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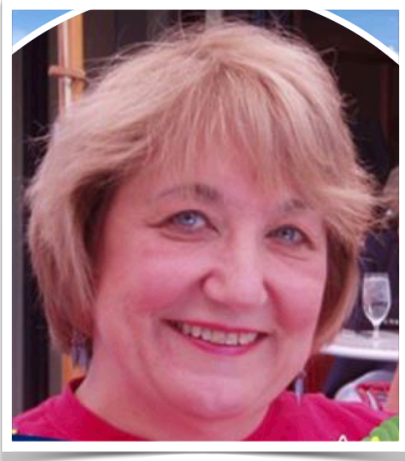
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About the Month of Av

Tisha B'Av is an annual fast day in our tradition. A number of disasters occurred, primarily the destruction of both Solomon’s Temple by the Babylonians in 587BCE and the Second Temple by the Romans in 70CE. Thus, Tisha B'Av is regarded by many as the saddest day in the calendar.



President's Message

I had hoped to have more substantive news this month about our future plans, but the wheels of progress for nonprofit organizations move slowly. We are awaiting a decision on our bid to purchase the former People's Bank in South Hadley at 494 Newton Street, but it may take some time since we are asking for several issues to be resolved. And the purchase and sale of our building is also taking time since the new owners are also a non-profit organization. In the meantime, the good news is that we will hold our High Holiday services in our beautiful sanctuary for one more time. We look forward to seeing you in person again. We will try to also provide a Zoom option, but the signal in the large room is not good.

In other news, the annual Sons of Zion picnic will be on Sunday August 6th at my home in Belchertown, and we look forward to celebrating summer with many of our members and friends.

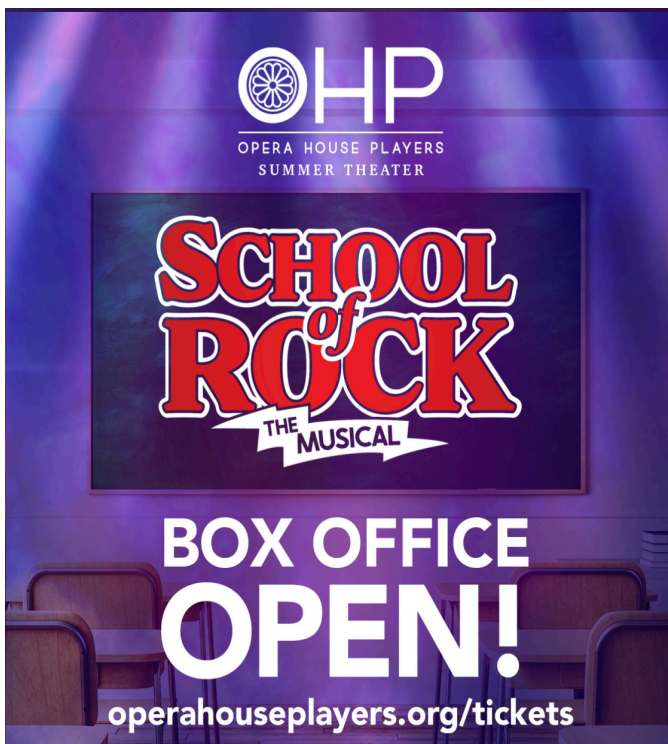
As part of the packing process to prepare for moving out of our building, we had 42 old style school chairs left up on the 3rd floor that the new owners, who teach only high school students, did not want. We advertised them for free on Craig's list and were able to donate them all. One of the groups that took chairs is the Opera House Players from Connecticut. They will be putting on the play "School of Rock," and we thought it would be fun to attend the play and see our chairs getting a new life. On Sunday, August 20th at 2:00 pm a group of us will travel to Enfield for the play. We will carpool from the parking lot at Sons of Zion, leaving at 1:00pm. Details on getting tickets below.

We still have lots of books to pack or donate, and lots of items to decide on whether to keep or give away. With cooler weather, we will schedule another packing day on August 27th at 10:00am. This is light work since all the heavy lifting has been done. There are many usable items that we will be giving away since they will no longer be needed.

President's Message (continued)

We also plan to reopen the question of a new name for our historic shul that more reflects our diverse and inclusive membership. Hopefully we can find a name that most of us like—this time the process will include meetings to discuss possible names and voting by mail or email only for members in good standing. There are still quite a few members who have not yet given their "Gift of the Heart" for the coming year. It is an important time for our community, and I hope you will continue to support our congregation as we look forward to a new and exciting future.

Joanne Saltman



Join us as we see *School of Rock
The Musical!*

Sunday, August 20, 2023
2 pm

A group of us will be meeting at the synagogue so we can carpool to Enfield. We will leave the synagogue at 1 pm and head over. If you wish to attend, you can purchase tickets at operahouseplayers.org/tickets.

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August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 12 Av	31 13 Av	1 14 Av	2 15 Av Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) Religious Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm (Zoom)	3 16 Av	4 17 Av Deadline to RSVP for the SOZ Annual Picnic	5 18 Av Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom) Ekev
6 19 Av SOZ Annual Picnic, 12-4 pm (@ the Saltman's Home)	7 20 Av	8 21 Av	9 22 Av Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	10 23 Av	11 24 Av	12 25 Av Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom) Re'eh
13 26 Av SOZ Book Club, 10:30 am (Zoom)	14 27 Av	15 28 Av SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)	16 29 Av Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	17 30 Av	18 1 Elul Rosh Hodesh Elul	19 2 Elul Shabbat Service 10 am (Zoom) Shoftim
20 3 Elul School of Rock The Musical, 2 pm (Meet at SOZ before 1 pm to carpool)	21 4 Elul	22 5 Elul	23 6 Elul Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	24 7 Elul	25 8 Elul	26 9 Elul Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom) Ki Tetze
27 10 Elul Help us Pack!, 10 am (@ SOZ)	28 11 Elul	29 12 Elul	30 13 Elul Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	31 14 Elul	1 15 Elul	2 16 Elul Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom) Ki Tavo

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service
Religious Committee Meeting,
7:30 pm (Zoom)

Friday, August 4, 2023

Deadline to RSVP to the SOZ
Annual Picnic

Saturday, August 5, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Sunday, August 6, 2023

SOZ Annual Picnic (@ the
Saltman's home), 12-4 pm

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

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

Saturday, August 12, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Sunday, August 13, 2023

SOZ Book Club, 10:30 am (Zoom)

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

SOZ Board Meeting,
6:30 pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

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

Friday, August 18, 2023

Rosh Hodesh Elul

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Sunday, August 20, 2023

School of Rock The Musical, 2 pm
(Meet at SOZ before 1 pm to
carpool)

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

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

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Help us Pack!, 10 am (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

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

CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING



Wednesday, August 2, 2023

7:30 pm via Zoom

Zoom Link and Agenda will be emailed on Tuesday, August 1st.

*Please join us and help make decisions for our
High Holiday services. Erev Rosh Hashana is
September 15, 2023.*

**ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED ARE WELCOME!!!
EVERYONE'S VOICE IS IMPORTANT!!!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

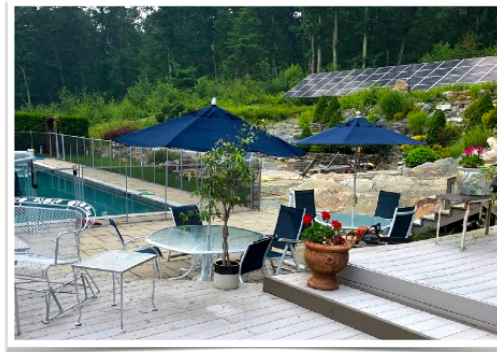
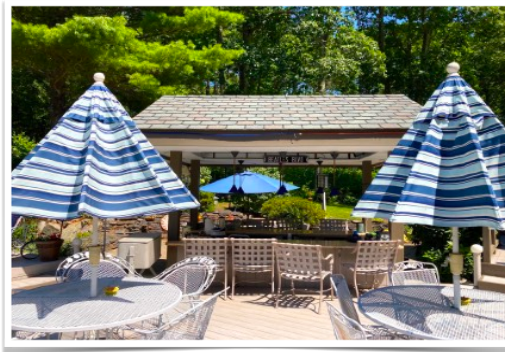
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CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION Annual Picnic

Sunday, August 6, 2023
12 - 4 pm

*Rain date: Sunday, August 13, 2023



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 (parve dishes only - no cheese or dairy).

RSVP by August 4th

Please contact the SOZ office with any questions or concerns at office@sonsofzionholyoke.org or (413)534-3369.

SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, August 13th at 10:30 am



Once We Were Home: A Novel by Jennifer Rosner

When your past is stolen, where do you belong?

Ana will never forget her mother's face when she and her baby brother, Oskar, were sent out of their Polish ghetto and into the arms of a Christian friend. For Oskar, though, their new family is the only one he remembers. When a woman from a Jewish reclamation organization seizes them, believing she has their best interest at heart, Ana sees an opportunity to reconnect with her roots, while Oskar sees only the loss of the home he loves.

Roger grows up in a monastery in France, inventing stories and trading riddles with his best friend in a life of quiet concealment. When a relative seeks to retrieve him, the Church steals him across the Pyrenees before relinquishing him to family in Jerusalem.

Renata, a post-graduate student in archaeology, has spent her life unearthing secrets from the past--except for her own. After her mother's death, Renata's grief is entwined with all the questions her mother left unanswered, including why they fled Germany so quickly when Renata was a little girl.

Two decades later, they are each building lives for themselves, trying to move on from the trauma and loss that haunts them. But as their stories converge in Israel, in unexpected ways, they must each ask where and to whom they truly belong.

Beautifully evocative and tender, filled with both luminosity and anguish, *Once We Were Home* reveals a little-known history. Based on the true stories of children stolen during wartime, this heart-wrenching novel raises questions of complicity and responsibility, belonging and identity, good intentions and unforeseen consequences, as it confronts what it really means to find home.



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Drinks and snacks will be provided.

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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.

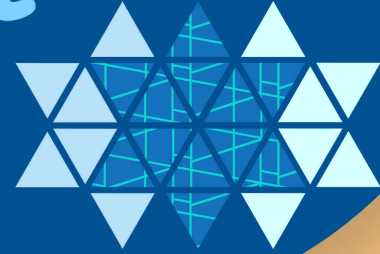
Taharah-ritual Jewish washing and shroud are required, but a shomer or watch person is optional.

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:
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New Member Spotlight: Robert and Frances Abrams

Frances is a native of Brooklyn and lived in Washington, DC, where she worked for the State Department on the Benelux desk. Frances taught French at Holyoke Community College, the University of Massachusetts, and for 33 years at Western New England College.

After serving in the Air Force in Greece, Bob practiced at Holyoke Pediatric Associates for 47 years.

Bob and Frances moved from Holyoke to South Hadley in 1989. They were members of Sons of Zion in the 60^s and 70^s when Rabbi Kaplan and Rabbi Jezer were there.

Frances and Bob have four children and nine grandchildren. The picture below is from the celebration of their 60th anniversary.



A Special Thank You to Our Sustaining Members

Robert and Frances Abrams

Andrew Barowsky

Ned and Cindy Barowsky

Rich and Ellen Freyman

Bonnie and Maggie Gruszecki

Norman and Marion Halpern

Alfred and Lee Hutt

Stephen and Lois Levin

Buddy and Margie Resnic

Michael and Joan Rosner

Bill and Joanne Saltman

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 |
| Joseph Boucher | Sidney* & Elizabeth* Paul |
| David & Nancy Carmen | Burton & Marjorie Resnic |
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| 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 Welson & Thomas Osborn* |
| 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@sonsofzionholyoake.com or (413)534-3369. Thank you very much.





Donations: Thank you!

Cemetery Fund

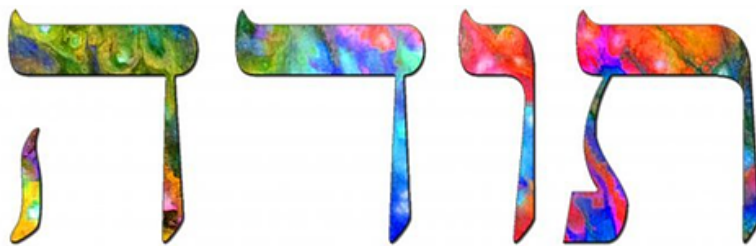
- ✦ Diane Eskenasy: In memory of her sister, Pauline Eskenasy McGilvra
- ✦ Barry Hirsch: In memory of his mother, Gertrude Hirsch
- ✦ The Kappel Family: In memory of their father, Harold A. Kappel
- ✦ Eitan Kenefick and Ilana Cohen: In memory of Eitan's Bubbie, Estelle Laufer
- ✦ Steve and Joan Levine: In memory of Steve's mother, Kate Levine
- ✦ Steve and Joan Levine: In memory of Joan's mother, Irene Kagan

Garden Fund

- ✦ The Kappel Family: In memory of their mother, Syrel Ruth Kappel

General Fund

- ✦ Deborah Aloisi: General Donation
- ✦ Ira Laby: In memory of his mother, Lilyan Rheingold Laby
- ✦ Richard Stone: In memory of his grandparents, Frank and Celia Stone
- ✦ Richard Stone: In memory of his parents, Lester and Lillian Stone



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"Toda" Thank You

August 2023 Yahrzeits

July 30-August 5: Andrea Fox

July 30 Mary Baker
 May Goodstein
 Fannie Greenspan
 *Idah S. Hirshon
 *Esther Malkin
 *Eva Polansky
 July 31 *Eric Goldenberg
 Evelyn Hecht
 *Rose Palevsky
 August 3 Samuel Broudy
 Lena Suher Cooper
 *Harry Gaberman
 *Samuel Halpern
 *Sadie Gamzue Nathanson
 *Abraham Saul
 *Minna H. Sills
 Mollie Smernoff
 Maurice Zanger
 August 4 *Rev. Samuel D. Falk
 August 5 Elsie Gellert
 *Jennie Housen
 *Martin A. Jaffe
 *Ethel Lesnow
 *Maxwell E. Marshall
 *Nyoma Sorkin

August 6-12: Rich Freyman

August 6 *Rebecca Finkelstein
 *Bertha Greenman
 *Louis Halpern
 *Abner Wolkovsky
 Ruth Weiss
 August 7 Samuel Epstein
 *Amy Beth Levin
 August 8 Taube Burstein
 *Tillie Burstein
 Anna Jacobson
 August 9 Eugene Halberstam
 *Rose Kaplinsky
 *William Radner
 August 10 David Fox
 *Louis Kostin
 Bernard Ziff
 August 11 Harry Baker
 August 12 *Herbert Halpern
 *Gertrude Hirsch
 Samuel Jaffe

August 13-19: Eitan Kenefick

August 15 *William Robbins
 August 17 Zelda Olin
 Frank A. Stone
 Victor Panitch
 August 18 *Harry Berman
 *Jennie Lipshitz
 Margaret Tallan
 August 19 *Herbert Goldberg
 *Sarah Merkin Zellan

August 20-26: Ira Laby

August 20 Morris Goldberg
 *Rose Koufax Rose
 *Jacob Nathan Solin
 August 21 *Martha P. Michaelson
 Ida Isenberg Stiller
 Harry Wolkoff
 August 22 William Fortgang
 August 24 *Lillian Leitzen
 August 26 Samuel Adelson
 *Esther "Billie" Posnik
 Julia (Jewel) Berman Suher

August 27-September 2: Lois Levin

August 28 Hannah Esther Colodny
 Raymond Jacobson
 *Harry Marks
 August 29 Rivka Leitzen
 August 30 *Rabbi Leib Forer
 *Rose Judelson
 Simon Marks
 Hyman Sladofsky
 August 31 *Annie Radner
 September 1 *Mollie Altman
 Hyman Kramer
 *Sara Ziff
 September 2 Mollie Blatt
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