

Adat Chaim News November 2020

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President's Message

Jerry Newman
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I want to thank Rabbi Larry Pinsker, Rabbi Joanne Heiligman, Cantor Sharon Mills, Norman Ament, Sonia Rutstein, and the ritual committee for providing us with a very meaningful service for the High Holidays. Everything went very smoothly and we received a lot of positive feedback.

Now that the High Holidays are over, this is the time for us to move forward with some exciting things. We are currently in negotiations to provide the congregation with more learning sessions and continue to provide Shabbat services because of your generous contributions made during the match of funds. We obtained over \$15,000 for this purpose. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who made a donation and especially the anonymous donor who matched the funds collected. This has shown us the commitment our members have to allow us to move forward and be able to provide opportunities to learn during the year. This will enable us to stay together as, a community, through Zoom. We are looking into having guest speakers online, along with the possibility of having a class to learn Hebrew, a shredding event for paper and electronics in the spring, and having a comedy night online in spring/summer.

I am looking forward to all of the exciting events we are planning to do and being able to stay connected with everyone.

Continue to stay safe and healthy.

Shalom,

Jerry

The FYI

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When you get the answering machine, please leave a message and someone will return your call as soon as possible. Messages are being retrieved on a regular basis.

Remember the synagogue is supported through the *Amazon Smiles program*. Log on to 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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As this is being written we have just started a new month in the Jewish calendar, the month of *Cheshvan*. *Cheshvan* is also referred to as *Marcheshvan*. One explanation for this is that *mar* means bitter (as in *maror*/bitter herbs that we eat on Pesach) and that *Cheshvan* is a month which contains no holidays. This creates a stark contrast to the past month, *Tishrei*, which is full of holidays. Holidays are wonderful and also a bit exhausting. We plan to take time this month to consider what we can offer and what we might add in the way of study and services.

The Ritual Committee does not work in a vacuum. We have received feedback from members and guests. We are also working on obtaining feedback from all who have been attending study sessions and services. Overall comments have been positive and supportive of our efforts along with suggestions for expanding offerings.

Suggestions we have received include: adding musical instruments to our service repertoire; reviving Kabbalat Shabbat services; offering programs to improve Hebrew sight reading and literacy; service leading and service participation skills; specifically themed Shabbat services; opportunities for members to share their own Jewish journeys.

It is essential that what we do as a synagogue community enriches our lives and opens up opportunities for all to learn and actively participate in the fabric of Jewish life. We look forward to a year that allows us to live up to the name Adat Chaim/The Congregation of Life, a living, breathing, functioning Jewish community.

Livracha, L'chaim/For Blessing, For Life,
On behalf of the Ritual Committee: Adrienne Frager, Arnold Blaustein, Esther Miller,
Janet Korba, Rabbi Larry Pinsker, Marcie Levenstein, and Norman Ament

*"Hebrew word for "charity" tzedakah, simply means "justice" and as this suggests, for Jews, giving to the poor is no optional extra but an essential part of living a just life."
Peter Singer*

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.

For General Synagogue Fund

Adrienne Frager – In Honor of the birth of her grandson, Grant Michael Penn
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Janet and George Korba – In honor of the births of Grant Michael Penn and Matan Yehuda Salomon
Cathy & Irv Litofsky – In Honor of the birth of Grant Michael and Matan Yehuda Saloman
Al Mendelsohn
Helen Reiser
Randi and Marc Shapiro - In Honor of Rabbi Heiligman

For the Yahrzeit of Lilian Korba

Janet & George Korba

For the Yahrzeit of Maurice Litofsky

Cathy & Irv Litofsky

For the Yahrzeit of Jacob Aaron Miller

Esther Miller and Rabbi Larry Pinsker

Rabbinic Support Fund:

Susan & Les Ansel
Adrienne Frager – In Appreciation of Rabbi Pinsker & Rabbi Heiligman's High Holy Days leadership
Linda & David Boteach – in Honor of the birth of their grandson, Matan Yehuda Salomon
Marcy & Roger Wesalo

Essrog Memorial and Education Fund

Judith Hess – In Memory of Toby Essrog
The Wasserman Family – In Memory of Toby Essrog

Sisterhood

Susan Ansel – For Boscovs non-ticket purchase
Janet Korba – For Boscovs non-ticket purchase
Cathy and Irv Litofsky – On the occasion of their 43rd Wedding Anniversary
Cathy Litofsky - In Appreciation for the guest speaker from Sharsheret at the Sisterhood's opening meeting
Bernice Packman – For Boscovs non-ticket purchase



Cathy Litofsky, Membership Chair
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Be on the lookout for a quick Membership survey to hit your email inbox. It will come from the email address above. A lot of chatter and Membership really does matter. Let me know how we can provide you with more!



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>
November 7	Irene Sugar	Grandmother of Jaime Reilly Grandmother of Elliot Ruddle Mother of Lynn Ruddle
November 7	Morris Tonken	Father of Nancy Heasley
November 8	Ada Levenstein	Mother of David Levenstein
November 12	Lena Gold	Mother of Maxine Rosenthal Mother of Armand Gold
November 15	Rose Levy	Mother of Sandra Blaustein
November 16	Sarah Miller	Mother of Helen Gold
November 20	Leslie Asher	Father of Buddy Asher
November 24	Robert Blaustein	Father of Arnold Blaustein
November 30	Alexander Levenstein	Father of David Levenstein
November 30	Maurice Litofsky	Father of Irv Litofsky
December 1	Kalman Fishman	Father of Jaime Fishman



November 8	Lindsay Rosenthal
November 14	Ilana Newman
November 18	Natalie Litofsky
November 21	Mark Rosenthal
November 22	Larry Rubin
November 26	Cathy Litofsky



Sisterhood

Tina Asher, President

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- Sisterhood enjoyed the program presented by Melissa Rosen from Sharsheret.org at their opening meeting and program on October 14th.
- Remember to send your Sisterhood Dues to Marcy Wesalo, Treasurer. Dues are \$36 for the year. This supports the programs and activities we do as well as our membership in Women's League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ). For more details you can email sisterhood at the above email address.



Sisterhood Fundraising looks a little different this year

- Thank you to all of our Sisterhood and Congregation members who participated in our Friends Helping Friends at Boscov's annual event. Those who shopped in person or online and designated Adat Chaim Sisterhood, we **thank you!**
- **Our next fundraiser is quick and easy** – no matter how you spell it, Chanukkah, Hanukkah or Chanukah, we have some great opportunities for you. The first is the perfect way to celebrate with a **Chanukah Box** complete with candles, chocolate gelt, dreidels and additional sweets for **\$18**; add a cloth mask (designs vary and are limited in quantity for **\$36**. Email sisterhood for a more detailed flier. Safe and socially distanced pick up will be **Sunday, December 6th** at the synagogue. The second is a chance to order from Mary Kaye with a portion of the proceeds being returned to the Sisterhood. Both are great ways to shop and support Sisterhood at the same time.

Upcoming Programs:

- **Save the Date: Sunday, November 15th** – Seaboard Region hosts a tour of the Chagall exhibit at the Jewish Museum of NY. The program begins at 4PM and you must RSVP in advance to receive the Zoom link. For more information, contact Cathy Litofsky at the Sisterhood email above.
- **Save the Date: Wednesday, December 16th** – Sisterhood Chanukah program. More details on our Social Action Project will follow.

*B'Shalom,
Tina*

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 on Zoom Ritual Comm. Meeting 7PM	3	4 on Zoom Sisterhood Board Meeting 7PM	5	6	7 Vayera on Zoom Shabbat Study Session 10AM Topic- TBA Candle Lighting 4:40 pm 
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Chayei Sarah on Zoom Shabbat Services 10AM Candle Lighting 4:34 pm 
15 on Zoom Sisterhood Event Jewish Museum of NY Tour of Chagall Exhibit 4PM contact the Sisterhood for invite	16	17	18 on Zoom Sisterhood Meeting: Learning Session and Torah Fund Event 7PM	19 on Zoom Shul Board Meeting 7PM	20	21 Toldot on Zoom Shabbat Study Session 10AM Topic- TBA Candle Lighting 4:29 pm 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Vayetze on Zoom Shabbat Services 10AM Candle Lighting 4:26 pm 
29	30					