

Adat Chaim News August 2021

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Reasonable Words

The Summer is Racing Past. Let's Pause to Remember One of the Sovereigns of Laughter

Unaccustomed as I am to not infusing everything with intense philosophical questions and an invitation to metaphysics and pragmatic theology, I want to offer this note about Jackie Mason *z'l*, of blessed memory, who died last Saturday, July 24th, Shabbat *Nachamu*.

Many traditions within Judaism view dying on Shabbat as a virtue of true *Tzaddikim*, a circle that includes Joseph, Moses, and King David. What a sense of humor God and Jackie Mason must have shared!

You see, I'll never forget the year when I, serving a brand new Manhattan Upper West Side synagogue, had Jackie Mason as competition for the High Holy Days just because Congregation Ansche Chesed, also on the Upper West Side, had hired him, an ordained Orthodox rabbi, as its cantor for the first night of Rosh Hashanah.

(You astute navigators on the Internet Sea can read about it here:

<https://apnews.com/article/c00bfd3b12a05057877998a1c4a33914>)

What competition! At the time, Mason was on Broadway in his Tony-Award-winning one-man show "The World According to Me." He offered the Congregation help in raising money to renovate its facility. I am told by people who attended that although he didn't tell jokes and the audience was instructed not to applaud, his interaction with those leading the service was punctuated by suppressed ripples of laughter because of his body language and glances.

Despite the frequency of his edgy and vulgar jokes and observations, Jackie Mason was one of the most astute non-academic commentators on Jewish (and general) life in North America. At one of his shows, he delivered an unforgettable throw-away line about Jews always complaining about how the High Holy Days always come early or late, never on time. "That's Jews for you! Nobody can figure out what date would be 'on-time' – and why should they care? Most of them show up late anyway and leave early and aren't really sure what they're supposed to do except wear expensive new clothes and their best furs and make sure they paid for their tickets and dues in advance so the air conditioning will be running!"

I offer modest memorial honors to Jackie Mason for embodying a particular aspect of the Jewish spirit once honored by Alan Ecclestone, an Anglican priest and theologian. In a book about Jews and the Holocaust, Ecclestone defined Judaism as "a radical, ruthless, confident attempt to come to the truth of our human condition." He meant every word as a compliment. To him, Judaism was *intellectually and spiritually fearless* – absolutely committed to breaking through the illusions we use to conceal the wrongs we do. For him, Judaism's insistence on self-understanding is how Jews release a great mercy into the world.

When we work on living with clarity and compassion, we perform the holy imperative of *teshuvah* which is the work of these weeks before, during, and after the High Holy Days. When we turn our attention to the choices we make and the ideals we champion on all the many levels of our lives, we perform *teshuvah* but also see it as the task of every day of our lives.

Let us all savor the sweetness of these last weeks of 5781.

Rabbi Larry Pinsker

"One ought every day at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture, and, if it were possible, to speak a few reasonable words."

—Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

President's Message

I wanted to start my thoughts today with a few words about loss. Adat Chaim has experienced loss over the last six weeks. The first was a very difficult one. The day of the congregational annual meeting we recognized Lynn Ruddle for her service to Adat Chaim and celebrated her with the presentation of a plaque that her daughter Jaime accepted on her behalf. Many know of her involvement, but probably didn't know to what extent. She coordinated the office volunteers, dealt with our landlord when items needed to be addressed, took minutes at Board meetings with the absence of a Recording Secretary, and provided support each week to Jerry Newman. Her time and commitment to Adat Chaim was phenomenal. Her dedication was above and beyond. It was shortly after the meeting ended that we learned of Lynn's passing. Truly a difficult loss for Adat Chaim.

Our second loss occurred when our landlord did not renew our lease, providing us with an unreasonable time to vacate our premises. So, needless to say, the last four weeks have certainly been stressful and difficult. The Board and I have met a number of times to chart our course on what is next for Adat Chaim. We looked at a number of possible locations and weighed the pros and cons of each and how it might fit our needs and congregation. It has been a time to reflect on who we are and where we are going. The journey was not always clear, but it had purpose.

Earlier this week I was able to share the news with our congregation that we have a new "home" for Adat Chaim. It is in Owings Mills and is a space that we can be proud of and gather together when all the preparations and accommodations are complete. I have had a band of volunteers who have been busy packing and boxing our items, books, kitchen area and so much more. I want to thank everyone for their time, energy and support to accomplish this task. Second, the movers are scheduled. Third, our alarm system, phone and internet need to be installed so that we can have a smooth transition and stay connected. And fourth, we will make sure we have a plan in place to be in-person when our space is ready and when it is safe to do so.

We have been engaged in virtual learning and services this past year and a half. We have been enriched by the Adat Chaim community and the guidance of Rabbi Pinsker and Esther Miller, our Ritual Committee Chair. The High Holy Day services are coming together so that we will be able to celebrate 5782 together virtually. I am so grateful for Rabbi Pinsker, Sharon Mills and the Ritual Committee as they continue to work on providing us with both a meaningful and spiritual High Holy Day season.

So, what is next for Adat Chaim? What would you like to see us accomplish this year? Are there any programs, workshops or topics of interest to you that we can plan? How might each of you play a role in our success and growth?

We will need to set a plan into action for the future. We want all of you to be a part of the journey we are about to undertake. We hope that we can take this journey together and be proud of all we can accomplish.

Shalom,

Cathy Litofsky

Ritual Committee



“And the seasons, they go round and round
And the painted ponies go up and down
We're captive on the carousel of time
We can't return, we can only look
Behind, from where we came
And go round and round and round,
in the circle game.”

Joni Mitchell, The Circle Game

Why this song at this time? Think about it. We really did think that this coming Jewish year we would all be welcoming in the year in the same space. Well, we are... We will be in the same virtual space as last year. There are several pithy sayings that might work here but, to put it bluntly, we don't have the kind of space where we could safely meet together. And, listening to predictions about the variant viruses on the rise, we are better off staying in that virtual space for the time being.

So, where's the good news? The good news is that this small band of Jews has stayed together, studied together, prayed together and supported one another through this past year. We have met new friends in the process, increased our understanding of what being Jewish and “doing” Jewish are all about, and strengthened our communal resolve to move ahead.

The Ritual Committee with Rabbi Pinsker's guidance continues to work on making this year's High Holy Days services meaningful and accessible. We are pleased to welcome back Sharon Mills as our Cantorial Soloist and hope to include other musical talents as well.

In order to be accessible, we are offered the opportunity for folks to obtain a copy of **Mahzor Lev Shalem for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur**, which we will be using this year. We also hope to offer a link to the online version for those unable to arrange for pick-up. By ensuring that as many as possible have access to their own siddur and mahzor, members of our community are in the enviable position of being able to delve into them, not just for Shabbat or holidays but, as resources for daily living. These volumes are rich in prayers and psalms, as well as liturgical explanations, alternate selections and additional readings. Please don't just wait for a service to open up your copy and if you still a copy, contact us.

Below, as a reminder, is our very full virtual schedule starting with *Selichot* through *Simchat Torah*.

August 28-Saturday, 8:00 p.m. *Selichot observance*

September

4-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Study

6-Monday, 7:00 p.m. *Erev Rosh Hashanah*

7-Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. *Day 1, Rosh Hashanah*

8-Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. *Day 2, Rosh Hashanah*

11-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service

15-Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. *Erev Yom Kippur*

16-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. *Yom Kippur morning (Yizkor)*

5:00 p.m. *Mincha-Ne'ilah-Ma'ariv Services*

18-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Study

21-Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. *Day 1 Sukkot*

24-Friday, 7:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

28-Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. *Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah (Yizkor)*

Kol Tuv/All the Best from the Ritual Committee

Adrienne, Arnie, Esther, Janet, Jerry, Marcie, Norman, Rabbi Pinsker

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

**Unless otherwise indicated all dates are for Saturday mornings* 10:00 am
Kabbalat Shabbat Service on Fridays begin at 7:00 pm**

July

17-Saturday, 8:00 p.m. *Tisha B'Av observance*
23-Friday, 7:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service
31-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service

August

7-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Study
14-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service
21-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Study
28-Saturday, 8:00 p.m. *Selichot observance*

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October

2-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Study
9-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service
16-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Study
23-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service
29-Friday, 7:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

November

6-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Study
13-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service
20-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Study
26-Friday, 7:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

December

4-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Study
11-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service
18-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Study
24-Friday, 7:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

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

Simchas and Celebrations



August 7 Seth Katz
August 12 Les Ansel
August 15 Josh Wesalo
August 16 David Cohen
August 16 Jeff Perlow
August 18 Arnold Blaustein
August 18 Debbie Weksberg
August 19 Allan Weksberg
August 22 Max Raith

August 20 Cathy and Irv Litofsky
August 23 Deborah and Larry Rubin

Share your simchas with us and let us celebrate with you. Send them to us at the membership email address above. We will be happy to include them in the newsletter.

Book Club



August 18th **The Lost Boys** by Faye Kellerman Home of Marcy Wesalo

The Editor's View



I would like to give thanks to those congregants that made time to help Adat Chaim pack up and move to its next designation. Whether you packed boxes, schlepped boxes to the storage unit, or helped look for the next building, the rest of us thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

A very special thank you goes to Cathy who did all of the above and more. I hope everyone who belongs to Adat Chaim or joins us for Zoom services, Shabbats, etc., realizes that it was she, Cathy Litofsky, who fought for us, searched and found a building for us, guides us and now presides over us to make Adat Chaim what it truly is. I want to thank Irv for allowing us to take over a great deal of her life and to those daring grandkids that make her smile every day!

Wendy

High Holy Day packets were sent out via email. Here are a few important links that will help you to make secure payments to your Membership balance, Book of Remembrance, Rabbinic Support Fund, or one of the other funds listed below that support the synagogue.



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Adrienne Frager

Janet & George Korba

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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>
August 1	Gilda Salis	Mother of Joe Salis
August 4	Meyer Blickstein	Father of David Ring
August 6	Esther Gumnit	Mother of Terri Satsiky
August 7	Lester Luria	Father of Lori Teichman
August 7	Harold Retting	The Rabbau Family
August 8	Philip Scheinin	Grandfather of Phil Deitchman
August 10	Edgar Kronenberg	Husband of Regina Kronenberger
August 11	Saul Elishowitz	Friend of Adrienne Frager
August 11	Khasya Goldentay	Wife, mother of Yevgeniya, Leonid, Dina, Nathan Goldentayer
August 11	May Miller	Grandmother of Lynne Ruddle
August 13	Gertrude Lehman	Aunt of Adrienne Frager
August 16	Zelda Wagenheim	Mother of Howard Wagenheim
August 17	Morris Newman	Father of Jerry Newman
August 17	David Lewinter	
August 17	Frieda Cohen	
August 20	Helen Freedman	Mother-in-Law to Marion Freedman
August 25	Victor Miller	Grandfather to Lynne Ruddle
August 26	Bernard Blatt	
August 26	Danil Goldentayer	Husband and father to Yevgeniya, Leonid, Dina and Nathan Goldentayer
August 26	Robert Baum	Husband, father, grandfather
August 30	Jeffrey Friedmann	
August 30	Morris Miller	Father of Helen Gold
September 1	Abraham Hirsch	Father of Elinor Elishewitz
September 3	Fannie Miller	Aunt of Elinor Elishewitz
September 3	Harry Raskin	
September 4	Lena Tenenbaum	
September 4	Seymour Blaustein	Brother of Arnold Blaustein

Sisterhood

Tina Asher, President

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- Sisterhood is busy preparing for the 2021-2022 Membership year. We will be planning our Membership kick-off along with other events. Stay tuned for a full schedule and calendar in a future edition.
- Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event has been put on the calendar for **Wednesday, October 20, 2021**. Support Adat Chaim Sisterhood with the purchase of your "Ticket" to shop in-person at any Boscov's store. This is Adat Chaim Sisterhood's main fundraising each year. The shopping deals, discounts and opportunity to shop early for the holiday!

*L'Shalom,
Tina*



August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6  Candle Lighting 7:54 pm	7 Shabbat Study 10 am Zoom Re'eh
8	9	10	11	12	13  Candle Lighting 7:46 pm	14 Shabbat Service 10 am Zoom Shoftim
15	16	17	18 Book Club 7:30 pm Home of Marcy Wesalo	19	20  Candle Lighting 7:36 pm	21 Shabbat Study 10 am Zoom Ki Tetze
22	23	24	25	26	27  Candle Lighting 7:26 pm	28 Evening Selichot Observance 8 pm Zoom Ki Tavo
29	30	31				

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3  Candle Lighting 7:15 pm	4 Shabbat Study 10 am Zoom Nitzavim
5	6 Erev Rosh Hashanah 7 pm Zoom	7 Rosh Hashanah 1 st Day 10 am Zoom	8 Rosh Hashanah 2 nd day 10 am Zoom	9	10  Candle Lighting 7:04 pm	11 Shabbat Service 10 am Zoom Vayelekh
12	13	14	15 Erev Yom Kippur 6:30 pm Zoom	16 Yom Kippur 10 am Zoom Yizkor ----- Mincha-Ne'ilah- Ma'ariv 5 pm ZOOM	17  Candle Lighting 6:53 pm	18 Shabbat Study 10 am Zoom Ha'azinu
19	20	21 Sukkot Day 1 10 am Zoom	22	23	24  Candle Lighting 6:41 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7 pm Zoom	25
26	27	28 Shemini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah Yizkor 10 am Zoom	29	30		