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**December 7, 2015****25 Kislev, 5776****Registration & Hotel Reservations** **For AOTA’s****2016 Annual Conference & Expo****In Chicago*****OPENS TOMORROW (Tuesday December 8)*****The Conference is scheduled for April 7-10****(that’s more than a week and a half before Pesach)**

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| **Now is also the time to sign up for the OJOTC Shabbat Program****We are planning another enjoyable and inspirational Shabbat Program with Glatt Kosher Shabbat dinner and lunch – along with a Shabbat afternoon program in our meeting room in the Hilton Hotel****(if we have enough men, we will have a Minyan for Shabbat)****Go to our web site –** [**www.ojotc.org**](http://www.ojotc.org) **and click on the link to sign up for the program** |

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| **We Need Your Help****To Make Our Shabbat Program Successful****-------------****We need help to…****1 – Spread the word about our program to OT program directors at college and universities****2 – Contact OT State Associations about our Shabbat program and ask them to let Jewish OT’s and OT students know about our program****3 – Help us find a food provider (caterer) in Chicago who we and the hotel can work with to arrange for our Shabbat meals****4 – Lead or co-lead a Shabbat afternoon OJOTC educational session and/or suggest a topic for one of our Shabbat afternoon sessions****5 – Publicize our program to Jewish newspapers in cities around the nation****… please contact us as** **ojotc@hotmail.com** **as soon as possible and let us know how you will be part of the team to make the 2016 OJOTC Shabbat Program the best and most attended year.** |

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| ***OJOTC Member Shoshana Shamberg, is sharing the following e-mail with us:***Shouky Elad, Irlen Director in Israel, has had some very exciting developments to share.  David Yellin College has been increasingly interested and supportive in the research Shouky is conducting on the changes with Irlen Spectral Filters.  During ISAW, she had two successful events in the college to attract more candidates for the research. Thanks to these events, they already have seven more subjects in different stages of the research, and there will be more.  Additionally, Shouky presented the key lectures of the conference to the academic staff of the college, including the heads of the different departments and the president of the college. She took this opportunity to update them on research results so far. They were extremely impressed and are considering conducting further research on Irlen Syndrome.The Special Education Department is also thinking about opening a new program for over-sensitive children, and they want Irlen Syndrome to be incorporated in it.  Last week Shouky gave a talk to the municipal psychological services of Ramat Hasharon, and they showed great interest and are also thinking about researching the subject.Shouky reports that she had a fruitful meeting with the Israeli Screeners.  She shared with them some highlights from this summer's Irlen International Conference in Houston, and they are thinking together how to spread the word about Irlen Syndrome. The group decided to have talks in different cities (Hadera, Beer Sheva, Jerusalem, Even Yehuda) and to create a think tank that will pursue this subject further. |

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| **Pacific Rim Conference is Calling for Proposals**The 32nd Annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity will be held on April 25-26, 2016, at the Hawai'i Convention Center in Honolulu. This year we are featuring topic areas such as Inclusive, Caring Communities; and Disability Studies. Our Call for Proposals is NOW OPEN, so be sure to submit your ideas to us early! For more information, please visit us at [www.pacrim.hawaii.edu](http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu/), or feel free to e-mail us at prinfo@hawaii.edu, or call us at 1-808-956-7539. |

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| **New OJOTC Yom Tov Calendar****About 7 years ago, OJOTC published a 10-year Yom Tov Calendar that many members have given to their colleges and/or employers.****We have updated that calendar.****It now runs through 2020.****Send us an e-mail at** **calendar@ojotoc.org** **and we will send you a .pdf copy of the calendar.****Or e-mail us and let us know who we should send a copy to.** |

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| **Accessibility Consultation and Home Modification Internet and Onsite Trainings****Brain Gym , Irlen Method, and Sensory Motor Strategies on a Shoestring Budget Internet and onsite trainings****Personal Mentoring Programs via the Internet****Shomer Shabbat seminars - attend Baltimore for shabbat and a training - we will help connect you to a host for shabbat****Contact: Abilities at** **info@aotss.com** **or visit our website at** [**www.aotss.com**](http://www.aotss.com) **and** [**www.irlenvlcmd.com**](http://www.irlenvlcmd.com)**Shoshana Shamberg, OTR/L, MS, FAOTA** |

**Coast to Coast…****..and border to border.****We now have OJOTC members all across the United States, in 25 different states, from New York to California, from Florida to Oregon.****That’s in addition to Israel and Canada.****And we are still growing.****If you are not a member, sign up today.****Just follow this link:** [**http://www.ojotc.org/id2.html**](http://www.ojotc.org/id2.html)**Membership is free, and the larger we grow, the more influence we have in representing our religious needs.****MMj02970310000[1]****E-Mail Addresses****Are you changing your e-mail address? Make sure to let us know. Most e-mail servers don’t forward mail (like the U.S. Postal Service does.****Send us your new address to** **members@ojotc.org****(And, of course, if you know of OT’s or OT Students who should be on our list, tell them to send us their names and e-mail addresses.)** |