



The Bulletin Adat Chaim's News Source

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From The President's Desk...

Summer is officially here and the heat wave has begun. Adat Chaim is heating up as well. We have a lot going on this summer. First and foremost, we were able celebrate with the Mandel and Weksberg families for the simchat bat of Abigail Mandel on June 24th. It was great to see everyone and share this special occasion. The annual congregational meeting was held the very next day. It was nice to see many of our members and catch up. The meeting provided time to thank our Board and Sisterhood for their support for the past year. I am happy to say that all the Board members will be returning to serve our congregation in the 2018 fiscal year. If you misplaced your letter, here are your officers and members-at-large:

Present, Cathy Litofsky
1st Vice President, David Teichman
2nd Vice President, Jerry Newman
Secretary, Allan Weksberg
Treasurer, George Korba
Members-at Large: Lynette Cohen, Bruce Levy and Wendy Raith

We are busy putting together some fundraising activities for this year. Bruce Levy has been hard at work to compile a list of business that might provide discounts through the purchase of a discount card. Look for more details about this over the next few weeks. We hope that every Adat Chaim member will take 10 cards to sell. We are hoping to have them ready for the Reisterstown Festival to sell at our booth. And speaking of the Festival, we will need some volunteers to be at our booth on Sunday, September 10th. Please contact the office to volunteer or send an e-mail to adatchaim18@gmail.com

Also in the works is a music series. We are in the preliminary phase of scheduling four different concerts throughout the year. The music will range from klezmer to jazz to classical and something in between. If you know of a group that would be willing to perform, have them get in touch with me so I can coordinate the series.

High Holiday packets were distributed at the annual meeting. If you were not in attendance, you will be receiving yours in the mail shortly. Please adhere to the deadlines on your forms. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining Adat Chaim or attending High Holidays with us, call the office and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Shalom till next month,
Cathy Litofsky

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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.

Need Information?

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No phone calls or e-mails on Shabbat please.

Remember that the synagogue is supported through the Amazon Smiles program. **Log on to www.adatchaim.com and choose the link: [Shop Adat Chaim](#).** It is a great way to shop and support Adat Chaim at the same time.



Divrei Chodesh D'Rabbi Jerry Seidler



I had the pleasure of attending this year's annual conference of the Association Professional Chaplains. It was held at the new Marriott Marquis Downtown in Houston, Texas. The accommodations were terrific (including the best hotel fitness center I have ever seen), and my room overlooked Minute Maid Park, the home of the Astros (pity, they were out of town).

The conference was typical in many respects for events such as these. There were the presentations, sponsorship booths, seminars, meals and speakers. There was also the socializing at the lazy river Texas-shaped outdoor pool and promenade (think the lido deck of a cruise ship). And, of course, we had our share of committee and business meetings.

One thing is, this was my first APC conference (I had decided to switch membership from another cognate organization), and so I really only knew only a couple of people (one was a chaplain at a metro Baltimore facility who works with one of our social worker congregants, and the other, a rabbi acquaintance from Philadelphia). By the time I had to fly back home, I got to know and befriend lots more.

And here is the other thing: the chaplains who gathered in Houston were about as diverse a flock as one could have assembled. White, Black, Latino, Asian, mixed; men, women, straight, gay, transgendered; Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Wicca; conservative, liberal, right-wing, left-wing, Republican, Democrat; native born and immigrant – a microcosm of the American population. Sure, we shared faith, spirituality and religiosity, but we differed greatly about what that meant in general and to us individually. But it did not matter, and yet, it mattered so very much.

Difference did not matter in the sense of bigotry, disrespect or preventing being in relationship. Difference mattered because we all entered into relationship to learn from each other, listen carefully and speak so that we could be understood and heard. For example, the transgender, mixed race, Latina theology professor from Vanderbilt spoke brilliantly, so that even the most Orthodox rabbi, evangelical minister and Catholic nun could sit and listen lovingly to “them” (the professor prefers plural pronouns).

For me, it was wonderful to chat with and engage people from all over the country. It was easy to talk shop, the common conversations about health care facilities, patients, other staff and bureaucracy. It was even better to talk personally about our families and lives. Yet the best part was talking with each other about the difficult issues of the day, whether medical ethical questions (like euthanasia, brain death, end of life care) or more politically charged ones (Black Lives Matter, gun control, immigration, taxation).

You see, the chaplaincy conference reminded me that people of good will, who recognize the humanity in themselves and in others, can enter into civil relation and dialogue. There is a skill and art to communicate with others openly in ways that allow the speaker to be heard and the listener to listen, and then for everyone to be touched and moved even if opinions on the merits might not change (at least not right away, if ever).

So, as we enter summertime, I invite all of us to take the time to engage ourselves and each other with love – speak carefully to be heard, listen intently to hear, and be together to nurture and reclaim community. Shalom Aleikhem.

Ritual Committee

Jerry Newman, Chair

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We continue to have Friday night services the first Friday of every month. This month services will be held on **Friday, July 7th at 6:30 p.m.** We also celebrate our July birthdays and anniversaries the first Friday of the month. Share your simcha and join us for services. We continue to need your support to assure weekly **Saturday morning** minyan starting at **9:30 a.m.** Your assistance and support will provide a communal atmosphere as we gather together to pray, to catch up on family and to study and learn. Please contact me by e-mail to let me know when you are available to attend services this month.

If you need a minyan for any reason during the week or on Shabbat, please contact Jerry Newman at 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.

The Ritual Committee continues discussion with the Rabbi in preparation for the upcoming High Holiday season. If you have any suggestions or would like to see something added or have thoughts on anything, please contact me as soon as possible so that I may bring it to the attention of the Ritual Committee. Your input is very helpful and much appreciated so that we can ensure a spiritual High Holiday season.

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.

(Candles should be lit at sundown the night before)

Date:	Yahrzeit of:	Relationship:
Tuesday, June 27 th	Belle Sacks	The Sacks Family
Saturday, July 1 st	Philip Miller	Brother of Helen Gold
Tuesday, July 4 th	Morris Guralnick	Father of Wendy Raith
Saturday, July 8 th	Jack Maslow	Father of Anne Berey
	Gerald Rosenthal	Husband of Maxine Rosenthal
		Father of Carol & Mark Rosenthal
Wednesday, July 12 th	Irene Golden	Aunt of Linda Hochberg
Sunday, July 16 th	Karl Goodman	Brother of Susan Ansel
	Selma Gorin	Mother of Israela Meyerstein
Saturday, July 22 nd	George Gorin	Father of Israela Meyerstein
Thursday, July 27 th	Louise Davis	Mother of Lynette Cohen
Friday, July 28 th	Haim Salis	Father of Joe Salis

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 since our last edition of the Bulletin:

General Synagogue Fund:

Sandra & Arnold Blaustein – in Honor of the Korba’s Anniversary

Beverley & Stanley Fishman

Cathy & Irv Litofsky – In Appreciation of Marcy Wagner leading services on June 24th

Cathy & Irv Litofsky – In Honor of Carly Maiorano’s July Birthday

Maxine Rosenthal – For the Yahrzeit of Rae Rosenthal

In Honor of Abigail Mandel’s Baby Naming, Granddaughter of Debbie & Allan Weksberg

Janet & George Korba

Cathy & Irv Litofsky

Rebecca & David Mandel – Proud Parents of Abigail

The Adat Chaim community would like to thank Debbie & Allan Weksberg for sponsoring the beautiful Kiddush lunch provided in Honor of their Granddaughter’s Baby Naming.

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO:

Happy Birthday	July 4 th	Rebecca Mandel		Happy Birthda
	July 5 th	Elliot Ruddle		
	July 11 th	Alex Wagenheim		
	July 15 th	Howard Wagenheim		
	July 19 th	Carol Wagenheim		
	July 23 rd	Fred Rosen		
	July 25 th	Carly Maiorano		
	July 26 th	Jerry Newman		
	July 27 th	Lynette Cohen		

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



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Wendy and Paul Raith	July 18 th	35 th
Cathy and Irv Litofsky	August 20 th	40 th
Susan and Andy Katz	September 3 rd	38 th
Marcy and Roger Wesalo	September 3 rd	39 th

Sisterhood News and Updates

Sisterhood had their end-of-year lunch at the Eden Café, Park Heights JCC on Sunday, June 11th. We enjoyed a delicious meal of omelets, bagels and other side dishes and desserts. Outgoing president Adrienne Frager summarized the past year's events and accomplishments. Todah Rabbah and special thanks go out to Adrienne for her leadership and hard work these past few years as Sisterhood president. Our Officers serve a two-year term and all other positions are for one year. The following women will serve on the Sisterhood Board for 2017 – 2019:



Fundraising VP - Tina Asher Membership VP - Beverley Fishman
Treasurer - Cathy Litofsky Recording Secretary - Janet Korba
Members-at-Large - Linda Boteach, Marcy Wesalo and Harriet Meier
Immediate Past President & Advisor - Adrienne Frager



Our recipe for a successful year is the dedication of our Sisterhood Board and its members. You can become involved by serving on a committee or providing the Board with some program/event ideas. Please contact Adrienne Frager at adriennesl@aol.com so that she can share them with the Board at their planning meeting being held on July 12th.

Women's League for Conservative Judaism Convention July 23-26 at Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, Virginia. Information can be found at <http://www.wlcjregion.org/seaboard/convention-details/>. Adat Chaim Sisterhood will be receiving the Jewels in the Crown Award during the **JEWELS IN THE CROWN LUNCHEON** at Noon on Tuesday, July 25. The cost of this luncheon for our Sisterhood members is \$36 per person, which is due to the generous stipend Adat Chaim Sisterhood received from WLCJ. We are grateful for the opportunity to bring more of our members. If you wish to attend the Tuesday event/luncheon, please respond to the e-vite/e-mail from contact Adrienne Frager or contact her immediately at adriennesl@aol.com. We are continuing our collection of new and nearly new bras for the WLCJ Special Project Mathilde's Mentionables which will be brought to the WLCJ convention.



Following is the Book Club schedule which is open to members and non-members. Contact Linda Boteach at linda.boteach@gmail.com for more information and to join the Book Club.

- **Monday, July 10th 7:00PM** at Artful Gourmet, a local Restaurant - *Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman
- **Monday, October 9th 7:30PM** at the home of Janet Korba - *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelley

We are excited to announce the new theme for the **Torah Fund Campaign** this year. It is mah tovu, which means "how good!" Quoted in our prayer book, it forms the basis of the opening prayer that is sung when we enter the synagogue. This year marks the beginning of the 100th year of Women's League for Conservative Judaism and the end of the 75th year of the Torah Fund Campaign. The pin will feature the number 100 in raised letters surrounding in a silver frame with Hebrew lettering. Look for more information on how to order your pin or get more information from Harriet Meier, Torah Fund Chair, in the coming months. You can reach Harriet at: hlmeier@gmail.com.



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)



July 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					30 Candle lighting: 8:19PM	1 Chukkat Shabbat Services 9:30AM Canada Day
2	3	4 Happy 4 th of July  Independence Day	5	6	7 Candle lighting: 8:18PM	8 Balak Shabbat Services 9:30AM
9	10 Book Club at Artful Gourmet New Town <i>Marriage by Opposites</i> by Alice Hoffman	11 Shiva Asar be Tammuz (fast day)	12 Sisterhood Board Meeting 7PM	13	14 Candle lighting: 8:15PM	15 Pinchas Shabbat Services 9:30AM Rabbi Seidler
16	17	18	19	20	21 Candle lighting: 8:10PM	22 Matot/Masei Shabbat Services 9:30AM Rabbi Seidler
23	24 Rosh Chodesh Av	25	26	27 Synagogue Board Meeting 7PM	28 Candle lighting: 8:04PM	29 Devarim Shabbat Chazon Shabbat Services 9:30AM
30	31 Erev Tishah b'Av	Notes:				

Adat Chaim Sisterhood Continues its food drive. Bring boxed and canned food whenever you come to the synagogue and place the items in the box in the lobby. The items will be divided between the Crisis Center and Hannah More to help support those in need right in our community. Help us fill the shelves at the Reisterstown Community Crisis Center and Sarah's Hope at Hannah More this year. A list of suggested and preferred items is on the Sisterhood page of the web site (www.adatchaim.com). Thank you to everyone who supports this year-long project. Let's keep those donations coming!



Food donations are delivered to the Community Crisis Center each month.

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Tishah b'Av (fast day)	2	3	4 Shabbat Services 7:30PM Candle lighting: 7:57PM	5 Vaetchanan Shabbat Nachamu Shabbat Services 9:30AM
6	7	8	9	10	11 Candle lighting: 7:49PM	12 Eikev Shabbat Services 9:30AM Rabbi Seidler
13	14	15	16	17 Synagogue Board Meeting 7PM	18 Candle lighting: 7:39PM	19 Re'eh Shabbat Services 9:30AM Rabbi Seidler
20	21	22 Rosh Chodesh Elul	23 Rosh Chodesh Elul	24	25 Candle lighting: 7:29PM	26 Shoftim Shabbat Services 9:30AM
27	28	29	30	31 High Holiday Packets due back	Notes:	



Jewish Genealogy Society of Maryland

“Organize and Share your Genealogy: Methods from the Library of Congress”

Please join us on **Sunday, July 30, 2017**, at **1:30 p.m.**, at the **Pikesville Library’s meeting room**, 1301 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, to hear **Mindie Kaplan** present **“Organize and Share your Genealogy: Methods from the Library of Congress.”**

Our research can generate a huge mass of names, places, dates, stories, photographs, and even video and audio recordings. Using examples of genealogies housed in the Library of Congress, Mindie Kaplan will showcase different ideas for presenting your work and making that collection of information accessible to others.

Mindie Kaplan has been involved in Jewish genealogy for more than 20 years and has a family tree consisting of more than 3500 individuals. When printed, her Splaver Family Tree is 197 pages long, including photos, biographies, stories, and references. Her Entes Family Tree is 110 pages. She gave a presentation in 2016 at the IAJGS conference in Seattle and has presented programs in the past for both the Maryland and Greater Washington Jewish Genealogy Societies. In addition, she has attended nearly every annual IAJGS conference since the 2003 conference in Washington, DC.

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 for late updates and for the time, location, and program of future meetings.



Attorney Jill Snyder of the Snyder Law Group will be our speaker.

Support for Families of Nursing Home Resident presents

ARE YOU PREPARED?

What everyone needs to know about estate planning

Jill Snyder is a Baltimore County Coordinator for the Maryland State Bar Association's Annual Law Day. She is a member of the Baltimore Estate Planning Council and the Estates Trusts and Elder Law sections of the Maryland State Bar Association. She is a participant in the Estate and Gift Tax Study Group of the Maryland State Bar Association and she volunteers for the Baltimore County Bar Association. Ms. Snyder is Chair of the Administration Committee of the Associated Jewish Charities, a parent ambassador at the McDonogh School and has appeared on public radio.

Topics include:

Estate planning documents

Probate and probate avoidance

Taxes & Pitfalls

When: July 20th

11a.m. – 12 noon

Where: Pikesville Library

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