

OVS Weekly

A glance at the upcoming spiritual and social events at Or
VeShalom

Shabbat Vayishlach Genesis 32:4 – 36:43

After more than thirty years' absence, Jacob approached his reunion with Esau with some trepidation. His initial conciliatory message was rebuffed and, on hearing that Esau was coming to meet him with 400 men, Jacob sent many gifts, hoping to appease him.

That night, having sent on his family ahead of him, Jacob was alone "and there wrestled a man (an angel) with him until the breaking of the day." Unable to get the better of him, the angel lamed Jacob but despite this, was not released until he agreed to bless the Patriarch. The angel replied by changing Jacob's name to Israel ("he who strives with G-d").

When the two brothers finally met, the elder ran forward and embraced Jacob warmly. At first, Esau refused to accept his brother's gifts, but was persuaded to do so; Jacob, in turn, declined Esau's offer of an escort for the journey. Safely reaching the city of Shechem, Jacob built an altar in gratitude to G-d.

While in the city, Jacob's daughter, Dinah, was seduced by Shechem, son of Hamor, the prince. Shechem wanted to marry Dinah, but her brother - angered by his "vile deed" - declared that he could do so only if every male in the city was circumcised.

Three days after the operation, with the men still weak, Dinah's brothers, Simeon and Levi, slew them all, ransacked the city and recovered their sister. Jacob rebuked his sons, but they retorted that Dinah should not be treated like a harlot.

At G-d's request, Jacob journeyed to Beth-El, where the Almighty renewed his pledge to make of him a great nation. Further, on the way, Rachel died, giving birth to Benjamin. After a long journey, Jacob reached Hebron and was reunited with his father, who some years later died at the age of 180.

Candle Lighting and Service Times

12/12	Friday Morning	7:30 a.m.
	Shabbat Candle Lighting	5:12 p.m.
	Friday Night Services	6:30 p.m.
12/13	Shabbat Morning Services	8:30 a.m.
	Mincha	5:00 p.m.
	Avit	5:50 p.m.
	Havdalah	6:05 p.m.
12/14	Sunday Morning	8:30 a.m.
12/15	Monday Morning	7:30 a.m.
12/18	Thursday Morning	7:30 a.m.

Youth Shabbat Minyan

Saturday, December 13

Join us as our OVS teens take part in the Shabbat service.
Afterwards, a special Kiddush will include treats (*pizza!*)
that make our young participants happy!

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Kassorla Wednesdays at noon in the Library

33rd Annual Hanukah Bazaar at OVS

Sunday, December 14, 2008 ~ 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Come for lunch and stay for dinner!

**Come to the Silent Auction at the Bazaar
and BID! BID! BID! to BUY! BUY! BUY!**

New at the Bazaar this year...

Visit the OVS Talmud Torah table to see what our kids are making
to raise money for their tzedakah project!

***Do you want to learn to read Hebrew?
Read from the prayer book during services?***

**Beginning Hebrew reading is taught on
Sundays, from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.**

***Sisterhood will be taking a much needed
break from cooking!***

This week's bureka winners were...
Julia Soriano (Monday), ***Itta Zaslavskaya*** (Tuesday),
and ***Rachel Capelouto*** (Wednesday).

**THE JEWISH EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE
on Capitol Avenue
is planning a REUNION early in 2009.**

The organizing committee is seeking the names of everyone who was ever in the old building that was the gathering place for the Jewish community in the 1930's, '40's and early '50's. Please send your name and the name of your club or chapter to jewish-alliance-capitol-ave-jea@mindspring.com or to Sam Pinsky, 1874 Volberg St. NW, Atlanta 30318. For more information, call Archie Merlin at 404-259-4338.

**ENROLL YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT
(graduate or undergraduate, in-town or out-of-town)
IN THE OVS COLLEGE OUTREACH PROGRAM!!!**

It may be too late for the Rosh Hashanah package, but there's still time before Tu B'Shevat!

We have 88 students at 42 different colleges and universities enrolled so far this year.

Don't let your college student miss out on receiving holiday packages full of goodies and greetings from the Kehilah.

**Contact Nancy Galanti for an enrollment form
at nmgalanti@mindspring.com or 404-847-0387.**

MJCCA Stay & Play Intown Group

Join us every Tuesday morning
from 10:30 a.m. until noon in the end classroom at OVS!
Bring your little ones, aged 6 weeks to 18 months for this low-key
group!

For more information, contact Allison Feldman at
678-812-4174 or allison.feldman@atlantajcc.org.

Save the date! Plan to attend!
Or VeShalom Israel Bonds Brunch
Sunday, January 18, 2009 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Join us as we recognize our honorees Shelley & Neil Cooper.
*Mazel Tov Bonds are available in \$50 increments starting at \$100
and make great Hanukah gifts!*
Support Israel Bonds and Or VeShalom!

Marrow Donor Drive in Honor of Eric Chanin
(brother of OVS member Ron Chanin)
Sunday, January 25, 2009 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Eric Chanin (49-years old), a devoted husband and father of three children, was diagnosed with Leukemia in 1999. Now, Eric and other patients like him are looking for people whose tissue type matches their own so they can receive a life-saving marrow transplant. They need to find someone like you, willing to become a marrow donor.

Please sign up to join the NMDP (National Marrow Donor Program) Registry of volunteer marrow donors. *You could save a life!* You must be between the ages of 18-60, meet the health guidelines, fill out a form, give a cheek cell swab and be willing to donate to any patient in need.

Eastern European donors are urgently needed! Patients are more likely to match donors of the same racial and ethnic heritage. More donors of all races and ethnicities are needed. Eric's heritage is Ukranian and Lithuanian.

For more information or to sign up, call Pam Chanin at 770-578-1146.

Refuah Shelemah to:

Joyce Alhadeff, Betty M. Arogeti, Morris Benveniste, Claudine
Geduldig,
Joe Cohen, Barrie Antebi, Eileen Cahn, Jerry Gordon, Lauren Amar
Parra

You can sponsor a Kiddush in honor or in memory
of a loved one
or for a special occasion. Call Temi in the office for
more information.

**See updates and details
on the OVS website at
www.orveshalom.org**