

# Ohev Sholom - The National Synagogue®

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## DECEMBER SCHEDULE

**Kislev 5772**

**6:30 am** Daily Minyan. Followed by Talmud Study (Kiddushin) 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....**

### Friday, December 2

4:28 pm Candles

4:35 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

### Saturday, December 3 - Vayetzei

This Shabbat we welcome Dr. Naftali Moses as our guest teacher. Dr. Moses is the author of two books, *Really Dead* and *Mourning Under Glass*.

*Really Dead* is an academic study of the Israeli brain-death controversy, focusing on the 1986 Chief Rabbinate's decision allowing heart transplants.

*Mourning Under Glass:* On March 6, 2008 Dr. Moses' sixteen-year-old son, Avraham David Moses, was murdered by a terrorist while studying Torah in Yeshivat Merkaz Harav in Jerusalem. This book explores the aftermath of terror and loss while grappling with the tensions between memory and memorial.

8:45 am Communal Torah Study

9:15 am Shacharit with a Dvar Torah from our guest, Dr. Moses about dealing with the aftermaths of a loss from a terrorist attack

4:10 pm Mincha followed by Seudah Shelishit and a talk by Dr. Moses about the medical ethics of brain death

5:31 pm Shabbat ends

### **Sunday, December 4**

- 9:30 am Rabbi Mintz' class continues.  
1:00 pm Rally for Tamar Epstein at 1131 University Boulevard, Silver Spring, MD  
(Rally to convince Aharon Friedman to give her a *get*.)  
4:30 pm Minchah/Maariv

### **Thursday, December 8**

- 8:00 pm The film *Women Unchained* (about Agunot) plays at DC-JCC film festival.  
Rabbi Herzfeld and Barbara Zakheim will speak after the film. (Located at DC- JCC.)

### **Friday, December 9**

- 4:28 pm Candles  
4:35 pm Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat  
5:45 pm Please join us for a delicious, fun, family-friendly dinner in honor of Ohev's newest members of all ages. Free for new members who have joined since January 1, 2011. \$18 per person for everyone else (children under 12 are free). RSVP to [cvaloris@gmail.com](mailto:cvaloris@gmail.com) by Monday, December 5.

### **Saturday, December 10 – Vayishlach**

- 8:45 am Communal Torah Study  
9:15 am Shacharit with a Dvar Torah by Rabbi Herzfeld. Kiddush dessert sponsored by Aliza Marcus in Celebration of Andrew Apostolou's Birthday  
4:10 pm Mincha followed by Seudah Shelishit with a Siyyum and Dvar Torah by Ron Cohen: "Is one protected while doing a mitzvah and the kashrus of cheese."  
5:32 pm Shabbat ends

### **Friday, December 16**

- 4:29 pm Candles  
4:35 pm Minchah (for a Fast Day) & Kabbalat Shabbat

### **Saturday, December 17 - Vayeishev**

This Shabbat we welcome in as a guest teacher, Deena Aranoff.

Deena Aranoff is an assistant professor of medieval Jewish studies at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. Her interests include rabbinic literature, medieval patterns of Jewish thought and the broader question of continuity and change in Jewish history. Deena is also a community educator and teaches Bible, rabbinics, and Jewish mysticism in a variety of adult education programs.

- 8:45 am Communal Torah Study  
9:15 am Shacharit with a Dvar Torah by Deena Aranoff: An Integrated Approach to the Rambam  
4:10 pm Mincha followed by Seudah Shelishit with a Dvar Torah by Deena Aranoff: "Judaism Over Time: A Personal Theology"  
5:32 pm Shabbat ends

### **Sunday December 18**

- 11:00 am Chanukah Festival (co-sponsored by Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy). Featuring Moonbounce, Obstacle Course, Arts and Crafts, Baking and Sufganiyot, Chanukah Trivia and Games, Music and Choir Performances, Cotton Candy and Latkas, Pasta and Salad. And a Magic Show at 12:45 pm with internationally acclaimed magician, Bradley Fields.

### **Tuesday, December 20 - First Night of Chanukah**

- 7:00 pm Chanukah Party with JFGH (Dinner will be served!). Candle lighting ceremony with residents of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes

### **Wednesday, December 21**

- 7:30 pm Special edition of Wednesday Beit Midrash will feature Torah for Chanukah and the foods of Chanukah from different Jewish traditions!

### **Friday, December 23**

- 4:32 pm Candlelighting  
4:35 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

**Saturday, December 24 - Miketz/Chanukah**

**Mazal Tov to Lea Herzfeld on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah**

8:45 am	Communal Torah Study
9:15 am	Shacharit with a Dvar Torah by Rhanni Herzfeld and Lea Herzfeld. Kiddush sponsored by the Herzfeld family in celebration of Lea's Bat Mitzvah
4:10 pm	Mincha followed by Seudah Shelishit and a Siyyum on Seder Moed by Lea Herzfeld
5:35 pm	Shabbat ends

**Monday, December 25 - Rosh Chodesh Tevet - Day 1**

**Tuesday, December 26 - Rosh Chodesh Tevet - Day 2**

**Friday, December 30**

4:36 pm	Candlelighting
4:40 pm	Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

**Saturday, December 31 - Vayigash**

**This Shabbat We Welcome as Guests Rabbi Eli and Naomi Kohl**

8:45 am	Communal Torah Study
9:15 am	Shacharit with a Dvar Torah by Rabbi Kohl, Kiddush sponsored by the Kanter family in honor of the first anniversary of Charles' Bar Mitzvah
4:20 pm	Mincha followed by Seudah Shelishit and a Dvar Torah by Rabbi Kohl
5:40 pm	Shabbat ends

**Ongoing Class Schedule**

<b>Sundays, 9:30 am</b>	Rabbi Mintz' class on the Prophets
<b>Sundays, 9:30 am</b>	Women and Girls Together with Torah led by Viva Hammer
<b>Mondays, 12:30-1:30 pm</b>	Rabbi Herzfeld's Parshah Class for Women
<b>Mondays, 9:00 pm</b>	Study Talmud Bava Metzia with Baruch Weiss
<b>Wednesdays, 12:30-1:30 pm</b>	Rabbi Herzfeld's Downtown Class: Hudson Institute (1015 15th Street, NW, 6th Floor)
<b>Wednesdays, 7:30 pm</b>	Beit Midrash Night (with dinner)
<b>Thursdays, 7:30 pm</b>	Talmud Taanit with Rabbi Herzfeld.
<b>Shabbat Mornings, 8:45 am</b>	Group Torah Study of the Parshah
<b>Shabbat Afternoons, 2:00 pm</b>	Rabbi Herzfeld's Class on Maimonides

**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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