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This Week @ The OJC

October 19 - 26, 2007

Shabbat Shalom!

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October is flying by! Before long it might actually feel like Autumn. The corridors of OJC are filled with faces both new friends and old; such a wonderful feeling.

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

[The Seymour Cohen Memorial Torah Project](#)
[OJC Israeli Affairs](#)
[OJC Religious School Sukkah Hop Video 2007](#)
[The arrival of the newly refurbished torah](#)

...and so much more.

It's still not too late to RSVP!
 Monday, October 29th is the [OJC Annual Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Dinner](#). RSVP to Pam Berg- 201- 573-1660 or dae24124@optonline.net.

Games, Friendship and Fun - Featuring Harry Eisenberg, former writer for Jeopardy!, in an interactive program that will challenge your intellect.

In the spirit of games and fun for all, we will be collecting new, unopened games for Jewish Family Services to distribute to needy children for Chanukah. *Please bring your donations on October 29.*

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Bash - an exclusive day filled with special events and savings at The Fashion Center. As part of the celebration, Lord & Taylor is helping the OJC raise money!

Remember to check the website, the Shaliach, 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!

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, October 19-20

8:45am Iyyun Tefila - The meanings of our Shabbat prayers, with Rabbi Drill

Bar Mitzvah - Shacharit (morning service) - Danny Klein

Bat Mitzvah - Mincha/Maariv (afternoon and evening services) - Brittany Weiner

Torah portion is Parashat Lech - Lecha

Candle lighting: Friday 5:52pm

Havdalah: Saturday 6:59pm

Sunday, October 21

2:00pm Ruach (4th -5th Grade) Apple & Pumpkin Picking

7:00pm USY (9th - 12th Grade) Jukebox Karaoke

Monday, October 22

11:00am Towards a Purposeful Jewish Life

Shalom Bayit - Peace in the Home

7:30pm Holy Day Meanings - Shabbat Part I

Tuesday, October 23 Hazak Road Trip with the Rabbis - **see special section below** **Wednesday, October 24**

12:00pm Torah & Treats

7:30pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Series - *see special section below*

Thursday, October 25

10:00am Text and Context

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!

Special Adult Bar / Bat Mitzvah Lecture Series

Please join us on Wednesday October 24, after minyan as we continue this year's Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah lecture series with the second of a three-part mini-series on understanding the Torah.



These lectures are being offered in conjunction with the [Dr. Seymour Cohen Memorial Torah project](#).

The topic for that evening will be "The human faces of the Torah: What Torah tells us about humanity"

October 31: "The divine faces of the Torah: What Torah tells us about God"

We look forward to seeing you at the OJC!

Support Groups at the OJC

Three Support Groups Beginning in November:



Support Group for Caregivers of Elderly Relatives

- Are you a caregiver to your spouse, elderly parents, or other relatives and often feel that you do not know where to turn?
- Do you want to learn and grow from people in similar life experiences?

Support Group for Parents of Adult Children

- How do we fit into our children's lives once they are grown?
- How do we engage in meaningful, respectful dialogue?
- How do we establish reasonable expectations and perceptions?
- How do we best enjoy time with our adult children?
- What do we do if we are disappointed?

Support Group: Toward a Healing Path from Grief

- Do you feel isolated and alone after the death of a loved one?
- Are you ready to start the process of healing?
- What wisdom from Judaism will help you along your unique path?

For information on any of these Support Groups, contact Rabbi Drill at Rabbi.drill@theojc.org or 845- 359-5920 x8.

[For more information...](#)

Mitzvah Day 2007 is Coming!

Mitzvah Day is a full day of community projects and activities for congregants and families of all ages and interests. A great day to meet OJC members while performing mitzvot!

Projects will include visiting with residents of group homes and senior residences; craft projects for patients here and in Israel; OJC and town park cleanup and beautification; tape recording books for child patients; decoratively packaging donations to benefit soldiers, the needy in our community and Israel; feeding the Mitzvah Corps; preparing and serving breakfast to homeless in NYC; collecting, packing, delivering and cooking for the needy in our community; repairing our prayer books.

There will also be a Blood Drive at the OJC on Mitzvah Day. Call Beverly Yarkon (845) 354-8521 to donate, make phone calls, and help during the drive.

We need you! Please call to volunteer!

Contact Fran Friedman at (845) 398-8159 and
Diana Hess (845) 639-3295, Mitzvah Day Co-Chairs

[For more information...](#)

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1st Annual OJC Religious School Meet the Morim (Teachers)

Come out on **Monday, November 5 at 6:45 PM** and meet the Rabbis, the Educational Director, and School Board members.

Learn more about how you can be a partner in your child's Jewish education.

Sit in your child's classroom with their teacher and experience the love of Judaism and Jewish learning that our teachers share with their students each Religious School day.

[For more information...](#)

HAZAK presents: The Fourth Annual Road Trip with Your Rabbis!

A few seats still remain! RSVP immediately to Faye Dinowitz or

Rosalie Eckstein**Tuesday, October 23, 2007**

The bus leaves PROMPTLY at 11:00 and returns by 4:00. Join your rabbis once again for a bus trip to New York City to the Jewish Museum!

Guided tour of the Camille Pissarro exhibit; lunch on our own at the museum café.

Questions about the program?

Contact Faye Dinowitz, Co-Chair at 353-1934 or FDinowitz6@aol.com or Rabbi Drill at 359-5920 x8 or rabbi.drill@theojc.org.

Bring a check for \$40 to the OJC office, Attn: Rosalie Eckstein, Co-Chair before Tuesday to guarantee your spot.

\$40 OJC members \$50 non-members Price includes bus, museum entrance and docent-led tour of the exhibit.

Rockland County Discovery Mission to Israel

The time is NOW to register for the Rockland County Discovery Mission to Israel February 12 - 22 2008

Coming this week - A complete write up on the trip and paperwork to get everthing going. This is one mission you do not want to miss!



·Experience the sites, sounds, and smells of Israel, the eternal home of the Jewish people as together, we celebrate Israel's 60th year since statehood.

·Visit with Israeli families in their homes; meet young Israeli soldiers.

·Participate in an archaeological dig and visit new archaeological sites including a tour of the new underground tunnels near the Western Wall.

·Briefings from well-known experts, who will cover subjects like, the mood of the country today, military strategies, and the significance of Israel following the Holocaust.

·"Giving back": Learning about the programs we support; participating in a hands-on experience.

·A day in the South visiting Masada, the Hot Springs at Ein Gedi, and the Dead Sea spa.

- Experience a wide variety of Israeli food and unique cuisine.
- Visits to traditional Israeli Sites, including the Western Wall .
- In-depth visit to the North including travel throughout the Galil and a visit to the mystical city of Safed. In the North, we will stay at the Kibbutz Lavi Guest House.
- Touring and visits to Israel's two largest cities, Tel Aviv, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, and Jerusalem, the eternal capital of the Jewish people.
- Shabbat in Jerusalem.

And so much more .. More details on the way.

Share this once in a lifetime Israel experience with fellow Rocklanders.

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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