

Adat Chaim News September 2021

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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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Together in a Sudden Strangeness



I believe that we all long to gather with confidence that when we assemble, we can embrace and be seated at a shared table with limited risk to our personal health and that of everyone near us. We want an end to the pandemic, a new spirit of cooperation, and our prayers for the coming year answered with peace, respect, and goodness for everyone. That is always the easy part. Whether we speak about personal, communal, national, planetary, or spiritual realms of our existence, our yearnings for the imminent new year are the same. We ask *not* for a “happy” new year because we’ve already learned and imbedded in the long Jewish collective memory that “happy” is fleeting. Instead, we ask for a “good” new year because goodness gives us a chance to experience happiness many times. Come what may, we will find reasons for gratitude – and may they be infused with contentment and gladness.

I chanced upon a remarkable book earlier this summer, a collection of poems written by America’s poets in response to the pandemic: The title, *Together in a Sudden Strangeness*, is from a poem by Pablo Neruda, the Chilean poet-diplomat who won a Nobel Prize for Literature in 1971. You can read the full poem – English translation by Alastair Reed along with the Spanish original – at

<http://www.bu.edu/quantum/zen/readings/keepingQuietNeruda.html?fbclid=IwAR188cLTJoGqsWJloXJlYwyVxEhao7B5zPE8HZvynCr-u12D-mnJY1rhsFl>

This excerpt seems relevant as we begin another year in a world beset with disease, climate destabilization, familiar hatreds and violence, economic turmoil, and even more reasons for unease.

Now we will count to twelve
and we will all keep still.
For once on the face of the earth
let’s not speak in any language,
let’s stop for one second,
and not move our arms so much.
It would be an exotic moment
without rush, without engines,
we would all be together
in a sudden strangeness.

...
What I want should not be confused
with total inactivity.

Life is what it is about;
I want no truck with death.
If we were not so single-minded
about keeping our lives moving,
and for once could do nothing,
perhaps a huge silence
might interrupt this sadness
of never understanding ourselves
and of threatening ourselves with death.

Perhaps the earth can teach us
as when everything seems dead
and later proves to be alive.

Throughout the past year, we prayed and studied together. That brought us together with honesty of heart and mind, shared purpose, and insight into how better to diminish human suffering. We’re closer and stronger for it.

From our house to yours, *Shanah Tovah u’Metukah* – prayers for a year of health, sweetness, and learning,

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

From the President . . .

I am writing this column with a focus on this past year, 5781. It has been rewarding and challenging. It has been difficult and yet easy at times. It has been trying, but also motivating. There have been so many different emotions and actions associated with it, some of which have impacted families and individuals. It is hard to separate everything and peel back the layers in order to analyze it and discover a clear path forward. That is, however, the purpose of this past month leading up to the High Holy Days. I hope that you will agree with me that it is only the beginning of the process, and there is much work to be done on many fronts.

As I continue to work hard for all of you, I also set aside a little time for my family and myself. I came across two writings, one by John Roedel titled: *You are not changing! You are Becoming!* The second one did not have an author associated with it, but it spoke about “opening the heart.” Both have allowed me to take time to think about how to move forward in a most meaningful way. They remind me that I may not have all the answers and I may not know what is ahead, but it is going through the process that gives it all meaning.

I have been fortunate to have a group of dedicated individuals that serve on Adat Chaim’s Board. Rabbi Pinsker, the Ritual Committee, and Sisterhood also add so much to the workings of the synagogue. They have all been most supportive as we faced the decision of our move out of Adat Chaim’s home for the past nine years and relocation into a new space. We are still unpacking, sorting and getting things organized. I look forward to the time when we can meet and gather in our new space and share our accomplishment with all of you.

Rabbi Pinsker has been busy keeping current on the pulse of the Jewish community and also in discussion with Rabbi’s and lay leaders in the Baltimore region and beyond. You can catch up on two of his most recent contributions:

- Guest contributor to the *Jewish Times* (August 27th) - <https://www.jewishtimes.com/parshat-ki-tavo-not-comforting-but-oh-so-true/>
- Interviewed by *Moment Magazine* - <https://momentmag.com/delta-variant-high-holidays/>

I want to take a moment to thank Rabbi Pinsker and Ritual Committee for their dedication and support as we head into the High Holy Days. Our Selichot observance was very meaningful and set the tone for this week leading up to Rosh Hashanah.

Adat Chaim Synagogue will be at the **Reisterstown Festival** this year. Thanks to those who volunteered to help at our booth on **Sunday, September 12th**. The hours on Sunday are **11AM – 5PM**. If you have time and would like to help, please contact me via email.

Shanah Tovah u’Metukah – wishing you and your families a sweet, healthy and fulfilling New Year.

Shalom,
Cathy Litofsky

Ritual

The Ritual Committee

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Shabbat and "Holiday" Schedule on Zoom Platform for September & October 2021

Unless otherwise indicated all dates are for Saturday mornings* 10:00 am

Kabbalat Shabbat Service on Fridays begin at 7:00 pm

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)*

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

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



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>
September 4	Seymour Blaustein	Brother of Arnold Blaustein
September 6	Burton Koffman	Uncle of Cathy Litofsky
September 10	Miriam Kobre	Aunt of Arnold Blaustein
September 10	Sylvan Wesalo	Father of Roger Wesalo
September 12	Cecily Meyerstein	Mother of Michael Meyerstein
September 12	Harold Rosen	Father of Fred Rosen
September 16	Gussie Amler	Mother of Beverly Bernstein
September 16	Pearl Lehman	Aunt of Adrienne Frager
September 16	Leroy Posner	Father of Gary Posner
September 20	Jacob Abraham	Father of Sandy Newman
September 26	Doris Asher	Mother of Buddy Asher
September 28	Nathan Gordon	Father of Cathy Litofsky
September 28	Reba Litofsky	Grandmother of Irv Litofsky
September 29	Sharon Wallach	Adat Chaim Community
October 1	Jacob Miller	Father of Esther Miller
October 4	Lilian Korba	Mother of George Korba
October 8	Leonard Ansel	Father of Les Ansel
October 8	Shirley Stern	Mother of Jeff Stern
October 18	Seymour Essrog	Husband of Toby Essrog
October 18	Herman Rosenthal	Grandfather of Carol Rosenthal Father-in-Law of Maxine Rosenthal
October 19	David Begelman	Nephew of Lori Teichman
October 26	Irene Sugar	Mother of Lynn Ruddle Grandmother of Elliot Ruddle Grandmother of Jaime Reilly
October 27	Ada Levenstein	Mother of David Levenstein
October 31	Lena Gold	Mother of Maxine Rosenthal Mother of Armand Gold

If we have missed the yahrzeit of a family member or need to make a correction, please contact us at adatchaim18@gmail.com.



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

Phyllis & Norman Ament

Adrienne Frager – *In Memory of Saul Elishewitz and Gertrude Lehman*

Rabbinic Support Fund

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Marcy & Roger Wesalo

IMO Lynn Ruddie:

Charlotte Levin

Adrienne Frager & Bruce Levy

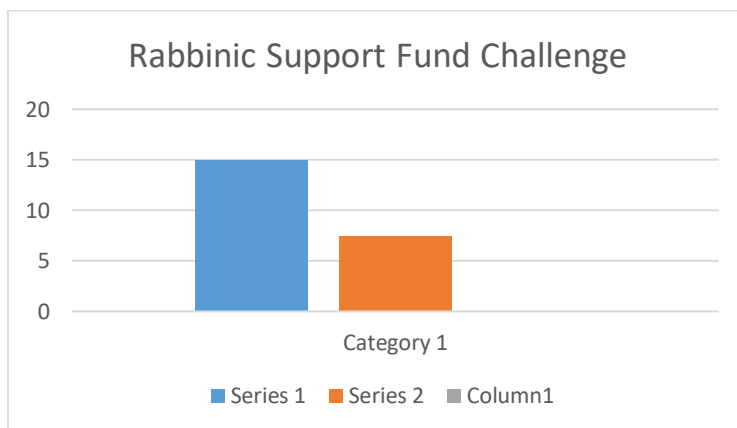
Siddur & Machzor Fund

Carol Rosenthal

Here are a few important links that will help you to make secure payments to your Membership balance (General Synagogue Fund), Book of Remembrance, Rabbinic Support Fund, or one of the other funds listed below that support the synagogue.



- [2021 HHD Donation](#)
- [Book of Remembrance](#)
- [Essrog Memorial & Education Fund](#)
- [General Synagogue Fund](#)
- [Rabbinic Support Fund](#)
- [Siddur & Machzor Fund](#)




We are half-way to meeting our goal to match the \$15,000 challenge presented in June. Won't you help us reach our goal? Use the link above to make your donation to the **Rabbinic Support Fund** and be counted!

Sisterhood

Tina Asher, President
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- **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. **You can get tickets from Tina Asher or Cathy Litofsky. Please consider taking four tickets to sell, a \$20 commitment. Your donation can be paid by check made out to Adat Chaim Sisterhood and mailed to the synagogue at: Adat Chaim Sisterhood, 11421 Cronhill Drive, Ste. H, Owings Mills, MD 21117.** The tickets are just **\$5** and supports the Sisterhood's program year.
-  We are happy to inform you that our **calendar diaries** are in! They may be purchased from Sisterhood for \$12. Again, checks should be written to **Adat Chaim Sisterhood mailed to the synagogue**. For those who have pre-ordered and/or paid for them already, you can arrange to pick them up from Cathy Litofsky at this email address: acsisterhood18@gmail.com. Cathy will also be at the shul on Friday morning, September 3rd from 8AM to Noon if you would like to pick it up this week.
- **Sisterhood will be planning some events for the coming year. If you have any ideas for events, programs or workshops, reach out to Linda Boteach: linda.boteach@gmail.com.** Linda will be happy to discuss them with you so we can get the calendar out to everyone shortly.
- Sisterhood membership begins with the New Year. Our annual dues remain at **\$36**. Payment can be made via check and mailed to the synagogue or through this secured link: **[Sisterhood Events](#)**.

Wishing you and your family a year filled with hope, family, community and fulfillment!

*L'Shalom,
Tina*



Simchas and Celebrations



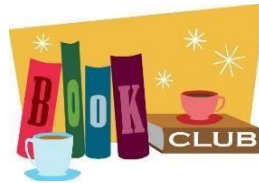
Carol Rosenthal – September 15th
Tina Asher – September 18th
Roger Wesalo – September 29th



Susan & Andy Katz – September 3rd
Marcy & Roger Wesalo – September 3rd

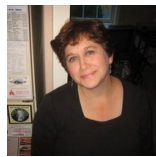
As we are developing and managing our new website and database, please let us know if we are missing any of your information and/or special celebration dates for you and your family members.

Book Club



October 20th will be the next book club discussion. The book is *Concealed* by Esther Amini. Look for more information on location in the October newsletter.

The Editor's View



What do you do when you have Rosh Hashanah online, how do you celebrate as you normally would? Many people have shofars at home, practice blowing it or do it outside and surprise your neighbors. Eating apples, honey, round challah and pomegranates are easy to do with family. What, you don't have a stream around the corner to throw away your sins? Be creative! Find a picture of a stream online and imagine throwing away your sins or... Fill a cup of water and spill it outside. The water flows as in a stream and your sins will be carried away. Most of all, get rid of all that negativity and let in that positive ray of sunshine for the new year! May your New Year be filled with happiness, health and healing others!

Wendy

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 1st Day 10 am Zoom	8 Rosh Hashanah 2nd 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 Erev Sukkot	21 Sukkot Day 1 10 am Zoom	22 Sukkot Day 2	23 Chol HaMoed Sukkot	24  Candle Lighting 6:41 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7 pm Zoom	25 Chol HaMoed Sukkot
26 Chol HaMoed Sukkot	27 Hoshanah Rabbah	28 Shemini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah Yizkor 10 am Zoom	29	30		

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Candle Lighting 6:30 pm	2 Shabbat Study 10 am Zoom Bereshit
3	4	5	6 Rosh Chodesh Chesvan	7 Rosh Chodesh Chesvan	8  Candle Lighting 6:19 pm	9 Shabbat Service 10 am Zoom Noach
10	11	12	13	14	15  Candle Lighting 6:09 pm	16 Shabbat Study 10 am Zoom Lekh Lekha
17	18	19	20	21	22  Candle Lighting 5:59 pm	23 Shabbat Service 10 am Zoom Vayera
24	25	26	27	28	29  Candle Lighting 5:50 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7 pm Zoom	30
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