

### *Refuah Shelema to:*

Rabbi Kassorla, Rabbi Ichay, Sue Wolfe, Aaron Sinkoe

### *Condolences to:*

Alice & Nathan Spielberg, whose son Yohanon Spielberg passed away this week in Israel.

### *Mazal Tov to:*

Lindsay Meyer on her engagement to Benjamin Morrison of Plantation, FL. She is the daughter of Elise & Gary Meyer, and the granddaughter of Lucy & Albert D. Maslia and Barbara Meyer.

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**The OVS office will be closed on Monday, January 2.**

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### **Update on Rabbi Ichay**

Rabbi Ichay is continuing to rest at home. He particularly enjoys reading the cards and notes that have been sent to him. A special note or a greeting card from those who care is truly welcomed. *(It would be a wonderful thing to bombard Rabbi Ichay with a multitude of cards demonstrating the care that everyone has for him!)*

The Caring Bridge page that has been established is a great way to keep up with Rabbi Ichay. The link is viewed regularly, and all notes are being shared with him. You can access the link at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/rabbisrobertichay](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rabbisrobertichay).

Once again – it is imperative that before visiting a call is made to be absolutely sure that the Rabbi is able to accept visitors. All visits *must* be kept to a FIFTEEN MINUTE maximum. The Rabbi's personal physician has requested this for his well-being, as the Rabbi tires very easily and needs frequent rest periods to regain his strength.

Everyone's cooperation in this matter is appreciated – for the sake of optimizing Rabbi Ichay's health and comfort.

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*Mt. Scopus Hadassah and Or VeShalom Sisterhood present*

### **“An Overview of the Georgia Supreme Court”**

with Special Guest Speaker

### **Georgia Supreme Court Justice David Nahmias**

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 ~ 7:30 PM at Congregation Or VeShalom.

*Justice Nahmias will take your questions  
about cases that have come before the Court.*

There is no charge for this event but please RSVP by January 18th to Julia Alvo at 404-679-5754 or [yasudove@gmail.com](mailto:yasudove@gmail.com).

*Spouses and Guests are welcome! Light refreshments will be served.*

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### **Or VeShalom and Atlanta State of Israel Bonds**

invite you to attend the 2011 Tribute Brunch honoring Ruth & Abe Alhadeff.

**Sunday, January 15**

Reception at 10:30 a.m., Brunch at 11:00 a.m. \$36 per person.

RSVP to Brad Young in the Bonds Office at 404-817-3500 by January 7.

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

# CONGREGATION OR VESHALOM

December 31, 2011 – January 6, 2012

5 - 11 Tevet 5772

## *Perashat Vayigash*

Shabbat Shalom!

*Happy New Year!*



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Please leave your cell phone at home.

## Weekly Services

12/31	Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 a.m.
	Mincha	5:00 p.m.
	Arvit	6:00 p.m.
	Havdalah	6:12 p.m.
1/1/12	Sunday Morning	8:30 a.m.
1/2	Monday Morning ( <i>office closed</i> )	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
1/5	Thursday Morning	7:30 a.m.
1/6	Friday Morning	7:30 a.m.
	Shabbat Candle Lighting	5:26 p.m.
	Friday Evening Services	6:30 p.m.

## Shabbat Perashat 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.

## Men's Weekly Minyanim

Come to OVS and participate at morning minyan on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 a.m. and on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Minyanim help build friendships and camaraderie among our members and are one of the foundations of our Kehilah.  
*We need your help to keep it going!*

## MELDADOS

### We Remember

#### Tevet

5	12/31	Zoleikha Farahmandpour, Judy Rubnitz, Matilda Shemaria
6	1/1/12	Morris Baum, Yetta Cohen, Harry Deaner, Beverly Gleichman, Jerome Merlin
7	1/2	Jacob Aaron, Minna Dreyer, Sylvia Rothstein, Rachel Turiel
8	1/3	Rachel Amato Franco, Vida Rahel Franco, Pearl Graetz, Helena Hershberg, Harris Jacobs, Lovie Krugman
10	1/5	Lou Mae Cohen, Rebecca Goldstein Cohen, Morris Greenberg, Sam Penso, Bette Taranto, Nikolai Yakubov
11	1/6	Joseph Bernath

#### Update on Rabbi Kassorla

Rabbi Kassorla underwent another medical procedure this week, which was quite successful. He is doing very well, and will remain in the hospital for the next few days, in order to rest and recuperate.

The Rabbi is in good spirits and looking forward to a healthy 2012!

#### **Sisterhood is cooking on Tuesday, January 3!**

Our weekday workers get a yummy lunch for a buck! (Guests are just \$3.)

Bakers get a chance to win a dozen burekas.

*Want burekas? Want biscoches? It's not too late to place your order!*

*Contact Elise Meyer at [emmeyer1101@gmail.com](mailto:emmeyer1101@gmail.com).*

#### OVS is forming a **Professional Networking Alliance**.

Stay tuned for programming details in early 2012!

For more information or to be added to the distribution list, contact Simone Feldman at [simonef\\_ckdcdbd@comcast.net](mailto:simonef_ckdcdbd@comcast.net) or 404-386-9487.

#### **A Generous Donation for an Outstanding Opportunity**

Adam Maslia, a lifetime OVS member and International Director of Jewish Programming for Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity, recently attended a JFNA meeting and won a raffle prize, which he would like to give to a deserving OVS member. If you are currently a high school junior or senior who is considering attending the **Alexander Muss High School in Israel** program for a 2012 summer session, a \$500 scholarship is available. Adam has this to say: *"I went on the program before my senior year of high school, and can say without a doubt that it is the best long term high school summer program in Israel."* Anyone who is interested in this scholarship can contact Adam at [amaslia@aepi.org](mailto:amaslia@aepi.org) or 404-933-9582.

#### **Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Kassorla will resume in mid-January.**

Please join us at Shabbat Services on Saturday, **January 14** for the **Installation of 2012 OVS Officers**.

*Services will be followed by a celebratory Kiddush hosted by Guy Harari, in honor of all out-going and in-coming Board members.*

*Rabbi Ichay and Blanchette would like to thank everyone for all their good wishes and for everything that has been done for them during the Rabbi's illness. The outpouring of love and concern has been fantastic, and they truly appreciate it.*