

Can We Ever Open Our Eyes After Newtown? Last Friday, as the surviving children at Sandy Hook Elementary School were escorted to safety

they were instructed to shut their eyes. Are survivors supposed to ever open their eyes to a world that brutally robbed them of their once

pure childhood? Are we ever supposed to come to terms with any suffering that we have endured? If we refuse to acknowledge our misfortune, does that chase evil away? Was it more important for the children to keep their eyes closed, or is the focus to keep on marching out of their bloodied school? There are no words that can possibly express the grief and tragedy of the Newtown massacre. Last Friday early morning 20 children left their homes to go to their loving school but ended up being

murdered. How could such a reality ever exist in a G-d's benevolent universe? Many years ago in Brooklyn, the Jewish community was shocked by the tragic death of Rabbi Lazer Mangel, who was killed in a car accident. He left behind a young wife and unborn child. His father, Rabbi Nissan Mangel, is a Holocaust survivor who survived seven concentration camps.

On the final day of mourning, Rabbi Mangel shared with everyone present a poignant story of Lazer's youth, when the family was granted audience with the Lubavitcher Rebbe. The Rebbe asked young Lazer, then four, to say the Shema Yisroel (a prayer that expresses the essence of Judaism that G-d is One), and the boy eagerly agreed.

But he did not close his eyes.

The Rebbe, suddenly very serious, turned to Rabbi Mangel and suggested, "Whenever your son recites the Shema, he should close his eyes and cover them with his hand." Now many years later Rabbi Mangel finally understood the Rebbe's sudden change in mood, and

The Shema Yisreol should always be said with eyes closed.

When the surviving children at Sandy Hook Elementary School were instructed to close their eyes as they were lead out of their school that command had a deeper significance. Their innocence had been crushed; their child-friendly existence had been violated. We don't know why they had to undergo this ordeal but their recourse is to continue on, marching toward a happier more pleasant

wrenching 22 year absence, his response is to recite the Shema. These words gave Jacob hope when he was mourning the demise of his most precious child. There was no looking back just his burning zeal to go on. To leap, plunge and charge forward out of the quagmire of gloom and depression. Jacob knew that he had to live life to its fullest, with his eyes closed to the pain that gripped his heart.

Dear Friends, we have no answers. We can never begin to understand this massacre. No evil can

With much love and friendship, Areyah Kaltmann

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a delightful night of friendship & camaraderie. Join us for the second annual



Don't miss this week's women's Torah study on Saturday, December 22 at 10:00 AM; coffee, cake and great discussion.

For Ladies On



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Shabbat Friday, Jan. 4

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Friday, Dec. 21 Light Candles at 4:51 pm

Saturday, Dec. 22 at 5:55 pm

Saturday, Dec. 29 at 5:59 pm

Friday, Dec. 28 Light Candles at 4:55 pm

Kiddush Corner We need YOU for our New Chabad KIDDUSH TEAM! Individuals, husband-wife/couples needed! Sign up to shop, have fun, prep, bake! Esther Kaltmann will train you & provide

Candle Lighting Times Schedule of Services



chabad **kids** club

Saturday, December 22, 2012

Parsha Va'yigash

Morning Services: 9:30 a.m

Tot Shabbot for 4 and under: 11:00 a.m.

KIDDUSH 12:00 pm

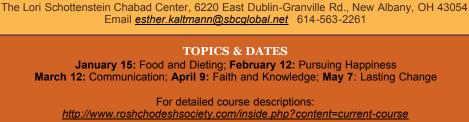
Shachrit: 9:45 a.m.

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Rosh Chodesh society is a women's society that meets once per month

Saturday, Jan. 5 at 6:04 pm Shabbat

Saturday, Jan. 5 at 6:11 pm



TOPICS & DATES January 15: Food and Dieting; February 12: Pursuing Happiness March 12: Communication; April 9: Faith and Knowledge; May 7: Lasting Change For detailed course descriptions:

The Jewish Learning Institute presents a new JLI Teens program:

NOTE: Classes resume Jan. 27

Life on the Line: You Make the Call!

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moral challenges.

WHEN: Sundays 4:30-5:30 PM

Esther & Kim

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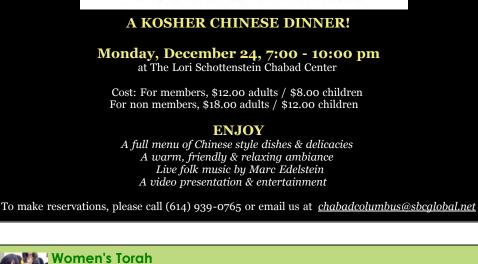
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his sage advice. The Rebbe, he said, had prophetically instructed Rabbi Mangel on coping with his son's death decades later.

existence. Their eyes should be shut from any painful flashbacks by clinging on to a brighter future. To honor the souls ripped away by this tragedy, we need to continue their lives by saying the Shema daily and to internalize its potent meaning. In this week's Torah portion, when Jacob is reunited with his lost son Joseph after a heart

stop us from crying out to our father in Heaven for comfort. We believe in the words of Isaiah that the day will finally come when death is obliterated and G-d will permanently wipe away the tears from every face. We will only then be able to truly open our eyes.



Be sure to ask Esther about her trip to Israel! We had a great turnout of women from all over Columbus on Tuesday Dec. 4 for a lovely lunch and great discussion on emotional mastery according to Kabballah. Be sure to mark

your calendars for January 15. The topic will be food and dieting.



Light Candles at 5:01 pm Shabbat Ends Women's Torah Study: 10:00 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4 Light Candles at 5:07 pm

Kiddush this week is sponsored by David and Irina Bilenko in honor of their grandmother, Anna Dykhne, of blessed memory.

10 Tevet, 5773 Sunday, December 23, 2012

our venues, helping children learn life skills. If would like to volunteer, call or *email* Cheryl Sher at 774-3403 to schedule. For more info about the LifeTown program, visit <u>www.lifetowncolumbus.org.</u> happier, more fulfilled, and more effective. In each session, learn to master one aspect of your personal life related to the kabbalistic energies of the month. Learn. Grow. Be inspired.

Volunteers needed to make LifeTown a success! If you can give as little as two hours a week, you can make a lasting difference in the life of a child with disabilities. Volunteers play the roles of merchants in

Open to all teens Course fee: \$60, textbooks and snacks included. Remaining dates: Jan 27, Feb. 17 & 24.

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> Looking for a meaningful way to Torah study. The class will continue on recognize a special day? Consider Thursdays at 7:30 pm at The Lori sponsoring a Kiddush. For more information, please contact Schottenstein Chadbad Center. Open to the Chabad office at 614-939-0765

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