

*Refuah Shelemah to:*

Joyce Alhadeff, Morris Benveniste, Rivka Gamburg, Joe Cohen, Claudine Geduldig, Barrie Antebi, Eileen Cahn, Jerry Gordon, Lauren Amar Parra.

***Do you want to learn to read Hebrew?***

Beginning Hebrew Reading taught Sundays, from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

***Mark your calendars!***

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

***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!*

**Bone Marrow Donor Drive for Eric Chanin**

**(Brother of OVS Member Ron Chanin)**

**Sunday, January 25, 2009 ~ 10am – 2pm**

Eric Chanin, a 49-year old devoted husband and father of three children, was diagnosed with Leukemia in 1999. He now needs a bone marrow transplant and *donors are urgently needed*. If you are between the ages of 18-60 and of Eastern European decent, please become a donor.  
*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](mailto:spinsky@aol.com) or 404-351-8260.

Reservations and donations can be made online at [atlantajcc.org/alliance](http://atlantajcc.org/alliance).

***Sisterhood is taking a much needed break from cooking!***

*Cooking will resume soon to fill all those bureka orders!*



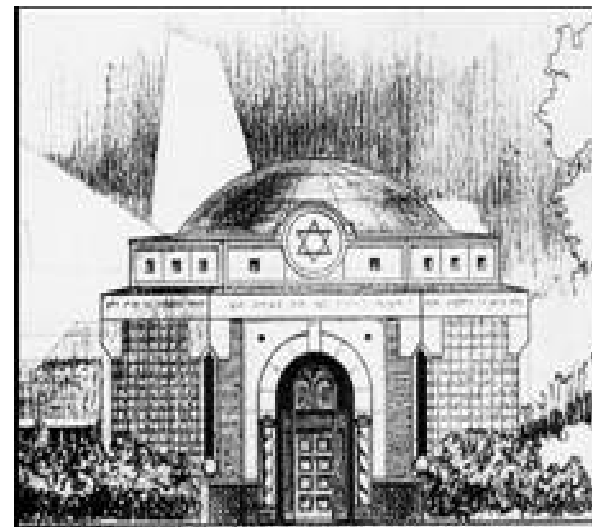
The OVS **AED (automated external defibrillator)** is located on the stage in the alcove to the left of the Ark.

# CONGREGATION OR VESHALOM

**January 3 - 9, 2009**

**7 - 13 Tevet 5769**

*Perashat Vayigash  
Happy 2009!*



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On Shabbat, Or VeShalom is a cell phone free zone.  
Please leave your cell phone at home.

## Weekly Services

1/3	Shabbat Morning	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> <i>Commemorating the Siege of Jerusalem in 586 BCE</i>	7:30 a.m.
1/8	Thursday Morning	7:30 a.m.
1/9	Friday Morning	7:30 a.m.
	Friday Evening Services	6:30 p.m.

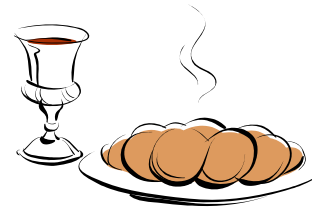
## Shabbat Parashat Vayigash

Perasha:	Genesis 44:18 - 47:27	(Page 169)
Haftarah:	Ezekial 37:15 - 28	(Page 178)

The Perasha begins with the dramatic confrontation between Judah and Joseph. Judah risks his life when he approaches the Egyptian leader in an attempt to save Benjamin. Judah tells Joseph that Jacob is likely to die if the brothers return without Benjamin. He adds that he has personally guaranteed Benjamin's return and "how can I return to my father without the lad..." Judah has shown his complete repentance for what he had done to Joseph. Joseph can no longer contain himself; he sends the Egyptian guards out of the room and reveals himself to his brothers. Joseph sends his brothers back to Jacob with gifts. Once Jacob believes what his sons say about Joseph, he tells them to hurry with their preparations so that he can get to see Joseph before he (Jacob) dies. When Jacob and Joseph meet, Joseph embraces Jacob and cries. Joseph sets up his family with the best the land has to offer. Meanwhile, the famine intensifies in Egypt. Joseph carefully controls the food supplies and before long has amassed for Pharaoh all the wealth, possessions and land of the people. Finally, the people of Egypt become slaves to Pharaoh in exchange for sustenance. Jacob's descendants flourish greatly.

The antagonism in the beginning of the Perasha between Judah and Joseph is the forerunner of the split of the Jewish People into the kingdoms of Judah and Israel. In this Haftarah portion from the Prophets, G-d tells Ezekial to take two sticks - one marked for Judah and one for Joseph - and hold them together until they merge into one. When the people ask the meaning of this, the prophet is to tell them about the reunification of the tribes. This reconciliation, which is also the theme of the Perasha, will produce the One Nation that will once again be the "dwelling place" of G-d. As happy as is the reconciliation of the brothers in the Perasha, both the Perasha and Haftarah remind us of rough times to come throughout Jewish history.

*D'Var Torah on Shabbat by Nicole, Leann and Rena Feldman  
in honor of their grandmother Cota Ohana's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday!*



*Please join us for Kiddush  
in the Social Hall  
immediately following Services*

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## MELDADOS We Remember

Tevet		
7	1/3	Jacob Aaron, Minna Dreyer, Richard Falck, Rachel Turiel, Sylvia Rothstein
8	1/4	Rachel Amato Franco, Vida Rahel Franco, Pearl Graetz, Helena Hershberg, Harris Jacobs, Lovie Krugman
10	1/6	Lou Mae Cohen, Morris Greenberg, San Penso, Betty Taranto
11	1/7	Joseph Bernath
12	1/8	Moreno Cohen, David Feinstein, Behor Moshe Tarica, Harry Friedman
13	1/9	Lea Cohen, Herman Friedman, Daniel Reicher

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### 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.*

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

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#### **Sundaes on Thursdays**

Join us the OVS Library for a yummy make-your-own dessert. Then sit back and enjoy an enlightened evening with Rabbi Kassorla.

**“Everything you Wanted to Know about Moses”**

*(but were afraid to ask)*

**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**