

# CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION

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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

Dear members and friends,

While we are happily settling into our inexpensive rental space at 380 Dwight Street, we unfortunately still own our 19,000 square foot building at 378 Maple Street. We are actively working to find a new buyer, but we must continue to maintain our investment in this property. This has created a large deficit in our budget. If you have not yet sent in your Gift of the Heart, we hope you will do it soon and be as generous as possible. We do not want to borrow from our Legacy Fund at the Jewish Federation to pay our bills. We also will again be asking for donations in our High Holiday Appeal. Our still very active, warm, and welcoming congregation continues to attract new members but we need your help to maintain.

Although I hate to say it, we will again hold our "last" High Holiday Services in our beautiful sanctuary at Maple Street. Invite your friends and family to join us for these historic events of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

*Joanne Saltman*

Tammuz/Av  
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August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 22 Tammuz	29 23 Tammuz	30 24 Tammuz	31 25 Tammuz Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	1 26 Tammuz	2 27 Tammuz	3 28 Tammuz  Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid) at 380 Dwight Street, Kiddush to follow  Matot-Masei
4 29 Tammuz  SOZ Annual Picnic, 12 pm at the Saltman's	5 1 Av  <i>ROSH HODESH AV</i>	6 2 Av	7 3 Av  Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	8 4 Av	9 5 Av	10 6 Av  Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)  Devarim
11 7 Av	12 8 Av	13 9 Av  <i>FAST OF TISHA B' AV Commemorates destruction of the temple in Jerusalem</i>	14 10 Av  Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)  SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)	15 11 Av	16 12 Av	17 13 Av  Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD)  Vaetchanan
18 14 Av  SOZ Annual Picnic, 12 pm at the Saltman's  SOZ Book Club 7:30 pm (Zoom)	19 15 Av	20 16 Av	21 17 Av  Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	22 18 Av	23 19 Av	24 20 Av  Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid) at 380 Dwight Street, Kiddush to follow  Ekev
25 21 Av	26 22 Av	27 23 Av	28 24 Av  Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	29 25 Av	30 26 Av	31 27 Av  Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD)  Re'eh

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## Saturday, August 3, 2024

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

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

## Sunday, August 4, 2024

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

## Monday, August 5, 2024

***ROSH HODESH AV***

## Wednesday, August 7, 2024

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

## Saturday, August 10, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

## Tuesday, August 13, 2024

***FAST OF TISHA B' AV***

***Commemorates destruction of the  
temple in Jerusalem***

## Wednesday, August 14, 2024

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

## Saturday, August 17, 2024

Shabbat Service, Details TBD

## Sunday, August 18, 2024

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

SOZ Book Club, 7:30 pm (Zoom)

## Wednesday, August 21, 2024

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

## Saturday, August 24, 2024

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

## Wednesday, August 28, 2024

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

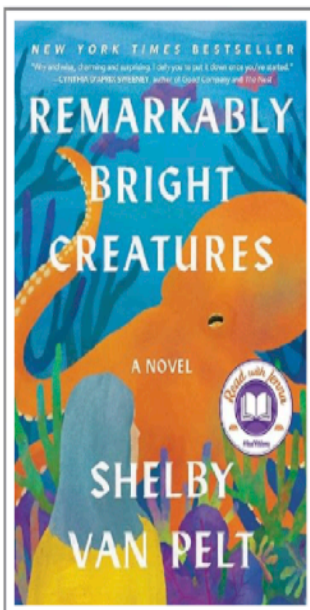
## Saturday, August 31, 2024

Shabbat Service, Details TBD

## SOZ Book Club

# SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm via Zoom



### ***Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt**

After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago.

Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors—until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova.

Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late.

Shelby Van Pelt's debut novel is a gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible.

## Local Events

### *Save the Date*

#### TOGETHER FOR TOMORROW

The Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts invites you to a fundraising evening filled with entertainment, food, and a powerful discussion about the impact of your generous giving.

**Thursday, August 22nd, 2024**

**6:30pm**

**Congregation Rodphey Sholom  
Holyoke, MA**

#### Featured Speakers



Rabbi Bruce Bromberg-Seltzer  
Jewish Student Advisor  
Smith College



Rabbi Aaron Fine  
Executive Director  
UMass Amherst Hillel



State Senator John Velis  
Hampden & Hampshire District  
Massachusetts State Senate



**Kosher dietary laws will be observed**



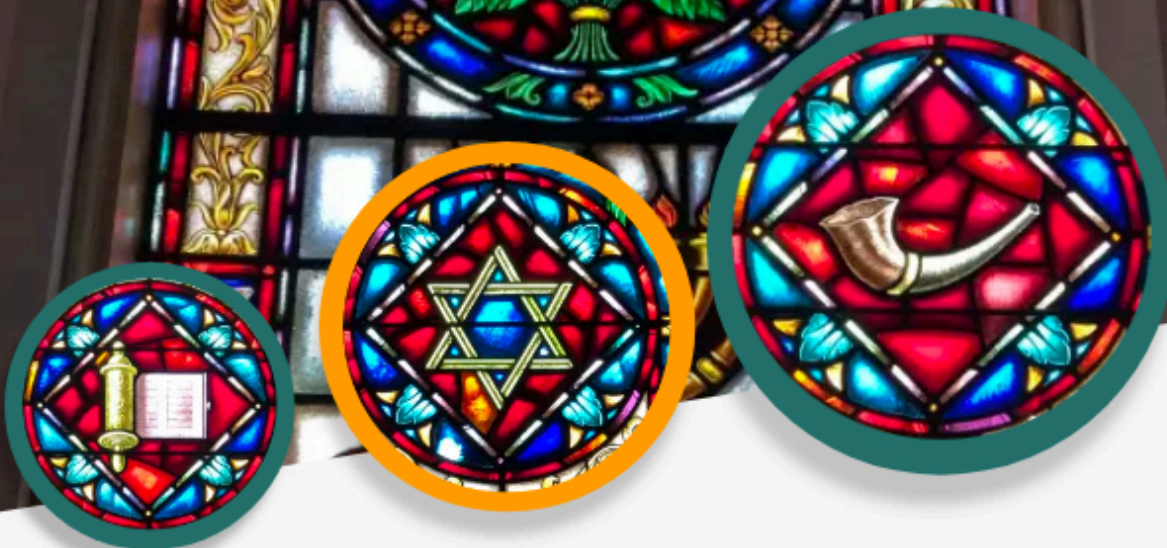
# SAVE PIECES OF OUR HISTORY.

Help us reach our goal of

## \$25,000.



CONGREGATION  
*Sons of Zion*




## 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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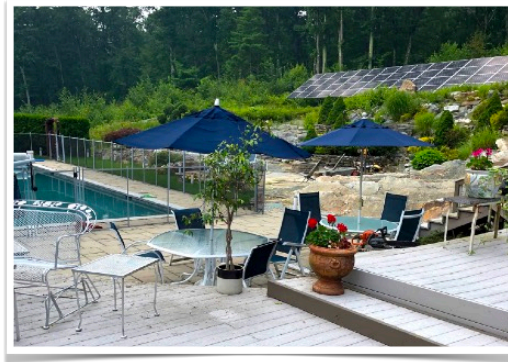
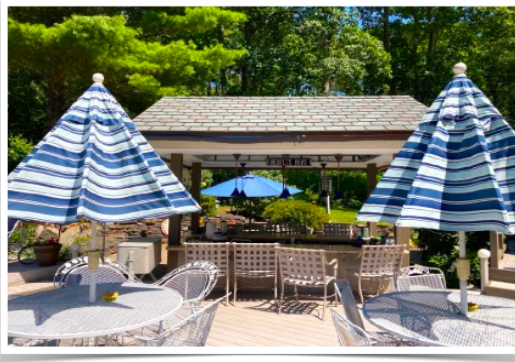
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# CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION

## Annual Picnic

Sunday, August 18, 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 **August 16th** to Joanne Saltman at [js24saltman@gmail.com](mailto: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**.



## 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

**Register Here**



## A Special Thank You to Our Sustaining Members

Andrew 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

### ★ 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.

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](mailto:office@sonsofzionholyoke.com) or (413)534-3369. Thank you very much.*







# Donations: Thank you!

## Cemetery Fund

- ♦ Jay Eisenstock: In memory of his father, James Eisenstock
- ♦ Diane Eskenasy: In memory of her sister, Pauline Eskenasy
- ♦ Barry Hirsch: In memory of his grandmother, Fannie Wolkovsky
- ♦ The Kappel Family: In memory of their father, Harold A. Kappel
- ♦ Ellen and Aaron Kischel: In memory of Miriam Waxler Pearl
- ♦ Ellen and Aaron Kischel: In memory of Harriet Waxler Polak
- ♦ Ellen and Aaron Kischel: In memory of Irving Polak

## General Fund

- ♦ Kathy Black: For healing and a speedy recovery of Cindy Vieu's son, Cody Stone
- ♦ Kathy Black: For healing and a speedy recovery of Ken Vieu
- ♦ Marjorie Bloom: In memory of her father, Bernard Bloom
- ♦ Norma Glazer: To thank us for sending her a portrait of her grandfather
- ♦ Rich and Ellen Freyman: Wishing a speedy recovery to Joe Boucher
- ♦ Rich and Ellen Freyman: In appreciation to Randi Stein for her grace and skill in leading our congregation during Shabbat services
- ♦ Rich and Ellen Freyman: In appreciation to Nitza Seaver for her grace and skill in leading our congregation during Shabbat services
- ♦ Rich and Ellen Freyman: In appreciation to Lois and Steve Levin for their multiple donations that have upgraded our sanctuary to make it comfortable and amenable to hybrid services
- ♦ Judy Katz: In memory of her mother-in-law, Elizabeth Katz Jeremias
- ♦ Pinky Stein: for the future of SOZ's new home
- ♦ Pinky Stein: In memory of Ken's parents, Max and Sara Stein
- ♦ Pinky Stein: In memory of her parents, Harry and Rose Pincus
- ♦ Pinky Stein: In memory of her brother-in-law, Lloyd Stein
- ♦ Pinky Stein: In memory of her husband, Kenneth Stein
- ♦ Laura Weiss: For the stained window fund



"Toda" Thank You



# August 2024 Yahrzeits

## July 28- August 3: Buddy Resnic

July 28 Samuel Hirsch  
\*Aaron Posnik  
Dorothy Siegel  
July 29 \*Samuel Bernson  
Daisy Hirsch  
July 30 Mamie Kahan  
\*Sidney Levinson  
July 31 Max Berman  
Irene B. Kagan  
Aug 1 \*Stanley Jacobson  
Rose Polak  
Aug 2 \*Lilyan Laby  
Ida August Suher  
Aug 3 \*Benjamin F. Evarts  
\*Julius Levenson  
\*Harry Saul Nulman

## August 4-10: Joan Rosner

Aug 4 Sidney Hirsch  
Morris Wolfe  
Aug 5 Harry Herman  
\*Anna Herman  
\*Fannie Nathanson  
Aug 7 \*Harry Durlister  
Herman Fox  
Arthur I. Gold  
Syrel Kappel  
\*Abraham Ritterman  
Aug 8 Samuel Gellert  
Barnett Orlen  
Aug 9 Reuben Barshay  
\*Israel Goldberg  
\*Clara Greenspan  
\*Estelle Laufer  
Aug 10 \*Joseph Polansky  
\*Lester A. Stone  
Mildred "Millie" Berman

## August 11-17: Michael Rosner

Aug 11 Rose Epstein  
\*Israel Epstein  
Aug 12 Alexander Breslow  
Isadore Cramer  
Miriam Margolis  
\*Sarah Zager  
Aug 13 \*Norma Magidson Barowsky  
Aug 14 \*Samuel Rosenbloom  
Aug 15 Kenneth P. Stein  
Aug 16 Mary Baker  
May Goodstein

Fannie Greenspan  
\*Idah S. Hirshon  
\*Esther Malkin  
\*Eva Polansky  
Aug 17 \*Eric Goldenberg  
Evelyn Hecht  
\*Rose Palevsky

## August 18-24: Joanne Saltman

Aug 20 Samuel Broudy  
Lena Suher Cooper  
\*Harry Gaberman  
\*Samuel Halpern  
\*Sadie Gamzue Nathanson  
\*Abraham Saul  
\*Minna H. Sills  
Mollie Smernoff  
Maurice Zanger  
Aug 21 \*Rev. Samuel D. Falk  
Aug 22 Elsie Gellert  
\*Jennie Housen  
\*Martin A. Jaffe  
\*Ethel Lesnow  
\*Maxwell E. Marshall  
\*Nyoma Sorkin  
Aug 23 \*Rebecca Finkelstein  
\*Bertha Greenman  
\*Louis Halpern  
\*Abner Wolkovsky  
Ruth Weiss  
Aug 24 Samuel Epstein  
\*Amy Beth Levin

## August 25-31: Mady Schorsch

Aug 25 Taube Burstein  
\*Tillie Burstein  
Anna Jacobson  
Eugene Halberstam  
\*Rose Kaplinsky  
\*William Radner  
Aug 26 David Fox  
\*Louis Kostin  
Bernard Ziff  
Aug 27 Harry Baker  
Aug 28 \*Herbert Halpern  
Aug 29 \*Gertrude Hirsch  
Samuel Jaffe



## Emergency Preparedness Safety Training

Expert instructors Eric Stratton and Lisa Foley returned to provide our members with excellent training in situational awareness, safety responses, security measures, and medical assistance using our AED, and tourniquet/stop the bleed trauma kits. Based off of the evaluations completed at the end of training, everybody found the instructors to be amazing and offered their information in an accessible and easy format. Many expressed a desire for more time for hands-on, and asked for a follow up review of this training within six months to a year.

Our experts noted some deficiencies in our need for signage both outside the building and inside the building. We will be getting a full written report/threat assessment to assist with the road map for what we might want to address next.

For people who were unable to attend, please take note when you are in the building, to familiarize yourself with where the fire extinguishers, AED, and bleeding kits are located in case of emergency.

Our current Homeland Security Grant was due to expire on August 31, 2024; however, our former security chair Andrea Fox has submitted the appropriate forms requesting an extension through June 2025, which would afford us the opportunity to purchase more equipment and offer more training. Barry Sparks has agreed to step up and be the new security chair! We wish him the best.





## Emergency Preparedness Safety Training

What's inside our stop the bleed kit? There is one set of five in an a red portable soft sided bag in our sanctuary and one in our social hall. Lisa explains and shows the instructions.





## Emergency Preparedness Safety Training

Bonnie with an orange tourniquet in her hand, watching the demonstration before getting to apply it to her neighbor.

Lisa talking about the tourniquet and showing us how to use it properly.





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