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Shabbat Shalom!

Torah portion: Parashat Vayetzei
Candle lighting: Friday 4:19p.m.

We invite our congregation to join us this Friday, Nov. 16 at 7p.m. as we welcome our new members who have joined us this past year at our annual New Members Shabbat service.

A reminder to new members - Please RSVP to the invitation for Shabbat dinner prior to services to our Membership chairpeople, Esther Berkowitz 365-0060 or Evelyn Winikoff 358-2564.

On Sunday, Nov. 18, the OJC will hold its [10th Annual Mitzvah Day](#). Come on out and be a part of something very special.

On Monday, Nov. 19 at 7:30p.m., join the OJC Sisterhood for [Kol Ishah](#), an inspiring program celebrating the voices of women in Conservative Judaism. Speakers will include Greenburgh Hebrew Center Cantor Amy Kanarek of the and JTS rabbinical school student Nicole Guzik. Sign ups for Sisterhood Shabbat will take place on Monday as well.

[Lower Your Gas & Electric and help the OJC !](#) This limited time offer has been extended thru November 30. Sign up now!

SAVE THE DATE - *The 2nd Annual OJC Mystery Dinner Theatre returns - Saturday, January 5, 2008 - Watch for details soon!*

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

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Friday, November 16

5:30 p.m. New Member Shabbat Dinner
7:00 p.m. Shabbat service

Saturday, November 17

[Schedule of Shabbat children's services](#)

9:00 a.m. Morning service: Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Lesserson
3:45 p.m. Mincha/Maariv service / Seudah Study
5:26 p.m. Havdalah
7:00 p.m. [Israel Bonds New Leadership Dinner Honoring Craig and Janice Wertheim](#) at New City Jewish Center

Sunday, November 18

[10th Annual Mitzvah Day](#)

10-11 a.m. K/1 PACT (Parents and Children Together) program. Join Rabbi Drill with your kindergartener or first grader for an intro to Mitzvah Day. At 11:00 a.m., join the rest of the activities.
6:30p.m. Children's Choir

Monday, November 19

11:00 a.m. Towards a Purposeful Jewish Life w/ Rabbi Drill
7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Program [Kol Ishah: A Woman's Voice](#)

Wednesday, November 21

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.

Please help out if you are able to attend minyan at 7:30 p.m. any evening throughout the fall.

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!

OJC's 10th Annual Mitzvah Day

Sunday, Nov. 18

Mitzvah Day 2007 begins with an 8:30am tefillin workshop led by Rabbi Scheff, followed by Shacharit Services at 9am.

On-site OJC projects are scheduled to begin at 10am.

It's a day for the entire family to show commitment to community, caring and concern for others near and far.

Feed the Homeless: Leave the OJC at 7:30am for our Mitzvah Day Breakfast Run to feed the homeless in NYC.

[OJC Blood Drive: 10am-2pm Give the Gift of Life.](#)

Tapes for Tots: Record books on tape for Bikur Cholim. Children

who are confined to their beds due to illness would love to hear your soothing voice. Bring your favorite children's books to donate.

Pillows for Patients: Cut, sew, and stuff cheery pillows for post-operative heart patients at Shari Tzedek Hospital, Jerusalem.

Perk-up the Park: Beautify our neighboring park. Plant, mulch, clean up. Bring work gloves, rakes and shovels. This is a great family activity. Join with the Town of Orangetown Parks Department and keep Rockland beautiful.

Knitting for Newborns: Knit or crochet newborn hats and booties for Newborns in Need. Directions will be provided. Bring yarn and needles.

Gift Baskets: Sort, wrap, package donations of toiletries, candy treats, infant notions (diapers, bibs, Q-tips, powder, lotions, etc.) for U.S. soldiers and residents of Rockland Family Shelter. Bring scissors, ribbons, tape.

Feed the Hungry: Cook nutritious soup and learn to make and bake challah for donation to People to People.

Group Home Visit: Visit with residents of a group home in our community. Baking, craft projects, help residents prepare food for donation to hungry.

Sing-A-Long: Families are invited to join Principal Sandra Borowsky and Youth Director Sharon Rappaport at the Esplanade for a lively sing-a-long. Make gifts at the OJC at 10am to bring to the Esplanade residents; leave from OJC (school entrance) to the Esplanade at 11am.

Creative Crafts: Children will create gifts and cards for needy children in Israel, residents of senior homes, and mezuzah cases for our OJC classrooms. Work with Rhonda Hack to create scrapbooks of messages of hope and good wishes to be sent to families in crisis in Israel.

Coat and Bedding Drive: Sort, fold, and pack warm winter clothing, quilts and sheets for distribution by Nyack Homeless Project and Rockland Family Shelter.

The Sukkah Project: Help the Men's Club deconstruct and store the Sukkah for 5769.

Book Repair: Meet in the OJC Library/Media Center to repair some prayer books and help organize our shelves.

There's lots to bring on Mitzvah Day: Toiletries of all varieties (sample size and regular size), individually wrapped candy, gently used warm winter coats (all sizes), warm quilts and blankets, gently used towels and single size only sheets and pillowcases, old cell phones to be refurbished for emergency 911 calls, gently used or new children's books, new packages of underwear and socks.

Please note: Very warm adult winter coats, hats, gloves, very heavy quilts and blankets, new packages of men's underwear and

socks, toothbrushes and toothpaste can be brought to the OJC after November 4 for distribution during our Breakfast Run in NYC.

All other donations must be brought to the OJC on Mitzvah Day.

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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 welcomed. Advertisements for the Supplement printing are welcomed as:

Half page @ \$100

Full page @ \$180

Inside front/back covers @ \$250

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).

Hebrew Literacy 2007

It's as easy as A B C

But it's in HEBREW!

Join us at the OJC for the National Jewish Outreach Program's Hebrew Literacy Campaign

Learn to read Hebrew in just eight weeks!

Beginners' Class:

Every Tuesday at 5:00PM (with Kim Lori Sokol) beginning Dec. 4

or

Every Wednesday at 7:30PM (with Tzippy Salzhauer) beginning Dec. 5

Please RSVP to [Rabbi Scheff](tel:845-359-5920) at 845-359-5920, x3 with your class preference!



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

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Tiles to Treasure

Honor your family in the OJC forever!

This is a unique opportunity to create your own decorative tile that will be permanently displayed on our school walls.

Be as artistic as you desire or choose a pre-made pattern.

See the showcase in the Religious School wing.

[For more information...](#)

Chanukah Toy Drive

An OJC Kindergarten / 1st Grade Mitzvah Project

Let every child have a Happy Chanukah!

A SCHOOL-WIDE TOY DRIVE TO BENEFIT UNDERPRIVILEGED JEWISH CHILDREN IN ROCKLAND COUNTY

Please bring your unwrapped gifts to the OJC by November 27, 2007.

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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