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President's Message

Jerry Newman

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The congregation would like to thank Rabbi Pinsker and Esther Miller in helping us lead services and study sessions every week through Zoom. Adat Chaim held our first Friday night service on 12/25/2020. It was well attended and we look forward to the next one being held on **Friday, March 26th**. Please refer to the service and study session calendar in this newsletter. Take note of our **Erev Purim** service and schpiel on **Thursday, February 25th at 7PM**. Costumes are encouraged. If you are interested in being a part of the schpiel, please contact Esther Miller at acriticalcommittee@gmail.com. I would also like to thank Sisterhood for all their hard work in running the Sisterhood Shabbat service on January 16th. It was a very inspiring and meaningful service for all who attended.

The Board continues to work on priorities and goals to ensure that Adat Chaim is a thriving community. We are setting into motion both short-term and long-range plans. A budget was approved by the Board at the January 21st Board meeting. We have identified Membership and Fundraising plans as two priorities to meeting our budget and putting into action these plans. Of course, we continue with discussions with members to outline and finalize Board and congregational priorities. See the *Membership Matters* article for more information and how you can join in on the conversation and answer questions that you might have. The sessions will be held via Zoom the first week of February.

As you can imagine fundraising efforts during COVID have been challenging. We will, however, be having our **first shredding event on April 11, 2021 from Noon – 2PM. It will be held at the Franklin High School parking lot**. We need your help in advertising this event to friends, neighbors, and family in order to make this a big success. We are partnering with the Longview Bible Church, located in the middle row of Red Run Centre. They will also be advertising this event to their members and the community. Beverley Fishman has done a great job in organizing the shredding event. A flyer is being developed in collaboration with the church and will be sent out soon. If each member reached out to five friends or neighbors, we will have a successful event. Save your shredding, support the synagogue. A win-win opportunity.

We want to thank Sisterhood for their ongoing support. They continue to provide programs and events throughout the year. Check out the flyer in this newsletter for two events open to all being presented by the Jewish Museum of Maryland.

Shalom,
Jerry



We Are Here For You

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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
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Remember the synagogue is supported through the *Amazon Smiles program*. Log on to our website: 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.



**In preparation for the Coming Celebration of Purim,
the Adat Chaim Ritualistic Committee presents this from
the Rabbinic Search Committee**

In hopes of full transparency, we share this description of our ideal candidate. We are currently seeking a rabbi who meets the following qualifications:

Someone who is traditional; but not too traditional.

Someone creative, but not too creative.

Someone young, but not too young, or older, but not too old.

Candidate must be able to dance, sing, do back flips and spit wooden nickels; this also applies to Shabbat and holidays with the exception of nickels.

Individual must be learned. Smart alecks need not apply. All other Alecs or Alex will be considered.

Candidate must be friendly; but not too friendly.

We are seeking an individual who is good with small animals and so-called adults.

Along with the above criteria, individual must be able to: juggle while riding a unicycle; teach, preach, lecture, *hechsher*, *layn* Torah while blindfolded.

Additional skills required include ability to serve as Interim Board of Directors; Choir Director; Chief Cook and Bottle Washer.

Must be able to park cars on High Holy Days (all tips are property of the synagogue; valid driver's license not required).

Knowledge of Hebrish, Yinglish, Klingon (*tlhingan hol*) considered a plus.

If this describes you, you may want to consider another career!

BE HAPPY IT'S (ALMOST) PURIM!

~~Seriously folks, please join us on Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate Purim on Zoom. Further details will appear at a computer/tablet/phone/digital device near you.~~

Ritual

The Ritual Committee
acritualcommittee@gmail.com



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

Unless otherwise indicated all dates are for Saturday mornings*

January 2021

1/2-Service; 1/9-Study; 1/16-Service-Sisterhood Shabbat; 1/23-Study; 1/29-Friday-Kabbalat Shabbat

February 2021

2/6-Study; 2/13-Service; 2/20-Study; 2/25 Thursday-Erev Purim; 2/27-Service

March 2021

3/6-Study; 3/13-Service; 3/20-Study; 3/26- Friday-Kabbalat Shabbat

April 2021

4/3-Study/ 7th Day Pesach; 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-Shavuot Tikkun; 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 Study-Tish B’Av; 7/23-Kabbalat Shabbat;
7/31-Service

August 2021

8/7-Study; 8/14-Service; 8/21-Study; 8/28-Saturday evening-Selichot

September 2021

9/4-Study; 9/6-Monday evening-Erev Rosh Hashanah; 9/7-Tuesday morning-Day 1-Rosh Hashanah; 9/8-
Wednesday morning-Day 2-Rosh Hashanah; 9/11-Service; 9/15-Wednesday evening-Erev Yom Kippur;
9/16-Thursday morning-Yom Kippur; 9/18-Study; 9/24- Kabbalat Shabbat; Tuesday evening- Shemini
Atzeret/Simchat Torah or 9/29- Wednesday morning-Simchat Torah

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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We have reserved three dates for our members to connect and have a conversation with Board members. If you have questions that you would like answered or want to provide some suggestions on programs or topics for study sessions or lifelong learning opportunities, then sign up for one of the dates below. All will be held via Zoom. A limited number of spaces will be available for each date so that we can give you adequate time for congregational conversation and open it up for questions. Please respond to the email address acmembership18@gmail.com to reserve your spot. The three dates are:

- Tuesday, February 2nd at 7PM
- Thursday, February 4th at 7PM
- Tuesday, February 9th at 7PM

All Members should have received their Annual Membership Forms to the synagogue. If you don't remember getting yours or need them to be resent, contact Cathy Litofsky at the above email.

Thanks so much to Tina Asher, Janet Korba and Cathy Litofsky who continue to reach out to our members, individual Sisterhood members and past members of Adat Chaim. It has been great to connect and keep current with all of you. Starting next month, look for our *Spotlight on our Members* section.

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: [MAKE PAYMENTS-DONATIONS 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

Susan and Les Ansel – For the Yahrzeits of Reba Ansel, Albert Goodman and Rose Goodman
Tina and Buddy Asher

Rabbinic Support Fund:

Adat Chaim Sisterhood
Linda and David Boteach
Lynette Cohen

In Memory of David Levenstein:

Adrienne Frager
Bryan Wachs and New World Title Company

Marcie Levenstein – For the Yahrzeit of Edwin Rubin

Simchas and Celebrations



Cindy Perlow February 6
Roger Himelfarb February 10
Monica Rosen February 20
Marcie Levenstein February 21



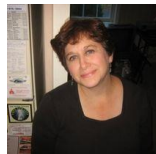
Susan and Les Ansel February 22nd 54 years

Book Club



As of now, there is not a book club meeting for February.

The Editor's View



February is the month of the heart. This editor believes you need to be kind to all people, all colors, nationalities and religions. Respect to all sizes, heights, age and mentality. Do a favor to someone, show kindness by making them dinner, take them shopping, fix something for them. Just call to chat, tell them they are special, say I love being with you. The magic in this, is when you do kindness to others, your own heart fills with happiness. Keep that heart happy and healthy!

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

Candles should be lit at sundown the night before.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Yahrzeit of:</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
February 1	Louis Amler	Father of Beverly Bernstein
February 1	Nita Feldman	Sister of Beverly Bernstein
February 2	Barbara Dachman	Sister of Sandy Blaustein
February 3	Miriam Abraham	Mother of Sandy Newman
February 4	Abraham Davidson	Grandfather of Irv Litofsky
February 19	Seymour Caplan	Father of Larry Kaplan
February 26	Sophie Master	Mother of Elinor Elishewitz
February 28	Richard Friedman	The Friedman Family
March 3	Ruth Nachemson	Mother of Marilyn Goldstein
March 3	Shirley Goldberg	Mother of Marcy Wesalo
March 3	Shirley Posner	Mother of Gary Posner
March 4	Jack Wallach	Father of Sharon Wallach

Sisterhood

Tina Asher, President

acsisterhood18@gmail.com



- We extend a hearty Todah Rabbah and Yasher Koach to all who participated in the WLCJ Sisterhood Shabbat held on Saturday, January 16th. The service, led by Esther Miller, and organized by Janet Korba, her committee and Esther, was meaningful and full of inspirational readings. Thanks to Cathy Litofsky for the delicious Kiddush lunch prepared. The conversation afterward was quite enjoyable. We would like to give a shout out to Sion Bakery for the challah, rolls and sweets. It was our first time ordering from them.
- **On February 10, 2021**, join Sisterhood for a program titled: **Scrap Yard: Innovators for Recycling**. It is presented by the Jewish Museum of Maryland. This one-hour program will be an inside look at recycling and environmental education. This will be held via Zoom and an **RSVP** is required by **February 1st** so that we can send you the link. This program is sponsored in part by Linda Boteach. See the flyer on the next page for more details.
- **Jews in Space: Members of the Tribe in Orbit**, a virtual program will be presented on **March 10, 2021**. This program will wow you as we learn about some Jewish astronauts and take a look at the universe and our fascination with space. A guest speaker will be an added bonus! An **RSVP** is required by **March 1st** so that we can send you the link. See the flyer on the next page for more details.
- **Seaboard Region's Spring Conference** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 23, 2020 via Zoom**. This will include a service, speaker and installation of the new Region Board. The theme for the conference is: **Hazak v'Amatz** (Be Strong and Have Courage). A great theme as we get ready for a new fiscal year and Torah Fund campaign. We will be honoring Cathy Litofsky as the outgoing Seaboard Region President. Let's show her our support.
- And speaking of **Torah Fund**, we are encouraging all donations to the Torah Fund be done online since this is the fastest and easiest way to have them recorded. To date, we have reached 66% of our Sisterhood's goal. This is great news! Here is a **Secure Torah Fund Link** to make your donation if you want to do so before the end of December for tax purposes. A Torah Fund pin with the B'Yachad theme will be given for a donation of at least \$180. Of course, any amount is greatly appreciated.

L'Shalom,
Tina

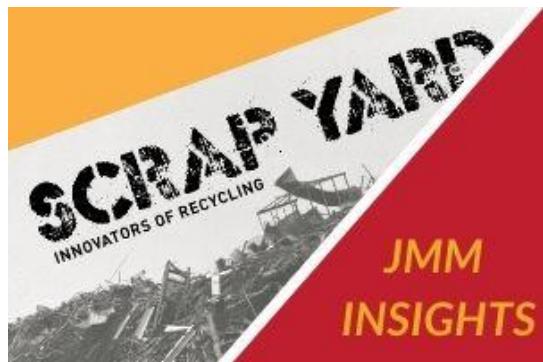


Cards are good through December 31, 2021.

The Adat Chaim Sisterhood has Fireball Cards available for you. A snapshot of the businesses is shown here. The cost of the card is only \$5. To get your very own Fireball card, contact sisterhood at: acsisterhood18@gmail.com. We will be happy to arrange to get you your card(s) as soon as possible.

Program Offerings Open to All

As Tu B'Shevat approaches, we have planned a wonderful program brought to you by the Jewish Museum of Maryland. We will look at scrap yards and recycling and how Maryland and Jewish families have played a part in its history.



What: **Scrap Yard: Innovators of Recycling**

When: Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Where: Via Zoom

Time: 7PM

RSVP Required: acsisterhood18@gmail.com by 2/1

Donation of \$5 accepted through [PayPal here](#). We will send you the Zoom link by 2/3/2021.

This program was sponsored in part by Linda Boteach.

Did you ever wonder how many Jewish astronauts there are? How did their Judaism play a role in their mission? What else can we learn from this program full of fun, facts and fantasy?

What: **Jews in Space: Members of the Tribe in Orbit**

When: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Where: Via Zoom

Time: 7PM

RSVP Required: acsisterhood18@gmail.com by 3/1

Donation of \$5 accepted through [PayPal here](#). We will send you the Zoom link by 3/3/2021.



This program is brought to you by the Jewish Museum of Maryland. A special guest will be present at this session. You won't want to miss it!

Are you looking for a new mask to wear for Purim or Pesach? Have we got something for you! Limited quantities and designs are available for each holiday. We are all in this **B'Yachad**, together. Contact Cathy Litofsky for more information and inquire about supplies on hand (actreasurer18@gmail.com). Cost is \$10/mask and can be paid through [Purchase Masks Here](#). Checks are also accepted.



Don't forget to join us for Kabbalat Shabbat services this Friday, January 29th at 7PM.

February 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Ritual Committee 7 pm Zoom RSVP Due for 2/10/21 Program	2	3 Sisterhood Board Meeting 7 pm Zoom	4	5  Candle Lighting 5:10 pm	6 Shabbat Study Session 10am Zoom Yitro
7	8	9	10 Program Scrap Yard: Innovators for Recycling Presented by: Jewish Museum of MD 7 pm Zoom	11	12  Candle Lighting 5:18 pm Rosh Chodesh Adar	13 Shabbat Service 10am Zoom Rosh Chodesh Adar Mishpatim
14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18 Shul Board Meeting 7 pm Zoom	19  Candle Lighting 5:26 pm	20 Shabbat Study Session 10am Zoom Terumah
21	22	23	24	25 Erev Purim Service 7 pm Zoom	26  Candle Lighting 5:34 pm Purim	27 Shabbat Service 10am Zoom Tetzaveh
28 Shushan Purim	February 25 th : Join us for Purim <i>Silly Service and other Meshugas</i> 7 pm on Zoom Looking Ahead: March 10 th : <i>Jews in Space: Members of the Tribe in Orbit Program</i> 7 pm on Zoom					

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Ritual Committee 7 pm Zoom RSVP Due for 3/10/21 Program	2	3 Sisterhood Board Meeting 7 pm Zoom	4	 Candle lighting 5:45 pm	6 Shabbat Study Session 10 am Zoom Ki Tisa
7	8	9	10 Jews in Space: Members of the Tribe in Orbit 7 pm Zoom	11	 Candle Lighting 5:52 pm	13 Shabbat Service 10 am Zoom Vayakhel Pekuday
14	15	16	17	18 Shul Board Meeting 7 pm Zoom	 Candle Lighting 6:59 pm	20 Shabbat Study Session 10 am Zoom Vayikra
21	22	23	24	25	 Candle Lighting 7:06 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7PM on Zoom	Passover begins at sunset 1 st Seder Tzav
28 1 st day of Passover 2 nd Seder	29 2 nd day of Passover	30 3 rd day of Passover	31 4 th day of Passover	Looking Ahead: April 3 rd – Study Session; 10AM April 7 th – Shabbat Service, 7 th Day of Passover April 11 th – Shredding Event, Noon – 2PM, Franklin HS		

A Passover Joke: Did you know that the horseradish root goes back in time as far as the matzah does? The horseradish root also crossed the Red Sea with the fleeing Israelites. The Israelites were slaves at the time and only had access to a few vegetables. The hard and woody horseradish was one of them and was a household staple.

Nearly all the fleeing Israelites took horseradish with them. Moshe and Sadie, however, while gathering up their scant belongings, found to their dismay that they had run out of horseradish. Sadie immediately sent Moshe into the field to dig up a large horseradish root to take with them. However, because it was dark and everyone was running around in panic, Moshe dug up a ginger root by mistake.

After forty years in the desert, the Israelites finally entered the Promised Land – all, that is, except Moshe and Sadie. It took them forty-one years to arrive. When asked where they had been, Sadie, now grown old, shrugged her shoulders and replied, "Moshe insisted on taking an alternative root."

Jewish War Veterans Ladies Auxiliary 167 Speaker Series

- **Monday, February 22 at 7:00PM:** Lt. Col Yaron Buskila: Retired IDF Commander Presently residing in Israel. (confirmed)



- **Monday, March 22 at 7:00PM:** Admiral Danelle Barrett: U.S. Navy, Former Director of Cyber Security. (confirmed)
- **Monday, April 19 at 7:00PM:** John Hopkins Medicine (confirmed)
- **Monday, May 24 at 7:00PM:** Chief Melissa Hyatt: First woman, first Jewish chief of Police in Baltimore County. (confirmed)
- **Monday, June 21 at 7:00PM:** Greg Wise: Sol Levinson Bros. (confirmed)
- **Monday, July 26 at 7:00PM:** Jill Snyder. Esq: Estate Planning (pending)

Jewish War Veterans Ladies Auxiliary 167 is hosting this speaker series. The series will be done via Zoom beginning in February and ending in July. Following this announcement, a monthly reminder will be sent out on each speaker along with a short bio and a registration form. If you would like to attend any of these and be included in the monthly announcements, please email Beverley Fishman so you can be added to the monthly reminders for the speaker series. A zoom link will also be sent to you before each program.

Sincerely,
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