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About the Month of Kisley

Kislev the ninth month of the year, counting from Nisan, brings the celebration of Hanukkah! Hanukkah celebrates the miracle of one day's holy oil lasting for eight days; allowing time to prepare more oil. As the candles of the hanukkiyah shine through our windows at the darkest time of the year, our thoughts turn to the hard won freedom of the Maccabees. We celebrate freedom and light.

Happy Hanukkah!!!



President's Message

There is lots going on at Sons of Zion at the moment! We have an offer for the building that is pretty reasonable and are now negotiating the final price. I am extremely happy to report that it is a school, and they will not be tearing down our still-beautiful structure but will be giving it a new life. Details forthcoming when the sale is finalized. We are still looking for

a new home and have a few options. Your feedback on what you would like to see happen would be helpful: location, type of building, facilities, etc.

In the meantime, now that Covid has slowed down in our area, we are again having some fun activities. On December 18, 2022, the first night of Hanukkah, we will be lighting the first candle at our Menorah in front of city hall in Holyoke; more details below. Open to everyone, this should be a wonderful opportunity to gather and celebrate. And on the last night of Hanukkah, December 25 (Christmas Day ironically), we will gather at the home of our former President Joan and her husband Michael Rosner to light our menorahs together. It is a wonderful occasion with a latke-tasting contest and lots of singing. Details on this potluck get-together are in the newsletter.

Wishing you a very Happy and Healthy New Year and looking forward to our renewed opportunities for the future.

Joanne Saltman



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Eight M's of Hanukkah Study Session, 7 pm (Zoom)

Saturday, December 12, 2022

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

SOZ Board Meeting,

6:30 pm (Zoom)

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Jewish Federation of Western Mass Annual Meeting in person at JGS (registration required):

Nosh: 6:30 pm, Meeting: 7 pm

Saturday, December 17, 2022

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Sunday, December 18, 2022

1st Night of Hanukkah Candle Lighting @ Holyoke City Hall, 5:30 pm

Light First Hanukkah Candle

Erev Hanukkah

Monday, December 19, 2022

Light 2 Candles

First Day Hanukkah

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Light 3 Candles

Second Day Hanukkah

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Light 4 Candles

Third Day Hanukkah

Thursday, December 22, 2022

Light 5 Candles

Fourth Day Hanukkah

Friday, December 23, 2022

Light 6 Candles

Fifth Day Hanukkah

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Light 7 Candles

Sixth Day Hanukkah

Sunday, December 25, 2022

8th Night of Hanukkah Party, 6 pm

@ the Kosner's

Seventh Day Hanukkah

Rosh Hodesh Tevet

Monday, December 26, 2022

Eighth Day Hanukkah

Wednesday, December 30, 2022

Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Saturday, December 31, 2022

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Hanukkah Blessings

Candles are added to the *hanukkiyah* (menorah) from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first.

Light the *shamash* (the helper candle) first, using it to kindle the rest of the Hanukkah lights. As you do, say or sing:

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשְׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וִצְנֵנוּ לִהַדְלִיק נֵר שֵׁל חַנֶּכָּה.

Baruch aaah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu I'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzov, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יָיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעֶשָׂה נִסִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּוְּמֵן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

For first night only:

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יָנָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלֶם, שֶׁהֶחֲיָנוּ וְקִיְּמְנוּ וָהִגִּיעַנוּ לַזּמֵן הַזֵּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh. Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

On Erev Shabbat, Friday evening, December 23rd, light the Hanukkah candles first followed by Shabbat Candles.

We kindle these lights because of the wondrous deliverance You performed for our ancestors. During these eight days of Hanukkah, these lights are sacred; we are not to use them but only to behold them, so that their glow may rouse us to give thanks for Your wondrous acts of deliverance.

MAOZ TZUR (Rock Of Ages)

מָעוֹז צוּר יְשׁוּעָתִי לְּךְ נָאֶה לְשַׁבֵּחַ, תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תִּפִלָּתִי וְשָׁם תּוֹדָה נְזַבֵּחַ, לְעֵת תָכִץ מִטְבַּחַ מִצְּר הַמְנַבַּחַ, אָז אֶנְמוֹר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר חֲנֻכַּת הַמִּזְבַחַ.

Maoz Tzur Translation:

Rock of Ages, let our song praise Your saving power.

You, amid the raging foe, were our sheltering tower.

Furious, they assailed us, but Your help availed us,

And Your word broke their sword when our own strength failed us. X2

Transliteration:

Ma-oz Tzur Y'shu-a-ti, Le-cha Na-eh L'sha-bei-ach

Ti-kon Beit T'fi-la-ti, V'sham To-da N'za-bei-ach

L'eit Ta-chin Mat-bei-ach, Mi-tzar Ham-na-bei-ach

Az Eg-mor B'shir Miz-mor Cha-nu-kat Ha-miz-bei-ach (x2)



EIGHT M'S OF HANUKKAH:

Maccabees, Miracles, Meaning, Mitzvot, Menorah, Munchies, Money, Music

Thursday, December 8th (of course)

Starting at 7 pm on Zoom



A study session led by Rabbi Saul Perlmutter to help us get in the mmmmmmmmood for Hanukkah.

Look for the Zoom link that will be emailed to you on December 8th.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, January 15th at 10:30am



Into the Forest: A Holocaust Story of Survival, Triumph, and Love by Rebecca Frankel

In the summer of 1942, the Rabinowitz family narrowly escaped the Nazi ghetto in their Polish town by fleeing to the forbidding Bialowieza Forest. They miraculously survived two years in the woods—through brutal winters, Typhus outbreaks, and merciless Nazi raids—until they were liberated by the Red Army in 1944. After the war they trekked across the Alps into Italy where they settled as refugees before eventually immigrating to the United States.

During the first ghetto massacre, Miriam Rabinowitz rescued a young boy named Philip by pretending he was her son. Nearly a decade later, a chance encounter at a wedding in Brooklyn would lead Philip to find the woman who saved him. And to discover her daughter Ruth was the love of his life.

From a little-known chapter of Holocaust history, one family's inspiring true story.



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Annual Meeting

7 PM I THURSDAY DECEMBER 15, 2022

Please join us as we share highlights from our Federation programs in the past year, and present exciting new updates and plans for 2023!

All Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts members are invited to vote to approve the incoming slate of the Board of Trustees for 2023.

We will be honoring our Federation past presidents, community clergy, and community leadership.

The meeting will be preceded by "mingle and nosh," 6:30-7pm

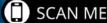
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CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION'S

8TH NIGHT OF





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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH AT 6PM

HOSTS: JOAN AND MICHAEL ROSNER

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HANUKKAH MENORAH AND CANDLES, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, YOUR SPIRIT OF FUN!!!

2ND ANNUAL LATKE CONTEST

Your latke entry will be anonymous!!

Judge: the esteemed Rabbi Saul

It's a potluck and oil is the theme! Suggestions:

- •Latkes of any variety (we'll cut them up so all can taste)
- Sufganiyot (donuts)
- •Any other foods cooked in or prepared with oil
- No meat please

Last Name A to P:

Please bring dessert (For example: donuts, oil fried treats, cookies, stewed fruit, fresh fruit) Last Name Q to Z:
Please bring an entree, side
dishes, or salad
(For example: latkes, homemade
apple sauce, vegetable casserole)

RSVP: office@sonsofzionholyoke.org or call (413)534-3369 QUESTIONS AND DIRECTIONS: Contact Joan or Michael Rosner at joanrosner@comcast.net or (413)536-5669

Poem from November 5th Shabbat Service

A poem on the theme of the Torah portion Lech Lecha (Go Forth) starting with Genesis Chapter 12 that we read on Saturday morning November 5. (Sent by request of a congregant who was moved by it.)

Lech Lecha: Go Forth - Rabbi Yael Levy

Lech Lecha, Go.
Leave what you know. Leave who you have been.
Leave the old habits and ways
That have defined you and shaped your life.

Take your strength, your support and what inspires your love And go.

The destination is unknown, But as you travel the path will appear.

And the goal of the journey?

The reason to leap,
To risk, to let go,
Is to be a blessing,
To discover anew the good that you are
And the many ways the Divine can come through you into the world.

It is difficult to leave, to let go and begin
And we are called to make this journey again and again.
There will be challenges along the way
Heartache and pain.
We will make mistakes,
We will rise,
We will fall,
And we will rise again.

Messengers will guide us. Gifts will appear.

And even as fear arises
And doubts assail,
Let us not be deterred,
Because the ways we journey through this life matters,
Not just for us
But for all those who will call us ancestor.

The path awaits our willingness. The world awaits our blessings. Let us go.

New Members

Since we are not meeting in person very often, we thought it would be nice to introduce our new members to the congregation. We will feature one every month. This month's new member is actually a couple who have proven to be wonderful additions to our family, and we are so happy to know them!

Yoni Glogower and Mary Jones are newcomers to Holyoke. They live in the SOZ neighborhood in a cute rowhouse with their cat, Jellybelly. Yoni works for the City of Holyoke as the Director of Conservation and Sustainability and teaches embroidery at the Hill Institute in Florence. Mary manages the Weaving Department at WEBS - America's Yarn Store in Northampton and, as you might guess, is an avid weaver. She is working on her Master Weaver certification and enjoys casual birding.



CEMETERY CHAIR COULD USE YOUR HELP!

Since I have taken on the job of president of the synagogue, I would like to request that one or two members become familiar with the cemetery in the event that either of us becomes unavailable for some reason. This is not a time-consuming position, just backup in the event of an unforeseen event. Tara has all the records on her computer and can be of assistance also.

Joanne Saltman

A Special Thank You to Our Sustaining Members

Andrew Barowsky
Ned and Cindy Barowsky
Bonnie and Maggie Gruszecki
Norman and Marion Halpern
Laura A. Hilf
Alfred and Lee Hutt
Stephen and Lois Levin
Buddy and Margie Resnic
Michael and Joan Rosner

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

Bill and Joanne Saltman

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)

Flaine Baskin

Irene Bernstein*

Joseph Boucher

David & Nancy Carmen

Louise Citron

James Eisenstock*

Andrea Fox

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Albert Goldberg*

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Rachel Henderson

Alfred & Lee Hutt

Ira Laby

Aaron & Gail Lansky

Stephen & Lois Levin

Stephen & Joan Levine

Sidney* & Elizabeth* Paul

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Nitza Seaver

Charles Weinstein

Frances Welson & Thomas Osborn*

Sherwin & Rhoda Wernick

Thomas & Eleanor Wilson

*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

- * Ellen and Aaron Kischel: In memory of Ellen's mother, Beatrice Palmer
- * Ellen and Aaron Kischel: In memory of Ellen's brother-in-law, Philip Craig
- * Ellen and Aaron Klschel: In memory of Ellen's father, Milton Palmer

Garden Fund

+ Buddy and Margie Resnic: Thanking SOZ for a paper copy of the SOZ Bulletin

General Fund

- + Philippe Galaski: In honor of Rabbi Saul Perlmutter
- + Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her grandmother, Ida Bernstein
- * Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her grandfather, Hyman Bernstein
- + Cindy Vieu: In memory of her grandfather, Abraham Os



December 2022 Yahrzeits

November 27 – December 3: Marjorie Bloom

November 27
November 28
November 29
December 1
December 2

Jay Posnik
*Stanley Saex
Samuel Cohen
*Rose Alperin
Philip G. Craig

<u>December 4 – 10: Andrea Fox</u>

December 4 Benjamin Paul
December 6 *Murray Horn
December 8 Jacob Paul
Leng Segmon

*Nathan Solomon

December 9 *Arthur Jay Berenson

*Meyer M. Rubin

December 10 *John Gaylor

Sherman Marks Milton Palmer *Samuel Resnic Anne Wiener

December 11 – 17: Dave Carmen

December 11 *Sonia R. (Baker) Greenspan

December 13 *Leslie Kahan
December 14 *Aaron Blatt
Ellen Connington

*Yetta Gaylor
*Anne Kaplinsky
Sophie Paul
*Louis Saex

December 16 *David A. Weber

December 18 - 24: Rich Freyman

December 19 *Russell Bernstein December 20 Shirley Brawer

*Louis H. Schlosbera

December 21 Harold Gerstein

*Matilda Goldberg *Mildred Kaplinsky

*Philip Rubin

December 23 Dr. Ira Daniel Gilbert

*Joseph Welson

December 25 – 31: Judy Katz

December 25 *Milton Jerome Laufer

Adele Robbins

December 26 Marcelle Freyman
December 27 *Ethel Haley

*Ethel Haley
Paul Meyer

December 28 *Ida Laskin

Rose Rubin

December 29 Renee Gilbert
December 31 *Shirley Eisenstock

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