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About the Month of Nisan

Nisan, the first month on the Jewish calendar (according to the Torah), coincides with March-April on the secular calendar. The Torah calls it chodesh ha-aviv—the month of spring, as it marks the beginning of the spring months. It is in this month that we celebrate the eight-day holiday of Passover, from the 15th through the 22nd of Nisan. It commemorates the Jewish people’s miraculous redemption from slavery in Egypt, and the birth of the Jewish nation.



President's Message

As spring approaches, we are welcoming it with happy events at our new location at 380 Dwight Street in Holyoke. You can see in the pictures at the end of our newsletter that the spaces there are very warm and welcoming. In addition, they are very affordable, which means a lot for the future of our congregation. More decorating and hanging of our memorial plaques and beautiful artwork will continue. We also still have a lot of "stuff" at the old location at 378 Maple Street to get rid of. After our upcoming volunteer work day on April 14th, we will have the building open for anyone to come and see what there is that might be useful. Hopefully, many of these items can be donated or given away through Craigs List or other sources. There are couches, which are in excellent condition and very comfortable, but not modern style, which could be updated with a slipcover or reupholstered. There is a very nice dining set with six chairs and an expandable leaf. We also have several very serviceable metal desks for anyone with a home office or other use. For knitters or crafts people, there is quite a bit of yarn, needles and other supplies, and possible craft materials. There are Jewish decorative items such as pictures, plates, kiddush glasses, etc. Come and help us get ready to finally be done with packing and moving!

We have some nice activities planned for April and wish everyone a very Happy Passover.

Joanne Saltman



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April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 21 Adar II	1 22 Adar II	2 23 Adar II	3 24 Adar II Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) Open Meeting, Plan Shabbat Schedule, 7 pm (Zoom)	4 25 Adar II	5 26 Adar II	6 27 Adar II Shabbat Service: 10 am (380 Dwight Street)
7 28 Adar II SOZ Book Club, 7 pm (Zoom)	8 29 Adar II	9 1 Nisan PVJFF "Martha Liebermann: A Stolen Life" carpool from 378 Maple Street at 12:30 pm <i>Rosh Hodesh Nisan</i>	10 2 Nisan Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting: 6:30 pm (Zoom)	11 3 Nisan	12 4 Nisan	13 5 Nisan Shabbat Service: 10 am (TBD) Tazna
14 6 Nisan Volunteer Day, 10 am (378 Maple Street) Open House, 12-2 pm (378 Maple Street)	15 7 Nisan	16 8 Nisan	17 9 Nisan Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	18 10 Nisan	19 11 Nisan <i>Sell Chametz by noon</i>	20 12 Nisan Shabbat Service: 10 am (380 Dwight Street) Passover and Shabbat Song Session follow Kiddush Metzora
21 13 Nisan <i>Search for Chametz after nightfall</i>	22 14 Nisan <i>First Seder Chag Sameach!!! Erev Pesach Fast of First Born</i>	23 15 Nisan SOZ Second Seder, 5:30 pm (Zoom) <i>First Day Passover</i>	24 16 Nisan Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) <i>Passover Day 2 1 Omer</i>	25 17 Nisan <i>First Day Chol Hamoed 2 Omer</i>	26 18 Nisan <i>Second Day Chol Hamoed 3 Omer</i>	27 19 Nisan Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) <i>Third Day Chol Hamoed 4 Omer</i>
28 20 Nisan <i>Fourth Day Chol Hamoed 5 Omer</i>	29 21 Nisan <i>Passover Day 7 6 Omer</i>	30 22 Nisan <i>Last Day of Passover 7 Omer</i>	1 23 Nisan Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) 8 Omer	2 24 Nisan 9 Omer	3 25 Nisan 10 Omer	4 26 Nisan Shabbat Service: 10 am (TBD) 11 Omer Achara

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service
Open Meeting: Plan Shabbat Schedule,
7 pm (Zoom)

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am
(380 Dwight Street)
Song Session after Kiddush

Sunday, April 7, 2024

SOZ Book Club, 7 pm (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

PVJFF "Martha Liebermann: A Stolen Life",
carpool from 378 Maple Street at 12:30 pm

Rosh Hodesh Nisan

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service
SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (TBD)

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Volunteer Day, 10 am (378 Maple Street)
Open House, 12-2 pm (378 Maple Street)

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Friday, April 19, 2024

Sell Chametz by noon

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am
(380 Dwight Street)

Passover and Shabbat Song Session follow
Kiddush

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Search for Chametz after nightfall

Monday, April 22, 2024

First Seder

Chag Sameach!!!

EREV PESACH

FAST OF FIRST BORN

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

FIRST DAY PASSOVER

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

PASSOVER DAY 2

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

SOZ Second Seder, 5:30 pm (Zoom)

Thursday, April 25, 2024

First Day Chol Hamoed

Friday, April 25, 2024

Second Day Chol Hamoed

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Third Day Chol Hamoed

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Fourth Day Chol Hamoed

Monday, April 29, 2024

Passover Day 7

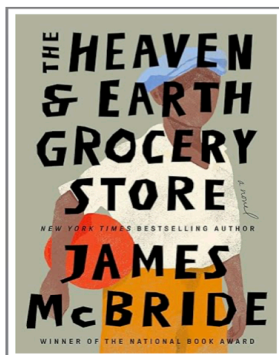
Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Last Day of Passover

We Need Your Help!!

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.

SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING Sunday, April 7th at 7 pm via Zoom



***The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride**

In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows. Chicken Hill was where Moshe and Chona Ludlow lived when Moshe integrated his theater and where Chona ran the Heaven & Earth Grocery Store. When the state came looking for a deaf boy to institutionalize him, it was Chona and Nate Timblin, the Black janitor at Moshe's theater and the unofficial leader of the Black community on Chicken Hill, who worked together to keep the boy safe.

As these characters' stories overlap and deepen, it becomes clear how much the people who live on the margins of white, Christian America struggle and what they must do to survive. When the truth is finally revealed about what happened on Chicken Hill and the part the town's white establishment played in it, McBride shows us that even in dark times, it is love and community—heaven and earth—that sustain us.

Bringing his masterly storytelling skills and his deep faith in humanity to *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*, James McBride has written a novel as compassionate as *Deacon King Kong* and as inventive as *The Good Lord Bird*.



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[Get Tickets](#)

Make sure to get your tickets as soon as possible.



"Martha Liebermann: A Stolen Life"
Film Screening

Date:

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

TIME:

1:30 pm

LOCATION:

D'Amour Museum of Art
Springfield Museums
21 Edwards Street
Springfield, MA 01103

Berlin, 1943. Upper-class widow Martha Liebermann could never have imagined having to leave her beloved homeland at the age of 85. As a Jew, however, her only choice is to go abroad or wait to be deported to a concentration camp. The high reputation and valuable paintings of her world-famous artist husband Max Liebermann still give her protection. But for how much longer? Martha's friends pressure her into an illegal sale to finance her escape with Hanna Solf's resistance group. When the situation escalates dramatically and she even has to fear for her faithful housekeeper Luise, Martha Liebermann shows her true wisdom and greatness.

Post-screening discussion with Simon Sibelman, Professor Emeritus of Judaic, Holocaust and Peace Studies at Appalachian State University, and former Executive Director of the Virginia Holocaust Museum.

Co-sponsored by Dr. Marc and Suze Goldman

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GERMAN WITH SUBTITLES

DIRECTED BY STEFAN BUHLING

**If you would like to carpool, please meet at the
378 Maple Street parking lot at 12:30 pm.**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



SUNDAY, APRIL 14

AT 10 AM

***Followed by an Open
House from 12-2 pm***

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Volunteer Day (10 am):

We will work on getting the memorial plaques ready to move.

Open House (12-2 pm):

We have a lot of things that we no longer need or have room for.

Please come and take what you would like.

Items up for grabs include:

- Knitting/crafting materials
- Two couches
- Dining set with six chairs and a leaf extender
- Sturdy metal desks
- Jewish decorative items

....and much, much more!

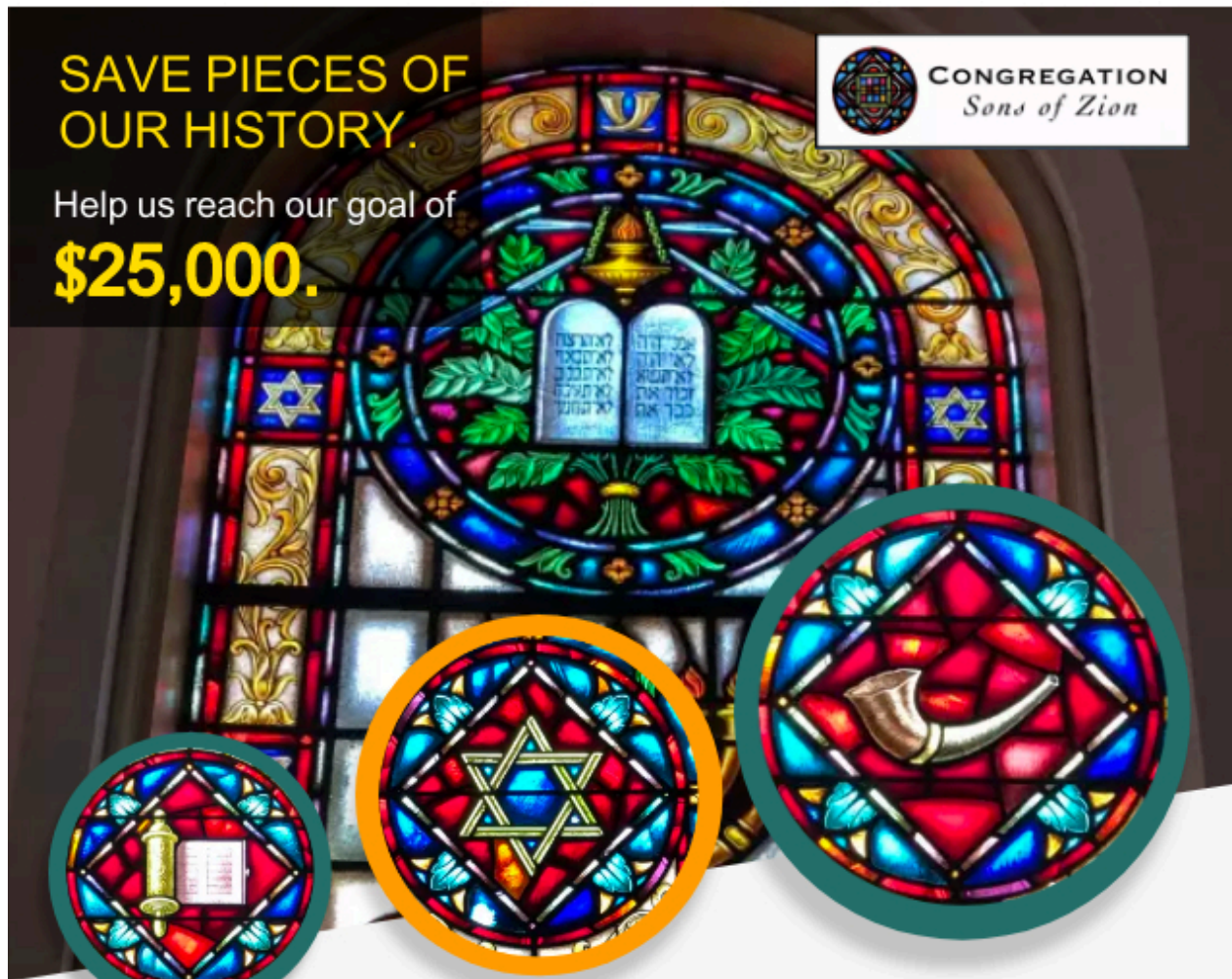
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ABOUT OUR FUNDRAISER

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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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Over **80%** of the **5,300** emergency grants through Funds for Victims of Terror have been distributed.



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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A Special Thank You to Our Sustaining Members

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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 |
| Irene Bernstein* | Stephen & Joan Levine |
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| Rachel Henderson | Sherwin & Rhoda Wernick |
| Alfred & Lee Hutt | Thomas & Eleanor Wilson |
| 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.





Donations: Thank you!

Cemetery Fund

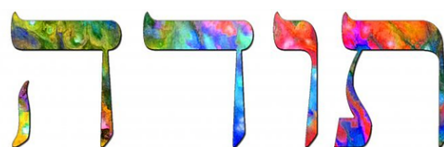
- ✦ Nitza Seaver: In memory of her father-in-law, Abraham Seaver

General Fund

- ✦ Andrew Barowsky: In memory of his grandmother, Jennie Barowsky
- ✦ Andrew Barowsky: In memory of his uncle, Merrill Magidson
- ✦ Andrew Barowsky: In memory of his grandmother, Eva Magidson
- ✦ Ned and Cindy Barowsky: In memory of Ned's grandmother, Jennie Barowsky
- ✦ Ned and Cindy Barowsky: In memory of Ned's uncle, Merrill Magidson
- ✦ Ned and Cindy Barowsky: In memory of Ned's grandmother, Eva Magidson
- ✦ Kathy Black: To help with our new home
- ✦ Kathy Black: To Ken and Cindy Vieu and family, in memory of Billy Vieu, Ken's brother
- ✦ Kathy Black: To Michael Rosner, wishing him good health
- ✦ Kathy Black: To Lee Hutt, wishing her good health
- ✦ Kathy Black: To David Scher and Nora Girard, on the recent birth of their grandson, Liam
- ✦ Barry Federman: For Rhoda Wernick's speedy recovery
- ✦ Judy Katz: To the Vieu Family, in memory of Kalia and Billy
- ✦ Sheryl Kingsberg, Nancy Kingsberg and Myra Efron: In memory of their mother, Lenore Kingsberg

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ✦ Kathy Black: To Rabbi Saul and all who contributed in making our Purim celebration an amazing memory
- ✦ Bonnie Gruszecki: In memory of her father, Harry Gruszecki



"Toda" Thank You

April 2024 Yahrzeits

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

April 7-13: Lois Levin

April 7 *Ethelle Charlotte Wilson
 April 9 *Mordecai Drydack
 *Irving Kotok
 Merrill Magidson
 Abraham Nathanson
 April 10 Molly Goldblatt
 *Miriam "Minnie" Welson Goodman
 Jacob M Jackler
 *George Laby
 Sara Ruth K. Rossow
 April 11 *Joseph Magaziner
 April 12 Eugene Katz
 *Bertha Levinson
 *Teresa Wilson
 April 13 Basha Mehr Cramer
 *Jean Orlen Lieban
 *Samuel Winofker

April 14-20: Steve Levin

April 15 Mrs. Udes Alexander
 Beatrice Geiges
 *Samuel Liberman
 Rose Mekler
 *Harry Stein
 *Harry Wernick
 April 16 Matias Gruszecki
 *Max Koss
 *Max Smith
 *Alex Suher
 *Samuel Weinstein
 April 18 Sarah Tanzer
 April 19 *Ellen Saltman
 April 20 *Edythe Hollup Radner

April 21-27: Steve Levine

April 22 Irene Bernstein
 *Eva R. Magidson
 April 23 *Alan Firestone
 April 25 Goldie Brodsky
 Jules Hecht

April 28-May 4: Joan Rosner

April 29 Lillian Margolis Cohen
 Barbara Levine
 *Evelyn Polansky
 April 30 Helen Haberman
 Charles Haberman
 May 1 Ida D. Paul
 May 2 *Robert Suher
 May 3 Lillian Thorn
 May 4 *Abraham H. Adelson
 Anita Levin-Epstein



Purim Celebration 2024

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Provided by Andrea Fox and Shoshana Zonderman



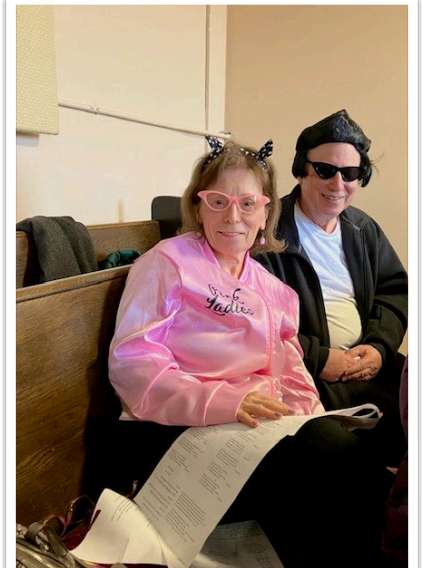
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