

# CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION

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## About the Month of Shevat

Tu B'Shevat gets its name from the calendar- Tu is 15-thus, the 15th day of Shevat. We celebrate *the New Year of the Trees* with a seder featuring a feast of fruits and nuts and wine. Eating and drinking in a specific order while reciting blessings, singing and dancing. We celebrate ecological awareness!



## President's Message

I am happy to report that the Board of Directors has voted unanimously to accept an offer for \$835,000 from The Lighthouse School of Holyoke for the sale of our synagogue building. We are extremely happy that this group will give our wonderful, but too large and expensive for us, building a new life. Now we have two challenges: 1. to pack up what we can take with us to a new location and 2. to find a new home for our synagogue. We also must always keep in mind that we need to keep up the maintenance of our cemetery even as we have fewer burials since many of the families have moved away from the area. So, we need to consider do we want to just rent a space? Is it better to find something smaller and less expensive and purchase so we don't have to think about moving again for hopefully a long time? Our future planning committee is working hard to try to find an answer that works for everyone. It won't be easy, but with your help, we can continue to be the wonderful Jewish community that so many of us treasure. In the meantime, we continue to have activities to keep us together if not in person, at least in spirit. Our shabbat services are well attended and we always have a minyan for our Wednesday afternoon service. We also continue to attract new members to our warm and welcoming shul. With warmer weather coming we hope to be able to see you in person again if Covid, which is unfortunately surging in our area again, finally abates. I welcome your suggestions as always!

Gratefully yours,  
Joanne Saltman

## PURIM IS COMING! SAVE THE DATES!

Hamantaschen Bake:  
Sunday, March 5, 2023  
(in the morning)



Purim Celebration (Zoom):  
Monday, March 6, 2023  
(in the evening)



# Shevat/Adar 5783

# February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7 Shevat	2 8 Shevat	3 9 Shevat	1 10 Shevat Ma'ariv Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	2 11 Shevat Reserve Tu B'Shevat Seder Pick-up by 4 pm	3 12 Shevat	4 13 Shevat Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)  Beshalach
5 14 Shevat Tu B'Shevat Seder Pick-Up, 2 - 4 pm at the Rosner's home Tu B'Shevat Seder, 6 pm (Zoom)	6 15 Shevat <b>Tu B'Shevat</b>	7 16 Shevat	8 17 Shevat Ma'ariv Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	9 18 Shevat	10 19 Shevat	11 20 Shevat Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)  Yitro
12 21 Shevat	13 22 Shevat	14 23 Shevat	15 24 Shevat Ma'ariv Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)	16 25 Shevat	17 26 Shevat	18 27 Shevat Shabbat Service 10 am (Zoom)  Mishpatim
19 28 Shevat	20 29 Shevat <b>Presidents' Day</b>	21 30 Shevat	22 1 Adar Ma'ariv Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)  <b>Rosh Hodesh Adar</b>	23 2 Adar	24 3 Adar	25 4 Adar Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)  Terumah
26 5 Adar SOZ Community Conversation, 11 am-1 pm (Zoom)	27 6 Adar SOZ Community Conversation, 5:15 pm-7:15 pm (In-Person)	28 7 Adar	1 8 Adar Ma'ariv Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	2 9 Adar	3 10 Adar	4 11 Adar Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)  Tetzaveh

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## Wednesday, February 1, 2023

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

## Thursday, February 2, 2023

Reserve Tu B'Shevat Seder  
Pick-up by 4 pm

## Saturday, February 4, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

## Sunday, February 5, 2023

Tu B'Shevat Seder Pick-up,  
2-4 pm at the Rosner's home  
Tu B'Shevat Seder, 6 pm (Zoom)

## Monday, February 6, 2023

*Tu B'Shevat*

## Wednesday, February 8, 2023

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

## Saturday, February 11, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

## Wednesday, February 15, 2023

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

SOZ Board Meeting,  
6:30 pm (Zoom)

## Saturday, February 18, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

## Monday, February 20, 2023

*Presidents' Day*

## Wednesday, February 22, 2023

*Rosh Hodesh Adar*

Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

## Sunday, February 26, 2023

SOZ Community Conversation:  
11 am-1 pm (Zoom)

## Monday, February 27, 2023

SOZ Community Conversation:  
5:15 pm-7:15 pm (In-Person)

## Saturday, February 28, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)





# TU B'SHEVAT SEDER

The New Year  
of the Trees



Rosh HaShana  
La'llanot

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023 AT 6 PM VIA ZOOM

\*TU B'SHEVAT SEDER LINK WILL GO OUT SUNDAY MORNING  
AROUND 10 AM

- Celebrate with fruits, nuts, wine, grape juice, singing and dancing
- A Jewish mystical experience
- Something for everyone

### YOU WILL NEED:

- White and red wine or grape juice
- A clear glass
- Fruits and nuts (shop yourself or pick-up at the Rosner's)
- Nutcracker (optional)
- Tu B'Shevat Haggadah

### SOZ Will Provide via Email:

- Shopping List
- Haggadah

### SOZ Will Provide

### Tu B'Shevat Seder Pick-up:

Sunday, February 5, 2023  
2:00pm to 4:00pm  
At the Rosner's house  
9 Sycamore Park, South Hadley

### Pick-up:

- fruits and nuts
- Seder Haggadah (for those without printer access)

Please reserve your Seder pick-up by Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 pm

How many people are attending?

Contact Joan at (413)535-8679 or [joanrosner@comcast.net](mailto:joanrosner@comcast.net) to reserve a pick-up or for more information.

## PLEASE JOIN US VIA ZOOM!!



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## VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

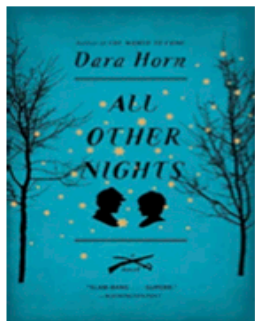
Volunteer Needed! The Jewish Federation of Western Mass. is sponsoring the Ride to Provide this year and we need someone to be the team leader for Sons of Zion. This will be biking or walking, and the date is in October. Both the biking and walking are just a few kilometers and it's a fun activity with a good cause. Let me know if you are interested in helping in any way.

Joanne Saltman

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## SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am



### ***All Other Nights* by Dara Horn**

*How is tonight different from all other nights?* For Jacob Rappaport, a Jewish soldier in the Union army during the Civil War, it is a question his commanders have already answered for him—on Passover, 1862, he is ordered to murder his own uncle in New Orleans, who is plotting to assassinate President Lincoln. After this harrowing mission, Jacob is recruited to pursue another enemy agent, the daughter of a Virginia family friend. But this time, his assignment isn't to murder the spy, but to marry her. Their marriage, with its riveting and horrifying consequences,

reveals the deep divisions that still haunt American life today.

Based on real personalities such as Judah Benjamin, the Confederacy's Jewish secretary of state and spymaster, and on historical facts and events ranging from an African American spy network to the dramatic self-destruction of the city of Richmond, *All Other Nights* is a gripping and suspenseful story of men and women driven to the extreme limits of loyalty and betrayal. It is also a brilliant parable of the rift in America that lingers a century and a half later: between those who value family and tradition first, and those dedicated, at any cost, to social and racial justice for all.

In this eagerly awaited third novel, award-winning author Dara Horn brings us page-turning storytelling at its best. Layered with meaning, *All Other Nights* reinvents the most American of subjects with originality and insight.

## New Member Spotlight

Hello, we are Eitan and Ilana. We live in Montague. Eitan grew up in Springfield and has family connections to Sons of Zion; his grandparents Estelle and Milton Laufer were long time members of the congregation. Ilana is originally from southern Vermont; we moved to the Pioneer Valley in 2018 after meeting at a Jewish gardening conference in the Boston area. Where we bonded over recent travels in India. Eitan's background is in Sustainability and Organic Agriculture. Ilana's background is in Anthropology and Women and Gender Studies and works for a labor rights non-profit in Amherst. We both enjoy gardening, exploring the Valley, going for hikes and walks. We are excited to be joining the Sons of Zion community!





## 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

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.

Anonymous (4)	Aaron & Gail Lansky
Elaine Baskin	Stephen & Lois Levin
Irene Bernstein*	Stephen & Joan Levine
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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 Welson & 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@sonsofzionholyoake.com](mailto:office@sonsofzionholyoake.com) or (413)534-3369. Thank you very much.*





# Donations: Thank you!



## Cemetery Fund

- ✦ Sanford N. Katz: In memory of his mother, Rebecca Katz
- ✦ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her uncle, Clarence Garber
- ✦ Gellya Shulman: In loving memory of her husband, Arkady Shulman
- ✦ Rhoda and Ozzie Wernick: In memory of Rhoda's mother, Sarah Lipnick
- ✦ Rhoda and Ozzie Wernick: In memory of Ozzie's mother, Bertha Wernick
- ✦ Rhoda and Ozzie Wernick: In memory of their son, Richard Wernick

## General Fund

- ✦ Susan and John Black: In memory of Harvey Goldberg
- ✦ Michael Karukin: In memory of his father, Samuel Karukin
- ✦ Judy Katz: In memory of Daniel Jeremias
- ✦ Judy Katz: With thanks to Saul Perlmutter for his wonderful Hanukkah study session
- ✦ Paul Lambert: High Holiday donation
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: For new SOZ home
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: In memory of Sue Ellen Panitch
- ✦ Gellya Shulman: In loving memory of her beloved son, Michael Shulman
- ✦ Margo and Kathie Stein: In memory of Harvey Goldberg
- ✦ Pinky Stein: In loving memory of Ken's parents, Max and Sarah Stein
- ✦ Pinky Stein: In loving memory of Harvey Goldberg
- ✦ Pinky Stein: In loving memory of Sarah Schepps

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ✦ Theresa Jaffe: In memory of her husband, Jerome Jaffe



## February 2023 Yahrzeits

### **January 29 – February 4: Joan Rosner**

January 30 Isidor Becker  
Richard Wernick  
February 3 \*Samuel Karukin

### **February 5 – 11: Michael Rosner**

February 6 \*Samuel Garber  
February 7 Rebecca Wolfe  
February 8 Doris Goldberg Selbie  
February 9 \*Frances Brams Evarts  
February 11 Harris Cohan

### **February 12 – 18: Joanne Saltman**

February 13 \*Eda Solomon  
February 14 \*Edwin A. Os  
\*Rae Schepps  
\*Michael Shulman  
February 16 \*Beatrice Kahan  
February 17 Tzivia bat Marjeau

### **February 19 – 25: Mady Schorsch**

February 19 \*Sylvia G. Welson  
February 21 \*Marcia Greenspan Friedman  
February 22 Theodore Belsky  
Harry Gruszecki  
\*George Rose  
February 23 \*David Epstein

### **February 26 – March 4: Barry Sparkes**

February 26 \*David Slotnick  
February 27 \*Samuel Alperin  
Judith Kramer Goldberg  
\*Helen Radner  
February 28 \*Elizabeth Paul  
March 1 Jacob Cohen  
March 2 \*David Kornetsky  
Betty Rothwell  
March 3 Sarah Gilman  
Fannie Margolis



## Lee Hutt's Studio Tour

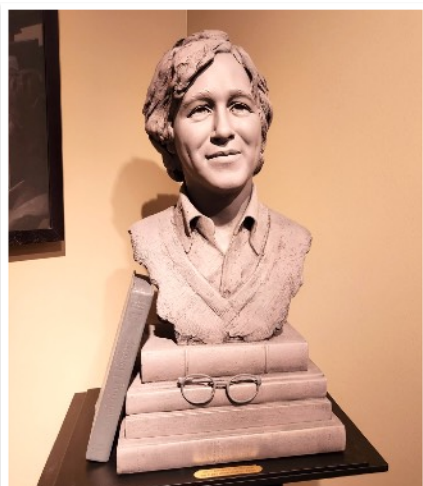
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## Lee Hutt's Studio Tour

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