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From The President's Desk...

Coming off of July, I am both encouraged and energized. I had the opportunity to spend three days in Arlington, Virginia at the Women's League for Conservative Judaism's convention. At convention, we had a variety of plenary sessions focused on Women's League Centennial, taking action for women's health, and North American Jewry and Israel. We had the opportunity to study with Dr. Arnold Eisen (*Chancellor, Jewish Theological Seminary*), Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson (*Dean, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies*), and the Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Pamela Nadell (*Patrick Clendenen Chair in Women's and Gender History, Chair Department of History, American University*). Shacharit and Mincha services each day were led by both lay leaders and Rabbis who were in attendance. All in all, an engaging and worthwhile time that gave me time to network with other Sisterhood and synagogue individuals, spend some time working on increasing my own spirituality and catch up with Dana & Steve Sirkin, who were both there, Dana for Sisterhood and Steve for the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. That was a nice treat!

Now my focus is on preparing for the High Holidays, practicing some of the things I learned at convention, and taking time for myself and family. There are many ways to balance and juggle everything, while at the same time needing to focus on the preparation needed to ensure that everyone has a positive High Holiday season, including me, the Rabbi, Ritual Committee and all of you. Here is what you can do to help: return your High Holiday paperwork by the **15th of August**, make sure that you fill out everything completely (including printing legibly your Hebrew name on the Honors page), and contact me, Jerry Newman or the Rabbi with any questions or special requests you might have (giving us plenty of time to take them into consideration).

We continue to reach out to prospective members and have placed ads in *JMore* in their July, August and upcoming September issue. We have joined the Reisterstown Improvement Association and will have a booth at the Reisterstown Festival on **Sunday, September 10th**. We are looking for a few volunteers to help us that day to meet & greet prospective members. Please let me know if you can give us a little time.

The Synagogue and Sisterhood are busy looking at ways to fundraise. We will be reaching out to each member as we start our discount card campaign at the end of the month. We will be selling cards for \$10 each. The cards will provide discounts to local businesses and are good for 12 months. It is our hope that each member can take ten or more cards to sell. This is our first major fundraiser in many years and we are depending on each of you to support this campaign.

Shalom till next month,
Cathy Litofsky

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18th of each month for the next month's publication. Send to:
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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?

Adult Education	Wendy Raith	410. 876.7602
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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



While so much is going on in the community, the country and the world, very few things seem to be attracting the amount of attention as the subject of truth and lies. So, without exacerbating the debate, I thought it might be helpful to offer a reminder of what Judaism has to say about it.

There can be little doubt that truth is a vaulted character trait. Truth is seen as interrelated to righteousness, and is thus associated with the divine emanation of *Yesod*, foundation. In other words, truth, like righteousness, is a spiritual value at the foundation of godliness.

The Hebrew word for truth is *emet*, consisting of the first, middle and last letters of the alphabet. This is a significant linguistic construct pointing to deeper insights into the word, and idea, itself. Truth embodies a balance, and I suggest that balance can be seen through the philosophical lens of logos, ethos and pathos.

Logos requires that truth be rationally related to a demonstrably proven reality. Simple untruths, falsehoods and lies far from what passes for reality do not pass muster here. I hope we can all agree on this point without additional discussion.

Ethos is a matter of ethical propriety. For me this is about courage and humility. For example, the story is often told in *mussar* circles of Jewish learning that when Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Auerbach was interviewing for the position of head of a prestigious Jerusalem yeshivah, he was asked a troubling question. Rabbi Auerbach had been lecturing and stopped instantly, falling silent. He looked up and admitted that he had been mistaken. Without skipping a beat, he proceeded to lecture about something else (and he was given the job precisely for his ethical respectfulness, honesty and candor).

To speak truth is to have the humility to admit error and the courage to change position, as we learn from Rabbi Auerbach. But the inverse is also the case. It is the courage to speak the truth having the humility to withstand being attacked for doing so. In this regard, we can think about prophets like Jeremiah and Elijah who were mocked by leaders and the people, and also scientists including Albert Einstein (yes Einstein's theory of special relativity was ridiculed for years after its publication in 1905).

Pathos necessitates more subtlety. Here we are contemplating the emotional level of truth rather than the whole truth. The Babylonian Talmud (*Yevamot* 65b) observes that one can stray from telling the (whole) truth for the sake of peace. The famous midrash about the bride should suffice. Shammai taught that one should laud a bride over the praiseworthy traits she actually possesses. Hillel taught that all brides should be lauded as beautiful and gracious (even the unattractive and gruff ones). Shammai did not want to encourage lying, but note, neither did he want to demean a bride. Find truthful positives to say was his view. Hillel understood, however, that all brides feel beautiful and gracious (and their grooms and families feel the same way about them too). Omitting such praise, while mentioning others, would be hurtful. Pathos demands one should consider the emotional effect that speaking the whole truth will have on others.

Any disruption to the balance of truthfulness – logos, ethos or pathos – tends to lead to societal divisiveness and polarization. *Nomos*, our unifying cultural connection to each other and the world, hangs on a healthy devotion to truth. This is the inner meaning of the verse in Psalm 145 (the *Ashrei*) that says God is close to all who call out truthfully. It is truth that transforms a mundane world into one that is holy, godly and worthy of human life. *Shalom Aleikhem*.

Ritual Committee

Jerry Newman, Chair

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High Holiday packets have been mailed out to all members and non-members who attended services last year. Please complete and send them back as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly. Most important is for us to know how many seats are needed and **orders for your Lulav & Etrog** since the order needs to be in by the middle of August. If you have not received your packet by now, please contact the shul immediately so that we can get it to you through the mail or electronically via e-mail. Thank you for your prompt attention in this manner.

We continue to have Friday night services the first Friday of every month. This month services will be held on **Friday, August 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** We also celebrate our August birthdays and anniversaries the first Friday of the month. Share your simcha and join us for services. **Saturday morning** services are held each week and start at **9:30 a.m.** Arriving on time will provide a communal atmosphere as we gather together to pray, to catch up on family and to study and learn. We continue to need your support so that we can guarantee a minyan on a regular basis. Please contact me by e-mail to let me know when you are available to attend services this month.

Rabbi Seidler will be leading Saturday morning services this month on 8/12 & 8/26.

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.

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:
Wednesday, August 9 th	Hyman Freedman	Father-in-Law of Marion Freedman
Friday, August 11 th	David Davis	Father of Lynette Cohen
Saturday, August 12 th	Irene Deitchman	Wife of Harry Deitchman Mother of Phil Deitchman
Tuesday, August 15 th	Gilda Salis	Mother of Joe Salis
Friday, August 18 th	Meyer Blickstein	Grandfather of David Ring
Monday, August 21 st	Lester Luria	Father of Lori Teichman
Tuesday, August 22 nd	Philip Schenin	Grandfather of Phil Deitchman
Friday, August 25 th	Saul Elishewitz May Miller	The Adat Chaim Community Grandmother of Lynn Ruddle Great Grandmother of Jaime Reilly & Elliot Ruddle
Tuesday, August 29 th	Rose Spiegelman	Grandmother of Sue Ross
Wednesday, August 30 th	Zelda Wagenheim	Mother of Howard Wagenheim
Thursday, August 31 st	Morris Newman	Father of Jerry Newman
Friday, September 1 st	Fred Ansel	Brother of Les Ansel
Sunday, September 3 rd	Helen Freedman	Mother-in-Law of Marion Freedman
Friday, September 8 th	Victor Miller Bernard Blatt	Grandfather of Lynn ruddle Great Grandfather of Jaime Reilly & Elliot Ruddle Father of Sheri Stern

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:

Susan & Les Ansel – for the Yahrzeit of Karl Goodman, Susan’s Brother
 Beverley & Stanley Fishman
 Janet & George Korba – Wishing Allan Weksberg a Happy & Healthy Retirement
 Janet & George Korba – Wishing Tina Asher a Good & Full Recovery
 Cathy & Irv Litofsky – In Honor of our 40th wedding anniversary
 Cathy & Irv Litofsky – Get Well Wishes and a Speedy Recovery to Tina Asher

To the Adat Chaim Sisterhood:

Cathy Litofsky – For their Jewels in the Crown Award, presented at WLCJ Convention

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO:

Happy Birthday	August 7 th	Seth Katz		Happy Birthda
	August 12 th	Les Ansel		
	August 15 th	Joshua Wesalo		
	August 16 th	David Cohen		
	August 18 th	Arnold Blaustein		
	August 19 th	Debbie Weksberg		
	August 22 nd	Allan Weksberg		
		Max Raith		

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



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

New Member Corner:

We would like to welcome Liz & Mike Zeisler to our Adat Chaim Family. They live in Maryland and Florida and are our newest members. Please introduce yourself to them when you are at Shabbat services and during the High Holidays.

Sisterhood News and Updates

Tina Asher, President
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Fundraising VP - Tina Asher
Treasurer - Cathy Litofsky

Members-at-Large - Linda Boteach, Marcy Wesalo and Harriet Meier
Immediate Past President & Advisor - Adrienne Frager

Membership VP - Beverley Fishman
Recording Secretary - Janet Korba



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 Tina Asher at talkintiny@verizon.net so she can share them with the Board at the next meeting.

The Adat Chaim Sisterhood was honored with the Jewels in the Crown Awards 2014-2017 at the **Women's League for Conservative Judaism Convention** held **July 23-26** at Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, Virginia. Congratulations to the Board and all of our Sisterhood members who helped make this happen through participation in a variety of events, community service projects, Sisterhood Shabbat, etc.



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, October 9th 7:30PM** at the home of Janet Korba - *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelley

Looking ahead, save the following dates for meetings and activities. More information to follow:

- **Tuesday, October 17th – Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Event** - Please support the Sisterhood by purchasing your \$5 shopping pass from Tina Asher, which provides lots of discounts, sales and door prizes throughout the day.
- **Wednesday, October 18th – Sisterhood Kick-off Meeting and Fall Fun – 7PM**
- **Sunday, November 19th – Shopping Event at Five Wacky Women in Cockeysville** – 10AM to Noon. The Sisterhood gets a percentage of the sales that day, so contact your friends and have them reserve their spot with a \$5 donation to the Sisterhood.
- **Wednesday, December 13th – Sisterhood Appreciation Dinner – 6:30PM**
- **Saturday, January 20, 2018 – Sisterhood Shabbat** – 9:30AM at the synagogue. Men and women from the congregation are welcome to participate in the service and join us for lunch afterwards, sponsored by the Sisterhood.

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)



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 6:30PM Candle lighting: 7:57PM	5 Vaetchanan Shabbat Nachamu Services 9:30a.m.
6	7	8	9 Sisterhood Board Meeting 7PM	10	11 Candle lighting: 7:49PM	12 Eikev Services 9:30a.m. Rabbi Seidler
13	14	15 High Holiday packets due back	16	17 Synagogue Board Meeting 7PM	18 Candle lighting: 7:39PM	19 Re'eh Services 9:30a.m.
20	21	22 Rosh Chodesh Elul	23 Rosh Chodesh Elul	24	25 Candle lighting: 7:29PM	26 Shoftim Services 9:30a.m. Rabbi Seidler
27	28	29	30	31	Notes:	

Looking ahead to September and the High Holidays:

- **Wednesday, September 20th – Erev Rosh Hashanah Services – services begin at 7PM**
- **Thursday, September 21st – Rosh Hashanah, Day 1 – services begin at 9:30AM**
- **Friday, September 22nd – Rosh Hashanah, Day 2, services begin at 9:30AM**
- **Friday, September 29th – Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidrei, services begin at 6:30PM**
- **Saturday, September 30th – Yom Kippur, services begin at 9:30AM; ending shofar: 7:37PM**



The Great Shofar
is sounded
and
a still small voice
is heard



Jewish Genealogy Society of Maryland

“Ask the Experts!”

Please join us on **Sunday, August 27, 2017**, at **1:30 p.m.** at the **Pikesville Library’s** meeting room, **1301 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville**, for our next program: **“Ask the Experts!”**

A team of panelists—all members of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Maryland—who are experienced in Jewish genealogy research will give advice on research strategies as you try to break through a brick wall.

Please submit your questions by **August 13** to **Susan Steeble** at ssteoble@gmail.com; a selection of those questions will be addressed by the panel.

Please be specific in what you are looking for and what you have already tried. **Give as much background information as possible**, so that our panelists can guide you on ways to move forward in your research.

If time permits, we’ll also have an open floor at the end of the program for additional questions.

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.

Tzedakah!

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