

# Adat Chaim News      May 2021

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## President's Message

Jerry Newman

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Shalom.

Adat Chaim was fortunate to have two fundraisers in April. We promoted a wine fundraiser for the Passover holiday at the Wine Loft in Pikesville. Anyone who mentioned Adat Chaim was entitled to a 10% discount on their wine purchase through the holiday. Adat Chaim also received \$33.65 from this fundraiser (5% of the total wine purchases made). Thank you to our members, relatives and friends who made this possible. A big thank you also goes to Linda Boteach for making the arrangements for our holiday wine fundraiser. We are grateful to the Wine Loft for supporting local synagogues and other non-profits through their community fundraising initiatives. We also partnered with Longview Bible Church and held our first shredding event on April 11<sup>th</sup>. It proved to be very successful, bringing in \$695 for each organization. We will try to plan another one later this fall. I want to thank Beverley Fishman, Tina Asher, Cathy Litofsky, and Stanley Fishman for all their hard work in putting together the shredding event.

**The ritual committee has been working on plans for the high holidays, other services and study sessions for the year. Please read the ritual article for more details.**

The following is notification of the slate for 2021-2022:

President- Cathy Litofsky

1st Vice President- Vacant

2nd Vice President- Vacant

Treasurer- George Korba

Recording Secretary- Cindy Perlow

Members at Large- Stanley Fishman, Marcie Levenstein, & Wendy Raith

**We will be having our CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Sunday, June 13th at 10:00 am to approve the slate, our budget and finances. Please make every effort to attend!**

I hope everyone has been able to be vaccinated. Continue to stay safe and continue to wear your mask when it is needed.

*Jerry*



## We Are Here For You

### Officers:

**President:** Jerry Newman [adatchaim18@gmail.com](mailto:adatchaim18@gmail.com)

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Lynn Ruddle [adatchaim18@gmail.com](mailto:adatchaim18@gmail.com)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** George Korba [adatchaim18@gmail.com](mailto:adatchaim18@gmail.com)

**Treasurer:** Cathy Litofsky [actreasurer18@gmail.com](mailto:actreasurer18@gmail.com)

**Secretary:** Vacant

**Membership** Cathy Litofsky [acmembership18@gmail.com](mailto:acmembership18@gmail.com)

**Members at Large** Lynette Cohen, Stanley Fishman, Wendy Raith

**Ritual Committee:** Chair, Esther Miller [acritualcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:acritualcommittee@gmail.com)

Adrienne Frager, Arnie Blaustein, Janet Korba, Marcie Levenstein, Rabbi Larry Pinsker, Norman Ament

**Sisterhood/ Gift Shop** Tina Asher [acsisterhood18@gmail.com](mailto:acsisterhood18@gmail.com)

**Facebook/Editor:** Wendy Raith

**Office Manager/Webpage:** Lynn Ruddle [adatchaim18@gmail.com](mailto:adatchaim18@gmail.com)

### **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.

**Website:** [www.adatchaim.com](http://www.adatchaim.com)

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**Contact us:** [adatchaim18@gmail.com](mailto:adatchaim18@gmail.com)

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Remember the synagogue is supported through the *Amazon Smiles program*. Log on to our website: [www.adatchaim.com](http://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

## Remember when?



## Remember what?

**Does anybody recall the significance of March 9, 2020?** It was Purim. It was the last time we came together physically at Adat Chaim. That was over a year ago. Initially we had no idea that we would be stopping our regular services, study, celebrations, and meetings. Once it became clear that this would not be a short-term situation, we developed several plans. Plan One was how we could continue uninterrupted as a congregation without risking anyone's health. Plan Two (which we now know was naive) was how we could safely meet in our current synagogue space.

We were able to put Plan One into effect. Much to our surprise, it has been working. Is it the ideal way to come together? Maybe not. So, what is the point of this? The Ritual Committee and the Board are investigating various alternatives and possibilities for the coming year. The biggest unknown is the Covid-19 coronavirus itself and the spread of the variants, as well as the most updated epidemiological information and advice. We can plan all we want, but if conditions make it unsafe for us to be together then we need to be very cautious about what comes next.

Currently, we have been meeting weekly on Zoom. The Zoom platform has limitations. The obvious one is that we do not all sit in the same room. The biggest hindrance is that we can't all sing together. In the weeks and months to come we will be exploring numerous possibilities that might allow us some alternatives. Some may not be possible due to the size of our current meeting space or budget. However, we feel it is important to consider every realistic and safe possibility. We are fortunate that Rabbi Pinsker is a member of the Rabbinical Assembly (the international association of Conservative rabbis) and is helping us work with the guidance and advice from the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly.

We know there are people who want to come to services physically, not virtually. We also know there are people who will not come to services in person and are happy to be able to access us virtually. Who could have predicted that this is what we would need to balance? There will be no quick and easy answers/solutions. There will be lots of questions. **We are interested in exploring our options and finding those that will allow us to be together and safe. But even more essential is observing Judaism's two prime directives, which override almost every other commandment: *pikuach nefesh* – saving a life – and *sakanat nefeshot* -- avoiding endangering life.**

Naturally, you will be hearing more as we explore our options further. We appreciate the continued support we have received from members and friends as we navigate this tricky course.

*Ti-he-yeh bari/Stay healthy,*

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

*The Ritual Committee*

[acritualcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:acritualcommittee@gmail.com)

## **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

### **April 2021**

4/3-Study/ Service -7th Day Pesach and **Yizkor**; 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 **8 pm** –Erev Shavuot Tikkun Leil Shavout (traditions of Shavuot study) and **Yizkor**;

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 (**only**)-Tish B'Av Observance **8 pm**; 7/23-Kabbalat Shabbat; 7/31-Service

### **August 2021**

8/7-Study; 8/14-Service; 8/21-Study; 8/28-Saturday evening (only) **8 pm**-Selichot observance

### **September 2021**

9/4-Study;

9/6-Monday evening **7 pm**-Erev Rosh Hashanah; 9/7-Tuesday morning **10 am**-Day 1-Rosh Hashanah;

9/8-Wednesday morning **10 am** -Day 2-Rosh Hashanah;

9/11-Service;

9/15-Wednesday evening **6:30 pm** -Erev Yom Kippur; 9/16-Thursday morning **10 am** -Yom Kippur;

9/18-Study; 9/21- Tuesday –Sukkot Day 1 **10 am**; 9/24- Kabbalat Shabbat;

9/28 Tuesday morning **10 am** - Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah, **Yizkor**

### **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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It is great to welcome both Sue and Arthur Ross back to Adat Chaim. Many of you may remember that Sue was one of our dedicated office volunteers. We are thrilled to have them return and hope to see them at services and events in the future. We are so glad to count them as part of the Adat Chaim family and community.

We are so happy to provide you with a quick and easy way to make membership payments and donations to Adat Chaim through an online option. You can do so at the following secure link through PayPal: [PayPal here](#) . This is especially helpful for members who may wish to pay their membership monthly. You can also check out our donation page on the website. Let Cathy Litofsky know if you are experiencing any problems or issues.



**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**

- Sandra and Arnold Blaustein – In Memory of Gloria Posner Asrael
  - Janet and George Korba - In Honor of Jerry & Sandy Newman's Granddaughter
  - Janet and George Korba – For the Yahrzeits of Samuel Korba, Samuel Clarfield, and Anna Clarfield
  - Janet and George Korba – In Memory of Marilyn Cohen Seiden
  - Cathy and Irv Litofsky – In Memory of Marilyn Cohen Seiden
  - Cathy and Irv Litofsky – In Honor of the Ritual Committee
  - Cathy Litofsky – In Memory of Edwin Barber
  - Edie Meyers – In Memory of Lola Lewin
  - Susan Ross – For Memorial Cards
  - Marcy and Roger Wesalo – In Memory of Gloria Posner Asrael
  - Marcy and Roger Wesalo – In Celebration of Jerry & Sandy Newman's Granddaughter
  - Marcy and Roger Wesalo – In Memory of and For the Yahrzeit of Isadore Goldberg
  - Marcy and Roger Wesalo – In Memory of Lola Lewin
- The Wine Loft, Pikesville, MD

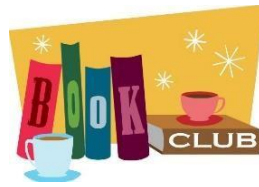
**Thank you to everyone who supported our shedding event in April!**

# Simchas and Celebrations



May 17<sup>th</sup> Susan Katz  
May 25<sup>th</sup> David Teichman

## Book Club



May 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM [The Yellow Bird Sings](#) by Jennifer Rosen

June 30<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM TBA

## *The Editor's View*



I believe Mother Nature guides your soul-

May the sun bring you new energy by day,  
May the moon softly restore you by night,  
May the rain wash away your worries,  
May the breeze blow new strength into your being,  
May you walk gently through the world and know its beauty all the days of your life.

Apache Blessing

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](mailto:acritualcommittee@gmail.com)

Candles should be lit at sundown the night before.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Yahrzeit of:</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Abram Goldman	
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Eva Markowitz	
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ralph Meyerstein	Father of Michael Meyerstein
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Harry Koffman	Grandfather of Cathy Litofsky
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Anna Parker	Susan, Andrew, Seth, Jonathan Katz
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn Schoolnick	
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Eva Deitchman	Grandmother of Phil Deitchman
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Goren	Mother of Robert Goren
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Dorothy Pinsker	Mother of Larry Pinsker
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Irving Lewin	Father of Harriet Meier
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Isaac Litofsky	Grandfather of Irv Litofsky
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	David Satsky	Grandfather of Danny Satsky
		Father-in-Law of Myra Satsky
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Philip Freizer	Freizer Family
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Calvin Bridge	Brother of Paul Bridge
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Joel Friedmann	
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bernard Zolotorow	Father of Stuart Zolotorow
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Albert Bernstein	Father-in-Law of Beverly Bernstein
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Harry Kulp	Father-in-Law of Phil Deitchman
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Miriam Lehman	Mother of Adrienne Frager
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Leon Freedman	Husband of Marion Freedman



## Sisterhood

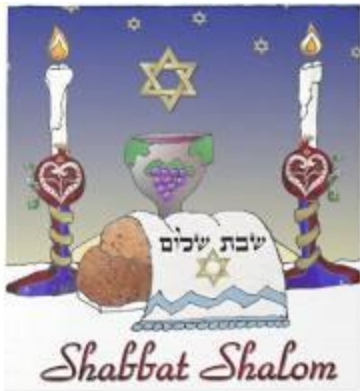
Tina Asher, President

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- **Join us on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> for the Federation of Jewish Women’s Organizations of MD** for the annual convention being held on Zoom from **9AM – 12:30PM**. Our very own Susan Ansel will be celebrated as our honoree from Adat Chaim for *Welcoming the Stranger*. **Congratulations to Susan!** To register, follow this link and make your payment: <http://jewishwomensfed.org/Events.html> Lunch will be distributed on May 12th between 2 – 4 p.m. at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation's parking lot 7401 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD (Dietary Laws Observed).
- **Seaboard Region’s Virtual Spring Conference** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 23, 2020 via Zoom**. This will include a meditation service, speakers from MAZON and SOME, and installation of the new Region Board. The theme for the conference is: *Hazak v’Amatz* (Be Strong and Courageous), we will do it **B’Yachad**, together. A great theme as Cathy Litofsky completes her term as Seaboard Region President. Let’s be sure to attend and support her. [Register Here](#)
- **Wednesday, June 2, 2021 – Coffee & Conversation – Sisterhood end of year event** – celebrate with Sisterhood for our end-of-year event. Our agenda will be packed full with elections, a review of all we accomplished this year and delicious desserts and conversation. Please **RSVP to Beverley Fishman** so we can plan our dessert menu and distribution. She can be reached at: [contactsfnr@yahoo.com](mailto:contactsfnr@yahoo.com).
- **Shabbat Dinner Orders** are being taken for **Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**. Celebrate with Sisterhood by ordering your Shabbat dinner. Pick up will be at the synagogue, more details to follow about time. If you need your meal delivered, we can make arrangements for that as well. See the flyer in the newsletter for menu options and how to order. Then, bring in Shabbat with the **Friday Kabbalat Shabbat** service that will begin at **7PM**.
- **Join us on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM for a concert by Robyn Helzner:**  
**Kreplach & Dim Sum: Yes, There are Jews in China.** This concert is being sponsored by the following: Adat Chaim Sisterhood (Owings Mills, MD), Beth El Congregation (Pittsburgh, PA), Congregation Beth Israel (Greenville, SC), Temple Beth Ami (North Potomac, MD), and Tikvat Israel Congregation (Rockville, MD). **See the flyer** for more information and how to reserve your ticket and get the Zoom invitation. This concert is free for Sisterhood members, \$10 donation for friends and guests.

L’Shalom,  
Tina





**Adat Chaim Sisterhood  
Is inviting you to join us  
for Shabbat Dinner  
Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>  
Cost: \$25**

**Choose one of the following entrées:  
Apricot Brandy Chicken  
Grilled Chicken**

**Included with your entrée:  
Mushroom Barley Soup  
Butternut Squash Kugel  
Red Skin Mashed Potatoes  
String Beans with Almonds  
Challah roll  
Brownie**

**(Payment & pick up will be at the shul - time TBA)  
Dinner orders should be emailed by June 14<sup>th</sup> to:  
[AcSisterhood18@gmail.com](mailto:AcSisterhood18@gmail.com)**

**Catering by Yaffa**

## May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Shabbat Study 10 am Zoom  Emor (Omer 34)
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  Ritual Committee Meeting 7 pm Zoom	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  Sisterhood Board Meeting 7 pm Zoom	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Candle Lighting 7:47 pm	<b>8</b>  Shabbat Service 10 am Zoom  Behar (Omer 41)
<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b>  Yom Yerushalayim	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Federation's 104 <sup>th</sup> Convention Event on Zoom 9AM – 12:30PM	<b>14</b>  Candle Lighting 7:54 pm	<b>15</b>  Shabbat Study 10 am Zoom  Bamidbar (Omer 48)
<b>16</b> Erev Shavuot Tikkun Leil Shavuot Yizkor 8 pm Zoom (Omer 49)	<b>17</b>  Shavuot	<b>18</b>  Shavuot	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Shul Board Meeting 7 pm Zoom	<b>21</b>  Candle Lighting 8:00 pm	<b>22</b>  Shabbat Service 10 am Zoom  Naso
<b>23</b>  Seaboard Region Virtual Spring Conference 10AM – 2PM	<b>24</b>  Victoria Day Canada	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Candle Lighting 8:06 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7 pm Zoom	<b>29</b>  Beha'alotekha
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 	<u>Looking Ahead:</u>  <b>Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – Annual Congregational Meeting – 10AM</b>				

## June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Sisterhood End of Year Event 7 pm Zoom Place your dessert order	3	4  Candle Lighting 8:11 pm	5 Shabbat Study 10 am Zoom  Shelach Lekha
6	7 Ritual Committee Meeting 7 pm Zoom	8	9	10	11  Candle Lighting 8:15 pm	12 Shabbat Service 10 am Zoom  Korach
13 Annual Congregation Meeting 10 AM	14 	15	16	17 Shul Board Meeting 7 pm Zoom	18  Candle Lighting 8:17 pm	19 Shabbat Study 10 am Zoom  Chukat
20 	21	22	23	24	25  Candle Lighting 8:19 pm Shabbat Dinner Pick-up Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7 pm Zoom	26  Balak
27 Robyn Helzner Concert & Event 4:30PM	28	29	30	<u>Looking Ahead:</u>		