

OVS Weekly

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

See updates and details on the OVS website at <http://www.orpheshalom.org>

Shabbat Shira

Exodus 13:17 – 17:16

Protected by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, the Children of Israel journeyed from Egypt and were commanded by G-d, through Moses, to encamp by the Red Sea. Pharaoh regretted his decision to free them and went after them at the head of six hundred chariots.

The Israelites panicked and told Moses they would rather have remained in Egypt than die in the wilderness. But the pillar of cloud moved to their rear, obscuring the Egyptians' view. Obeying G-d's command, Moses stretched out his hand and the waters of the sea were parted to enable the Israelites to cross over.

The Egyptians followed, only to become embedded in the wet sand. Again Moses stretched out his hand and the waters returned, drowning the enemy.

Moses and the Children of Israel then sang a song of praise to the Almighty, in which they extolled His power in overthrowing the Egyptians and in freeing His people. Miriam and the women also praised G-d in song and dance.

After three days without anything to drink, the Israelites reached March, whose water was bitter. They complained to Moses and, shown a tree by G-d, he cast it into the water to make it sweet. The people subsequently reached Elim with its twelve springs of water.

Entering the wilderness of Sinai, the Israelites complained at the lack of food. G-d told Moses and Aaron to let the people know that in the mornings, the ground would be covered with manna, a type of seed tasting of wafer and honey. Each day, the people were to collect one portion with two portions on Friday to allow for Shabbat.

At Rephidim, where there was again no water, G-d told Moses to strike the rock at Mount Horeb, from which streams of water gushed forth. At the same place, the tribe of Amalek waged battle against the Israelites. Led by Joshua, they fought back and, with Moses holding up his hands, supported by Aaron and Hur, they totally defeated the enemy. G-d commanded Moses to record the incident, for he would "utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek."

Candle Lighting and Service Times

2/6	Friday Morning	7:30 a.m.
	Shabbat Candle Lighting	5:56 p.m.
	Friday Night Services	6:30 p.m.
2/7	Shabbat Morning Services	8:30 a.m.
	Mincha	5:30 p.m.
	Arvit	6:30 p.m.
	Havdalah	6:48 p.m.
2/8	Sunday Morning	8:30 a.m.
2/9	Monday Morning – Tu B'Shevat	7:30 a.m.
2/12	Thursday Morning	7:30 a.m.

James Arogeti-Or VeShalom Scholarship

The family of Merrill and Sheila Wynne, longtime associate members and friends of Congregation Or VeShalom, have established an annual scholarship in loving memory of James (Yeshaya) Arogeti, z.l.

The scholarship consists of an annual stipend or award of \$2,500 to be used toward a qualifying Jewish educational experience.

You are invited to submit an application to the Scholarship Committee.

Information on the scholarship is available on the OVS website:

http://www.orveshalom.org/?page_id=592

*This weekend...join us for AIPAC Shabbat
with guest speakers*

Elliott Mendes

AIPAC Atlanta Area Director

and

Joshua Karsh

AIPAC Southeast Regional Director of Synagogue Initiative

Israel at War: A Discussion of the Conflict in Gaza and Expectations for the New Year

For the last seven years, the residents of Southern Israel have lived with the daily threat of rocket attacks from Gaza. Following a brief cease-fire in 2008, Hamas increased their attacks on the Israeli civilian population, forcing Israel to undertake its "Cast Lead" operation. As the conflict continues in Gaza, the governments of the U.S., Israel and the Palestinian Authority will all undergo significant changes in 2009. We will address the current conflict, the future of the

U.S. - Israel relationship, as well as action items that you can do to show your support for Israel during this critical time.

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee is the only American organization whose principal mission is to lobby the U.S. government about legislation that strengthens the relationship between the United States and Israel.

There's more to come in February at OVS!
Birthday-Anniversary Shabbat – February 14th
Scout Shabbat – February 21st
...and a special surprise is being planned for February 28th

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 Vickie Cadranel

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 information about some of your favorite Jewish topics.

Thursday, February 12 ~ 7:30 p.m.

“The Ten Commandments – with Rashi’s Commentary”

Thursday, February 19 ~ 7:30 p.m.

“The Golden Calf . . . Golden Indeed!”

Thursday, February 26th ~ 7:30 p.m.

“The Mishkan – Edifice Complex?”

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

2009 Atlanta Hunger Walk Sunday, March 1, 2009

Park opens at noon; walk begins at 2:30 pm at the Blue Lot at Turner field. Please join our entire Jewish community to help fight hunger. The number of those affected has increased drastically over the past year. We can take great pride in knowing that the Jewish community has always made a tremendous impact through its participation in the Hunger Walk. Support the Atlanta community at-large under our synagogue banner by clicking on http://acfb.convio.net/hw_aif or go to www.shalomatlanta.org.

Thank you for making a difference!

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.

Mark your calendar...

Sisterhood Donor Kick-Off Breakfast

Sunday, February 1

Sisterhood Donor Brunch

Sunday, March 15

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 at spinsky@aol.com or 404-351-8260.

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

Refuah Shelemah to:

Regina Tourial, Rivka Gamburg, Morris Benveniste,
Joe Cohen, Claudine Geduldig, Barrie Antebi, Brady Feld

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.