

Ohev Sholom - The National Synagogue®

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DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Kislev 5770

6:30 am Daily Minyan. Followed by Talmud Study (Taanit) with Rabbi Herzfeld.
8:30 am Sundays & Legal Holidays

Sunday Minchah and Maariv: 15 minutes before sunset
Maariv Monday -Thursday: 7:30 pm - Followed by a 15-minute class on
the Laws of a Torah Scroll with Rabbi Herzfeld.

Kiddush Lunch every Shabbat. The Shabbat lunch is FREE and OPEN to the entire community. But we do seek sponsors....

Tuesday, December 1

8:00 pm Synagogue Board meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Friday, December 4

4:28 pm Candles
4:35 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 5 - Vayishlach

8:45 am Communal Torah Study.
9:15 am Shacharit. Following services Malka Adatto will teach a class on the Agunah crisis.
4:10 pm Mincha followed by Seudah Shelishit and a talk by Ravit Greenberg on a new pioneering cutting-edge, pluralistic, and environmentally sensitive town called Carmit. Under the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Asher and Rachel Tessler Lopatin, Carmit will be an innovative and diverse community in the northern Negev that will eventually be home to approximately 10,000 people both natives and immigrants.
5:32 pm Shabbat ends

FILL IN A LETTER IN OUR NEW TORAH SCROLL

In addition to the two new Sifrei Torah that our synagogue commissioned, we are now overjoyed to announce that the Silverstone Family has donated their own family Torah to our congregation. Rabbi Gedaliah Silverstone was Rabbi in our congregation in the 1920's. His son, Harry, was Rabbi of Tifereth Israel. The Silverstone Torah survived the Shoah. Come hear the remarkable story of the Silverstone Torah and fill in a letter in one of the Torah scrolls that the shul has acquired.

7:45 pm Lecture by Rabbi Menachem Youlis: The Story of the Silverstone Torah
8:15 pm Fill in a letter in the Torah scroll

All those who want to sponsor and fill in a letter in the Torah scroll need to RSVP with the office. Call 202-882-7225 or email samara.schreiner@gmail.com

There will also be a second opportunity to fill in a letter in our new scroll on Sunday morning, December 20th from 10 am-noon.

Sunday, December 6

9:30 am Bekiut Nach continues. Book of Esther
4:30 pm Minchah/Maariv

Wednesday, December 9

8:00 pm Premiere of *For Making Me a Woman* at the Washington Jewish Film Festival. Located at the DC JCC on 16th and Q

Hadar Galron is a comedian, actress, playwright...and orthodox Jewish woman who writes a feminist religious comedy show...

Following the film there will be a panel discussion with Erica Brown and Rabbi Shmuel Herzfeld.

RABBI HERZFELD WILL BE AT WEDNESDAY BEIT MIDRASH AND WILL TRAVEL TO THE PANEL DISCUSSION AFTER THE BEIT MIDRASH. ALL THOSE WHO WANT A RIDE MAY CONTACT HIM.

Friday, December 11 - 1st Night of Chanukah

4:28 pm Candles

4:35 pm Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat

This Shabbat we will celebrate our Makom Shabbaton with a festive Chanukah meal. All are invited to a communal meal following services where we will sing Chanukah songs. Divrei Torah at the meal will be given by the girls of our congregation. To reserve your place at the meal, email cvaloris@gmail.com. If reservations are made by Tuesday, December 8, the cost is \$15 a person, and kids under 12 eat free. After Tuesday, December 8 at noon, the cost is \$21 for people over the age of 12 and \$10 for children under 12.

Saturday, December 12 - Vayeishev\Chanukah - 2nd Night of Chanukah

8:45 am Communal Torah Study.

9:15 am Shacharit with a Dvar Torah by Jenny Shore

4:10 pm Mincha followed by Seudah Shelishit with a Dvar Torah by a Makom participant.

5:32 pm Shabbat ends

Sunday, December 13 - 3rd Night of Chanukah

9:30 am Bekiut Nach continues. Shir haShirim

11:00 am Join Ohev Sholom, DC Minyan and Tifereth Israel for a childrens' Chanukah celebration featuring a "Rock of Ages Moonbounce," art, song, festive fun, and a pizza lunch! Don't miss this joint party. Meets at Ohev Sholom. Please RSVP to parents@dcminyan.org by Friday Dec 4th so we can be sure to order enough food for all.

4:30 pm Minchah/Maariv

Monday, December 14 - 4th Night of Chanukah

8:00 pm Guest lecture by Dr. Nathan Fox: "Understanding the Anxious Mind." Dr. Fox is a Distinguished University Professor in the Department of Human Development at the University of Maryland. Dr. Fox is also the Director of the Child Development Laboratory where one of his main focus' is infant cognitive and social development. Come hear Dr. Fox discuss anxiety in children and how we, as parents, can understand and help our children manage anxiety

Tuesday, December 15 - 5th Night of Chanukah

7:00 pm Chanukah party with Jewish Foundation for Group Homes. Pizza and dinner will be served. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this festive party. Special musical performance by Godfrey Furchtgott, violin; and Jenny Shore, piano.

Thursday, December 17 - Day 1 Rosh Chodesh Tevet - 7th Night of Chanukah

12:15 pm [Rabbi Herzfeld's Chanukah class for lawyers meets downtown](#) at the law offices of Alston Byrd. Located at 950 F street NW. Lunch will be served. RSVP necessary to rabiherzfeld@yahoo.com

Friday, December 18 - Day 2 Rosh Chodesh Tevet - 8th Night of Chanukah

12:00 pm Rabbi Herzfeld teaches a parsha class on Capitol Hill.
4:30 pm Candles
4:35 pm Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat
The wedding of Aliza Marcus and Andrew Apostolou will be held on Sunday, December 20, 2009. In honor of the bride, we will have the *Almosama* (a traditional Greek pre-wedding party for the bride) on Friday evening. The *Almosama* is generously sponsored by the bride's mother, Lillian McWilliams, and stepfather, Bob McWilliams. The cost is subsidized at \$15 per adult, free for children under 12. To RSVP please email cvaloris@gmail.com

Saturday, December 19 - Miketz – 8th Day of Chanukah

8:45 am Communal Torah Study.
9:15 am Shacharit with a Dvar Torah by Rabbi Shmuel Herzfeld. The communal luncheon will be generously sponsored by Mattityahu Marcus and Aileen Marcus, the bride's father and stepmother.
4:15 pm Mincha followed by Seudah Shelishit with a Dvar Torah by Rabbi Ben Mintz.
5:35 pm Shabbat ends

Sunday, December 20

- 9:30 am **Torah Dedication ceremony:** Gather in front of the home of Lea Freedman, on the corner of 17th and Jonquil as we dedicate our three new Torah scrolls. We will walk with the scrolls from her house to the doors of our synagogue and escort the Sifrei Torah to their new home with great fanfare.
- 10 am-noon Fill in a letter in our new Torah scrolls. RSVP necessary to samara.schreiner@gmail.com. Deluxe brunch will be served; carnival games will be available for kids to play with while they wait their turn!
At noon we will hear a performance from RAK SHALOM, An A Cappella group from the University of Maryland will perform
<http://www.rakshalom.com/>).
- 4:35 pm Minchah/Maariv
- 7:30 pm Book Club meets **to** discuss Dara Horn's "The World to Come". Stanley Marder will be the presenter. The book was published in 2006 and weaves together a number of Jewish themes as it follows the fate of a stolen Marc Chagall painting. A previous work of Ms. Horn's, *In the Image*” was selected as a top ten book in 2002 by several newspapers. "The World to Come" has received high praise by several members of the book club.

Friday, December 25

- 4:33 pm Candlelighting
- 4:40 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 26 - Vayigash

- 8:45 am Communal Torah Study.
- 9:15 am Shacharit with a Dvar Torah by Rabbi Herzfeld
- 4:20 pm Mincha followed by Seudah Shelishit and a Dvar Torah with Rabbi Ben Mintz.
- 5:38 pm Shabbat ends

Sunday, December 27 - Asara B'Tevet

6:14 am	Fast begins
8:30 am	Shacharit
4:20 pm	Mincha/Maariv
5:38 pm	Fast ends

Join us for a Day of Study on the Topic of Jew and Gentile in the Modern World

9:45am -12:30 pm

9:45 -10:35 am

Session 1

Dena Block: Jews in a Gentile World: The Nature of *Hukat Hagoyim*

Dena Block is a second year fellow in Yeshiva University's Graduate Program for Women in Advanced Talmudic Studies (GPATS). In 2009, Dena graduated from Barnard College with a BA in History. She is currently pursuing an MA in Jewish History. Dena is the Scholar-in-Residence at Congregation BIAV in Kansas City and previously served as the intern at the Beth Din of America.

10:40-11:30 am

Session 2

Gilah Kletenik: A Nation Unto Itself?: Jewish Responsibility in a Globalized Age

Gilah Kletenik is a fellow in GPATS and a student in The Bernard Revel Graduate School. She is the Congregational Intern at the Hebrew Institute of White Plains and co-Director of the Eilu ve-Eilu Fellowship at Drisha. She serves on the Speakers' Bureau of Uri L'Tzedek, the Orthodox Social Justice Movement and is a Junior Fellow at the Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization at Cardozo Law School. Gilah graduated from Stern College for Women, where she majored in Political Science. At Yeshiva University she was co-Founder and Director of TEIQU, was a Founding and Managing Editor of *Kol Hamevaser: The Jewish Thought Magazine of the Yeshiva University Student Body* and helped lead The Social Justice Society. She has also published articles in *Sh'ma: A Journal of Jewish Responsibility* and *Conversations: The Journal of the Institute of Jewish Ideas and Ideals*. Gilah has interned on Capitol Hill and at Planned Parenthood Federation of America. She has conducted grant research on the legal, historical and sociological angles of women and Jewish leadership. Gilah has developed a social justice curriculum for the Seattle Hebrew Academy, advocated against human trafficking and recently participated in American Jewish World Service's Rabbinical Students' Delegation to Senegal.

11:35-12:30 am

Session 3

Rebecca Winter: The Jew, the Gentile, and the Convert: Moshe & Yitro

Rebecca spent time learning about Israel at Midreshet Lindenbaum and MATAN, where she also served as the Rosh Beit Midrash for MATAN's overseas summer program for women. She recently spent a year learning at Stern's Graduate program for Advanced Talmudic Studies. Rebecca has taught Tanach and Gemara at various elementary and high schools in both Toronto and New York. Rebecca holds a Bsc. in Psychology and an MA in Neuropsychology both from York University, Toronto and is currently working with Alzheimer patients at the Albert Einstein School of Medicine.

Ongoing Class Schedule

Mondays, 12:30-1:30 pm

Rabbi Herzfeld's Parshah Class for Women

Tuesdays, 8:00 pm

Women's Beit Midrash

Wednesdays, 12:30-1:30 pm

Rabbi Herzfeld's Downtown Class:

Hudson Institute (1015 15th Street, NW, 6th Floor)

Wednesdays 8:00 pm

Beit Midrash Night (with Pizza).

Thursdays, 7:45 pm

Parshah of the Week with Rabbi Herzfeld.

Shabbat Mornings, 8:45 am

Group Torah Study of the Parshah

Shabbat Afternoons, 2:00 pm

Rabbi Herzfeld's Class on Sefer Hachinukh

Sunday Mornings 9:30 am

Talmud for High Schoolers with Steinsaltz

Ambassadors

Sunday Mornings, 9:30 am

Shmoozin' with Shmuel – WMET: 1160 AM

Tefillin Challenge: Come thirty times in sixty days to our morning service and earn your first pair of tefillin for FREE. Estimated value: **priceless!**

Milkshake Challenge: Any child (under 16) that comes to 15 non-Shabbat services (morning or evening) in one month earns a free milkshake with Rabbi Herzfeld.

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