

Refuah Shelemah to:

Joyce Alhadeff, Annie Tourial, Salvador Barrocas, Blanchette Ichay

Todah Rabbah to:

All who helped during the JFGA Community Campaign 2010 Phoning Week. With the support of **more than 300 volunteers**, Federation was able to **raise over \$800,000 in four days**. Our 15 volunteers made OVS the first runner-up in the synagogue category for the Golden Phone Award.

Condolences to:

The family of Mathew Hanein – wife Laurette, daughters Suzanne Hanein Audrey Ferguson, son Joseph Hanein, and sister Jeanne Antebi.

Sisterhood is baking on Tuesdays ~ November 10, and 17.

After Thanksgiving, come bake with us on

Monday – Thursday, November 30 – December 3.

Our weekday workers get a yummy lunch for just a buck! (Guests are just \$3.) Bakers get a chance to win a dozen burekas. This week's winner was Lynn Simon.

Join us...Sisterhood needs you!

DO YOU HAVE A COMPUTER at home and want to help our COLLEGE OUTREACH program?

Nancy Galanti is looking for help sending the e-greetings to our OVS college students throughout the year. Send emails for 8 holidays to all the kids and individually on their birthdays. If you're interested, contact her at 404-847-0387 or nmgalanti@mindspring.com.

The Atlanta Jewish Community is Cordially Invited to Participate in

The 2009 Esther G. Levine Community READ

of the 18th Annual Book Festival of the Marcus Jewish Community Center

Thursday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m.

The Esther G. Levine Community READ, an evening of open dialogue and mutual understanding with community members. This year's community read selection is **America's Prophet: Moses and the American Story**, by Bruce Feiler. The Esther G. Levine Community READ night at the Marcus Jewish Community Center Book Festival began five years ago. The evening promises to be an engaging discussion as the whole community interacts with the author and each other.

City Wide Blood Drive ~ Sunday, November 8 ~ 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Ahavath Achim Synagogue, 600 Peachtree Battle Avenue

Walk-ins are always welcome but donors with appointments are given priority. For more information, call the American Red Cross at 1-866-562-7156.

OVS Annual Bazaar ~ Sunday, December 6

To volunteer at the Bazaar please call Lynn Simon at 770-396-1996.

What are you doing on December 25th?

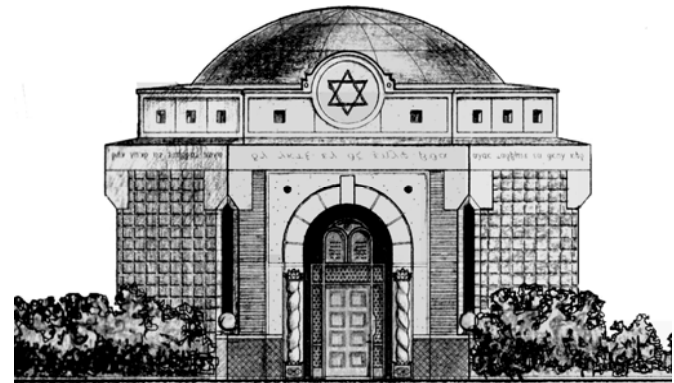
BE A PINCH HITTER! Details coming soon!

CONGREGATION OR VESHALOM

November 7 - 13, 2009

20 - 26 Heshvan 5770

Perashat Vayera



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



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

Weekly Services

11/7	Shabbat Morning Services	8:30 a.m.
	Mincha	5:00 p.m.
	Arvit	6:00 p.m.
	Havdalah	6:15 p.m.
11/8	Sunday Morning	8:30 a.m.
11/9	Monday Morning	7:30 a.m.
11/12	Thursday Morning	7:30 a.m.
11/13	Friday Morning	7:30 a.m.
	Shabbat Candle Lighting	5:18 p.m.
	Friday Evening Services	6:30 p.m.

NOTE NEW TIME!

Perashat Vayera

Perasha:	Genesis	18:1 – 22:24	(Page 63)
Haftarah:	II Kings	4:1 – 37	(Page 76)

Our Perasha this week is filled with many interesting stories. We begin with three angels that appear to Avraham and foretell the birth of Isaac. Upon hearing the news, Sarah laughs to herself. The story of the destruction of Sodom is told. Lot's generosity to the "two visitors" is rewarded and he, his wife, and only two of their children are saved from Sodom. Lot's wife looks back upon the destruction of Sodom and dies, and Lot and his two daughters escape into the mountains. Avraham encounters Abimelech after which Sarah gives birth to Isaac. Ishmael and Hagar are forced out of Avraham's home, and an angel reassures Hagar of Ishmael's destiny. G-d commands Avraham to sacrifice Isaac. This amazing story heralds the end of Avraham and Sarah's era, and the beginning of Isaac and Rivkah's era.

Elisha took over the mantle of prophecy from Eliyahu, and served the Jewish people as their mentor and protector. This week's Haftarah relates two of the miraculous incidents that he performed. The first story is of Ovadya's widow and the pitcher of oil that continued to pour until she had enough oil to pay off all her debts and make a decent living. The second is about Shunamis who was unable to conceive children. After being blessed with a son, the child dies and Elisha performs the miracle of resurrecting the boy's life. In both instances, basic human needs were satisfied through the righteous individual's trust in the prophet and in G-d's providence. This relates to the theme of Vayera, which is trusting G-d beyond the limits of rational and assumed justice.

Calling all OVS Volunteers:

Come create Thanksgiving decorations, share your talents, and offer smiles to the residents of nearby Brighton Gardens (located at 3088 Lenox Road).

Thursday, November 19 ~ 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Please call the OVS office by November 12 to sign up.

Carpooling from OVS available upon request.

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Kassorla

Every **Thursday** at noon in the OVS Library!

Reminder...the new OVS B'nai Mitzvah Prep Program starts Wednesday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Our first topic: "The Significance of Becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah"

MELDADOS

We Remember

Heshvan

20	11/7	Samuel Cohen
21	11/8	Jonas Mitchell
22	11/9	Lewis Benbenisty, Al Pergament
23	11/10	Becky S. Alhadeff, Salomon Aranbayev, Moshe Ilyabayev, Misha Khariv
25	11/12	Marianne Baranan, Sophie Falkenstein, Aziz Kohanshad, Paul Roth
26	11/13	Eliahu Amiel, Mark Habif

You're invited to a Hanukah family celebration honoring our OVS college students.

Friday, December 18

Join us for a special Shabbat Dinner of keftes and rice, vegetables, sufganiot, and special activities for the young and young at heart. Cost: \$12 per adult, \$6 per child. Please reserve by December 7.

Volunteers Needed for Shearith Israel Women's Shelter

OVS will once again be preparing our famous dinners for the ladies

November 16 – 22, 2009

Please contact Deborah Maslia 404-307-1834 or email masliad@yahoo.com to help cook, deliver food or donate toiletries and other goods to the Shelter.

Come join your Or VeShalom family for a uniquely

Chinese Shabbat Ethnic Dinner

and discussion about the rich history of Chinese Jewry.

Friday, November 20 immediately following evening services.

\$13 per adult member, \$16 for non-members, \$8 for children under age 13.

Please pay by check or credit card to the OVS office by November 13.

Your payment is your reservation.

Save The Date – Sunday, December 20

Come join your OVS friends for a hilarious evening with the one and only **Billy Crystal**.

His final Atlanta performance of **700 Sundays** is at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre at 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway.

We will gather at 4:30 near the concierge desk on the main lobby level. Show starts at 5 p.m. Cost: \$60 per person payable by check or credit card.

Book early! All tickets must be reserved by November 19.

Carpooling from OVS may be offered upon request.

PJ Library returns to OVS on **Tuesday, December 15**

for a **Hanukah Party** for 3 – 8 year olds

and a chance to make burekas with the OVS Sisterhood.

Time: 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$5 per person, payable in advance or at the door. To register, contact Allison Feldman at pjlibrary@atlantajcc.org or 678-812-4174.