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About the Month of Nisan

Nisan, the first month on the Jewish calendar (according to the Torah), coincides with March-April on the secular calendar. The Torah calls it chodesh ha-aviv—the month of spring, as it marks the beginning of the spring months. It is in this month that we celebrate the eight-day holiday of Passover, from the 15th through the 22nd of Nisan. It commemorates the Jewish people's miraculous redemption from slavery in Egypt, and the birth of the Jewish nation.



President's Message

Happy Spring! With the warmer weather, we've seen increased interest in our building, and we're hopeful that the sale will soon be finalized. In the meantime, we're continuing to enjoy our new space at 380 Dwight St.

Our 121st anniversary celebration, along with the honoring of Rabbi Saul Perlmutter for 20 years of service, was a tremendous success! A big thank you to David Scher for providing such a wonderful venue and to everyone who contributed to making the day memorable.

Looking ahead, we're planning more exciting activities and adult education programs in the coming months. We'll also continue offering Shabbat services, either in person at 380 Dwight St. or via Zoom. Be sure to check your newsletter and emails to stay updated.

If you're hosting a Passover Seder and have extra space at your table, please let us know. And if you'd like to attend a Seder, we'd love to help connect you with a host.

Chag Sameach!

Joanne Saltman



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April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30 1 Nisan</p> <p>Our 121st Anniversary and Honoring Rabbi Perlmutter's 20 Years of Service, 11 am</p> <p>ROSH HODESH NISAN</p>	<p>31 2 Nisan</p>	<p>1 3 Nisan</p>	<p>2 4 Nisan</p> <p>Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)</p>	<p>3 5 Nisan</p>	<p>4 6 Nisan</p> <p>Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 6:40 pm, Light Candles: 7:02 pm</p>	<p>5 7 Nisan</p> <p>Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: SOZ Congregants, led by Nitza Seaver</p> <p>Vayikra</p>
<p>6 8 Nisan</p>	<p>7 9 Nisan</p>	<p>8 10 Nisan</p>	<p>9 11 Nisan</p> <p>Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting: 6:30 pm (Zoom)</p>	<p>10 12 Nisan</p>	<p>11 13 Nisan</p> <p>Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 6:50 pm, Light Candles: 7:09 pm Sell Chametz by noon Search for Chametz after nightfall</p>	<p>12 14 Nisan</p> <p>Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: Joe Boucher FIRST SEDER Chag Sameach!!! EREV PESACH FAST OF FIRST BORN Tzav</p>
<p>13 15 Nisan</p> <p>FIRST DAY PASSOVER SECOND SEDER</p>	<p>14 16 Nisan</p> <p>PASSOVER DAY 2 1 Omer</p>	<p>15 17 Nisan</p> <p>FIRST DAY CHOL HAMOED 2 Omer</p>	<p>16 18 Nisan</p> <p>Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SECOND DAY CHOL HAMOED 3 Omer</p>	<p>17 10 Nisan</p> <p>THIRD DAY CHOL HAMOED 4 Omer</p>	<p>18 11 Nisan</p> <p>Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 7:00 pm, Light Candles: 7:17 pm FOURTH DAY CHOL HAMOED 5 Omer</p>	<p>19 21 Nisan</p> <p>Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid), Service Leader: Rabbi Marc Rudolph, followed by Mini Kiddush, YIZKOR PASSOVER DAY 7 6 Omer</p>
<p>20 22 Nisan</p> <p>LAST DAY OF PASSOVER 7 Omer</p>	<p>21 23 Nisan</p> <p>8 Omer</p>	<p>22 24 Nisan</p> <p>9 Omer</p>	<p>23 25 Nisan</p> <p>Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) 10 Omer</p>	<p>24 26 Nisan</p> <p>HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY 11 Omer</p>	<p>25 27 Nisan</p> <p>Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 7:05 pm, Light Candles: 7:25 pm 12 Omer</p>	<p>26 28 Nisan</p> <p>Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid), Service Leader: Dr. Max Chorowski, Kiddush follows service 13 Omer Shemini</p>
<p>27 29 Nisan</p> <p>14 Omer</p>	<p>28 30 Nisan</p> <p>15 Omer</p>	<p>29 1 Iyar</p> <p>ROSH HODESH IYAR 16 Omer</p>	<p>30 2 Iyar</p> <p>Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) ISRAEL REMEMBRANCE DAY 17 Omer</p>	<p>1 3 Iyar</p> <p>ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY 18 Omer</p>	<p>2 4 Iyar</p> <p>Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 7:10 pm, Light Candles: 7:33 pm 19 Omer</p>	<p>3 5 Iyar</p> <p>Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: TBD 20 Omer Tazria-Metzora</p>

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

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

Friday, April 4, 2025

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
Gather: 6:40 pm, Light Candles: 7:02 pm

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)
Service Leader: SOZ Congregants, led by
Nitza Seaver

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

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

Friday, April 11, 2025

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
Gather: 6:50 pm, Light Candles: 7:09 pm

Sell Chametz by noon

Search for Chametz after nightfall

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom),
Service Leader: Joe Boucher

First Seder

Chag Sameach!!!

Erev Pesach

Fast of First Born

Sunday, April 13, 2025

First Day Passover

Second Seder

Monday, April 14, 2025

PASSOVER DAY 2

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

First Day Chol Hamoed

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service
Second Day Chol Hamoed

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Third Day Chol Hamoed

Friday, April 18, 2025

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
Gather: 7:00 pm, Light Candles: 7:17 pm

Fourth Day Chol Hamoed

Saturday, April 19, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Hybrid), Service
Leader: Rabbi Marc Rudolph, followed by
Mini Kiddush (kitchen closed for Passover),
YIZKOR

Passover Day 7

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Last Day of Passover

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

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

Monday, April 24, 2025

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Friday, April 25, 2025

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
Gather: 7:05 pm, Light Candles: 7:25 pm

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Hybrid),
Service Leader: Dr. Max Chorowski,
Kiddush follows service

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Rosh Hodesh Iyar

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

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

Seder Together



Shalom Everyone,

We are excited to once again welcome "Seder Together". The goal is to bring people together to enjoy a Seder. If you have room at your Seder table for one or more guests, please call Joan Rosner, 413-535-8679 and leave a message with your name and phone number and tell us how many guests you would like to host

If you are looking for a Seder to attend, please call Joan Rosner, 413-535-8679 and tell us you would like to be a guest at a Seder. Please remember to leave your name and phone number. Be sure to tell us which Seder interests you. We will do our best to bring people together.

Wishing everyone a happy and enriching Passover!!!

Chag Pesach Sameach,

Richard Freyman and Joan Rosner, co-chairpersons
SOZ Religious Committee

Local Events

Cuppa Joe

Sundays, 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Upcoming Dates: April 6, April 27, May 4, May 18, June 1, and June 8

Location: Temple Beth El or Zoom

The Zoom link is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82514817477?>

Time: This is a recurring meeting.

Go to:

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

Next Meeting Details:

Cuppa Joe with Rabbi Marc Rudolph

Sun, Apr 6, 2025 9:30am - 10:30am | US/Eastern

Category: ● Adults

Description



Cuppa Joe with Rabbi Marc Rudolph

Sundays from
9:30 - 10:30 AM

Zoom: Call the temple office for the link 413-733-4149

Questions: 413-733-4149

This Sunday our study will be in preparation for Passover. We will study the "Arami Oved" part of the Haggadah, which comprises a major part of the "magid" section.. Why did the rabbis who put together our Seder choose this biblical passage to be included in the Haggadah? How does it fit in with the overall purpose of the Seder? And what does it mean? Was Laban really worse than Pharoah as this passage claims? That, and more.

Local Events

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:

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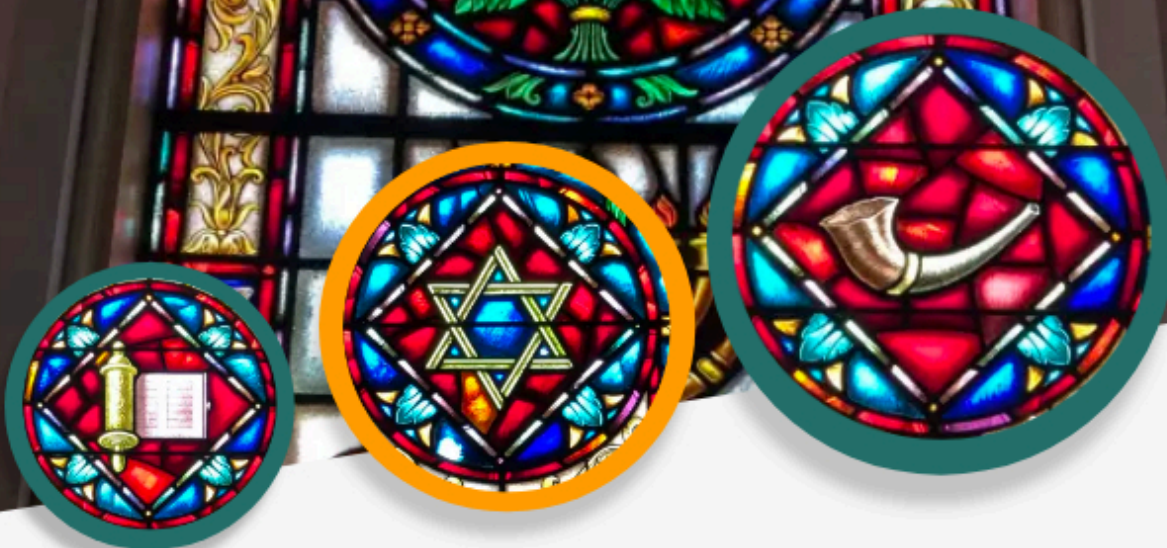
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Hello, my name is Joanne Saltman and I am the President of Congregation Sons of Zion in Holyoke, MA. We are in the process of selling our 100+ year old building, which is a synagogue and former Jewish Community Center. The 19,000 square foot building 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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CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION WILL BUY CHAMETZ

Once again, Dave Carmen has offered to be our agent. Please fill out the form below and be sure to scan it to Dave at carmenarch@aol.com by noon on Friday, April 11, 2025. Dave will be sure your Chametz is properly sold before Pesach and bought back at the conclusion of the holiday. Our sincere thanks to Dave for enhancing our Pesach celebration!!!

Passover 5785

Delegation of Power
For Sale of Chametz

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit David Carmen to act in my place and stead, and on my behalf to sell all Chametz possessed by me, knowingly or unknowingly, as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic Law (i.e. any Chametz, and all kinds of Chametz admixtures); also, any Chametz that tends to harden and adhere to inside surfaces of pans, pots, or cooking utensils, the utensils themselves, and all kinds of live animals and pets that have been eating Chametz or mixtures thereof.

Dave Carmen is also empowered to lease all places wherein the Chametz owned by me may be found, particularly the address(es) listed below, and elsewhere.

Dave Carmen also has full power and right to act as he deems fit and proper, in accordance with all the details of the Bill of Sale used in transaction, to sell all my Chametz, Chametz mixtures, etc., as provided herein.

This power is in conformity with all Torah, Rabbinic, and Civil laws.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Address(es):

Please fill out this form and scan it to Dave at carmenarch@aol.com
by noon on Friday, April 11, 2025.

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Michael and Joan Rosner
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Randi Stein
Richard Tessler

*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
Joseph Boucher	Sidney* & Elizabeth* Paul
David & Nancy Carmen	Burton & Marjorie Resnic
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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@sonsofzionholyoke.com or (413)534-3369. Thank you very much.





Donations: Thank you!

Cemetery Fund

- ✦ Marcia Burke: In memory of David Slotnick
- ✦ Elizabeth B. Goodman: In memory of her father, Martin Bassell
- ✦ Ellen Kischel: In memory of her grandmother, Rachel Waxler
- ✦ Rhoda Wernick: In memory of her father, Morris Lipnick

General Fund

- ✦ Kathy Black: To celebrate Rabbi Perlmutter's 20 years of service and 121 years since the founding of Congregation Sons of Zion
- ✦ Marjorie Bloom: To celebrate Rabbi Perlmutter's 20 years of service and 121 years since the founding of Congregation Sons of Zion
- ✦ Andrea Fox: To celebrate Rabbi Perlmutter's 20 years of service and 121 years since the founding of Congregation Sons of Zion
- ✦ Norman and Marion Halpern: To celebrate Rabbi Perlmutter's 20 years of service and 121 years since the founding of Congregation Sons of Zion
- ✦ Judy Katz: To celebrate Rabbi Perlmutter's 20 years of service and 121 years since the founding of Congregation Sons of Zion
- ✦ Steve Kappel and Elaine Clein: In memory of their father Charles Kaplinsky's yahrzeit
- ✦ Paul Lambert: To celebrate Rabbi Perlmutter's 20 years of service and 121 years since the founding of Congregation Sons of Zion
- ✦ Deb Levine: To celebrate Rabbi Perlmutter's 20 years of service and 121 years since the founding of Congregation Sons of Zion
- ✦ Steve and Joan Levine: In honor of Saul Perlmutter on his 20 years of service as Rabbi at Congregation Sons of Zion and in honor of the 121st Anniversary of Congregation Sons of Zion
- ✦ Bobby Naimark: In honor of the shul's 121st Anniversary and Rabbi Saul Perlmutter's celebration. We love you!
- ✦ Myra Orlen and Rich Goldman: To celebrate Rabbi Perlmutter's 20 years of service and 121 years since the founding of Congregation Sons of Zion
- ✦ Carolyn Porter: To celebrate Rabbi Perlmutter's 20 years of service and 121 years since the founding of Congregation Sons of Zion
- ✦ William and Joanne Saltman: To celebrate Rabbi Perlmutter's 20 years of service and 121 years since the founding of Congregation Sons of Zion
- ✦ Nitza Seaver: In honor of Rabbi Saul Perlmutter
- ✦ Randi Stein: To celebrate Rabbi Perlmutter's 20 years of service and 121 years since the founding of Congregation Sons of Zion



April 2025 Yahrzeits

March 30-April 5: Cindy Vieu

March 30 *Mordecai Drydack
 *Irving Kotok
 Merrill Magidson
 Abraham Nathanson
 March 31 Molly Goldblatt
 *Miriam "Minnie" Welson Goodman
 Jacob M Jackler
 *George Laby
 Sara Ruth K. Rossow
 April 1 *Joseph Magaziner
 April 2 Eugene Katz
 *Bertha Levinson
 *Teresa Wilson
 April 3 Basha Mehr Cramer
 *Jean Orlen Lieban
 *Samuel Winofker
 April 5 Mrs. Udes Alexander
 Beatrice Geiges
 *Samuel Liberman
 Rose Mekler
 *Harry Stein
 *Harry Wernick

April 6-12: Kathy Black

April 6 Matias Gruszecki
 *Max Koss
 *Max Smith
 *Alex Suher
 *Samuel Weinstein
 April 8 Sarah Tanzer
 April 9 *Ellen Saltman
 April 10 *Edythe Hollup Radner
 April 12 Eli Knapp Abrams
 Irene Bernstein
 *Eva R. Magidson

April 13-19: David Carmen

April 13 *Alan Firestone
 April 15 Goldie Brodsky
 Jules Hecht
 April 16 Evelyn Greenberg
 April 19 Lillian Margolis Cohen
 Barbara Levine
 *Evelyn Polansky

April 20-26: Rich Freyman

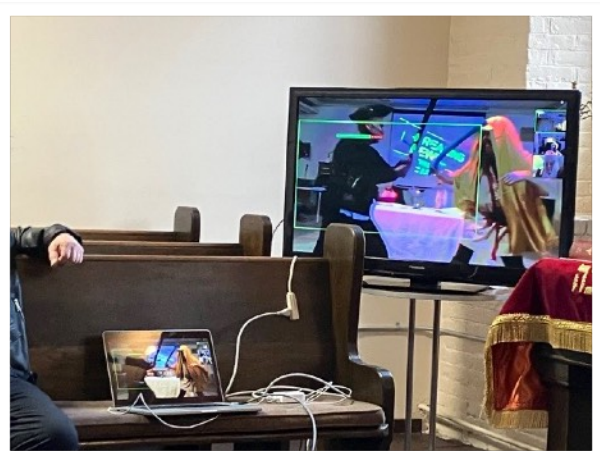
April 20 Helen Haberman
 Charles Haberman
 April 21 Ida D. Paul
 April 22 *Robert Suher
 April 23 Lillian Thorn
 April 24 *Abraham H. Adelson
 Anita Levin-Epstein
 April 26 Herman Speiser

April 27-May 3: Ira Laby

April 27 *Saul Firestone
 April 28 *Alfred Barowsky
 *Charles Kaplinsky
 April 29 *Eva Bernson
 May 1 Susan Marks
 May 2 Suzanne Halberstadt-Chorowski



Purim Celebration 2025



Purim Celebration 2025



Rabbi Perlmutter & Anniversary Celebration

Provided by Andrea Fox



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