

# CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION

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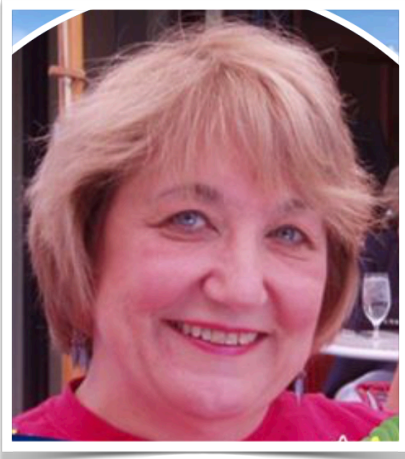
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## About the Month of Tevet

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

We look forward to moving into our new space at 380 Dwight St. in Holyoke during the next few months. Weather permitting, we will start to move the pews from the small sanctuary and the Torah table. There will be a new Torah cabinet and the memorial plaques will all be installed on the walls. We will be looking for some help in taking all the individual memorials off the plaques so that they won't be quite so heavy. We will then replace them in proper alphabetical order. I will also be looking for help to organize our new library. There are a lot of really good books, especially history and culture of Judaism, Israel and much more. Moving all the big items will be done by professionals, but we will be moving most of the smaller stuff with volunteers also. The closing for the sale will be in May, so we have some time to get it all done. I am scheduling a work day on January 7, 2024 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated - light work only, mostly unscrewing hundreds of memorial plaques and cleaning out cabinets.

A big thank you to those who have donated to our new home fund, but we still need your help if you can spare it. We have painted the new spaces, walls, floor and ceilings and will need some electrical work done to install the memorial plaques. If you can donate a bit to this cause, it would be very appreciated.

Looking forward to the opening day for our new home when we can once again gather together to pray, eat and socialize.

*Joanne Saltman*



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*January 2024*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 19 Tevet <b>New Year's Eve</b>	1 20 Tevet <b>New Year's Day</b>	2 21 Tevet	3 22 Tevet Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	4 23 Tevet	5 24 Tevet	6 25 Tevet Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)  Shemot
7 26 Tevet Work Day at SOZ, 10 am -1 pm	8 27 Tevet	9 28 Tevet Religious Committee Meeting, 8 pm (Zoom)	10 29 Tevet Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting: 6:30 pm (Zoom)	11 1 Shevat <b>ROSH HODESH SHEVAT</b>	12 2 Shevat	13 3 Shevat Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)  Vaera
14 4 Shevat	15 5 Shevat <b>Martin Luther King, Jr Day</b>	16 6 Shevat	17 7 Shevat Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	18 8 Shevat	19 9 Shevat	20 10 Shevat Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)  Bo
21 11 Shevat SOZ Book Club, 10:30 am (Zoom)	22 12 Shevat	23 13 Shevat	24 14 Shevat Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) Tu B'Shevat Seder, (Details to be determined)	25 15 Shevat <b>TU B'SHEVAT</b>	26 16 Shevat	27 17 Shevat Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)  Beshalach
28 18 Shevat	29 19 Shevat	30 20 Shevat	31 21 Shevat Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	1 22 Shevat	2 23 Shevat	3 24 Shevat Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)  Yitro

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, January 1, 2024

*New Year's Day*

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

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

Saturday, January 6, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Work Day at SOZ, 10 am- 1 pm

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Religious Committee Meeting, 8 pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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

SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)

Saturday, January 13, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Monday, January 15, 2024

*Martin Luther King, Jr Day*

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

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

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Sunday, January 21, 2024

SOZ Book Club, 10:30 am (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

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

Tu B'Shevat Seder (details to be determined)

Thursday, January 25, 2024

*TU B'SHEVAT*

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

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



# SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

## Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am



### ***The Yellow Bird Sings* by Jennifer Rosner**

In Poland, as World War II rages, a mother hides with her young daughter, a musical prodigy whose slightest sound may cost them their lives.

As Nazi soldiers round up the Jews in their town, Róza and her 5-year-old daughter, Shira, flee, seeking shelter in a neighbor's barn. Hidden in the hayloft day and night, Shira struggles to stay still and quiet, as music pulses through her and the farmyard outside beckons. To soothe her daughter and pass the time, Róza tells her a story about a girl in an enchanted garden:

*The girl is forbidden from making a sound, so the yellow bird sings. He sings whatever the girl composes in her head: high-pitched trills of piccolo; low-throated growls of contrabassoon. Music helps the flowers bloom.*

In this make-believe world, Róza can shield Shira from the horrors that surround them. But the day comes when their haven is no longer safe, and Róza must make an impossible choice: whether to keep Shira by her side or give her the chance to survive apart.

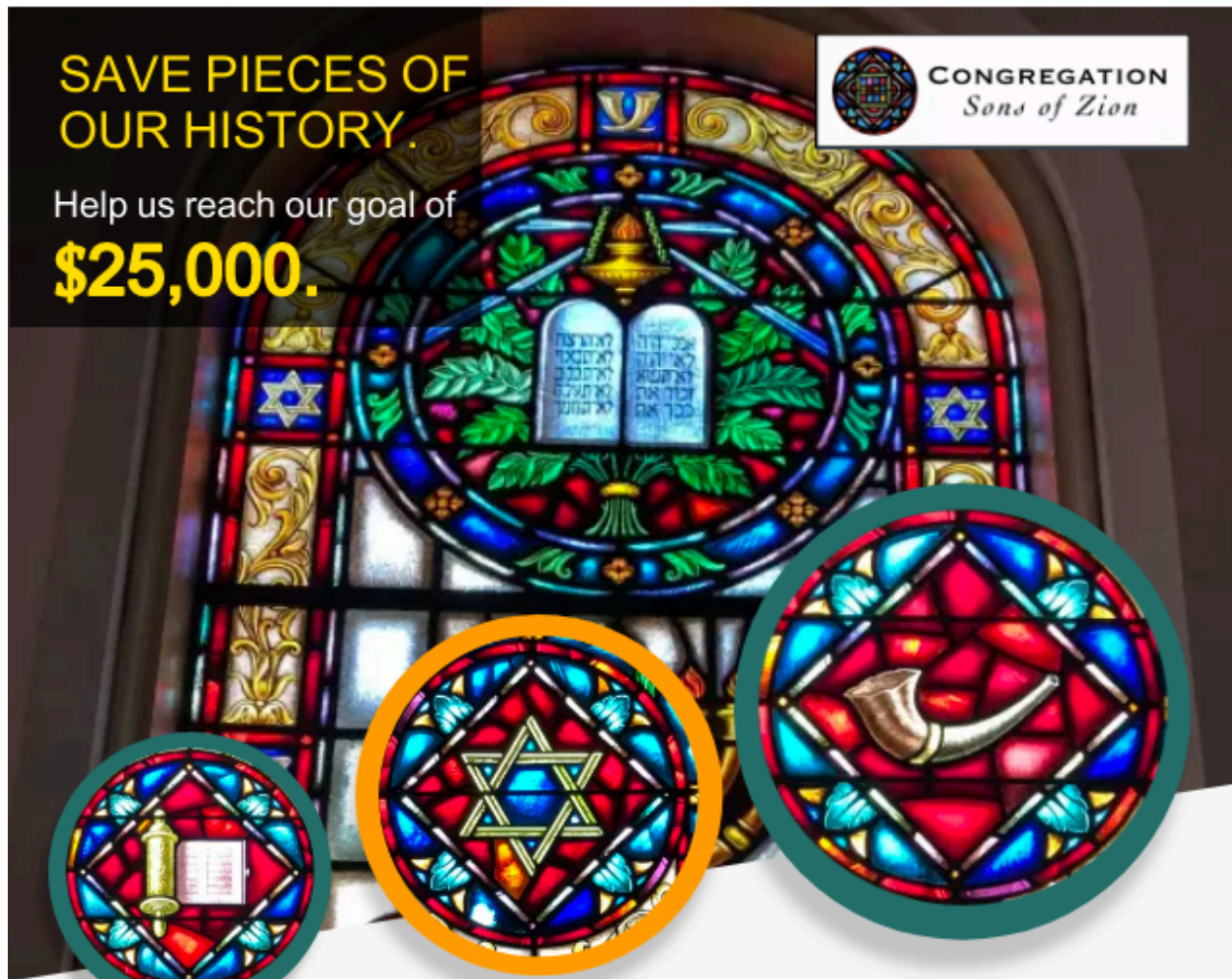
Inspired by the true stories of Jewish children hidden during World War II, Jennifer Rosner's debut is a breathtaking novel about the unbreakable bond between a mother and a daughter. Beautiful and riveting, *The Yellow Bird Sings* is a testament to the triumph of hope—a whispered story, a bird's song—in even the darkest of times.

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Help us reach our goal of **\$25,000.**



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





# Donations: Thank you!

## Cemetery Fund

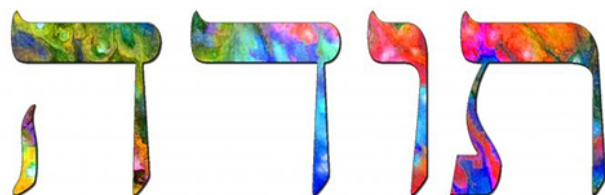
- ✦ Kathy Black: In memory of her mother, Florence Fernandes
- ✦ Susan Craig: In memory of her parents, Beatrice and Milton Palmer
- ✦ Susan Craig: In memory of her husband, Philip G. Craig
- ✦ Myra Efron: In memory of her father, Aaron Kingsberg
- ✦ Jay Eisenstock: In memory of his mother, Shirley Eisenstock
- ✦ Eitan Kenefick and Ilana Cohen: In memory of Eitan's grandfather, Milton Jerome Laufer

## Endowment Fund

- ✦ Buddy and Margie Resnic: In memory of Buddy's mother, Babe Resnic

## General Fund

- ✦ The Herbert & Barbara Goldberg Foundation: to benefit the new space for SOZ
- ✦ Lee and Alfred Hutt: Year end donation
- ✦ Judy Katz: In honor of Saul Perlmutter's Jubilee year as a rabbi
- ✦ Judy Katz: In memory of Daniel Jeremias
- ✦ Steve and Joan Levine: In honor of Joanne Saltman, SOZ President
- ✦ Allegra Manacher: In honor of Rabbi Saul Perlmutter
- ✦ Elihu and Joan Schepps: Year end donation
- ✦ Randi Stein: In honor of Rabbi Saul Perlmutter
- ✦ Laura S. Weiss: In memory of her parents, Stanley G. and Selma A. Weiss
- ✦ Larzer and Linda Ziff: In memory of their mother/mother-in-law, Sara Ziff



"Toda" Thank You

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# January 2024 Yahrzeits

**December 31-January 6: Stephen Levine**

December 31	Ruth Laskin
January 1	Ida Gold *Ida Jaffe Leah Persoff
January 4	*George Eisenstock
January 5	*Martin Bassell *Bertha Wernick
January 6	Benjamin Tenenbaum

**January 7-13: Joan Rosner**

January 7	Lena Rubinwitch
January 11	Adelaide R. Firestone *Jerome Jaffe Samuel Samel
January 13	*Leopold Mausel

**January 14-20: Michael Rosner**

January 15	*Clarence Irving Garber *Rebecca R. Katz
January 16	*Lenore Kingsberg *Elizabeth Orlen
January 18	Isidor Becker Richard Wernick

**January 21-27: Joanne Saltman**

January 22	*Samuel Karukin
January 25	*Samuel Garber
January 26	Rebecca Wolfe
January 27	Doris Goldberg Selbie

**January 28-February 3: Mady Schorsch**

January 28	*Frances Brams Evarts
January 30	Harris Cohan
February 1	*Eda Solomon
February 2	*Edwin A. Os *Rae Schepps *Michael Shulman



# First Night of Hanukkah at Holyoke City Hall

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# First Night of Hanukkah at Holyoke City Hall (continued)

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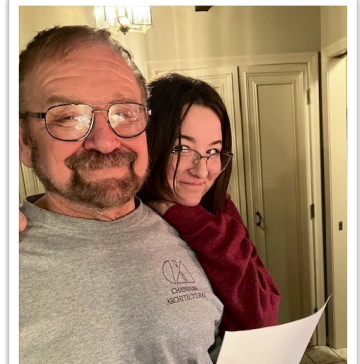
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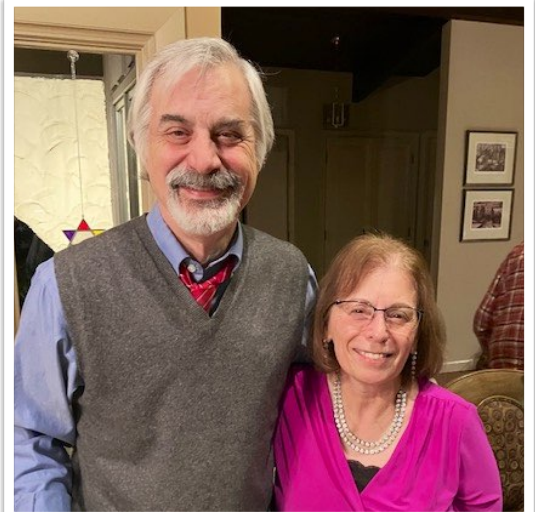
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