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About the Month of Adar II

Adar II is the thirteenth month of the Jewish calendar. Seven of the nineteen years in the cycle of the Jewish calendar are leap years. In those years we add an extra Adar before the regular Adar. We call this extra month Adar I, and the regular Adar becomes Adar II. Because **Purim** falls in Adar II, Adar II is the happiest, most joyous month of the Hebrew calendar. Its motto is *Mi-shenikhnas adar marbim be-simcha* or "When Adar arrives, joy increases."

BE HAPPY!!!

IT'S ADAR!!!



President's Message

The wheels of progress are moving slowly but surely here at our wonderful congregation. The move into our rented space at 380 Dwight St. is almost complete. We had a really nice first service on February 24th which was well attended and all who were present were happily surprised at the warmth and good feel of the space. The sound in the room is really excellent and we did a lot of singing to enjoy it. The kiddush after was fine even though our kitchen is not quite ready. The next work day will be on March 10th when volunteers will re-shelve the extensive library. We have organized the books by category and hope to entice our members to enjoy reading some of them. Progress is being made to get rid of all the unneeded stuff at 378 Maple St. If you know of anyone in need of a couch, dining room set, desk or folding table, let us know. There are also lots of religious items that we just don't have a need or room for. We will have another open house when the weather warms up a bit.

We look forward to our Purim celebration, which will be held on March 24th. The baking of the hamantaschen will begin at 8:30 am at the Freyman's house in Longmeadow. In the afternoon, we will gather at the new space at 380 Dwight Street at 2:00 pm to read the Megillah and eat the fruits (cookies) of our labor. Please feel free to dress in humorous or crazy attire and choose a section of the Megillah to read. Joan says be as wacky as you want - it is all in fun. A flyer is coming soon with more details.

Looking forward to seeing you in person again, at least some of the time. With Covid still around we are being cautious and urge mask wearing. Our services will be available by Zoom and will be in person at least twice a month for the near future.

Please consider donating to our New Home Fund, which will help ensure the future of the congregation and our cemetery. While the space at 380 Dwight is economical, it is not ideal by our standards, and we hope in the future to find an affordable and secure place of our own.

Joanne Saltman



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March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 16 Adar I	26 17 Adar I	27 18 Adar I	28 19 Adar I Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	29 20 Adar I	1 21 Adar I	2 22 Adar I Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) Ki Tissa
3 23 Adar I SOZ Book Club, 10:30 am (Zoom) Torah Study, 2 pm (380 Dwight Street)	4 24 Adar I	5 25 Adar I	6 26 Adar I Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	7 27 Adar I	8 28 Adar I	9 29 Adar I Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) <i>Turn the clocks ahead at night</i> Vayakhel
10 30 Adar I <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> Book Shelving Day, 10 am (380 Dwight Street)	11 1 Adar II ROSH HODESH ADAR II	12 2 Adar II	13 3 Adar II Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting: 6:30 pm (Zoom)	14 4 Adar II	15 5 Adar II	16 6 Adar II Shabbat Service: 10 am (380 Dwight Street) Pekudei
17 7 Adar II	18 8 Adar II SOZ's 120TH ANNIVERSARY (Celebration TBA)	19 9 Adar II <i>Spring Begins</i>	20 10 Adar II Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	21 11 Adar II FAST OF ESTHER	22 12 Adar II	23 13 Adar II Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) Vayikra
24 14 Adar II PURIM Bake Hamantaschen, 9:30 am Read Megillah, 2 pm (380 Dwight St)	25 15 Adar II SHUSHAN PURIM	26 16 Adar II	27 17 Adar II Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	28 18 Adar II	29 19 Adar II	30 20 Adar II Shabbat Service: 10 am (TBD) Tzav
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Sunday, March 3, 2024

SOZ Book Club, 10:30 am (Zoom)

Torah Study, 2 pm (380 Dwight Street)

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Saturday, March 9, 2024 Begins

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Turn clocks ahead at night

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Daylight Saving Time Begins Begins

Book Shelving Day,

10 am (380 Dwight Street)

Monday, March 11, 2024

ROSH HODESH ADAR II

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am

(380 Dwight Street)

Monday, March 18, 2024

SOZ'S 120TH ANNIVERSARY

(Celebration TBA)

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Spring Begins

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Sunday, March 24, 2024

PURIM

Bake Hamantaschen, 9:30 am

(Freyman's House)

Read Megillah and Eat Hamantaschen, 2 pm

(380 Dwight Street)

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Mincha Minyan (Zoom): 5 pm Schmooze,

5:15 pm Service

Saturday, March 30, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (TBD)



Cemetery Rules

1. Synagogue member in good standing for at least 5 years prior to death are entitled to a free plot
2. Plot fee for non-members is \$4,500. Plot for a spouse on a double lot is \$2,250.
3. Opening and closing of grave is \$800
4. Perpetual care is \$1,500.
5. Cremated remains are permitted. Digging of hole for urn or ashes is \$100 in addition to the plot fee (instead of a grave fee).

Non-Jewish spouses or family members will be buried in a separate plot (no non-Jewish religious symbols are allowed).

No concrete vaults are allowed. Simple, unfinished wood caskets only.

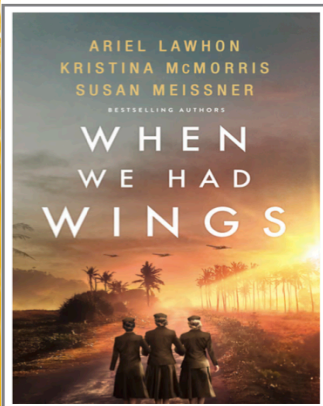
Taharah-ritual Jewish washing and shroud are required, but a shomer or watch person is optional.

A particular plot may be reserved for \$100. There are several plots in the new section that were previously reserved and are now unused. Please call for more details.

Contact Joanne Saltman with any questions at:
(413)575-0526 or js24saltman@gmail.com

SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, March 3rd at 10:30 am

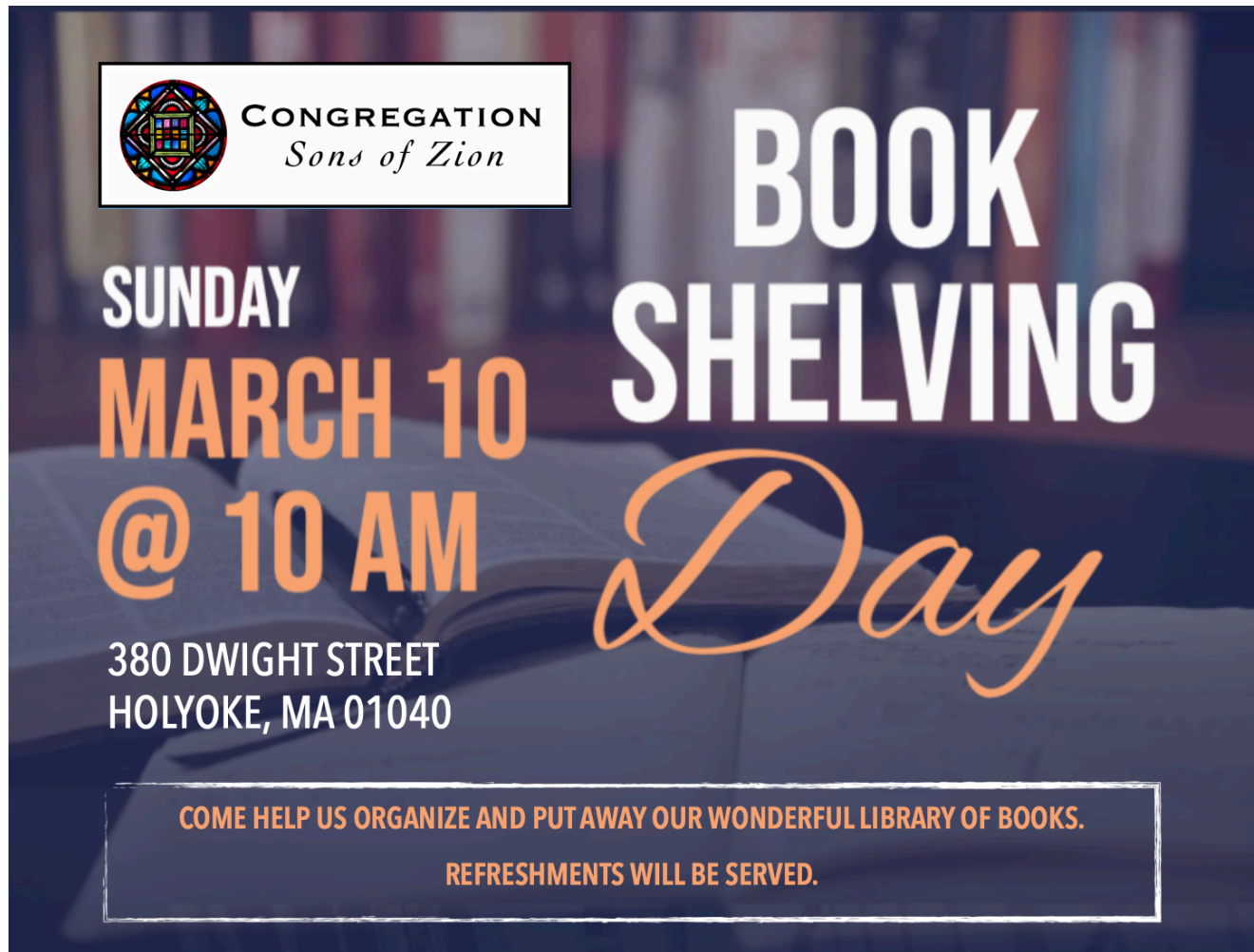



When We Had Wings by Ariel Lawton

The Philippines, 1941. When U.S. Navy nurse Eleanor Lindstrom, U.S. Army nurse Penny Franklin, and Filipina nurse Lita Capel forge a friendship at the Army Navy Club in Manila, they believe they're living a paradise assignment. All three are seeking a way to escape their pasts, but soon the beauty and promise of their surroundings give way to the heavy mantle of war.

Caught in the crosshairs of a fight between the U.S. military and the Imperial Japanese Army for control of the Philippine Islands, the nurses are forced to serve under combat conditions and, ultimately, endure captivity as the first female prisoners of the Second World War. As their resiliency is tested in the face of squalid living arrangements, food shortages, and the enemy's blatant disregard for the articles of the Geneva Convention, the women strive to keep their hope—and their fellow inmates—alive, though not without great cost.

In this sweeping story based on the true experiences of nurses dubbed "the Angels of Bataan," three women shift in and out of each other's lives through the darkest days of the war, buoyed by their unwavering friendship and distant dreams of liberation.



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MARCH 10
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We were recently contacted by Ora Jezer. His father was a Rabbi here at Congregation Sons of Zion from the late 60's to 1979. His family's home burned down years ago and they lost many of their photos. Please contact us at office@sonsofzionholyoke.org if you have any photos of Rabbi Jezer or his family. Any help is greatly appreciated.

SAVE PIECES OF OUR HISTORY.

Help us reach our goal of **\$25,000.**




ABOUT OUR FUNDRAISER

DONATE HERE

Hello, my name is Joanne Saltman and I am the President of Congregation Sons of Zion in Holyoke, MA. We are in the process of selling our 100+ year old building, which is a synagogue and former Jewish Community Center. The 19,000 square foot building is more than we can afford at the present. We would like to be able to take our beautiful stained glass windows with us to a new location. We may not be able to use all of them, but some will be available to descendants of those who originally gave them (for the cost of removal and replacement). The estimated cost is around \$25,000 so we are hoping to raise enough money to accomplish this.

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This information was last updated on November 2, 2023 and is reflective of a small subset of organizations we have allocated funds to - we anticipate these numbers to continue growing over time and will update this document as we receive more information.

If people would like to contribute to the Israel Emergency Campaign, where 100% of the money raised goes to humanitarian efforts in Israel, they can click the "Donate Here" button or write a check to:

Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts
1160 Dickinson St.
Springfield, MA 01108

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*Please consider joining our generous Sustaining
Members...at any time!*

Congregation Sons of Zion Legacy Society

★ **Congregation Sons of Zion Legacy Society** ★

The following congregants have made arrangements in their wills to leave a bequest to Congregation Sons of Zion and/or have named Congregation Sons of Zion as a beneficiary in their life insurance policy and/or have established a tax-deductible fund for the synagogue, retaining a lifetime income from the fund.

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| Anonymous (4) | Aaron & Gail Lansky |
| Elaine Baskin | Stephen & Lois Levin |
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| Ira Laby | <i>*Deceased</i> |

Congregation Sons of Zion Legacy Society has participated in Create a Jewish Legacy of Western Massachusetts, which is jointly funded by the Jewish Endowment Foundation and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. The Federations of Western Massachusetts and the Berkshires are program partners.

For further information about supporting Congregation Sons of Zion through a legacy or planned gift, please contact Michael Rosner at office@sonsofzionholyoke.com or (413)534-3369. Thank you very much.





"Toda" Thank You



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Donations: Thank you!

Cemetery Fund

- ✦ Betsy Bassell Goodman: In memory of Martin Bassell
- ✦ Marcia Burke: In memory of her father, David Slotnick
- ✦ Eitan, Ilana, Ronen Kenefick-Cohen: In memory of Eitan's father, Russell Kenefick (Reven Akiva ben Avraham)
- ✦ Nitza Seaver: To Rachel Chazan, on the passing of her father, Bob Chazan
- ✦ Rhoda and Sherwin Wernick: In memory of their son, Richard Wernick
- ✦ Rhoda and Sherwin Wernick: In memory of Sherwin's mother, Bertha Wernick
- ✦ Rhoda and Sherwin Wernick: In memory of Rhoda's mother, Sarah Lipnick

General Fund

- ✦ Kevin and Elizabeth Ferry: In memory of Elizabeth and Sidney Paul - two wonderful people who are sorely missed. Sons of Zion was close and dear to them for many years and for that we are grateful.
- ✦ Ira Laby: In support of the wonderful Tu B'Shevat Seder
- ✦ Buddy and Margie Resnic: To help with our new home
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: In memory of Blanche Klein Barshay Gerard, Joan's beloved mother
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: To Ken and Cindy Vieu and family, in memory of Billy Vieu, Ken's beloved brother
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: To Lee Hutt, wishing her good health
- ✦ Cindy and Kenneth Vieu: In memory of Cindy's father, Edwin A. Os
- ✦ Andrea Zellan: In memory of her father, Robert L. Zellan
- ✦ Andrea Zellan: In memory of her grandfather, Abraham Zellan

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ✦ Andrea Fox: In memory of Nex Benedict, a 16 year-old gender expansive student who succumbed to injuries from a brutal beating at an Oklahoma school. Working toward a world where youth like New can live a fulfilling and authentic life. May their memory be a blessing.
- ✦ Andrea Fox: In celebration of Rabbi Saul Perlmutter's 50 years in Rabbinate and 20 years as our beloved Religious Leader at SOZ.



Sdai's

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March 2024 Yahrzeits

February 25-March 2: David Carmen

Feb 25 *Edward J. Greenspan
 *Alvin Koufax
 Feb 26 Ruth Laskin
 Feb 27 *Minnie Goldenberg
 Feb 28 Sol May
 *Raymond Mekler
 Feb 29 *Henry Levin
 March 1 Bertha Berman
 Harry Bloom
 Abraham Reiner
 Louis Rubin

March 3-9: Ilana Cohen

March 4 Ruth Jaffe
 Joseph Levin-Epstein
 March 5 *Florence A. Kostin
 *Sandra Lipson
 *Anna Rachel Marks
 March 6 Betty Sparkes
 March 7 *Fannie Eisenstock
 Bertha Herman
 Harold Kaiser
 Russell Kenefick
 Martha Messias
 March 8 *Maurice (Murray) Lipson
 March 9 Morton Aaron "Morty" Haberman

March 10-16: Andrea Fox

March 11 Harry Gruszecki

March 17-23: Rich Freyman

No yahrzeits

March 24-30: Eitan Kenefick

March 29 Corrado Baquis
 March 30 Sidney Paul

March 31-April 6: Ira Laby

March 31 *Harry Gold
 *Edith Harmetz
 April 2 Morris Lipnick
 April 3 *Jennie Daniels Barowsky
 April 4 *Abraham Seaver



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