

Adat Chaim News January 2021

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President's Message

Jerry Newman

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The Board and I continue to work on priorities and goals to ensure that Adat Chaim is a thriving community. All Shabbat and holiday services along with regular study sessions will continue to be offered via a Zoom platform in order to continue to follow the guidelines and protocols set forth by the State of Maryland, Baltimore County, CDC and health experts. We are setting into motion both short-term and long-range plans. The Board has made the decision to maintain our current Membership dues structure, with no increases for 2021. Your Membership Application and Personal Information sheet will arrive shortly via email (see more information on page 5 under *Membership Matters*). A new Membership packet and marketing plan is being developed to help us increase our membership this year.

Here are some of the other items that we are working on:

- A draft budget has been prepared by our Treasurer for review and approval. This is an important step in understanding our finances. It is clear that we need to make some necessary changes, which may include finding a new location in the Owings Mills/Reisterstown area to decrease our rental expenses and moving things into storage for the short-term.
- We are putting the finishing touches on a proposal to secure a part-time rabbi.
- The Board has approved the schedule of services and study sessions presented by the Ritual Committee. The schedule is set through December 2021.
- The Membership Committee continues to make calls to current and past members each week. They completed the survey sent to the congregation and reported the results.
- Fundraising efforts during COVID have been challenging. We will, however, be having our first shredding event on **April 11, 2021 from Noon – 2PM**. It will be held at [Franklin High School](#). We need your help in advertising this event to friends, neighbors, and family members in order to make this a big success.
- We would also like to thank the Sisterhood for their ongoing support. They continue to provide programs and events throughout the year. The Sisterhood Board has provided the necessary funding from January through June for our Website and Zoom account fees. Todah Rabbah and Thanks!

In order to accomplish our goals, provide services and other educational opportunities, we continue to need the financial support of the congregation and greater community. We rely on you, our members, with your continued membership in Adat Chaim and your financial commitment throughout the year. We look forward to Adat Chaim's growth and success in 2021 and beyond.

Sandy and I want to wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Shalom,
Jerry



We Are Here For You

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Office Volunteers The shul office is closed until further notice

Office volunteers may on occasion be in the office, however, they do not have a regular schedule. Both the synagogue email account and phone messages on the answering machine are monitored regularly. When you get the answering machine, please leave a message and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

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Remember the synagogue is supported through the *Amazon Smiles program*. Log on to our website: www.adatchaim.com and choose the link: **Shop Adat Chaim**. Sign in and choose Adat Chaim as your charity of choice. You only have to do this the first time you log onto 'smile' amazon. It is a great way to shop and support Adat Chaim at the same time.

Ritual

The Ritual Committee
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Hindsight, Foresight, and *Sh'giot*/ שְׂגִיאוֹת

Hindsight-We have come through another December and eight days and nights of Hanukkah. We have had the opportunity to light candles, sing blessings and songs, play a game of dreidel or two, and enjoy the smell and taste of onions and potatoes frying up for latkes. Sounds like a normal Hanukkah, doesn't it? In many ways this Hanukkah was like the ones preceding it and yet, very different. Many of our usual opportunities to come together for the holiday were assisted by Zoom or Google Meet Up. This has become our "new normal." And how long will this "new normal" last? Again, we can't predict. Looking at newsletters from spring 2020, we thought that each month would be the one time we could not gather together in person. We even had plans for how to change some of our rituals when we did come back together in person. Little did we know that even those plans would not be sufficient to protect us from the spread of this devastating virus.

Foresight-Although we were hopeful that Zoom Services and Study Sessions would keep our "regulars" involved, we could not have predicted how many people it would draw. Most synagogue attendance constitutes 10% of total membership. At that rate a small congregation has little hope of gathering a *minyan* (quorum/minimum number of 10 Jews needed in order to recite certain prayers in the service). We are extremely fortunate and grateful for the consistent attendance of members and friends who show up every Shabbat. One of the benefits of Zoom is reducing/eliminating travel time and distance. We are joined by folks in the area as well as those in Howard County, Kent Island, and Canada!

שְׂגִיאוֹת/Sh'giot- Mistakes (in Hebrew) Last month we included a page listing Services, Study Sessions, and observances through 2021. Unfortunately, we made two errors in dates that, initially, neither members of the Ritual Committee nor the Board noticed. The updated listing is included in this newsletter. Fortunately, the dates in error are in July and August so there is enough time to plan ahead. If you saved the previous page, please replace it with the current one.

And, speaking of corrections, the following received prizes for being the first to either spot and report Ritual Committee errors or to correctly answer questions that came up during Shabbat: Susan Ansel, Linda Boteach, Marcie Levenstein, Cindy Perlow, Lynn Ruddle.

In closing, we share the following adapted from A Shabbat Prayer for Healing During the Era of Coronavirus by Rabbi Leah Doberne-Schor

"Adonai, help us to find the inner strength to be patient when our nerves are tested.
Be our Still Waters when we are surrounded by fear and uncertainty. Be our Shelter.
Guide our steps and keep us safe. Help us to feel Your presence in these times of change."

On behalf of the Ritual Committee: *Adrienne Frager, Arnie Blaustein, Esther Miller, Janet Korba, Rabbi Larry Pinsker, Marcie Levenstein, Norman Ament*

Shabbat and “Holiday” Schedule on Zoom Platform for calendar year 2021

Unless otherwise indicated all dates are for Saturday mornings*

January 2021

1/2-Service; 1/9-Study; 1/16-Service-Sisterhood Shabbat; 1/23-Study; 1/29-Friday-Kabbalat Shabbat

February 2021

2/6-Study; 2/13-Service; 2/20-Study; 2/25 Thursday-Erev Purim; 2/27-Service

March 2021

3/6-Study; 3/13-Service; 3/20-Study; 3/26- Friday-Kabbalat Shabbat

April 2021

4/3-Study/ 7th Day Pesach; 4/10-Service; 4/17-Study; 4/23-Friday-Kabbalat Shabbat

May 2021

**5/1-Study; 5/8-Service; 5/15-Study; 5/16-Sunday evening-Shavuot Tikkun; 5/22-Service;
5/28-Friday-Kabbalat Shabbat**

June 2021

6/5-Study; 6/12-Service; 6/19-Study; 6/25-Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

July 2021

**7/3- Study; 7/10-Service; 7/17-Saturday evening Study-Tish B’Av; 7/23-Kabbalat Shabbat;
7/31-Service**

August 2021

8/7-Study; 8/14-Service; 8/21-Study; 8/28-Saturday evening-Selichot

September 2021

**9/4-Study; 9/6-Monday evening-Erev Rosh Hashanah; 9/7-Tuesday morning-Day 1-Rosh Hashanah; 9/8-
Wednesday morning-Day 2-Rosh Hashanah; 9/11-Service; 9/15-Wednesday evening-Erev Yom Kippur;
9/16-Thursday morning-Yom Kippur; 9/18-Study; 9/24- Kabbalat Shabbat; Tuesday evening- Shemini
Atzeret/Simchat Torah or 9/29- Wednesday morning-Simchat Torah**

October 2021

10/2-Study; 10/9-Service; 10/16-Study; 10/23-Service; 10/29-Friday evening-Kabbalat Shabbat

November 2021

11/6-Study; 11/13-Service; 11/20-Study; 11/26-Friday evening-Kabbalat Shabbat

December 2021

12/4-Study; 12/11-Service; 12/18-Study; 12/24-Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat

***Please refer to the Newsletter, Website and Zoom invitations for times of services.**



Cathy Litofsky, Membership Chair
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The Membership Committee is busy checking in on our members and their families. We know that our weekly calls and outreach have been a welcome conversation. We appreciate George Korba for his messages and updates sent out to the Adat Chaim family and community. We are thankful for the hard work of the Ritual Committee, led by Esther Miller, in providing a schedule of Shabbat services and study sessions each month. We are so grateful for Rabbi Pinsker, who continues to teach us through study sessions each month and articles and book suggestions to keep us engaged in learning and spiritual growth.

So where do go from here? You will be receiving your Membership Application and Personal Information forms via email by the end of the first week of January.

- The Membership Application is our annual notification of Membership fees and provides your intent in renewing your membership each year with your payment plan selected. This will provide a basis for our budget and the foundation for our monthly income and expenses. Please mail it back to the synagogue as soon as possible.
- The Personal Information form needs to be reviewed, updated by our members and returned so that we can file it in the synagogue. It contains vital information so that we may provide services, celebrate simchas and update our database. The **form along with** any updates, changes or additional information that you think is relevant should be emailed directly to acmembership18@gmail.com. Thank you for your attention and quick response to this request.



Tzedakah - Thank you to the following members and friends of the Adat Chaim Family who have graciously made donations to Adat Chaim since our last newsletter.

General Synagogue Fund

Linda and David Boteach
Janet and George Korba
Esther Miller and Rabbi Larry Pinsker
Fred Rosen
Harvey Zilber

Rabbinic Support Fund:

Marcie Levenstein
Cathy and Irv Litofsky – In Appreciation for Rabbi Pinsker’s Guidance

In Memory of David Levenstein

Linda and David Boteach
Shari and Larry Cooper
Adrienne Frager
Marly and Nathan Goloskov
Esther Miller and Rabbi Larry Pinsker
Harvey Zilber

Simchas and Celebrations

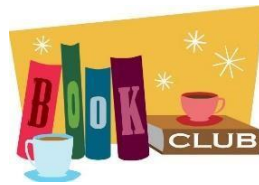


Lynn Ruddle January 25th



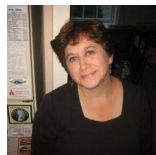
Jerry and Sandy Newman January 6th

Book Club



Please join us January 25th at 7:30 pm as we discuss the book **The Lost Girls of Paris** by Pam Jenoff. For more information, please email Linda Boteach at linda.boteach@gmail.com

The Editor's View



This year was not pleasant in many ways. When astrologer, Jaime Wright was asked if 2021 will be better, she said yes, it will be a *cosmic reset button!* "It's an aspect that happens every 35 to 40 years and usually coincides with upheaval on a global level. The last one was in 1981/1982, which lines up with the initial AIDS outbreak, and there was also one in 1917, at the time of the Spanish Flu." I remember hearing Shirley MacLaine years ago, say 2020 will be a terrible year, it will have something to do with the Earth realigning.

This editor's view believes the Earth and all its inhabitants had to take a step back and review their life and the responses they use for others. It's a time for a do over. Let's make 2021 a year for kindness, understanding and happiness. Let's pray this vaccine does its job and we can return to normalcy.

Wendy



Yahrzeits

The families and friends listed below will be observing Yahrzeit and need to say Kaddish during the month. To schedule a minyan service on a date other than Shabbat, contact Esther Miller at acritualcommittee@gmail.com

Candles should be lit at sundown the night before.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Yahrzeit of:</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
January 1	Alvin Fort	Brother of Stephen Fort
January 5	Solomon Gold	Father of Maxine Rosenthal Father-in-Law of Helen Gold Grandfather of Carol Rosenthal Grandfather of Mark Rosenthal
January 7	Rita Mae Schmier	Aunt of Sandy Newman
January 11	Albert Goodman	Father of Susan Ansel
January 16	Edwin Rubin	Father of Marcie Levenstein
January 17	Rose Goodman	Mother of Susan Ansel
January 19	Reba Ansel	Mother of Les Ansel
January 19	Ben Friedheim	Father of Tina Asher
January 19	Katherine Friedmann	Mother of Donald Friedmann
January 22	Elaine Guralnick	Mother of Wendy Raith
January 23	Sydele Newman	Mother of Jerry Newman
January 24	Bella Koffman	Grandmother of Cathy Litofsky
January 24	Michael Levinson	Father of Joanie Posner
January 27	Tyler Ruddle	Father of Jaime Reilly Father of Elliot Ruddle
January 30	Fanny Litofsky	Husband of Lynn Ruddle Mother of Irv Litofsky

Sisterhood

Tina Asher, President

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The Adat Chaim Sisterhood came together on the 7th night of Chanukah for a special candle lighting and program. The group was treated to a history lesson of the Jewish People of Uganda. They took a tour of the Abayudaya community and heard from Rabbi Gershon Sizomu, a 2008 graduate of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the American University in Los Angeles. It was in 2019 that the Abayudaya community celebrated its 100th anniversary. With the support of groups like globaljews.org, Kulanu.org and others, the Jewish communities are growing in Uganda. Read about them and how you can help. For further information contact our Sisterhood at: acsisterhood18@aol.com.



Thank you to the following Sisterhood members who made donations to the Sisterhood: Susan Ansel, Linda Boteach, Adrienne Frager, Janet Korba, Charlotte Levin, Cathy Litofsky, and Bernice Packman.

- **Sisterhood Shabbat** is just around the corner. The date of the service is **Saturday, January 16, 2021**. It will be on Zoom beginning at **10AM**. Kiddush boxes will be provided by the Sisterhood for pick up at the synagogue on **Friday, January 15th between 1 and 3PM**. Please RSVP and let us know how many Kiddush boxes you need by Monday January 11th. Calls are being made by the Sisterhood Shabbat Committee to engage our members and congregation to participate in the service. Please take the call and volunteer!
- **On February 10, 2021**, join Sisterhood for a program titled: **Scrap Yard: Innovators for Recycling**. It is presented by the Jewish Museum of Maryland. This one-hour program will be a inside look at recycling and environmental education. This will be held via Zoom and a reservation is required. An **RSVP is required by February 1st** so that we can send you the link.
- **Jews in Space**, a virtual program will be presented on **March 10, 2021**. This program will wow you as we learn about some Jewish astronauts and take a look at the universe and our fascination with space. A guest speaker will be an added bonus! An **RSVP is required by March 1st** so that we can send you the link.
- **Seaboard Region's Spring Conference** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 23, 2020 via Zoom**. This will include a service, speaker and installation of the new Region Board. The theme for the conference is: **Hazak v'Amatz** (Be Strong and Have Courage). A great theme as we get ready for a new fiscal year and Torah Fund campaign.
- And speaking of **Torah Fund**, we are encouraging all donations to Torah Fund be done on line since this is the fastest and easiest way to have them recorded. To date, we have reached 66% of our Sisterhood's goal. This is great news! Here is a **Secure Torah Fund Link** to make your donation if you want to do so before the end of December for tax purposes. A Torah Fund pin with the B'Yachad theme will be given for a donation of at least \$180. Of course, any amount is greatly appreciated.

B'Shalom,
Tina

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Candle Lighting 4:34 pm New Year's Day	2 Shabbat Service 10 am Zoom Vayechi
3	4 Ritual Committee 7 pm Zoom	5	6 Sisterhood Board Meeting 7 pm Zoom	7	8  Candle Lighting 4:40 pm	9 Shabbat Study Session 10 am Zoom Shemot
10	11	12	13	14 Rosh Chodesh Shevat	15  Candle Lighting 4:47 pm Pick up Kiddush Box 1-3 pm shul	16 Sisterhood Shabbat Service 10 am Zoom Vaera
17	18	19	20	21 Shul Board Meeting 7 pm Zoom	22  Candle Lighting 4:55 pm	23 Shabbat Study Session 10 am Zoom Bo
24	25 Book Club <i>The Lost Girls of Paris</i> 7:30pm Zoom	26	27	28 Tu B'Shevat	29  Candle Lighting 5:03 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7 pm Zoom	30 Beshalach
31	<p>January 16th: Please join us for the Sisterhood Shabbat Service 10 am on Zoom</p> <p>Looking Ahead:</p> <p><u>February 10th</u>: Join us for <i>Scrap Yard: Innovators for Recycling</i> 7 pm on Zoom</p> <p><u>February 25th</u>: Join us for <i>Purim Silly Service and other Meshugas</i> 7 pm on Zoom</p>					

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Ritual Committee 7 pm Zoom	2	3 Sisterhood Board Meeting 7 pm Zoom	4	5  Candle Lighting 5:10 pm	6 Shabbat Study Session 10am Zoom Yitro
7	8	9	10 Program Scrap Yard: Innovators for Recycling Presented by: Jewish Museum of MD 7 pm Zoom	11	12  Candle Lighting 5:18 pm Rosh Chodesh Adar	13 Shabbat Service 10am Zoom Rosh Chodesh Adar Mishpatim
14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18 Shul Board Meeting 7 pm Zoom	19  Candle Lighting 5:26 pm	20 Shabbat Study Session 10am Zoom Terumah
21	22	23	24	25 Erev Purim Service 7 pm Zoom	26  Candle Lighting 5:34 pm Purim	27 Shabbat Service 10am Zoom Tetzaveh
28 Shushan Purim	<p>February 25th: Join us for Purim Silly Service and other Meshugas 7 pm on Zoom</p> <p>Looking Ahead: <u>March 10th: Jews in Space: Members of the Tribe in Orbit Program</u> 7 pm on Zoom</p>					