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This Week @ The OJC

September 8-15, 2007

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The holidays are upon us!!

We rely heavily on volunteers to act as ushers for the High Holidays in order for everything to run smoothly. We are running short of volunteers this year and desperately need YOU to help us out. Please contact Madeline Roimisher (845-359-4846) as soon as possible to volunteer for an usher post for the rapidly approaching High Holidays!

DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINES FOR THESE ITEMS AND EVENTS

Order Lulav & Etrog by September 11

Sign Up for Break Fast by September 12

Order USY/OJC Sukkot Baskets by September 16

Send in Reservations for Sisterhood/OJC Sukkot Dinner by September 20

Order Your Weekly Challah by September 25

Remember to check the website and your mailings for more information on all of the above!!

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

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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, September 7-8**

Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Kotch

Torah portion: Parashat Nitzavim-Vayeilech

Candle lighting: Friday 7:02pm

Havdalah: Saturday 8:08pm

Saturday, September 810pm Selichot Program - *The Gates are Closing*

Midnight Selichot Service

Sunday, September 9

10am Sukkah Palooza

Monday, September 10

10:30am Heshbon haNefesh

Wednesday, September 12

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 13 & Friday, September 14

Rosh Hashanah

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!

Hazak Goes to Spain!!

Join Rabbi Drill and the OJC Hazak Group for an exciting 12-day **TOUR OF SPAIN & GIBRALTAR** with Jewish Highlights

March 23-April 3, 2008

Barcelona - Girona - Granada

Gibraltar - Seville - Cordoba - Toledo - Madrid

Tour highlights:

3 nights Barcelona

1 night Granada

2 nights Gibraltar--Shabbat with members of the Jewish community

1 night Seville

3 nights Madrid
4 star hotels throughout

Daily breakfasts plus 2 lunches & 3 dinners (Kosher)

Full-time professional tour director for entire trip

Local guides in each city

Deluxe air-conditioned coach transportation

Estimated costs (may vary depending on number of participants):

\$2,699-OJC members (based on double occupancy), slightly more for non-members

\$715-Single supplement

\$650-\$700pp-airfare (R/T international plus 1 flight in Spain)

If you're interested in this trip, please contact the committee for more information. In order to secure flights & hotels, we need an idea of how many will be traveling.

PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP

Marty Cohen 845 359-5923 or Martin.Cohen@TheOJC.org

Janet Miller 845 359-7647 or Janet.Miller@TheOJC.org

Rabbi Drill 845 359-5920 x8 Rabbi.Drill@TheOJC.org

[For more information...](#)

The 1st Annual OJC Shabbaton Has Been Rescheduled!

The Machalot Family Shabbaton at Camp Ramah in Nyack has been postponed until Shabbat, May 23-24.

Families, mark your very busy calendars now! Committees will be forming under the leadership of Shabbat Chair Nanci Goldman. Watch for further information!

The Gates Are Closing - Selichot Program

The scene is Erev Yom Kippur, and 8 rich and engaging characters grapple with issues of identity, meaning, loyalty, repentance, and forgiveness.

Join us for our Selichot program this Saturday evening as we follow their stories, introducing the themes of the High Holiday season with a dramatic production of

"The Gates Are Closing"

a play by Merle Feld

It will make you laugh, it will make you cry, and it will make you think!

Saturday night, September 8 at 10pm

(Refreshments will be served.)

Stay with us after the play for our MIDNIGHT SELICHOT SERVICE and the blast of the shofar as we usher in the 5768 holiday season.

Taste the Joy of Jewish Learning with Midreshet Rockland

Wednesday, Sept 19 at the Jewish Community Campus
900 Route 45, New City

Learn about your Jewish Heritage

Sit in on a "Taste of Melton" taught by our faculty

Visit a conversational Hebrew class with an experienced Ulpan teacher

Speak to Melton students and faculty about this wonderful learning community

Morning session: 10am - 12pm

Evening session: 7 - 9pm

refreshments served * program is free

RSVP to Roberta Seitzman at 845 362-4200 ext. 180 or email melton@jewishrockland.org.

OJC USY Presents Sukkah Baskets

These delightful baskets are filled with fresh and dried fruit, treats and sweets to celebrate our harvest and the beginning of the new year!

Give them as gifts or decorate your own sukkah!

MEDIUM BASKET \$18.00

LARGE BASKET \$25.00

All proceeds will go to benefit the TABLE TO TABLE Israeli food redistribution program.

[For more information...](#)

OJC & Hazon 2007 Jewish Environmental Bike Ride

Bike for Hazon, the Jewish Environmental Bike Ride!

Rabbi Drill and her family, together with Zena and Esther Shulman, participated in this year's Hazon Bike Ride over Labor Day Weekend.
"Rebbetzman" Jonathan Drill



was the Co- Chair of the ride.

Following a communal Shabbat at Camp Isabella Freedman, 180 riders completed between 100 and 150 miles, biking from Connecticut to the JCC of the Upper West Side. Zena completed more than 100 miles and Esther volunteered on crew.

Riding with his dad, Ben Drill completed his first century ride!

Kol hakavod to all of them for making a difference.

For more information on the ride and the many causes it supports, check out www.hazon.org.

Sukkot Dinner Anyone?

Sunday, September 30

6pm Sukkot Service
7pm Dinner and singing in the sukkah

For more information, contact Fran Friedman at 845-398-8159 (email franfried@optonline.net).

RSVP on or before September 20

Donation:
\$20 per person
\$10 for children 12 and under
Children under 3 free
Family maximum \$60



RSVP after September 20

\$24 per person
\$12 for children 12 and under
Children under 3 free
Family maximum \$72

For more information...

Holiday Meanings and Other Educational Offerings!!!

Do you already know all about the Jewish holidays?

This course will take us beyond ritual and history. Through study, narratives, discussion and experiential learning, we will make personal meaning of the holidays in our Jewish calendar.

Eight Mondays with Rabbi Paula Mack Drill
7:30 - 9:15pm

The first date for this course is on September 24, 2007 (discussing Sukkot).

Please check out our ongoing education section on the website for scheduling information on this and other exciting courses!!

Iyyun Tefila

Towards a Purposeful Jewish Life

Holy Day Meanings

Caregivers Journey

[For more information...](#)

The Dr. Seymour Cohen Memorial Torah Project

You'll dance with the Torah on Simchat Torah. Now write one of your own!

Please join us as we begin the Dr. Seymour Cohen Memorial Torah Project.

Sunday, October 7, 2007 at 10am.

"The Living Torah"

Sofer (scribe) Rabbi Zerach Greenfield will lead an interactive workshop offering hands-on demonstrations and activities for adults and children.

WATCH THE SOFER WRITE THE FIRST LETTERS OF OUR NEW SEFER TORAH!!

[For more information.....](#)

OJC November Israel Mission

Time is running out to sign up for the OJC Israel Mission led by Rabbi Craig Scheff

November 11-16, 2007

Please join us for this tremendous opportunity to work with our hands in rebuilding and revitalizing the communities harmed by the latest conflict!

Remember to also stop by the video gallery on the web site <http://www.theojc.org/communityatlarge.htm> to share in some of the memories from Eretz Yisrael Summer 2007!

Coming soon: the new Israeli Affairs section on the the OJC website - lots of things happening - check back often!

[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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