

# CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION

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## About the Month of Iyar

Every single day of the month is included in the Sefirat HaOmer, the mitzvah of counting each of the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot. Sefirat HaOmer is a period of introspection and self-refinement, as we prepare ourselves to receive the Torah anew on Shavuot. Each day of Iyar represents another step in this spiritual journey toward Sinai.



## President's Message

The wheels of progress are moving slowly for us with the sale of our 19,000 square foot building at 378 Maple St. There still seems to be interest in it and hopefully a new buyer will be found soon. The move to 380 Dwight St. is almost complete and the decoration of the spaces is proceeding nicely. Turnout at the in-person services has been good, and we are enjoying the warmth and great acoustics of the space. With the help of many volunteers, we have a really lovely kiddush afterward in our new social hall.

I hope to see a lot of our members at the annual meeting, which will be held on June 23rd at 11:00 am in the social hall at 380 Dwight St. If you haven't been there yet, it will be a great opportunity to see the spaces.

The SOZ Committee for a Possible Name Change is still working out the details for a community-wide meeting to discuss the subject.

In a bit of good news - the Cemetery Roadway Repair Project is almost fully funded. Thanks to all who donated to this cause, especially Andrew Barowsky, who gave a very generous amount.

Our annual synagogue picnic at our home in Belchertown is in the planning stages. A list of possible dates will be sent out soon.

The annual Gift of the Heart letters will be going out soon; please be as generous as you can to insure the healthy future of our wonderful 120-year-old synagogue.

*Joanne Saltman*

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May 2024

| Sunday                               | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                | Saturday   |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|-----------------------|--|
| 28 20 Nisan<br>5 Omer                | 29 21 Nisan<br>6 Omer   | 30 22 Nisan<br>7 Omer                              | 1 23 Nisan<br>Mincha Minyan:<br>Schmooze, 5 pm<br>Service, 5:15 pm<br>(Zoom)<br>8 Omer  | 2 24 Nisan<br>9 Omer   | 3 25 Nisan<br>10 Omer | 4 26 Nisan<br>Shabbat Service:<br>10 am (Hybrid) at<br>380 Dwight Street<br>11 Omer          |
| 5 27 Nisan<br>12 Omer                | 6 28 Nisan<br>YOM HAZIKARON<br>LASHOAH<br>HOLOCAUST<br>REMEMBRANCE DAY<br>13 Omer     | 7 29 Nisan<br>14 Omer                              | 8 30 Nisan<br>Mincha Minyan:<br>Schmooze, 5 pm<br>Service, 5:15 pm<br>(Zoom)<br>15 Omer   | 9 1 Iyar<br>Duo Andalus<br>Concert, 7pm at<br>JCA (see flyer)<br>ROSH HODESH IYAR<br>16 Omer | 10 2 Iyar<br>17 Omer  | 11 3 Iyar<br>Shabbat Service:<br>10 am (TBD)<br>18 Omer<br>Kedoshim                          |
| 12 4 Iyar<br>Mother's Day<br>19 Omer | 13 5 Iyar<br>YOM HAZIKARON<br>ISRAEL<br>REMEMBRANCE DAY<br>20 Omer                    | 14 6 Iyar<br>ISRAEL<br>INDEPENDENCE DAY<br>21 Omer | 15 7 Iyar<br>Mincha Minyan:<br>Schmooze, 5 pm<br>Service, 5:15 pm<br>(Zoom)<br>SOZ Board<br>Meeting: 6:30 pm<br>(Zoom)<br>22 Omer | 16 8 Iyar<br>23 Omer   | 17 9 Iyar<br>24 Omer  | 18 10 Iyar<br>Shabbat Service:<br>10 am (TBD)<br>25 Omer<br>Emor                             |
| 19 11 Iyar<br>26 Omer                | 20 12 Iyar<br>27 Omer   | 21 13 Iyar<br>28 Omer                              | 22 14 Iyar<br>Mincha Minyan:<br>Schmooze, 5 pm<br>Service, 5:15 pm<br>(Zoom)<br>29 Omer   | 23 15 Iyar<br>30 Omer  | 24 16 Iyar<br>31 Omer | 25 17 Iyar<br>Shabbat Service:<br>10 am (Hybrid) at<br>380 Dwight Street<br>32 Omer<br>Behar |
| 26 18 Iyar<br>LAG BA-OMER<br>33 Omer | 27 19 Iyar<br>Place flags at the<br>SOZ Cemetery,<br>11 am<br>Memorial Day<br>34 Omer | 28 20 Iyar<br>35 Omer                              | 29 21 Iyar<br>Mincha Minyan:<br>Schmooze, 5 pm<br>Service, 5:15 pm<br>(Zoom)<br>36 Omer   | 30 22 Iyar<br>37 Omer  | 31 23 Iyar<br>38 Omer | 1 24 Iyar<br>Shabbat Service:<br>10 am (Zoom)<br>39 Omer<br>Bechukotai                       |

# DATES TO REMEMBER

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024**

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

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**

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

**Monday, May 6, 2024**

**YOM HAZIKARON LASHOAH  
HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024**

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

**Thursday, May 9, 2024**

Duo Andalus Concert, 7 pm at the JCA  
**ROSH HODESH IYAR**

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**

Shabbat Service, 10 am (TBD)

**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

**Mother's Day**

**Monday, May 13, 2024**

**YOM HAZIKARON ISRAEL  
ISRAEL REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

**ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

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

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

Shabbat Service, 10 am (TBD)

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

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

**Saturday, May 25, 2024**

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

**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

**LAG BA-OMER**

**Monday, May 27, 2024**

Place flags at the SOZ Cemetery, 11 am  
**Memorial Day**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

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

# DUO ANDALUS



**LALA TAMAR    OFER RONEN**

May 9th, 7pm

@

The Jewish Community of Amherst  
742 Main St, Amherst, MA

[Zoom Access Available](#)

public event - no tickets or registration required

[Event Description](#)

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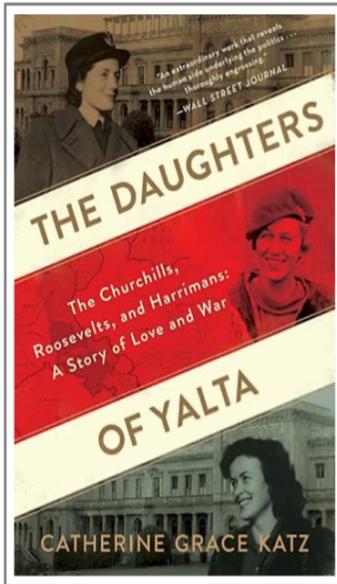


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# SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

## Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Tensions at Yalta threatened to tear apart the wartime alliance of Franklin Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and Joseph Stalin just as victory was close at hand. Catherine Grace Katz uncovers the dramatic story of the three young women who were chosen by their fathers to travel with them to Yalta, each bound

by fierce family loyalty, political savvy, and intertwined romances that powerfully colored these crucial days.

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.

## HELP US PLACE FLAGS AT THE SOZ CEMETERY

On Monday, May 27th at 11 am, we will be replacing the flags on the graves of veterans at our cemetery. All are welcome to join us.

*Joanne Saltman*



## Cemetery Rules

1. Synagogue member in good standing for at least 5 years prior to death are entitled to a free plot
2. Plot fee for non-members is \$4,500. Plot for a spouse on a double lot is \$2,250.
3. Opening and closing of grave is \$800
4. Perpetual care is \$1,500.
5. Cremated remains are permitted. Digging of hole for urn or ashes is \$100 in addition to the plot fee (instead of a grave fee).

Non-Jewish spouses or family members will be buried in a separate plot (no non-Jewish religious symbols are allowed).

No concrete vaults are allowed. Simple, unfinished wood caskets only.

Taharah-ritual Jewish washing and shroud are required, but a shomer or watch person is optional.

A particular plot may be reserved for \$100. There are several plots in the new section that were previously reserved and are now unused. Please call for more details.

**Contact Joanne Saltman with any questions at:  
(413)575-0526 or [js24saltman@gmail.com](mailto:js24saltman@gmail.com)**

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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.

- |                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Anonymous (4)                  | Aaron & Gail Lansky              |
| Elaine Baskin                  | Stephen & Lois Levin             |
| Irene Bernstein*               | Stephen & Joan Levine            |
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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

- ✦ Andrew Barowsky: To fund the cemetery roadway repairs
- ✦ Albert and Susan Belsky: For the roadway repair work for the Sons of Zion cemetery
- ✦ Amy J. Bernstein: To help with the needs of the cemetery
- ✦ Dennis S. Bernstein: To help with the needs of the cemetery
- ✦ Gary H. Bernstein: To help meet the needs of the cemetery
- ✦ Deborah S. Gold-Avery: For the cemetery roadway, in memory of her father, Dr. Sol M. Gold
- ✦ Margot Jackler: To help meet the needs of the cemetery
- ✦ Steve Kappel and Elaine Clean: In memory of their father, Charles Kaplinsky
- ✦ Ellen Kischel: To help with the repairs and upkeep of the cemetery
- ✦ Stephen and Lois Levin: To help meet the needs of the cemetery
- ✦ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her mother, Irene Bernstein
- ✦ Barry Sparkes: To help meet the needs of the cemetery
- ✦ Charles Weinstein: In memory of his father, Samuel Weinstein
- ✦ Rhoda Wernick: In memory of her father, Morris Lipnick
- ✦ Sherwin Wernick: In memory of his father, Harry Wernick
- ✦ Richard Wilson: In memory of his parents, Benjamin and Teresa Wilson

## General Fund

- ✦ Andrew Barowsky: In memory of his grandfather, Saul Magidson
- ✦ Ned and Cindy Barowsky: In memory of Ned's grandfather, Saul Magidson
- ✦ Faith Stein Hurwitz: In memory of her parents, Harry and Ruth Stein
- ✦ Judy Katz: To thank Rich, Steve, Joan and Kathy for a wonderful evening!
- ✦ Ira Laby: In memory of his father, George Laby
- ✦ Morton Laby: In memory of his father, Abraham George Laby



## May 2024 Yahrzeits

### **April 28-May 4: Joan Rosner**

April 29 Lillian Margolis Cohen  
 Barbara Levine  
 \*Evelyn Polansky  
 April 30 Helen Haberman  
 Charles Haberman  
 May 1 Ida D. Paul  
 May 2 \*Robert Suher  
 May 3 Lillian Thorn  
 May 4 \*Abraham H. Adelson  
 Anita Levin-Epstein

### **May 5-11: Michael Rosner**

May 6 Herman Speiser  
 May 7 \*Saul Firestone  
 May 8 \*Alfred Barowsky  
 \*Charles Kaplinsky  
 May 9 \*Eva Bernson  
 May 11 Susan Marks

### **May 12-18: Joanne Saltman**

May 12 Suzanne Halberstadt-Chorowski  
 May 16 \*Sidney H. Wilson  
 May 17 \*Robert Seaver  
 May 18 \*Shorrie Bernstein

### **May 19-25: Mady Schorsch**

May 19 Edith Eskenasy  
 May 20 Selma Lesnow  
 May 23 Peter Harry Berinstein  
 May 24 \*Joseph Gerstein  
 May 25 \*Benjamin Wilson

### **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



# Martha Liebermann Film Screening

Provided by Andrea Fox



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