



## The Bulletin Adat Chaim's News Source

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### From The President's Desk...

I have had the pleasure these last few months to interact with Sisterhood members from across the Seaboard Region. I have done so in my capacity as the Per Capita Chair on the Seaboard Region Executive Board. I serve proudly on this Board alongside Adrienne Frager, who is the Recording Secretary. My first public appearance was to an opening Sisterhood meeting at Har Tzeon-Agudath Achim in Silver Spring. It was a lovely early afternoon tea, complete with finger sandwiches, an active group of women and a very interesting speaker for the event's program. I share this photo with you from the event and will come back to it later in my article.



My second interaction has been mentoring other Sisterhood officers to assist them in leadership development as well as provide guidance with Board management and public speaking skills. This has been quite rewarding for me. I have developed these skills over many years and was once mentored by other Seaboard Region woman as I took on more active roles in Adat Chaim's Sisterhood and now the Board of the synagogue. It has been a great way for me to give back and to help others.

While attending a meeting recently I had the opportunity to hear a D'var Torah given by Rabbi Paul Schneider. It really resonated with me. In thinking about the holiday of Chanukah later this month, what Rabbi Schneider said made a lot of sense. He talked about the holiday and how it takes on many different meanings for people, from the gifts we buy and get to the foods we eat that one associates with the holiday. The last thing he talked about, of course, was light. He told the short story from Abraham Joshua Heschel about the blacksmith apprentice who learned how to use all the tools needed in the trade. When he went off to take his first job, the blacksmith realized one big problem. He did not learn how to kindle the light to properly use his tools.

Now back to the above picture. Each of us has an inner light. It can be illuminated as knowledge, joy, hope, the soul or even "a spark of God within." As we head into this very busy holiday season, take time to kindle your inner light. As it radiates from within, it will provide infinite warmth to you and all those you care deeply about. This season is one to rededicate our minds to hope, our hands to peace and our hearts to love. Don't let the light go out so that we may continue to provide light to kindle all that we do for our families, our friends, our congregation and the greater community.

Wishing you and your family a safe and enlightening holiday season.

Chag Urim Sameach,  
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Please contact Rabbi Seidler for all of your Life Cycle Events so that he may provide guidance and support to you and your family members.

The synagogue can also help with a variety of services for you. This might include: phone squad or e-mail announcements to the congregation, coverage for services, meals, visits, rides to the doctor or any other assistance that you might need.

So be sure to contact the synagogue office at: 410.833.7485 and let us know how we can help.

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## Divrei Chodesh D'Rabbi Jerry Seidler



This month marks the 40th anniversary of something remarkable. December 8, 1977 was the day Dr. Rosalyn Yalow became the first American-born woman to win a Nobel Prize. A wonderful Jewish girl from The Bronx, Dr. Yalow won the Nobel Prize in Physiology (Medicine) for her pioneering work in radioimmunoassay, which has to do with measuring miniscule quanta of hormone levels and other substances in blood. She was on the staff of the Bronx VA Hospital for decades, and passed into life eternal in 2011.

I want to recall Dr. Yalow not because as a Bronx boy I actually remember the awarding of the prize, but more importantly, because I think we are living during a watershed moment in American history. The #metoo movement is a steamroller that is both appropriate and long overdue.

Women are people, my friends (I remain unconvinced about corporations). Women are as capable as men, and deserve the respect and opportunity they are due. I would hope we are passed the time when Dr. Yalow, as a young woman, had to accept a position as a secretary at Columbia University Medical School because she could not be accepted as a student. And in case you are wondering, she only received her doctorate because it was the University of Illinois that took her in, and then, only because World War II was beginning and she could fill a paying slot.

Dr. Yalow's accomplishment and memory should be celebrated *davka* because of the Jewish value of the *Eshet Chayil*, the Woman of Valor. But it is not that she should be placed on a pedestal, no. She should be placed as the equal of men and hence considered human. Imagine a world like that.

The turn of the secular year is indeed a novel time. Men are being called out on their flagrant entitlement of degrading and abusing women. I get asked all the time by fellow men: do you believe all these allegations of sexual abuse and harassment against these powerful and accomplished men? And I respond: yes, unequivocally. I will not be complicit, and no one else should be either. It's all true, and we would be deluding ourselves to think otherwise. This is a time of *teshuvah* on a national, communal scale.

The thing is, there is just so much gender discrimination in the world. And yes, Jews are guilty as well. The Orthodox community continues to relegate women to second and third-rate status. Even the Modern Orthodox remain committed to ousting communities that empower women, especially ritually (you can read about the *Beis* Community in Manhattan's Washington Heights for example if you would like). And in Israel, "Torah True" Jews are waxing apoplectic over new IDF tank crews commanded and filled by women. Indeed, there are violent protests in Jerusalem because Orthodox Jews won't serve in the IDF with women. Here in the US, Jewish women continue to be discriminated against in professional Jewish roles (especially in the rabbinate and Federation life).

We celebrate the male machismo of the Maccabees this time of year. OK, they rocked for sure. But this year, we need to celebrate our women by treating them with the same respect and credit as the guys. We owe the memory of Dr. Rosalyn Yalow no less, and we owe our living women today that and so much more. *Chag Chanukah Sameach*, and Happy American New Year 2018!

## Ritual Committee

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We continue to need all of your support to assure weekly Saturday morning minyan, when services begin at **9:30 a.m.** Your presence at the start of services is greatly appreciated so that our members can fully participate in all the prayers in the service and recite Kaddish during the service where appropriate.

Rabbi Seidler will be leading services three Saturday mornings this month, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the calendar for all service times and dates. The Ritual Committee is looking for a few extra members who are willing to lead services on dates that the Rabbi is not here. Please contact me if you can lend your skills in this area.

Please make note that we will not hold services on Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> and will resume on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**If you need a minyan for any reason during the week or on Shabbat, please contact Jerry Newman at [jsnewm@gmail.com](mailto:jsnewm@gmail.com) so that he can arrange it for you. To assist us in arranging a minyan, please give at least two weeks' notice, allowing time for the Ritual Committee and our congregants to be notified.**

### *Yahrzeits*

The families listed below will be observing Yahrzeit for family members and need to say Kaddish during the month. To schedule a minyan service on a date other than a Saturday morning Shabbat service, contact Jerry Newman at 410.581.7884 or [jsnewm@gmail.com](mailto:jsnewm@gmail.com).

(Candles should be lit at sundown the night before)

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Yahrzeit of:</b>	<b>Relationship:</b>
Saturday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maurice Litofsky	Father of Irv Litofsky
	Alexander Levenstein	Father of David Levenstein
Saturday, December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jadzia Weksberg	Mother of Allan & Bernard Weksberg
Sunday, December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rose Friedheim	Mother to Tina Asher
Wednesday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Charlotte Gordon	Mother of Cathy Gordon Litofsky
Saturday, December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeanne Sandler	Sister of Helen Gold

If you have a Yahrzeit and don't see it in the bulletin or wish to be included on the list for a relative's Yahrzeit, please call the office and we will be happy to update our database.

## TZEDAKAH

*Thank you to the following members and friends of the Adat Chaim Family who have so graciously made donations to Adat Chaim:*

General Synagogue Fund:

Beverley & Stanley Fishman  
 Mona & Russell Kaufman – thank you for the Rabbi Essrog Memorial Lecture  
 Janet & George Korba for the Yahrzeit of Lillian Korba, George Korba’s Mother  
 Cathy & Irv Litofsky for the Yahrzeits of Maurice Litofsky and Charlotte Gordon  
 Cathy & Irv Litofsky, in loving memory of Heidi Deitchman  
 Lori & David Teichman for the Yahrzeit of David Begelman

### HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO:

<b>Happy Birthday</b>	Benjamin Weksberg	December 5 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Happy Birthda y</b>
	Dena Bober	December 13 <sup>th</sup>		
	Sandy Newman	December 16 <sup>th</sup>		
	Paul Raith	December 20 <sup>th</sup>		
	Irv Litofsky	December 27 <sup>th</sup>		
	Marcy Wesalo	December 29 <sup>th</sup>		

**If your birthday does not appear or you have a correction to what we have, call the office at 410.833.7458.**



### UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Carol and Howard Wagenheim	December 5 <sup>th</sup>	35 <sup>th</sup>
Sandy and Jerry Newman	January 6 <sup>th</sup>	44 <sup>th</sup>
Susan and Arthur Ross	January 19 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>

If you have any news you would like to share with the congregation, please e-mail us at [adatchaim18@gmail.com](mailto:adatchaim18@gmail.com) and we will be happy to include it in our Bulletin. The deadline for submissions is the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month for the following month. If the 18<sup>th</sup> falls on Shabbat, please plan accordingly.

## Sisterhood News and Updates

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Our shopping day on **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** at Five Wacky Women in Cockeysville was a big success and quite enjoyable. Thank you to everyone who came to support the Sisterhood and shop. We found many unique gifts and sisterhood will receive a percentage of the sales made in the shop from 10AM to Noon that day. We thank 5 Wacky Women for supporting our fundraising event.

Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, Federation will have a dinner meeting at Oheb Shalom. Dr. Neil Rubin will speak about: *The Story Behind Israel Headlines*. Please check the Federation's website for RSVP and payment information: <http://jewishwomensfed.org>. Other Federation event dates are January 25<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>. All are listed on the Federation's website.



 December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM will be the paid-up Membership Dinner/Chanukah celebration. Besides a light dinner and dessert, we will have entertainment by the Songbirds from the Reisterstown Senior Center and a holiday craft activity. Please bring an unwrapped toy or Target gift card to donate to Jewish Community Services. The toys and gift cards are used during the holiday season and throughout the year to help families in need in the Baltimore community. Please RSVP to Beverley Fishman at: [contactsfnr@yahoo.com](mailto:contactsfnr@yahoo.com).

The Book Club will meet on Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> at Janet Korba's house to discuss "Henna House" by Nomi Eve. The start time is 7:30 pm. If you would like to come, please contact Linda Boteach at [linda.boteach@gmail.com](mailto:linda.boteach@gmail.com). The next book club will meet on February 12, 2018. The book and the meeting place will be announced at a later time.



Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 9:30 AM, Sisterhood Shabbat will take place. Men and women of Adat Chaim are welcome to participate in this special service. Afterwards we will have lunch sponsored by the Sisterhood. Please contact Adrienne Frager ([adriennesl@aol.com](mailto:adriennesl@aol.com)) or Tina Asher ([talkinteeny@verizon.net](mailto:talkinteeny@verizon.net)) to let them know how you want to participate in the service.

### Save the Following Dates:

1. February 21, 2108-Help prepare for Purim by making hamentaschen and rehearsing for the Purim Spiel.
2. March 21, 2108-Passover activities, which include a possible Passover wine tasting and candy sale.
3. April 22, 2018-possible bus trip to Frederick. This is in the planning stages. Possible attractions will be a brewery, the Frederick Keys baseball stadium, and the downtown area with shops.
4. April 24, 2108 – Joint Sisterhood Dinner at Chizuk Amuno, more details to follow in a future Bulletin.
5. May 5 – 6, 2018 -Seaboard Region Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia.
6. June 3, 2018 – elections and end of year lunch.

### Ongoing activity:

-Canned food drive for the Reisterstown Community Crisis Center and Hannah More Shelter. There is a box in the lobby for your donated non-perishable items.

Shalom until next month!



**Ma Tovu – Mah tovu ohalecha Yaakov, mishk'notecha Yisrael, "How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwellings, O Israel!"**  
(Numbers 24:5)



## December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Candle lighting: 4:26PM	<b>2 Vayishlach</b> Services 9:30a.m. Rabbi Seidler
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Ritual Committee Meeting 7:00PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:00PM	<b>7</b> Board Meeting 7:00PM	<b>8</b> Candle lighting: 4:25PM	<b>9 Vayeshev</b> Services 9:30a.m. Rabbi Seidler
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Erev Chanukah	<b>13</b> Sisterhood Appreciation Dinner 6:30PM Chanukah	<b>14</b> Chanukah	<b>15</b> Candle lighting: 4:26PM Chanukah	<b>16</b> Chanukah/Miketz Services 9:30a.m. Rabbi Seidler
<b>17</b> Chanukah	<b>18</b> Book club at the home of Janet Korba 7:30PM Rosh Chodesh Tevet Chanukah	<b>19</b> Rosh Chodesh Tevet Chanukah	<b>20</b> Chanukah	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Candle lighting: 4:29PM	<b>23 Vayigash</b> Services 9:30a.m.
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Candle lighting: 4:34PM	<b>30 Vayechi</b> No Services
<b>31</b> 	<b>Notes:</b>					



## Jewish Genealogy Society of Maryland

### “The Jews of Alsace-Lorraine”

Please join us on **Sunday, December 17, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.** at the **Pikesville Library’s meeting room, 1301 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville**, for our next program: “The Jews of Alsace-Lorraine,” presented by **Manuele Wasserman**.

This presentation will focus on the Jews of Alsace-Lorraine, who began immigrating to America in the 1820s. Unlike Jews from Eastern Europe, who traditionally settled in the gateway cities of the Northeast, these Jewish immigrants were attracted to cities like New Orleans, whose French heritage reminded them of their own. Thus, they contributed to the establishment of distinctly Southern Jewish communities and traditions.

The presentation will demonstrate how genealogical resources have evolved over time and how persistence can help overcome brick walls. As an added bonus, it will serve as a travelogue describing trips to New Orleans and Alsace-Lorraine, areas that are both rich in Jewish history.

*Manuele Wasserman, Ph.D., is an avid genealogist. For more than 20 years, she and her husband, Richard Wasserman, have been actively researching their family histories. Intrigued by how a Sephardic Jewish girl born in Egypt came to marry a nice Jewish boy from Baltimore, they embarked on a roots project tracing the past migrations of their respective families across the globe. This led to the creation of a family tree that now numbers well over 1500 members and reaches back as far as the early 1600s. As an adjunct to this project, they have traveled to numerous countries to do on-site research, thereby immersing themselves in the local history of their Jewish ancestors. Retracing the footsteps of their ancestors has brought genealogy and Jewish history alive for the Wasserman family.*

The program is free for paid members and \$5 for non-members (applied to membership fee when a visitor joins JGSMD) after their first meeting. Refreshments will be available. Please check our web site at [www.jgsmd.org](http://www.jgsmd.org) for late updates and for the time, location, and program of future meetings.



**Don't forget that we are** in the middle of a fund raising campaign for Adat Chaim. We now have discount cards that are good through September 2018 at 15 different businesses in the Pikesville, Owings Mills, Reisterstown and Westminster area.

**It is not too late to support Adat Chaim and get your cards:** The cost of the card is \$10. We are hoping that each member will take 10 cards to sell so that we can have a successful fund raiser. Contact us at [adatchaim18@gmail.com](mailto:adatchaim18@gmail.com) to arrange to get yours.

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We would like to thank the following businesses for providing discounts to all discount card holders over the next twelve months. Please when visiting these places, thank them for their support.

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- Eggspectation – 10209 Grand Central Avenue, Owings Mills – 410.504.5146
- Flowers & Fancy – 11404 Cronridge Drive, Owings Mills – 410.653.0600
- Gourmet Girls – 1 Easter Court, Owings Mills – 410.581.4914
- The Green Turtle – all locations
- IHOP – 10917 Boulevard Circle, Owings Mills – 410.685.0413
- Jiffy Lube – 10602 Reisterstown Road, Owings Mills - 410.363.7950
- KB Grille & Wok – 6309 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore – 410.358.6349
- Millers Deli – 2849 Smith Avenue, Pikesville – 410.602.2233
- Outback - 10904 Boulevard Circle, Owings Mills – 410.363.2282
- Parsonizing Fine Dry Cleaning – two locations (11299 Owings Mills Blvd & 1852 Reisterstown Rd)
- Ristorante Firenze – 2 Hanover Road, Reisterstown - 410.394.5577
- Sakura Japanese Steak House & Sushi – 5 Westminster Shopping Center – 410.871.9898
- Season's Pizza 9161 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville 410.581.5804
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