

Adat Chaim News June 2021

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President's Message

Jerry Newman

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I never thought that I would be president, however here it is two years later, and I will be stepping down effective June 30th. My father was always very active in my synagogue while I was growing up and was also president of the congregation. I guess it rubbed off on me and I followed in his footsteps.

These two years have been very challenging. As I sit down and write my final article as president of Adat Chaim, I have to reflect on the many accomplishments that have occurred. We were able to secure a sizable donation to secure Rabbinic support during these years, we had our first shredding event which was very successful, and we have gained new members. Fortunately, Adat Chaim has been able to stay together as a congregation through the internet. Who knew that we would be facing a pandemic and unable to meet in person for a year and a half?

In spite of this situation, we have been able to stay together as a community through the efforts of Rabbi Larry Pinsker and Esther Miller. I have to thank them both for keeping us together as a congregation, Esther leading services and the Ritual Committee and Rabbi Pinsker providing support to the Ritual Committee, facilitating life-long learning through study sessions and guiding the board. The study sessions have been very informative and we have had many people participate. Zoom has kept us together in spite of not meeting in person.

We also have had our congregants step up to support Adat Chaim and keep us thriving during these difficult times. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting us so that we could stay together as a community. We currently have an anonymous member who is willing to give us additional funds so that we can continue to secure rabbinic support.

I want to thank everyone who has been on the board during my presidency, for their support and help in keeping Adat Chaim thriving. I could not have gotten through these years without all of your support.

We continue to work on preparations for the High Holidays. I am happy to report that Rabbi Pinsker will be our spiritual leader. He is working with Esther Miller and the Ritual Committee. I am glad to say that Sharon Mills will also be bringing her cantorial voice to our services again this year.

I want to wish the new board much success during the next two years. We will be having our congregational meeting on **Sunday, June 13th at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom**. At this time, we will elect the new officers, discuss our financial status, and plans for the future. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting and getting your input as we move forward together as a congregation.

Shalom,

Jerry



We Are Here For You

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

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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.

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From the Ritual Committee

As much as things change, they stay the same, maybe.....

As this is being written, the Ritual Committee and the Board are investigating various gathering and seating schematics for the foreseeable future. For the immediate present we will be following our May/June calendar for virtual programming while we work through some possible changes in how set up and conducting in-person services will be handled. There are some things that must be resolved in our meeting space. These include the possibility of hybrid programming to include simultaneous on-site and virtual sessions, and a thorough cleaning of the space that has not been used for 15 months. (Don't assume that just because we have not been meeting together the space is clean and breathable. Those of us who did go into the building to check on possible seating changes discovered a space in need of deep cleaning.)

We have learned much over these past 15 weeks. We have discovered that this is a congregation that definitely values coming together as a community to pray and to study whether we are seated together in one space or seated separately in 20 or more spaces. We have learned how to adjust the *matbeah tefillah*/the structure of the service and prayers, in order to preserve the sanctity of the service while also acknowledging the differences involved in praying in a virtual space.

There is no age limit for learning....

We have met new folks, who have enriched our discussions. A number of these folks, ordinarily, would not be able to join us in person because of distance. And, it is safe to say that this is a congregation that values learning. We really are the “poster children” for life-long learning.

So, what else have we learned? We have learned that we are able to come together as a congregation despite the environmental circumstances. Although we may want to forget this past year, what we have experienced and learned should allow us to strengthen our commitment to our Jewish present and future and to our Adat Chaim community.

As we prepare to enter this next phase, which we took for granted so many months ago, let us be proud of what we have been able to accomplish by staying together, studying and praying (and developing new technical skills as well).

We say with hope for the not too distant future:

בקרוב בנהיה ביחד /N'heyeh B'Yachad B'Karov/We'll be together soon,

And, one final statement on behalf of the Ritual Committee. At the risk of singling out one individual among the many who kept us going, our continued existence would not have been possible without the diligence and tenacity of Rabbi Pinsker, to whom we say:

כל הכבוד ותודה רבה /Kol Hakavod V'Todah Rabbah/All our respect and appreciation,
Adrienne, Arnie, Esther, Janet, Marcie, Norman

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

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, Treasurer
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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 me know if you are experiencing any problems or issues.



Cathy Litofsky, Membership Chair
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We have added new members. We have come through the past 17 months with new learning opportunities and maintained our sense of community. We have grown personally and as a community through learning. Our congregants received an email this week. It highlighted a number of important items for Adat Chaim. It provided some short-term things on the board's agenda and pressing decisions about our current location.

Now more than ever we must stay strong and come together to discuss possibilities and provide input. Here are a few quick ways on how you can do just that as members of the Adat Chaim Family.

- Make sure your membership dues are paid in a timely manner so we can continue to meet our financial obligations.
- Send any questions you might have about the information you received to adatchaim18@gmail.com. It will help the Board respond to them and prepare for the Annual meeting.
- Attend the Annual meeting on **June 13th at 10AM**. We will be able to answer your questions, discuss your concerns, and speak to you, even if from squares on the screen on Zoom.
 - We will highlight the new website progress.
 - We will announce another exciting donation and matching challenge opportunity.
- Volunteer to assist with tasks at hand. Sorting through our current resources, supplies and books will be essential as we prepare to downsize items not needed.
- Individually we are just one person, but together we are a community supporting each other.



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. Thank you everyone for your continued support.

General Synagogue Fund:

An anonymous donor has provided funds to update and improve our website!

For the Yahrzeit of Miriam Lehman by Adrienne Frager

In Memory of Dorothy Pinsker by Rabbi Larry Pinsker and Esther Miller

In Honor of Cathy Litofsky by Esther Miller and Rabbi Larry Pinsker

In Honor of Adrienne Frager by Esther Miller and Rabbi Larry Pinsker

In Honor of Linda Boteach by Esther Miller and Rabbi Larry Pinsker

Rabbinic Support Fund:

In Gratitude for the Ritual Committee's continued work by Cathy and Irv Litofsky

To Thank Rabbi Pinsker for Teaching and Guiding all of us by Cathy and Irv Litofsky

For the Yahrzeits of Richard Koffman and Isaac Litofsky by Cathy and Irv Litofsky

Simchas and Celebrations

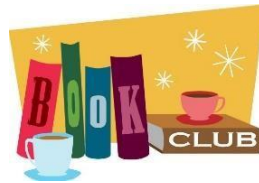


June 4th Jamie Wagenheim
June 7th Janet Korba
June 7th Rebecca Weksberg Mandel
June 10th Esther Miller
June 12th Jonathan Katz
June 15th David Boteach
June 17th Lisa Asher-Johnston
June 17th Bernie Weksberg
June 28th Beverley Fishman



June 12th Janet and George Korba
June 27th Linda and David Boteach

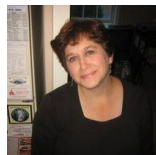
Book Club



June 23rd Zoom 7:30 pm
August 11th Zoom 7:30 pm

Florence Adler Swims Forever by Rachel Beanland
The Lost Boys by Faye Kellerman

The Editor's View



Every election is determined by the people who show up to vote.
Be that PERSON and vote at the Congregational Meeting June 13th at 10 am on Zoom.

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>
June 1 st	Joel Friedmann	
June 4 th	Bernard Zolotorow	Father of Stuart Zolotorow
June 11 th	Albert Bernstein	Father-in-law of Beverly Bernstein
June 11 th	Harry Kulp	Father-in-law of Phil Deitchman
June 11 th	Miriam Lehman	Mother of Adrienne Frager
June 11 th	Leon Freedman	Husband of Marion Freedman
June 13 th	Belle Sacks	The Sacks Family
June 17 th	Philip Miller	Brother of Helen Gold
June 22 nd	Minnie Freizer	The Freizer Family
June 24 th	Gerald Rosenthal	Husband of Maxine Rosenthal
		Father of Carol Rosenthal
		Grandfather of Lindsay Rosenthal
June 24 th	Jack Maslow	Father of Anne Berry
June 28 th	Irene Golden	Aunt of Linda Hochberg
July 2 nd	Selma Gorin	Father of Israela Meyerstein
July 2 nd	Karl Goodman	Brother of Susan Ansel



Sisterhood

Tina Asher, President

acsisterhood18@gmail.com

- **Date Change to Wednesday, June 16, 2021 – Coffee & Conversation – Sisterhood end of year event**
– We will 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.

Our slate for the coming year is as follows:

President – Tina Asher

VP Fundraising – Beverley Fishman

VP Programming – Linda Boteach

VP Membership – Open

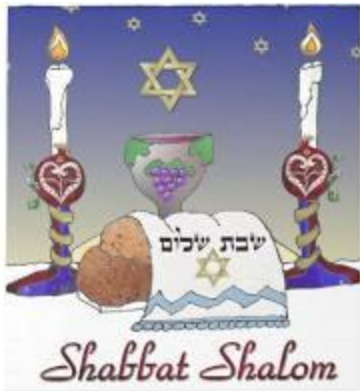
Recording/Corresponding Secretary – Janet Korba

Treasurer – Marcy Wesalo

Members at Large: Susan Ansel, Charlotte Levin, and Mindy Rosenzweig

- **Shabbat Dinner Orders** are being taken for **Friday, June 25th**. 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**. **Orders need to be in by June 14th**. **See the flyer for payment options.**
- **Join us on Sunday, June 27th 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.

*L'Shalom,
Tina*



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

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

OR

Grilled Chicken

Included with your entrée:

Mushroom Barley Soup

Butternut Squash Kugel

Red Skin Mashed Potatoes

String Beans with Almonds

Challah roll

Brownie

Catering by Yaffa

- Email dinner orders by **June 14th** to: **Acsisterhood18@gmail.com**
 - Pick up will be at the shul **6/25** between **12 - 1PM**
 - To pay for your meal(s) use one of these options:
 - Make payment through this link: **[Sisterhood Events](#)** after placing your order and receiving confirmation.
 - Mailing a check to Marcy Wesalo after receiving confirmation of your order; the address will be included with the confirmation.

ROBYN HELZNER

Kreplach & Dim Sum: Yes, There are Jews in China



Sunday, June 27 at 4:30 pm via Zoom

This event is free!

(Donations are always welcome and appreciated)

To make a donation, use this link: [Sisterhood Events](#)



Celebrate the extraordinary presence of Jews In China LIVE via Zoom! Through livestories, photos, video and music, Robyn Helzner shares her irresistible enthusiasm for both ancient and modern Jewish communities of Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Kaifeng. Robyn Helzner served as the Cantor for the United Jewish Congregation of Hong Kong and officiated the first Bar Mitzvah ever held in Beijing. Enlightening and entertaining. **Kreplach & Dim Sum** has been wildly popular throughout the country.

Participating Organizations:

Adat Chaim (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),

For more information and to register:

Email: acsisterhood18@gmail.com

(You must register to receive the Zoom link)

May 2021

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

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	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 Zoom	14 	15	16 Sisterhood End of Year 7PM Zoom	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	Looking Ahead: Saturday, July 17 th – Erev Tish B'Av 8PM Friday, July 23 rd – Kabbalat Shabbat 7PM		

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Candle Lighting 8:18 pm	3 Shabbat Study 10 am Zoom Pinchas
4 	5	6	7	8	9 Candle Lighting 8:16 pm	10 Shabbat Service 10 am Zoom Mattot / Massei
11	12	13	14	15	16 Candle Lighting 8:13 pm	17 Erev Tish B' Av Evening Service 8 pm Zoom Followed by special observance D'varim
18	19	20	21	22	23 Candle Lighting 8:08 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7 pm Zoom	24 V' Etchanan
25	26	27	28	29	30 Candle Lighting 8:02 pm	31 Shabbat Service 10 am Zoom Ekev