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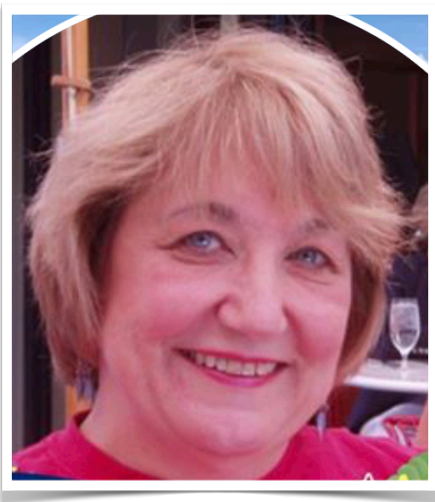
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About the Month of Sivan

In the month of Sivan, we celebrate the holiday of Shavuot, when the Torah was given by God to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai more than 3,300 years ago. Every year on the holiday of Shavuot, we renew our acceptance of God's gift, and God "re-gives" the Torah.

The holiday of Shavuot is a two-day holiday, beginning at sundown of the fifth of Sivan and lasting until nightfall of the seventh of Sivan. (In Israel it is a one-day holiday, ending at nightfall of the sixth of Sivan.)



President's Message

Dear members and friends,

The wheels of progress are moving slowly for us here at our still thriving congregation with an uncertain future. We are happy in our new space at 380 Dwight Street, but still need to sell our 19,000 square foot building at 380 Maple St. It is back on the market so if you know anyone who would like a very sturdy, well-built building with a 240-seat theater/sanctuary, 2 large social halls, a well-furnished commercial kitchen, 17 possible offices, 2 handicap accessible bathrooms, and handicap access to the 1st and 2nd floor, we'd love to show it. It does need some updating but is going for a relatively bargain price compared to the cost of building new these days.

On a happier note, we look forward to a possible name change for our 120-year-old congregation that more reflects our membership. Participation from all who are interested is possible but only paid-up members will make the final decision. The Gift of the Heart Letters have been sent out and we hope that you will be as generous as possible to help insure the future of our wonderfully warm and welcoming religious community.

Our annual meeting will be on June 23rd at 11:00 am at the new space at 380 Dwight St., Holyoke. A Zoom option will also be available for those who prefer. We hope you will attend and give us your ideas for helping our congregation continue to grow and prosper. We are including directions on how to get to the new space in the newsletter.

And save the date! The annual picnic at the Saltman's in Belchertown will be on August 4th at 12 noon. This is a potluck picnic, pool party, funfest. More info forthcoming as we get closer.

Joanne Saltman

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June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 18 Iyar 33 Omer	27 19 Iyar 34 Omer	28 20 Iyar 35 Omer	29 21 Iyar Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) 36 Omer	30 22 Iyar 37 Omer	31 23 Iyar 38 Omer	1 24 Iyar Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) 39 Omer Achare
2 25 Iyar Name Change Discussion Community Meeting, 11 am to 1 pm, (Hybrid: Venture X/Zoom) 40 Omer	3 26 Iyar 41 Omer	4 27 Iyar 42 Omer	5 28 Iyar Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) 43 Omer	6 29 Iyar 44 Omer	7 1 Sivan ROSH HODESH SIVAN 45 Omer	8 2 Sivan Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid) at 380 Dwight Street Dr. Steve Levine's Birthday Kiddush All Welcome Sponsored by Steve and Joan Levine 46 Omer Bechukotal
9 3 Sivan SOZ Book Club, 10:30 am (Zoom) Standing up to Antisemitism, 1 pm (JCC Goldstein Auditorium) 47 Omer	10 4 Sivan 48 Omer	11 5 Sivan Erev Shavuot: Study and Celebration (Time TBD) EREV SHAVUOT 49 Omer	12 6 Sivan Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) FIRST DAY SHAVUOT Megillat Ruth 50 Omer	13 7 Sivan SECOND DAY SHAVUOT YIZKOR No service at SOZ 51 Omer	14 8 Sivan 52 Omer	15 9 Sivan Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) 53 Omer Naso
16 10 Sivan Father's Day 54 Omer	17 11 Sivan 55 Omer	18 12 Sivan 56 Omer	19 13 Sivan Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom) Juneteenth 57 Omer	20 14 Sivan Summer Begins 58 Omer	21 15 Sivan 59 Omer	22 16 Sivan Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid) at 380 Dwight Street 60 Omer Behalotecha
23 17 Sivan SOZ 120th Annual Meeting at 380 Dwight Street, (Time TBD) 30 24 Sivan	24 18 Sivan 61 Omer	25 19 Sivan 62 Omer	26 20 Sivan Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) 63 Omer	27 21 Sivan 64 Omer	28 22 Sivan 65 Omer	29 23 Sivan Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD) 66 Omer Shelach

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, June 1, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Name Change Discussion Community
Meeting, 11 am to 1 pm (Hybrid)
at Venture X: 98 Lower Westfield Road,
Holyoke

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

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

Friday, June 7, 2024

ROSH HODESH SIVAN

Saturday, June 8, 2024

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

Dr. Steve Levine's Birthday Kiddush will
follow the service. All welcome.
Sponsored by Steve and Joan Levine.

Sunday, June 9, 2024

SOZ Book Club, 10:30 am (Zoom)
Standing up to Antisemitism, 1 pm
(JCC Goldstein Auditorium)

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

EREV SHAVUOT

Erev Shavuot Study and Celebration,
(Time TBD)

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

FIRST DAY SHAVUOT-Megillat Ruth

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

Thursday, June 13, 2024

SECOND DAY SHAVUOT
YIZKOR
No service at SOZ.

Saturday, June 15, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Sunday, June 16, 2024

Father's Day

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

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

Juneteenth

Thursday, June 20, 2024

Summer Begins

Saturday, June 22, 2024

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

Sunday, June 23, 2024

SOZ 120th Annual Meeting, Time TBD
(Hybrid: 380 Dwight Street/Zoom)

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

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

Saturday, June 29, 2024

Shabbat Service, Details TBD

Letter from the Committee for a Possible Name Change

Shalom Members and Friends!

Over the past few years, there has been on and off discussions about a possible change of name for our synagogue. With the potential sale of the building, temporary quarters, and the search for a new home to house our community, our congregation has an opportunity to decide the issue of the name of our temple to see if "Sons of Zion" should remain or change as we envision our future. In the hope of bringing this issue to an equitable resolution, a committee has been charged with gathering relevant input, and developing process for making the decision.

This process is intended to be inclusive. Courteous regard for one another is of the utmost importance. We respect the views of those who wish to keep the current name in consideration of our synagogue's long and proud history. We also respect the views of those who prefer that our synagogue's name reflects the fact that we are an egalitarian congregation. All ideas regarding a possible name, whether it is to retain the current name or a proposal for a new name, will be welcomed and respected.

To that end, we have planned two (at minimum) in-person with Zoom option meetings to gather information. There will be no voting at any meeting, only open and respectful discussion of the variety of options presented by those in attendance, whether in-person or on Zoom.

On Sunday, June 2, 2024 from 11 am to 1 pm, there will be a general facilitated meeting for all members of the Congregation Sons of Zion community at Venture X 98 Lower Westfield Road. We will share our thoughts regarding a possible name change, to discuss/think about what goes into creating a name for our congregation from a Jewish perspective, and what priorities we might want in a name for our congregation. The goal of this meeting is to think about the issue and examine the potential for a name change from all aspects.

Beginning on Monday, June 3rd, 2024, the "SOZ Committee for a Possible Name Change" invites each individual member of our synagogue community to submit up to three (3) potential synagogue name suggestions. If any submission contains more than three potential names, only the first three names will be accepted. Our current name ("Sons of Zion") may be submitted as one option of each community member's potential name suggestion. Submissions will be accepted:

Letter from the Committee for a Possible Name Change (Continued)

- 1) By email to the synagogue office (office@sonsofzionholyoke.org) and must be received by 11:59 o'clock PM EDT on June 22nd, 2024.
- 2) Through the US Postal Service and must be postmarked by 11:59 o'clock PM EDT on June 22nd, 2024, and received by 11:59 o'clock PM EDT on July 8th, 2024.

The name suggestions that are timely submitted will be collated, checked with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to see if the name is available, and subsequently will be circulated to all members of our synagogue community.

At the second meeting (date to be determined), only the suggested names which were timely received and documented on the list collated and circulated will be discussed. No additional names not on the list that is circulated among the members will be considered. The second meeting is expected to be held at 380 Dwight Street, Holyoke (rear entrance).

Ultimately, a final vote will be held for a decision, however it is likely that more than one round of voting will be needed before the last ballot.

All voting, when appropriate, will be conducted using "Survey Monkey" for those who have email, or through the US Postal Service for those that do not. Only members in good standing** and their qualified household members*** may vote. Each member will be permitted to cast only one vote. There will be no proxies, no anonymous votes.

A lawyer will review any bylaw changes needed should a new synagogue name be selected. The name change, should it occur, will not affect the name of the synagogue's cemetery.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

**A member in good standing has paid her/his Gift of the Heart (dues) or is in the process of paying Gift of the Heart from June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024, and beyond.

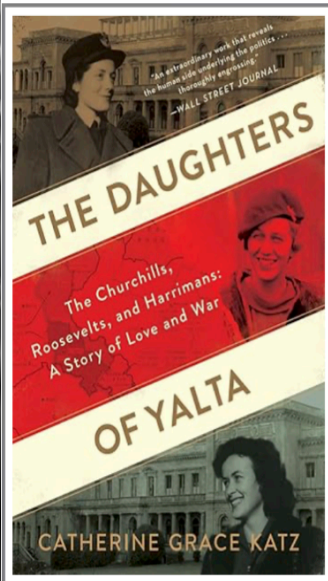
***For voting purposes on the name change decision only, eligible family members of each household in good standing include the following if their residence is the same as the head of household:

Head of household, spouse, dependent children aged 13 through 25, dependent adults/seniors.

SOZ Committee for a Possible Name Change

SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, June 9th at 10:30 am via Zoom



***The Daughters of Yalta: The Churchills, Roosevelts, and Harrimans: A Story of Love and War* by Catherine Grace Katz**

The untold story of the three intelligent and glamorous young women who accompanied their famous fathers to the Yalta Conference in February 1945, and of the conference's fateful reverberations in the waning days of World War II.

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Kathleen Harriman, daughter of U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union Averell Harriman, was a war correspondent and champion skier. Sarah Churchill, an actress-turned-RAF officer, was devoted to her brilliant father, who depended on her astute political mind. Roosevelt's only daughter, Anna, chosen instead of her mother, Eleanor, to accompany the president to Yalta, arrived there as keeper of her father's most damaging secrets. Situated in the political maelstrom that marked the transition to the postwar world, *The Daughters of Yalta* is a remarkable story of fathers and daughters whose relationships were tested and strengthened by the history they witnessed and the future they crafted together.



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Sunday
JUNE 9
1:00 PM

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Goldstein
Auditorium

This event is
FREE, but
registration is
required at
SpringfieldJCC.org.



Panelists



Josh Kraft
President of the
Kraft Family
Philanthropies
and the New
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Foundation



Jeremy Burton
Chief Executive
Officer of the
Jewish Community
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of Greater Boston



Anthony Gulluni
Hampden District
Attorney

Introductory remarks by
Attorney **Michael Chernick**

Moderated by Sam Dubrinsky
CEO of the Springfield JCC

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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
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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
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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 or (413)534-3369. Thank you very much.





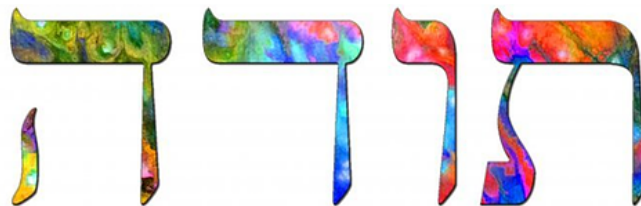
Donations: Thank you!

Cemetery Fund

- ✦ Gary H. Bernstein: In memory of his mother, Shorrie Bernstein
- ✦ Amy J. Bernstein: In memory of her mother, Shorrie Bernstein
- ✦ Dennis S. Bernstein: In memory of his mother, Shorrie Bernstein
- ✦ Jeffrey Brawer: To be used for the cemetery renovations in memory of Felix and Shirley Brawer
- ✦ Susan Craig: To help meet the needs of the cemetery
- ✦ Diane Eskenasy: In memory of her mother, Edith Eskenasy
- ✦ Ricki Kantrowitz: For the upkeep, roadway, etc., of the Sons of Zion Cemetery
- ✦ Ellen and Steve Kappel: In memory of Steve's parents, Charles and Esther Kaplinsky
- ✦ Michael Karukin: To help with the paving
- ✦ Sheryl Kingsberg: For the roadway at our cemetery
- ✦ Deborah A. Leopold and David G. Sacks: In memory of Dorat Hyman Kramer
- ✦ Steve and Joan Levine: In memory of Steve's uncle, Alvin Koufax
- ✦ Nitza Seaver: In honor of Joanne Saltman

General Fund

- ✦ Helena Donovan: To help save the stained glass windows
- ✦ Richard M. Wernick: In memory of beloved mother, Sheila G. Halpern
- ✦ Carol Halpern Wernick: In memory of beloved mother, Sheila G. Halpern



"Toda" Thank You

June 2024 Yahrzeits

May 26-June 1: Barry Sparkes

May 26 *Saul Magidson
 May 27 *Gilbert Saex
 May 28 *Frances Karukin
 May 29 William Shirely
 May 30 *Sheila Halpern
 Anna Goodman Samel
 May 31 *Rachel Saltman
 June 1 *Lloyd Everett Stein

June 2-8: Cindy Vieu

June 2 *Harold Haley
 June 4 Russell Bernstein
 June 7 Jacob Orlen
 June 8 *Annie Welson

June 9-15: Ken Vieu

June 13 Theodore Freyman
 *Harry Hirsch
 Nathan Kahan
 *Louis Marks
 June 15 Leo Halpern

June 16-22: David Carmen

June 16 *Sophie Mekler
 June 18 *Etta Goldberg
 June 21 *Mary Garber
 Harry Pincus
 June 22 Arthur Levine

June 23-29: Ilana Cohen

June 24 Gladys Gruszecki
 *Isadore Schepps
 June 25 Isadore Barowsky
 *Abraham Hirsch
 Israel Seamon
 June 26 Harold David Fox
 June 27 *James Samuel Hirshon
 Sadie Rothchild
 *Stanley G. Weiss
 June 29 *Milton Bernstein

June 30-July 6: Rich Freyman

June 30 Sidney Radner
 Louis Weiner
 July 1 *Solomon Harnetz
 *Fannie Weiss
 July 3 Morris Levine
 July 4 *Sarah Bialer
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