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About the Month of Elul

Elul is the 12th and final month in the Jewish calendar. It is a month that connects the past year with the coming year—a time when we reflect on where we stand and where we should be going. It is called “the month of repentance,” “the month of mercy” and “the month of forgiveness.”



President's Message

Dear members and friends,

As we prepare for the coming High Holidays and the weather is getting cooler, we are fixing up our old building at 378 Maple Street for one last time. It is still for sale and at the bargain price of \$835,000 for 19,000 sq. feet and an entire city block in the center of the city we hope to find a new buyer soon.

In the meantime, supporting this building and continuing our activities at 380 Dwight Street has our budget feeling the crunch. With our High Holiday Appeal coming up we hope you will be as generous as possible.

Our warm and welcoming community continues to attract new members but the days of the large commercial company owners has passed, and we need the support of everyone with a stake in the future of our shul.

We are planning for the future with a Strategic Planning Committee, which will be looking at our options during the next few months. There will also be a "Planning for the Future of the Sons of Zion Cemetery" meeting scheduled for October 6th, after the Memorial Service at the SOZ Cemetery. We will have a light luncheon at 380 Dwight Street at 12:00 pm, then the meeting will follow at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in attending the luncheon and meeting, and being a part of our planning for the future, please email me at js24saltman@gmail.com or call 413-575-0526.

Joanne Saltman

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September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 28 Av	2 29 Av LABOR DAY	3 30 Av	4 1 Elul Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) ROSH HODESH ELUL	5 2 Elul Marking One Year, 7 pm in front of Holyoke City Hall (536 Dwight Street)	6 3 Elul	7 4 Elul Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) Shoftim
8 5 Elul SOZ Annual Picnic, 12 pm at the Saltman's	9 6 Elul	10 7 Elul	11 8 Elul Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)	12 9 Elul	13 10 Elul	14 11 Elul Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD) Ki Tetze
15 12 Elul SOZ Clean Up Day, 9 am to Noon (378 Maple Street) SOZ Book Club 7:30 pm (Zoom)	16 13 Elul	17 14 Elul	18 15 Elul Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	19 16 Elul	20 17 Elul	21 18 Elul Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid) at 380 Dwight Street, Kiddush to follow Ki Tavo
22 19 Elul	23 20 Elul	24 21 Elul	25 22 Elul Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	26 23 Elul	27 24 Elul	28 25 Elul Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD) S'lichot: Refreshments: 7:30 pm Service: 8 pm In-person (venue TBD) Nitzavim-Vayelech
29 26 Elul Ride to Provide: 9 am to 2 pm Hosted by Sinai Temple in Springfield	30 27 Elul	1 28 Elul	2 29 Elul EREV ROSH HASHANA	3 1 Tishrei FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANA	4 2 Tishrei SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANA	5 3 Tishrei Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD) Haazinu

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, September 2, 2024

Labor Day

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

ROSH HODESH ELUL

Thursday, September 5, 2024

Marking One Year, 7 pm in front of
Holyoke City Hall (536 Dwight Street)

Saturday, September 7, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Sunday, September 8, 2024

SOZ Annual Picnic, 12 pm at the
Saltman's home

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Details TBD)

Sunday, September 15, 2024

SOZ Clean Up Day, 9 am to Noon
(378 Maple Street)

SOZ Book Club, 7:30 pm (Zoom)

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am
(Hybrid: Zoom/380 Dwight Street)
Kiddush to follow

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Shabbat Service, Details TBD

S'LICHOT:

Refreshments: 7:30 pm

Service: 8 pm

In-Person (Venue TBD)

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Ride to Provide: 9 am to 2 pm
Hosted by Sinai Temple in Springfield

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

EREV ROSH HASHANA

Thursday, October 3, 2024

FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANA

Friday, October 4, 2024

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANA

Saturday, October 5, 2024

Shabbat Service, Details TBD

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Memorial Service, 11 am
(SOZ Cemetery)

Light Luncheon: 12 pm, Meeting: 1 pm
(380 Dwight Street)

Sukkot Program for Families with Young
Children, 1 pm to 3 pm (Location TBD)

Vigil for the Hostages

Thursday, September 5 @7pm

In front of Holyoke City Hall
536 Dwight Street
Holyoke, MA 01040



Please join the Jewish community
for a vigil to remember these six
cherished souls who were recently
murdered and all hostages
murdered by Hamas in the past
year, and unite for those hostages
who are still in captivity.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.



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All are welcome!

For information, contact

MakhelaWMA@gmail.com // www.Makhela.org



Dear Member of the Greater Holyoke Jewish Community,

Celebration of the High Holidays begins on Wednesday evening, October 2, Erev Rosh Hashana.

Congregation Sons of Zion would like to continue our tradition of sharing High Holiday New Year's Greetings with the Holyoke Jewish Community. The card will once again list the names of all individual families who send in \$18.00 by the deadline of September 6, 2024.

Please click "Fill out this Form" and **submit all information to be sure your name is included on the card**. Then return here and click the "Pay" button and submit a payment using the options provided.

If you would prefer not to submit your payment online, you can mail a check to:

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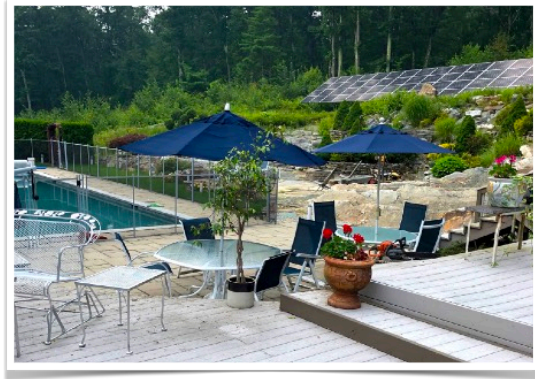
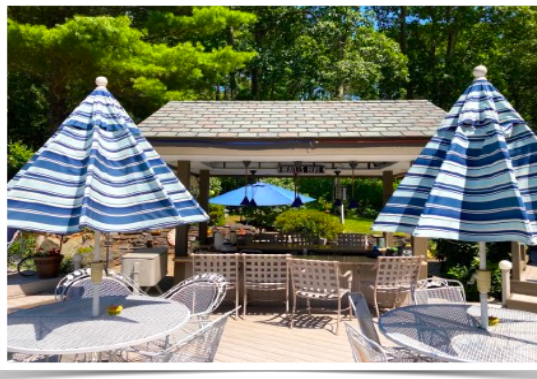
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CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION

Annual Picnic

Sunday, September 8, 2024
12 pm



Hosted by Bill and Joanne Saltman
55 Juckett Hill Drive, Belchertown, MA 01007

If you'd like to swim, bring a bathing suit and a towel.
The pool is heated!

Congregation Sons of Zion will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, veggie hot dogs, buns, drinks, condiments, paper goods, and plasticware. Please bring an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to share.

Please **RSVP** by **September 6th** to Joanne Saltman at js24saltman@gmail.com or (413) 575-0526. Please let Joanne know **what type of meat you would like** (hot dog, veggie dog, hamburger, veggie burger) and **what item you will be bringing to share**.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Please join us as we
prepare for our last High
Holiday services at our
378 Maple Street location.

We will need help both
inside and outside of the
building.

Sunday, September 15, 2024

9 am to Noon

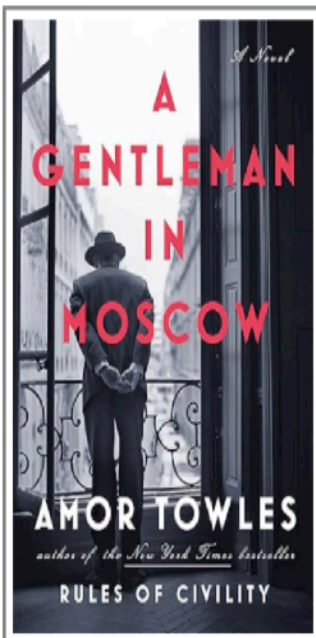
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Holyoke, MA 01040**

We would appreciate any
time that you are able to
spare to help us. You can
help the entire time or
just come for a bit.

SOZ Book Club

SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, September 15th at 7:30 pm via Zoom



***A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles**

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.

Ride to Provide 2024



Join Federation, Jewish organizations, and our Western Mass. community to support our community's needs!

Join us for a day full of fun, exercise, and community!

Sunday, September 29, 2024 9 am to 2 pm

Hosted by Sinai Temple
Springfield, MA

We are more than halfway to our 10 person minyan and looking to add two more people to fill us out! Will you join our team?? You have to option to ride, run, walk or stand on the sidelines and cheer us on! There are t-shirts, other giveaways, and of course, a nice luncheon and gathering at the end. If you are unable to attend in person, please show your support by sponsoring one or more of our participants by going to the Ride to Provide website and finding Team SOZ . The current Team SOZ members are Andrea Fox, Joanne Saltman, Lois Levin, Kathy Black, Richard Parr, Dr. Max Chorowski, Steve and Joan Levine.

Register Here





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Please Join our Sukkot Program for Families with Young Children in the Greater Holyoke Area

October 6, 2024, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

LOCATION to be Announced Shortly

Congregation Sons of Zion (SOZ)
PJ Library and
Springfield Jewish Community Center

*are delighted to support this fun and educational program
for children (ages 4 to age 9) in Holyoke and nearby towns.*



This program will involve:

- Building an edible sukkahs to take home!
- Reading a story about this harvest festival!
- Learning songs to celebrate the holiday!
- Snacks and juice, with time to schmooze.

*We intend this and future programs will help foster Jewish identity
with programs about Jewish heritage, holidays, history and values.*

No commitment, fees or dues.
No requirement to join SOZ, JCC or PJ Library.
Blended and families of all types welcome!

To sign up or for more information:
Email: Jayne@kidsandmoney.com

SOZ Memorial Service and Meeting/Cemetery Rules

SOZ MEMORIAL SERVICE AND MEETING FOR THE FUTURE CARE OF THE CEMETERY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT 11:00 AM

72 Ludlow Road, Chicopee, MA

The cemetery is normally open for visitation via the back gate.

JOIN OUR MEETING AT 1 PM

**TOPIC: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE CARE
OF THE SONS OF ZION CEMETERY**

A light luncheon will be held at 12 pm (prior the meeting) at our 380 Dwight Street location. Please RSVP to Joanne Saltman if you plan to attend.

**CALL (413)575-0526 OR EMAIL js24saltman@gmail.com TO RSVP OR
FOR MORE INFO.**



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**

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Help us reach our goal of

\$25,000.



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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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 **413-534-3369**

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Security Update

Provided by Andrea Fox

We have received a very thorough threat assessment report of our space identifying possible threats, or deficiencies.

Andrea Fox met with new security chairperson, Barry Sparkes to go over the results of the report and encouraged the community to continue following the recommendations.

Andrea submitted our quarterly report to Homeland Security timely and also submitted a request for an extension of the current grant set to expire August 31, 2024, to be extended through June 30, 2025.

This approval will allow funding for possible future trainings, purchase of 4 walkie-talkies, and removal and transfer of equipment from 378 Maple Street to 380 Dwight Street.

We are pleased to report that the extension has been granted. If anyone has any questions or interest in joining these security committee, please reach out to the office at office@sonsofzionholyokey.org.

A Special Thank You to Our Sustaining Members

Andrew Barowsky
Ned and Cindy Barowsky
Steve and Linnea Constant
Bonnie and Maggie Gruszecki
Norman and Marion Halpern
Laura Hilf
Andrew Levin
Stephen and Lois Levin
Buddy and Margie Resnic
Michael and Joan Rosner
Bill and Joanne Saltman
Randi Stein
Richard Tessler

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

Congregation Sons of Zion Legacy Society

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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.

Anonymous (4)	Aaron & Gail Lansky
Elaine Baskin	Stephen & Lois Levin
Irene Bernstein*	Stephen & Joan Levine
Joseph Boucher	Sidney* & Elizabeth* Paul
David & Nancy Carmen	Burton & Marjorie Resnic
Louise Citron	Michael & Joan Rosner
James Eisenstock*	William Robbins* & Mollie Blatt*
Andrea Fox	Ellen Saltman*
Richard & Ellen Freyman	Paul Saltman
Albert Goldberg*	William & Joanne Saltman
Herbert* & Barbara* Goldberg	Elihu & Joan Schepps
Debra Goldberg and Seth Waxman	Nitza Seaver
Rose Gorin*	Charles Weinstein
Janet & Richard Greenfield	Frances Welton & Thomas Osborn*
Rachel Henderson	Sherwin & Rhoda Wernick
Alfred & Lee Hutt	Thomas & Eleanor Wilson
Ira Laby	*Deceased

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

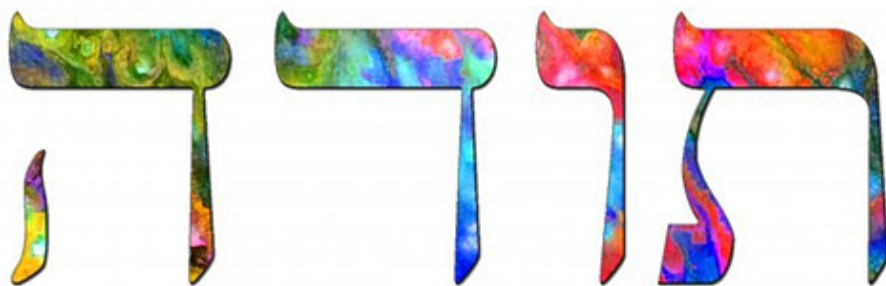
- ♦ Barry Hirsch: cemetery/foundation
- ♦ The Kappel Family: In memory of their mother, Syrel R. Kappel
- ♦ Ira Laby: cemetery fund
- ♦ Shari Laufer: In memory of her mother, Estelle Laufer
- ♦ Steve and Joan Levine: In memory of Kate Koufax Levine
- ♦ Steve and Joan Levine: In memory of Irene Besdin Kagan

General Fund

- ♦ Ira Laby: High Holiday Appeal
- ♦ Shoshana Zonderman: Stained Glass Window Appeal

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ♦ Dr. Bonnie Gruszecki: In memory of her beloved maternal grandmother, Evelyn Hecht



"Todah" Thank You

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September 2024 Yahrzeits

September 1-7: Barry Sparkes

Sept 1 *William Robbins
 Sept 3 Zelda Olin
 Frank A. Stone
 Victor Panitch
 Sept 4 *Harry Berman
 *Jennie Lipshitz
 Margaret Tallan
 Sept 5 *Herbert Goldberg
 *Sarah Merkin Zellan
 Sept 6 Morris Goldberg
 *Rose Koufax Rose
 *Jacob Nathan Solin
 Sept 7 *Martha P. Michaelson
 Ida Isenberg Stiller
 Harry Wolkoff

September 8-14: Cindy Vieu

Sept 8 William Fortgang
 Sept 10 *Lillian Leitzen
 Sept 12 Samuel Adelson
 *Esther "Billie" Posnik
 Julia (Jewel) Berman Suher
 Sept 14 Hannah Esther Colodny
 Raymond Jacobson
 *Harry Marks
 Ellen Bonnie Podell

September 15-21: Kathy Black

Sept 15 Rivka Leitzen
 Sept 16 *Rabbi Leib Forer
 *Rose Judelson
 Simon Marks
 Hyman Sladofsky
 Sept 17 *Annie Radner
 Sept 18 *Mollie Altman
 Hyman Kramer
 *Sara Ziff
 Sept 19 Mollie Blatt
 Jeannette Bloom
 Sol Gold
 Sept 20 Theodore Adelson
 Sarah Schepps Matschke
 *Abraham Saltzman
 Lena Suher
 *Marian Saunders Wilson
 Harold I. Resnic
 Sept 21 Sophie Gelb
 *Nathan Gerstein

September 22-28: David Carmen

Sept 22 *Isadore Tim Cohen
 Margie Jeser
 Sept 23 *Dr. Morris Hilf
 *Dr. Joseph Pinck
 Sept 24 Rose Baker
 Miriam Cotzin
 *Henry Daniels
 Albert Goldberg
 Dr. Max Reinisch
 *Sara Soltz
 Sept 25 Barbara Goldberg
 Henry Levine
 Helen Rabin
 Dora Rubin
 Sept 26 Simon Paul
 Hilda Soltz
 *Sam Wasserman
 Sept 27 George Lesnow
 Harry Wieder
 Sept 28 *Abraham Barowsky
 *Alfred Polansky
 Gladys Slotnick
 *Sandra E. Weinstein

September 29- October 5: Rich Freyman

Sept 29 Edith Wieder Garber
 Sept 30 *Manuel Goldblatt
 Marc Levine
 Oct 1 Mordechai ben Calman
 *Pearl Goldenberg
 Oct 3 Arthur Glasser
 Oct 4 Nathan Falk
 Oct 5 *David Barowsky



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