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About the Month of Tevet

This month begins with the last days of Hanukah. By internalizing the message of the ever-increasing lights of the menorah, we are able to reveal the good that is hidden in our lives and in the world around us.



President's Message

Wishing You a Happy and Healthy New Year

Dear Members and Friends,

Wishing you all a healthy and happy New Year.

As we enter 2026, we do so with a renewed sense of purpose and excitement. Having sold our beloved but much too large building, we look forward to planning new activities and welcoming new members to our warm and unique shul.

We will be introducing some new elements to our services with greater member participation. We also hope to offer educational programs, a mahjongg club, and arts and crafts sessions that highlight the talents within our community. We are always open to new ideas and suggestions, so please do not hesitate to share your thoughts.

During the cold and snowy winter months, most of our Shabbat services will be held on Zoom, but we look forward to seeing you in person whenever possible.

We are also beginning the important and worthwhile project of restoring our memorial plaques, which will be installed in the chapel. We will need volunteers to help put them in chronological order. There are over a thousand plaques. We will let you know when we schedule a work session.

Warm regards,

Joanne Saltman



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January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8 Tevet	29 9 Tevet	30 10 Tevet	31 11 Tevet <i>New Year's Eve</i> Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	1 12 Tevet <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 13 Tevet Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:00 pm, Light Candles: 4:12 pm	3 14 Tevet Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: Members & Friends of SOZ Vayechi
4 15 Tevet	5 16 Tevet	6 17 Tevet	7 18 Tevet Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	8 19 Tevet	9 20 Tevet Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:05 pm, Light Candles: 4:19 pm	10 21 Tevet Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid-weather permitting), Introducing Service Leader: Emily Anfang, Kiddush follows service Shemot
11 22 Tevet	12 23 Tevet	13 24 Tevet	14 25 Tevet Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting: 7 pm (Zoom)	15 26 Tevet	16 27 Tevet Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:15 pm, Light Candles: 4:27 pm	17 28 Tevet Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid-weather permitting), Service Leader: Rabbi Marc Rudolph, Kiddush follows service Vaera
18 29 Tevet	19 1 Shevat <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i> <i>ROSH CHODESH SHEVAT</i>	20 2 Shevat	21 3 Shevat Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	22 4 Shevat	23 5 Shevat Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:20 pm, Light Candles: 4:35 pm	24 6 Shevat Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) Service Leader: Dr. Max Chorowski Bo
25 7 Shevat	26 8 Shevat	27 9 Shevat	28 10 Shevat Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	29 11 Shevat	30 12 Shevat Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:30 pm, Light Candles: 4:44 pm	31 13 Shevat Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) Service Leader: Randi Stein Beshalach

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, January 1, 2026 *New Year's Day*

Friday, January 2, 2026

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
4:00 pm Gather, 4:12 pm Light Candles

Saturday, January 3, 2026

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom),
Service Leader: Members & Friends of SOZ

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Friday, January 9, 2026

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
4:05 pm Gather, 4:19 pm Light Candles

Saturday, January 10, 2026

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Hybrid - weather permitting),
Introducing Service Leader: Emily Anfang,
Kiddush follows service

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

SOZ Board Meeting, 7pm (Zoom)

Friday, January 16, 2026

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
4:15 pm Gather, 4:27 pm Light Candles

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Hybrid - weather permitting),
Service Leader: Rabbi Marc Rudolph,
Kiddush follows service

Monday, January 19, 2026

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

ROSH HODESH SHEVAT

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Friday, January 23, 2026

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
4:20 pm Gather, 4:35 pm Light Candles

Saturday, January 24, 2026

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom),
Service Leader: Dr. Max Chorowski

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Friday, January 30, 2026

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
4:30 pm Gather, 4:44 pm Light Candles

Saturday, January 31, 2026

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom),
Service Leader: Randi Stein

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Tu B'Shevat Seder (380 Dwight Street),
Details to be Announced

PJ Library/PJ Our Way Information

Use the links below to sign up for PJ Library and PJ Our Way.



<https://pjlibrary.org/>



<https://pjourway.org/>

Who Is It For?

Because there are so many ways to be Jewish, people may think their family isn't the right "kind" or "amount" of Jewish to enjoy PJ Library. What subscribers quickly discover is that our program is designed to be welcoming, inclusive, and meaningful to families regardless of Jewish experience or level of observance.

We're proud to be part of a diverse global Jewish community, and we love connecting families who live and celebrate in so many different ways.

No matter what Jewishness looks like in your family, strengthening your children's connection to Jewish values, traditions, and celebrations can be as easy as adding PJ Library storybooks to your reading time. If this even sounds like it might be for you, there's never any cost or obligation, so we invite you to give PJ Library a try. You could even give another family a wonderful gift by signing up their kids to receive great Jewish storybooks in the mail each month.

Adult Learning Opportunities

Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning

Rabbi Wallk has been involved with the Melton School since 1996. The Melton School is a worldwide community of adult learners who are eager to explore Jewish texts, traditions and rituals. The Melton School offers world-class opportunities for learning, growth, and travel. Over 50,000 Melton learners say that learning with Melton has changed their lives by enriching conversations, influencing decisions, and strengthening community.

The Melton curriculum covers:

- The whys of Jewish living
- Jewish ethics to inform decision making
- Contemporary and ancient insights into the Bible
- Critical moments in Jewish history
- Modern Israeli and Jewish culture
- And much more...

To find out what Rabbi Wallk is teaching and to learn more about the Melton School in general, email [Rabbi Wallk](#).

Go to:

<https://tbespringfield.org/adult-education/> for more information.



A Special Thank You to Our 2025-26 Sustaining Members

Joseph Arshawsky

Andrew Barowsky

Ned and Cindy Barowsky

Steve and Linnea Constant

Rich and Ellen Freyman

Norman and Marion Halpern

Stephen and Lois Levin

Steve and Joan Levine

Buddy and Margie Resnic

Michael and Joan Rosner

William and Joanne Saltman

*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*
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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 Nelson & 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@sonsofzionholyoke.com or (413)534-3369. Thank you very much.





December Donations: Thank you!



Cemetery Fund

- ♦ Larry Carmen: Giving Tuesday donation for the future care of the SOZ Cemetery
- ♦ Susan Craig: In memory of her husband, Philip Craig
- ♦ Susan Craig: In memory of her parents, Beatrice and Milton Palmer
- ♦ Anne & Scott Daniels: In memory of Anne's parents, Lillian & Harry Wolfe
- ♦ Jay Eisenstock: In memory of his mother, Shirley Eisenstock
- ♦ Norman & Marion Halpern: Giving Tuesday donation for the future care of the SOZ Cemetery
- ♦ Kappel Family: In memory of their aunt, Mildred Kaplinsky
- ♦ Judy Katz: In memory of her father-in-law, Daniel Jeremias
- ♦ Ellen & Aaron Kischel: In memory of Ellen's mother, Beatrice Palmer
- ♦ Ellen & Aaron Kischel: In memory of Ellen's brother-in-law, Philip Craig
- ♦ Ellen & Aaron Kischel: In memory of Ellen's father, Milton Palmer
- ♦ Stephen & Joan Levine: Giving Tuesday donation for the future care of the SOZ Cemetery- with many thanks to Joanne Saltman for her many years of service as our Cemetery Chair
- ♦ Robert Naimark: Giving Tuesday donation for the future care of the SOZ Cemetery
- ♦ Margie & Buddy Resnic: In memory of Buddy's father, Samuel Resnic
- ♦ Nizza Seaver: Giving Tuesday donation for the future care of the SOZ Cemetery
- ♦ Laura Weiss: Giving Tuesday donation for the future care of the SOZ Cemetery

General Fund

- ♦ Myra Efron: In memory of her father, Aaron Kingsberg
- ♦ Ellen & Richard Freyman: High Holiday donation for Shemini Atzeret services
- ♦ Sheryl Kingsberg: In memory of her father, Aaron Kingsberg
- ♦ Ellen & Aaron Kischel: Year End donation
- ♦ Elihu & Joan Schepps: Year End donation
- ♦ Mady Schorsch: High Holiday donation
- ♦ Rhoda Wernick: In memory of her mother, Sarah Lipnick
- ♦ Rhoda Wernick: In memory of her husband, Sherwin Wernick
- ♦ Rhoda Wernick: In memory of her mother-in-law, Bertha Wernick



January 2026 Yahrzeits

December 28-January 3: Lois Levin

December 30	*Mischa Barowsky
	Sarah Lipnick
December 31	Stephen Barowsky
	*Mollie Schlosberg
January 1	Shirley Fortgang
	Harvey Elliot Goldberg
January 2	Sue Ellen Panitch
	Sarah Reiner
January 3	Bessie Jolles
	*Batya Segalovitch

January 4-10: Steve Levin

January 4	Pauline Jaffe
	*Sarah Kirte Stein
January 5	*Elizabeth Zellan
	*Theresa "Babe" Resnic
	*Menachem Segalovitch
January 6	*Arkady Shulman
	*Aaron Kingsberg
	Thomas Schwab
	Sherwin Wernick
January 7	Benjamin Messias
January 8	Ruth Laskin
January 9	Ida Gold
	*Ida Jaffe
	Leah Persoff

January 11-17: Steve Levine

January 12	*George Eisenstock
January 13	*Martin Bassell
	*Bertha Wernick
January 14	Benjamin Tenenbaum
January 15	Lena Rubinwitch

January 18-24: Myra Orlen

January 19	Adelaide R. Firestone
	*Jerome Jaffe
	Samuel Samel
January 21	*Leopold Mausel
January 23	*Clarence Irving Garber
	*Rebecca R. Katz
January 24	*Lenore Kingsberg
	*Elizabeth Orlen

January 25-31: Jayne Pearl

January 26	Isidor Becker
	Richard Wernick
January 30	*Samuel Karukin



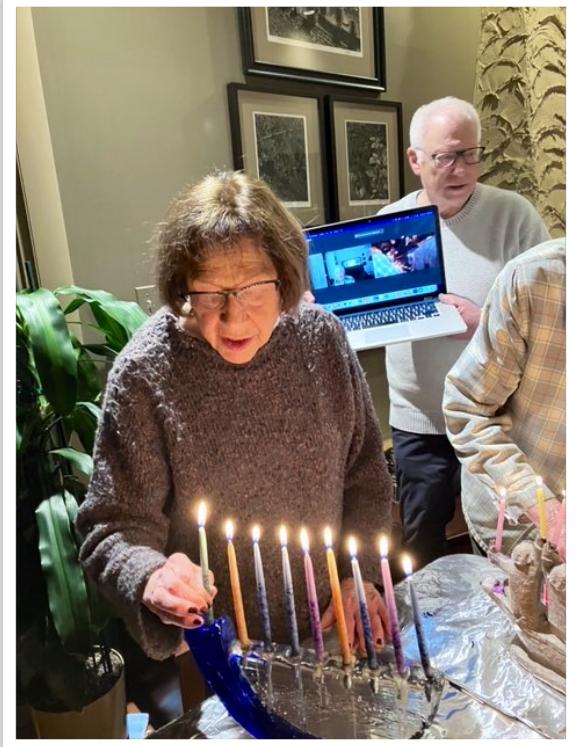
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There is always room for more!!!



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