Morning Clean Up

[For more information...](#)

OJC's Library / Media Center

Have you seen our new library? It's great and ready to go!

Volunteers are needed to help:

- Check out books
- Read to the children
- Maintain library

Volunteers will be given assigned times

For questions, or if you are interested in volunteering, please call Lydia Katz at 845-352-2406, or e-mail: MeemaK@aol.com. (Please put "Library" in the subject line.)

January 2008 Supplement to the OJC Directory

The next OJC Directory Supplement will be printed in January 2008 and will include all the new members and member changes.

Any additional minor changes to the current OJC Directory or August 2007 Supplement can be submitted by December 15 to andreasherman@aol.com.

Advertisement opportunities are once again available:

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Advertisements in the OJC Directory Supplements will continue to be included in all supplement updates until the new OJC Directory is printed.

If interested, please contact [Andrea Sherman](tel:634-2256) (634-2256) or [Janet Miller](tel:359-7647) (359-7647).

Keeping in Touch with the OJC

Remember to check out [the OJC website](#), the monthly Shaliach newsletter, and your mailings for more information on all of the goings on!

Do you have friends who still are not receiving "**This Week @ The OJC?**" Tell them how easy it is to sign up when they visit our website at www.theojc.org, or forward this email on to them and have them take a look for themselves. It's a great way to stay informed!

As always, your comments, thoughts and suggestions are welcome.

There's so much more going on this (and every) week at the OJC! So visit our website often at www.TheOJC.org for the latest program information and schedule.

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