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This Week @ The OJC

November 3 - 10, 2007

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Daylight savings time begins this Sunday, November 4, at 2:00am. Remember to fall back and set your clocks back an hour!

So many things are happening at the OJC and our [10th Annual Mitzvah Day](#) is almost upon us!

Please stop by our website and check out many of the new additions:

[The Sisterhood Gift Shop Carousel](#) - Remember to call Frieda or Gladys for an appointment to see our beautiful selection of Judaica!

[The History of The Sanctuary Stained Glass](#) and so much more!

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Stop by [The Chanukah Boutique](#) on Tuesday, November 13, 3:45- 6:30pm and [The 5th Annual Jewish Book Fair](#) on Tuesday, November 13 thru Thursday, November 15. There will be something there for everyone.

Come join us on Monday, November 19, at 7:30pm for [Kol Ishah: A Woman's Voice](#). Celebrate the voices of women in Conservative Judaism! Come to sign up to participate in Sisterhood Shabbat!

For information about Torah Fund, please contact Nancy Scheff at ncscheff@aol.com or (845) 365-6267.

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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!

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

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

Important Dates & Information for This Week

Shabbat, November 2 -3

Friday evening, November 2

6:00pm Family Shabbat service

Saturday Morning November 3

8:45am Iyyun Tefila

[Kids Shabbat Menu Served Bright & Early!](#)

9:00am morning service

5:00pm Mincha followed by Seudah Study, Maariv and Havdalah

Torah portion: Parashat Chayei Sarah

Candle lighting: Friday 5:33pm

Havdalah: Saturday 6:40pm

Sunday, November 4

6:30pm Children's Choir

Monday, November 5

6:45pm Meet the Morim

Tuesday, November 6

6:30pm Support Group for Caregivers

Wednesday, November 7

12:00pm Torah & Treats

6:00pm Support Group for Parents of Adult Children

7:30pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class

Thursday, November 8

10:00am Text and Context

7:00pm Kristallnacht Program - *see special section below*

Please help out if you are able to attend minyan at 7:30pm 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!

Action Alert - California Wildfires!

The Women's League for Conservative Judaism and The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism share the horror felt by all North Americans as we see pictures of the devastation wreaked by the fires that have devoured large swathes of southern California.

Their professional and lay leaders in the Pacific Southwest region are monitoring the situation closely, tracking United Synagogue congregations and their members as well as the larger community. They have been exemplary in their willingness to gather and share information and give emotional and practical support to people and institutions affected by the fires.

In response to this natural disaster and in recognition of people's desire to help, United Synagogue has set up a California fire relief fund. Once the smoke clears and the community's needs become visible, USCJ will decide how to allocate the funds. All funds raised will go directly to relief.

Contributions can be sent to ***California Fire Relief Fund, c/o United Synagogue, Rapaport House, 155 Fifth Avenue, New York NY 10010.***

Make checks payable to **United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism**, and write **California Fire Relief Fund** in the memo section.

For more information, email Joel Baker, executive director of USCJ's Pacific Southwest region, at baker@uscj.org, or call him at (818) 986- 0907.

OJC Kristallnacht Commemoration

Thursday, November 8 from 7:30 - 9:30pm

Children of Another Time

Guest Speaker

Mrs. Ela Weissberger

There will be a video presentation followed by a question and answer session.

Listen, watch and learn as Mrs. Weissberger shares her incredible story of how she and children like her survived the Holocaust camps through their music.

The executive director of the American Society for Yad Vashem, Andrew Goldsmith, will be present to receive a donation to [Yad Vashem](#) from Pennies for Remembrance, a mitzvah project by Jessica Feuerstein.

OJC's 10th Annual Mitzvah Day

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.

[For more information...](#)

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...](#)

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...](#)

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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