

A NOTE FROM

Rabbi Herzfeld and Maharat Friedman



The High Holidays are a special gift to us.

Every year we have the opportunity to pause the chaos of our everyday lives and reflect on where we have been, and where we are going.

By giving us the opportunity to do this every year, Judaism reminds us that we should always strive to grow spiritually. We hope that Ohev Sholom can play a role in supporting your spiritual growth in 5777. Everyone is always welcome in our shul!

Please read this brochure carefully and enjoy all of the programs and classes that Ohev has to offer this coming year.

Join us for Torah study, services, and our exciting programs for the young and young at heart. We encourage you to frequently check our website, social media and weekly emails for additional information.

Wishing you a sweet New Year,

Shmuel and Ruth

Join us!

Reservation Form & More Online at www.ostns.org/highholidays

Prefer paper forms? Call us at (202) 882-7225 or email info@ostns.org

High Holiday Appeal 5777!



Please make a meaningful contribution and help us reach our goal of 100% participation.

Learn more online: ostns.org/appeal



5 Minute Daf Podcast

Invigorate your day with a page of Talmud!

Rabbi Shmuel Herzfeld provides commentary and insight into today's Daf. Check out the podcast on iTunes and Podbean, or dial (701) 719-9812 to listen from your phone.

An Extra Seat

Now Available!

A children's book by Rabbi Shmuel Herzfeld. A story about two young activists who fight for Soviet Jewry.



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Elul Programs & Classes

Elul is the Hebrew month leading up to Rosh Hashanah. It is a month where we pause to examine our lives, and work to become the best version of ourselves. Please join us for a series of classes and events to prepare our minds and souls for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. **The first day of Elul is Sunday, September 4.**

For a list of ongoing classes, please visit ostns.org/classes.

Elul Study with Rabbi Herzfeld

DAILY | 30 MINUTES BEFORE MINCHA

For the month of Elul, Rabbi Herzfeld will lead a study of the Rambam's Laws of Repentance.

High Holidays

Prayer Service Crash Course

**READING SKILLS | IMMEDIATELY AFTER MINCHA
TUESDAYS SEPTEMBER 6, 13, AND 20**

Judah Eisenman will teach a three session series on the High Holiday prayer service. The class will focus on helping students get comfortable with reading some of the main prayers for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Annual Cemetery Trip

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 18 | 10AM

Visit to our synagogue's cemetery with services led by Rabbi Herzfeld. Transportation available with reservation.

Elul Lecture with Leon Kass

"The Akedah: Final Examination for A Founding Father"

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 21 | 7:15PM

DINNER WILL BE SERVED

The lecture will offer a close reading and interpretation of the story of the binding of Yitzhak, with special attention to its implications for the meaning of fatherhood and the relation between the generations. It will also explore the question of whether Avraham passes his test.

Understanding the Structure and Content of the Service

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 28 | 7:30PM

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 6 | 7:30PM

Please join us for two-part series led by Aliza Sperling and Josh Milner (our High Holidays chazan) on understanding the structure and content of the High Holidays services.

Rabbi Herzfeld's Downtown Class

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 28 | 12:15PM

Meets in the law offices of Rothwell, Figg, Ernst, and Manbeck. Lunch is served. **RSVP required to RabbiShmuel@ostns.org**

Spiritual Pre-Selichot Warmup and Selichot Prayers

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 24 | 10:30PM

Dinner and a pre-selichot kumsitz led by the Lev Shlomo Yeshiva. Josh Milner will lead Selichot at 11:30pm.



Visit
Rabbi Herzfeld
and
Maharat Friedman
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Seat & Meal Reservations

See last page for High Holiday service schedule!

Our rabbis teach us that we honor God by praying together in a group. Every individual brings his and her own unique talents to communal prayer, and the mixture of different voices is what makes communal prayer so special. We would be honored if you would join us for the High Holiday services and help enhance our prayer!

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Seats

Seat reservations and more:
ostns.org/highholidays
or call (202) 882-7225

NEW IN 5777

High Holiday seats are now included in most membership plans.* Our dues cycle runs January-December.

To check your status or to become a member, contact sarah.shapiro@ostns.org.

\$165/adult for Non-Members and Guests

\$110/Under 30 Members and Associate Members

\$30/High School & College Students

*It is very important to us that everyone who wants to attend services is able to do so. Rabbi Herzfeld and Maharat Friedman can provide **free seats** to those who can't afford tickets. Stop by anytime, no questions asked!*

Communal Meals:

**Rosh Hashanah • Sunday, October 3
Monday, October 4**

Join us for communal dinners on both nights of Rosh Hashanah sponsored by the congregation! **Reserve your space by 9/16.** After that the meals are \$18/adult and \$12/child. Register online or call our administrative office at (202) 882-7225.

Sukkot • Sunday, October 16th

First Night of Sukkot including communal meal with Rabbi Herzfeld. Check out our website for service times and to sign up and pay for the dinner!

Shop our Sukkah Store

Lulav and Etrog Set \$40 per set if purchased by 9/16 (\$50 thereafter). To order additional items such as schach or sukkah kits, contact info@ostns.org.

To place an order call (202) 882-7225 or online at ostns.org/highholidays

Sukkot and Simchat Torah Highlights:

Check out our website for details!

**Wednesday, October 19 –
Friday, October 21 Downtown Sukkah**

Stop by our sukkah in Farragut Square from 12-1pm for pizza and a chance to wave the lulav and etrog!

Monday, October 24 Simchat Torah

Celebrate with us as we complete the Torah! Men and women dance separately with the Torah into the late evening. Followed by a free communal dinner.

High Holiday Wine Sale

ostns.org/wine

Stock up on wine for the holidays and support Ohev Sholom. Orders must be placed by September 9.

Special Youth Activities

Shorashim Torah Enrichment Program

IN MEMORY OF SHELTON BINSTOCK

Promoting love and ownership of Torah, shul and community. It's like Camp Kibbutz all year long! Join Lisa Redisch, Rabbi Shmuel, Maharat Ruth and our energetic Shorashim staff on Thursday afternoons as we strengthen our children's knowledge and connection with Jewish learning in a fun and engaging environment. Be a part of our after-school enrichment program, now in its 6th year.

10 Thursdays, 3:45-5:15 pm

Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29 - High Holiday Prep Sessions
Nov. 3, 10, 17; Dec. 1, 8, 15 Shorashim will not meet in October

Fee: \$150 Ages: Pre-K through 4th grade

For more information or to register for this exciting program, please visit ostns.org/shorashim

High Holiday Youth & Family Kickoff Event

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 25 | 2-4 PM

Skate into the New Year with Ohev Sholom! Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of socializing, skating and sukkah decoration creating. Meet Lisa Redisch, our new Director of Youth and Family Programs, and find out what's in store for 5777.

Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Babysitting

Babysitting will be available on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for ages 4 & under for \$25/child per day. **Online pre-registration required by 9/16.**

Rosh Hashanah Day 1:

Monday, October 3, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah Day 2:

Tuesday, October 4, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

Kol Nidre: Tuesday, October 11, 6:45 pm - 9 pm

Yom Kippur: Wednesday, October 12, 8:30 am - 2 pm, 5:45 - 7:30 pm



**NEW IN
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The Rosh Hashanah Experience



For Pre-K-5th grade. Pre-registration requested.

Monday, October 3, 10:30 am - end of services

Tuesday, October 4, 10:30 am - end of services

Explore Tefillah, Teshuva and Tzedakah in new and exciting ways. Join Lisa Redisch, Director of Youth & Family Programs, and Michelle Kerbel, Director of Camp Kibbutz, for an interactive Rosh Hashanah morning program. This is a drop-off program.

Yom Kippur Camp

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 12 | 12-4 PM

For Kindergarten-4th grade
\$30/child, **pre-registration required**

Elementary school kids are invited to experience Yom Kippur in a new way. Led by Michelle Kerbel, Director of Camp Kibbutz, participants will spend the day engaging in a variety of activities to add meaning and significance to the Day of Atonement. This is a drop-off program.

Hal Brodsky Memorial Sukkah Hop

TUESDAY | OCTOBER 19 | 4 PM

A 'hopping we will go! Join us on a Sukkot journey through Shepherd Park filled with games, songs, food and fun.

Email youth@ostns.org for schedule.





FOCUS ON: Israel

2016/2017 PROGRAM SERIES

Meet Israeli thought leaders and explore cutting edge areas of Israeli life and culture.

Over the course of the year we will host several events that will focus on the rich dimensions of Israeli life, such as culture, Torah study, and cuisine.

Through innovative programs for adults and children, Focus On: Israel will help enrich our understanding of the vibrancy of life in Israel.

Visit ostns.org/israel for details!



FOCUS ON: Science and Technology **SHABBAT | OCTOBER 28-29**

Yossi Abramowitz, President and CEO of Energiya Global Capital and co-founder of the Arava Power Company, tells us about his work in this field in Israel and the current state of science and technology development in Israel.



FOCUS ON: Cuisine **SUNDAY | DECEMBER 18**

Chef Einat Admony of Taim Restaurant and the Balaboosta Cookbook joins us for a special Chanukah event, including a latke master class!



FOCUS ON: Culture and Media **SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 4**

Please join us for an evening of wine, cheese, and an insider's look at original television programming in Israel. We welcome Hedva Goldschmidt, founder Israeli media distributor Go2Films, the company responsible for such hits as Srugim and Shtissel!



FOCUS ON: Building Relationships **TUESDAY | MARCH 28**

As the Israeli-Palestinian conflict deepens, a growing movement of grassroots activists is continuing to build support for peace among both populations. Join us for an honest and inspiring evening with leaders from the field, who will speak to the successes and challenges they face in their communities.



FOCUS ON: Celebrating Independence **MONDAY | MAY 1**

Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut with a BBQ and concert featuring live Israeli music.



Ohev Sholom's Mikvah Chaim

In Judaism, water is a symbol of life. The mikvah, a symbol of transformation and renewal.

Individuals come to the living waters at times of change in their lives or to commemorate a special occasion. The mikvah offers a unique physical connection to God as well as a spiritual opportunity for reflection and prayer.

Our mikvah staff is held to the highest standards of service, sensitivity, and respect for our patrons, working with you to create the spiritual environment and immersive experience you desire.

Please visit our website mikvahchaim.org for more information and to make an appointment.

Mikvah Chaim is an inclusive, kosher mikvah that welcomes anyone wishing to immerse for any purpose, such as:

- *immersions by bride and groom*
- *conversions*
- *monthly niddah immersion*
- *transitions*
- *spiritual preparation*
- *personal milestones*

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Ohev Young Professionals' Programming

Ohev Young Professionals' (OYP) programming is targeted towards working professionals under the age of 35 in the Greater Washington area.

ostns.org/oyp

OYP Happy Hour

**TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 13
6-8 PM**

Want to get to know the people you'll be sitting next to in shul for half of October?

Come meet and mingle with your fellow Ohev Young Professionals at a Happy Hour at Denizen's! Tickets are \$18, which covers two drinks, tip, and a donation to a local charity. Contact Alissa Gold at alissagold@gmail.com with any questions!



OYP pre-Rosh Hashanah Apple Picking

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 18 | 2:30-5 PM

Get ready for a sweet new year with a pre-Rosh Hashanah trip to the apple farm! Join OYP for a trip to Homestead Farm in Poolesville, Maryland

OYP Friday night dinner in the Sukkah

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 21

Join Maharat Ruth and the OYP community for Shabbat Chol Hamoed dinner in the Ohev sukkah. The meal is \$12 per person if you reserve by 10/13, and \$15 after.

Every Gift Matters

Nearly two-thirds of our \$1.5 million annual operating budget comes from your generous donations.

We need your support.

Here are just a few of the ways you can support Ohev Sholom:

Become a Member

Join an Annual Giving Plan

Give to the High Holiday Appeal

**In Honor Of/
In Memory Of Donations**

Kiddush & Meal Sponsorship

Annual Gala Celebration

Semi-Annual Wine Sale

Car Donations

Volunteer

...and more

ostns.org/support

High Holiday Services Schedule 5777

Sunday, October 2

First Night of Rosh Hashanah

6:30 pm: Candle Lighting & Mincha/Maariv, followed by communal dinner*

5:55 pm: Neilah

7:15 pm: Fast ends followed by breakfast

Monday, October 3

First Day of Rosh Hashanah

8:30 am: Shacharit
11:00 am: Dvar Torah by Rabbi Herzfeld followed by Shofar Blowing

5:45 pm: Mincha

6:00 pm: Tashlikh

6:45 pm: Maariv, followed by communal dinner*

7:29 pm: Candle Lighting

Sunday, October 16

First Night of Sukkot

6:10 pm: Candle Lighting & Mincha/Maariv followed by communal dinner in the sukkah*

Monday, October 17

First Day of Sukkot

9:15 am: Shacharit

6:10 pm: Mincha/Maariv

7:08 pm: Candle Lighting

Tuesday, October 4

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

8:30 am: Shacharit
11:00 am: Dvar Torah by Maharat Friedman followed by Shofar Blowing

6:30 pm: Mincha/Maariv

7:27 pm: Yomtov ends

Tuesday, October 18

Second Day of Sukkot

9:15 am: Shacharit

6:10 pm: Mincha/Maariv

7:07 pm: Yomtov ends

Saturday, October 22

Shabbat Chol HaMoed

9:00 am: Shacharit with

reading of Kohelet

Saturday October 8

6:00 pm:

Shabbat Shuva Discourse

On the Sabbath of Repentance, Rabbi Herzfeld will discuss "Repentance Lessons from the Talmud."

Sunday, October 23

Hoshanah Rabbah

7:30 am: Shacharit with musical accompaniment from Chaim Fruchter

6:00 pm: Mincha/Maariv

6:01 pm: Candle Lighting

Tuesday, October 11

Erev Yom Kippur

The Men's Mikvah will be open on Erev Yom Kippur from 6:00 am through 3:00 pm

3:00 pm: Mincha

6:17 pm: Candle Lighting

6:15 pm: Kol Nidre

Monday, October 24

Shemini Atzeret

9:15 am: Shacharit and Yizkor with a Dvar Torah by Maharat Friedman

6:00 pm: Mincha followed by Simchat Torah services, including communal dinner

Wednesday, October 12

Yom Kippur Day

8:30 am: Shacharit

11:00 am: Dvar Torah by Maharat Friedman followed by Yizkor

2:15 pm: Torah classes from Maharat Friedman and Rabbi Herzfeld

3:30 pm: Alternative Service

4:40 pm: Mincha followed by Dvar Torah from Rabbi Herzfeld

Tuesday, October 25

Simchat Torah

9:15 am: Shacharit with Torah Dancing

6:57 pm: Yomtov ends

* reservation required

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