

OVS Weekly

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

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Shabbat Vayigash Genesis 44:18 – 47:27

Joseph had ordered Benjamin to remain with him in Egypt, while his other brothers returned to their father, Jacob, in Canaan. Judah, however, pleaded with Joseph that, having already lost one son, Jacob would die of grief if the youngest did not return; Judah offered himself as "a bondsman to my lord," in place of Benjamin.

Overcome with emotion, Joseph ordered all but the brothers from his presence and then revealed his true identity. He told them not to reprove themselves for their behavior towards him, for G-d had decreed what had subsequently happened. He added that they should return home and bring Jacob and the other members of the family to live with him in the rich pastures of Goshen. Hearing this, Pharaoh offered his own wagons to convey Jacob and his sixty-six direct descendants and their families to Egypt.

When the news about Joseph reached Jacob, he too, was overcome. He proceeded on the journey and stopped off at Beersheba, where G-d appeared to him and promised yet again that he would make of Jacob a great nation and that the Patriarch's descendants would one day return to Canaan.

After an affectionate reunion between Jacob and Joseph, Pharaoh allowed the family to settle in Goshen and entrusted the most competent of the brothers with the care of his flock. Jacob was then introduced to the king and blessed him.

As the famine worsened, all the money of the Egyptians and Canaanites passed into the royal coffers. In exchange for food, the people handed over first their cattle and then their land. In addition, a fifth of all the produce was to be given to Pharaoh by way of a tax (only the priests being exempt from this).

The Israelites, meanwhile, dwelt in Goshen, where they acquired "possessions therein, and were fruitful and multiplied exceedingly."

Candle Lighting and Service Times

1/2/09	Friday Morning	8:30 a.m.
	Shabbat Candle Lighting	5:23 p.m.
	Friday Night Services	6:30 p.m.
1/3	Shabbat Morning Services	8:30 a.m.
	Mincha	5:00 p.m.
	Arvit	6:00 p.m.
	Havdalah	6:15 p.m.
1/4	Sunday Morning	8:30 a.m.
1/5	Monday Morning	7:30 a.m.
1/6	Tuesday Morning – <i>Fast of the Tenth Day of Tevet</i>	7:30 a.m.
1/8	Thursday Morning	7:30 a.m.

Mark your calendars!

**Installation of the 2009 Board of Directors
Saturday, January 10 at Shabbat Services**

**OVS Interviews Candidates for New Position:
Director of Synagogue Programming**

This new, full time staff person will plan and execute quality programs for all ages, to engage current members and attract new members.

You will have the opportunity to meet the two candidates in January.

We encourage you to meet them both so that you can compare and give feedback to the OVS Search Committee.

Avis Smith will be visiting OVS from *January 9-11.*

Rachel Victor will be visiting OVS from *January 23-25.*

Please plan to meet these candidates before and after services Friday night at 6:30 pm, after Saturday morning services during Kiddush, and Sunday morning at 10:00 am for Coffee and Quasado. Questions can be directed to Shelley Cooper.

**Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Kassorla
Wednesdays at noon in the Library.
Join us for mid-week enlightenment in 2009!**

***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.

**Join Rabbi Kassorla for
*Sundaes on Thursdays***

Come to the OVS Library, grab a scoop of ice cream,
and load on the toppings. Then sit back and enjoy an enlightening evening
of everything you wanted to know (but were afraid to ask) about Moses.

**Thursday, January 8 ~ 7:30 p.m. - "Moses the Man"
Thursday, January 15 ~ 7:30 p.m. - "Moses the Prophet"
Thursday, January 22 ~ 7:30 p.m. - "Moses the Deliverer"**

**OVS Gift Shop Hanukah Sale!
20% off all menorahs and Hanukah items!!**

***Sisterhood is taking a much needed break from cooking!
Cooking will resume soon to fill all those bureka orders!***

***Show your support for Israel! 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 B'nai Mitzvah and birthday gifts!
Support Israel Bonds and Or VeShalom!
Please mail your response cards today!*

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.

**JEWISH EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE
PLANS HISTORIC REUNION at the MJCCA
February 22, 2009 ~ 2 – 5 p.m.**

For those who remember "the good ole days" on Capitol Avenue!

For further information, questions, transportation requests, or to send information on the whereabouts of former JEA alumni, please contact Sam Pinsky at spinsky@aol.com or 404-351-8260.

Reservations and donations can be made online at atlantajcc.org/alliance.

Refuah Shelemah to:

Joyce Alhadeff, Betty M. Arogeti, Morris Benveniste, Claudine Geduldig, Joe Cohen, Rivka Gamburg, 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.