

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.orveshalom.org>

Shabbat Mishpatim

Exodus 21:1 – 24:18; 30:11-16

This Sidra contains much of the civil legislation that has been the backbone of Jewish law throughout the ages. It starts with laws concerning the Hebrew slave who (unless he desires otherwise) must be set free by his master after six years' service.

The section on capital punishment ordains the death penalty for willful murder, striking or cursing a parent, kidnapping, the practice of witchcraft, bestiality and sacrificing to idols.

Compensation for personal suffering applies, among other instances, to injuries inflicted in a fight, accidental miscarriage, death of a person caused by an animal whose owner failed to take adequate precautions and death of a heathen slave caused by a vicious animal.

The Torah states that compensation must also be paid for damage to property or animals - by neglect or through theft, fire or trespassing cattle. Penalties vary from repayment of full value to five-fold restitution.

A section of the perasha is devoted to moral offenses and lists the laws concerning seduction, witchcraft, sodomy, polytheism, oppression of the weak, loans and pledges, respect towards G-d and rulers, offerings of first-fruits, unlawful meat, helping one's enemy and impartiality in justice.

Further laws deal with the Sabbatical year, observance of the Sabbath day, and the institution of the three pilgrimages when offerings should be made in gratitude to G-d. The final injunction in this section forbids the seething of a kid in its mother's milk.

When Moses returned from Sinai and told these laws to the people, they responded, "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do and hear." Moses, Aaron, Nadav and Avihu then ascended the mount and witnessed a mystic vision of G-d, after which Moses alone stayed forty days and nights on Sinai to receive the tablets of stone with the Ten Commandments. Aaron and Hur were left to govern in his absence.

Candle Lighting and Service Times

2/20	Friday Morning	7:30 a.m.
	Shabbat Candle Lighting	6:09 p.m.
	Friday Night Services	6:30 p.m.
2/21	Shabbat Morning Services	8:30 a.m.
	Mincha	5:40 p.m.
	Arvit	6:40 p.m.
	Havdalah	6:54 p.m.
2/22	Sunday Morning	8:30 a.m.
2/23	Monday Morning	7:30 a.m.
2/24	Tuesday Morning – Rosh Hodesh Adar	7:30 a.m.
2/25	Wednesday Morning – Rosh Hodesh Adar	7:30 a.m.
2/26	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

*At services this weekend...Scout Shabbat.
Troop 73 will celebrate its 59th anniversary
under the leadership of Scoutmaster Josiah Benator.*

*There's more to come in February at OVS!
Rabbi Ichay's 80th Birthday – February 28th*

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

Sisterhood is baking burekas to fill the many orders taken at Bazaar.

Join us February 24, March 3,17,24,and 31

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 19 ~ 7:30 p.m.

“The Golden Calf . . . Golden Indeed!”

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

“The Mishkan – Edifice Complex?”

Mark your calendar...

Sisterhood Donor Brunch

Sunday, March 15

Women's Rosh Hodesh Group

Monday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Diane Benatar

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_ajf 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.

**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.