

# **OVS Weekly**

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

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## **Shabbat Bo**

Exodus 10:1 – 13:16

Despite a warning that locusts would ravage Egypt and a pleading from his servants to free the Israelites, Pharaoh drove Moses and Aaron from his presence and thereby unleashed a devastating plague throughout the land. Realizing he had sinned, the king urged Moses and Aaron to forgive him, but once the locusts were gone, he again refused to free the Children of Israel.

Thereafter, Moses stretched out his hand towards heaven and for three days, an impenetrable darkness spread over Egypt; only the Israelites had light in their homes. Pharaoh then allowed the children to accompany their parents to worship G-d, but insisted that the flocks remain behind. Moses refused and Pharaoh banished him from his midst under pain of death.

G-d told Moses after one last plague - the death of all Egyptian first-born - Pharaoh would finally free the people. In preparation for their departure, the Israelites were to elicit jewelry from their Egyptian neighbors.

Before the Exodus, G-d outlined to Moses and Aaron the order of events preceding the festival of Passover, from the sacrifice of an unblemished male lamb and the sprinkling of its blood, to the eating of its roasted flesh and of unleavened bread and the bitter herbs. These, he said, should be eaten in haste, with the Israelites dressed and ready for their journey.

That night, he would strike down all the Egyptian first-born, passing over those houses sprinkled with blood. The feast of unleavened bread would last each year for seven days, from the fourteenth day of the first month.

The Children of Israel did as Moses told them and, after a momentous night, some 600,000 began the journey from Rameses to Succot. At the same time, G-d ordained further laws concerning the paschal lamb, the redemption of the first-born and a remembrance of the occasion through "a sign upon thy hand and a memorial between thine eyes."

## Candle Lighting and Service Times

1/30	Friday Morning	7:30 a.m.
	Shabbat Candle Lighting	5:49 p.m.
	Friday Night Services	6:30 p.m.
1/31	Shabbat Morning Services	8:30 a.m.
	Mincha	5:15 p.m.
	Arvit	6:15 p.m.
	Havdalah	6:40 p.m.
2/1	Sunday Morning	8:30 a.m.
2/2	Monday Morning	7:30 a.m.
2/5	Thursday Morning	7:30 a.m.

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

***Coming in February...***  
***Get ready for a busy month!***  
**AIPAC Shabbat – February 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Birthday-Anniversary Shabbat – February 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Scout Shabbat – February 21<sup>st</sup>**

...and a special surprise is being planned for February 28<sup>th</sup>

***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 is baking burekas to fill the many orders taken at Bazaar. Join us every Tuesday in February!**

Our weekday workers get a yummy lunch for just a buck!  
(Guests can eat lunch for \$3.)  
Come join the raffle for a dozen burekas to one lucky baker.  
This week's winner was Tillie Tenenbaum."

*Mark your calendar...*  
**Sisterhood Donor Kick-Off Breakfast**  
Sunday, February 1  
**Sisterhood Donor Brunch**  
Sunday, March 15

**City Wide Blood Drive**  
Sunday February 1 ~ 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Ahavath Achim Synagogue ~ 600 Peachtree Battle Avenue

Bring photo ID!! For questions about eligibility, call the American Red Cross at 1-866-562-7156. For further information, call Gail Solomon at 404-351-1900.

Sponsored by Jewish War Veterans Atlanta Post #112.  
Co-sponsors: Ahavath Achim Synagogue, Shearith Israel Synagogue, Congregation Or VeShalom, The Temple and Northside United Methodist Church.  
*The next City-Wide Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2009.*

**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](mailto:spinsky@aol.com) or 404-351-8260.  
Reservations and donations can be made online at [atlantajcc.org/alliance](http://atlantajcc.org/alliance).

***Refuah Shelemah to:***

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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.