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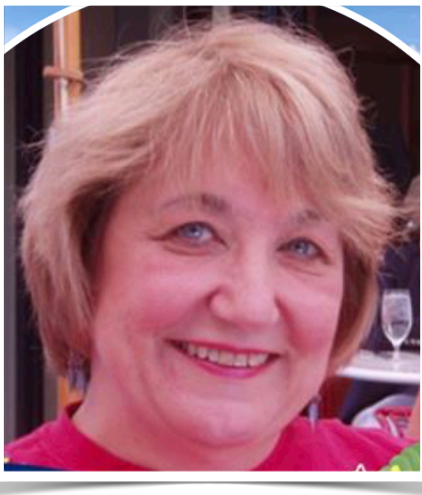
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About the Month of Iyar

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

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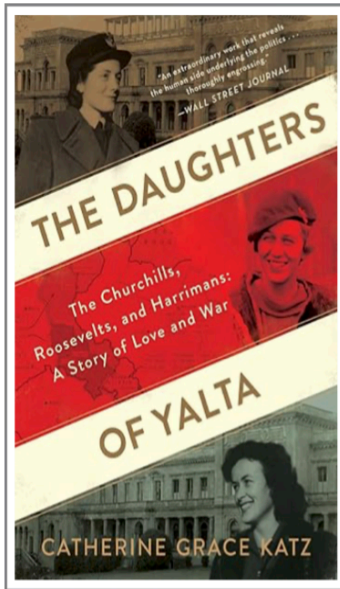
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SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, June 2nd 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:
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\$25,000.



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ABOUT OUR FUNDRAISER

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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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Bill and Joanne Saltman

*Please consider joining our generous Sustaining
Members...at any time!*

Congregation Sons of Zion Legacy Society

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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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Herbert* & Barbara* Goldberg	Elihu & Joan Schepps
Debra Goldberg and Seth Waxman	Nitza Seaver
Rose Gorin*	Charles Weinstein
Janet & Richard Greenfield	Frances Welton & 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@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



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