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About the Month of Tevet

This month begins with the last days of Hanukkah. 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.



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December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 24 Kislev Erev Hanukkah	29 25 Kislev Minyan Cancelled Candle Lighting at Holyoke City Hall, 5:30 pm First Day Hanukkah	30 26 Kislev Second Day Hanukkah	1 27 Kislev Ma'ariv Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) Third Day Hanukkah	2 28 Kislev Fourth Day Hanukkah	3 29 Kislev Fifth Day Hanukkah	4 30 Kislev Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom) Sixth Day Hanukkah Rosh Hodesh Tevet Mi-Ketz
5 1 Tevet 8th Night of Hanukkah Party, 6 pm (@ the Rosner's) Seventh Day Hanukkah	6 2 Tevet Minyan Cancelled Eighth Day Hanukkah	7 3 Tevet	8 4 Tevet Ma'ariv Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom or in- Person TBD)	9 5 Tevet	10 6 Tevet	11 7 Tevet Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom) Va-Yigash
12 8 Tevet SOZ Book Club, 10:30 am (Zoom)	13 9 Tevet Minyan Cancelled Confronting the History of Housing Discrimination Workshop, 7 pm (Zoom)	14 10 Tevet Fast 10th of Tevet	15 11 Tevet Ma'ariv Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	16 12 Tevet	17 13 Tevet	18 14 Tevet Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom) Va-Yechi
19 15 Tevet	20 16 Tevet Minyan Cancelled	21 17 Tevet	22 18 Tevet Ma'ariv Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	23 19 Tevet	24 20 Tevet	25 21 Tevet Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom) Shemot
26 22 Tevet	27 23 Tevet Minyan Cancelled	28 24 Tevet	29 25 Tevet Ma'ariv Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	30 26 Tevet	31 27 Tevet New Year's Eve	1 28 Tevet Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom) New Year's Day Va-Era

*(Zoom) and cancelled Monday minyanim assume that COVID-19 restrictions continue.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):
5 PM Schmooze, 5:15 PM Service
Third Day Hanukkah

Thursday, December 2, 2021

Fourth Day Hanukkah

Friday, December 3, 2021

Fifth Day Hanukkah

Saturday, December 4, 2021

Shabbat Service, 10 AM (Zoom)

Rosh Hodesh Tevet

Sixth Day Hanukkah

Sunday, December 5, 2021

8th Night of Hanukkah Party,
6 PM (At the Rosner's)

Seventh Day Hanukkah

Monday, December 6, 2021

Eighth Day Hanukkah

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Ma'arive Minyan (Zoom):
5 PM Schmooze, 5:15 PM Service
SOZ Board Meeting,
6:30 PM (Zoom or In-Person TBD)

Saturday, December 11, 2021

Shabbat Service, 10 AM (Zoom)

Sunday, December 12, 2021

SOZ Book Club, 10:30 AM (Zoom)

Monday, December 13, 2021

Confronting the History of
Housing Discrimination Workshop,
7 PM (Zoom)

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Fast 10th of Tevet

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

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

Saturday, December 18, 2021

Shabbat Service, 10 AM (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):
5 PM schmooze, 5:15 PM service

Saturday, December 25, 2021

Shabbat Service, 10 AM (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

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

Friday, December 31, 2021

New Year's Eve



CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION'S 8TH NIGHT OF HANUKKAH PARTY

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AT 6PM

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- Latkes of any variety (we'll cut them up so all can taste)
- Sufganiyot (donuts)
- Any other foods cooked in or prepared with oil
- No meat

Last Name Q to Z:

Please bring dessert

(For example: donuts, oil fried treats,
cookies, stewed fruit, fresh fruit)

Last Name A to P:

Please bring an entree, side
dishes, or salad

(For example: latkes, homemade
apple sauce, vegetable casserole)

RSVP: office@sonsofzionholyoake.org or call (413)534-3369
QUESTIONS AND DIRECTIONS: Contact Joan or Michael Rosner at
joanrosner@comcast.net or (413)536-5669

Help Restore the SOZ Garden

SOZ used to have a thriving garden of flowers and vegetables in the yard. It is time to bring that back!



A small group of dedicated volunteers has started clearing the vines and tangles from along the perimeters of the SOZ yard. The plan is to continue the work and to hire professionals with the right equipment to complete the job.

We need help raising the funds to make this vision a reality.

Please help by contributing whatever you are able to the SOZ Garden Fund.

Contributions can be mailed to SOZ: 378 Maple Street
Holyoke, MA 01040

You can also donate by clicking the button below or by using PayPal on our website. Please add a note stating that the donation is marked to Restore the SOZ Garden.

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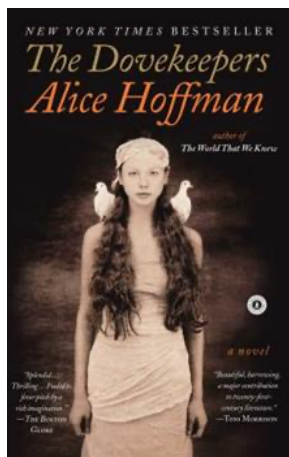
For the convenience of being able to make donations on our website, PayPal takes 2.9% plus 30¢ of your donation as part of their fee. There is an option to help offset the cost of processing. Please consider using this option so that SOZ will receive all of your thoughtful donation.



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SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, December 12th at 10:30am



The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman

Nearly two thousand years ago, nine hundred Jews held out for months against armies of Romans on Masada, a mountain in the Judean desert. According to the ancient historian Josephus, two women and five children survived. Based on this tragic and iconic event, Hoffman's novel is a spellbinding tale of four extraordinarily bold, resourceful, and sensuous women, each of whom has come to Masada by a different path. Yael's mother died in childbirth, and her father, an expert assassin, never forgave her for that death.

Revka, a village baker's wife, watched the murder of her daughter by Roman soldiers; she brings to Masada her young grandsons, rendered mute by what they have witnessed. Aziza is a warrior's daughter, raised as a boy, a fearless rider and expert marksman who finds passion with a fellow soldier. Shirah, born in Alexandria, is wise in the ways of ancient magic and medicine, a woman with uncanny insight and power.

How to Watch SOZ's Past Shabbat Services on YouTube:

(Zoom services are not recorded)

Turn on your computer and speakers.

1. Run an internet browser (Internet Explorer or Chrome, for example)
2. Type [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) in the navigation bar and press enter.
3. In YouTube, type [Congregation Sons of Zion](#) (not just "Sons of Zion") in the box that says Search and then click on the magnifying glass or press enter.
4. Click on the video that has a red "Live" button on the bottom right corner. It may take up to 45 seconds for the video to load.

Services start at 10:00am. Shabbat Shalom!

News from the Tikkun Olam Committee

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Confronting the History of Housing Discrimination

This interactive workshop will explore racial disparities in housing in Massachusetts and the history that created them. We will look at the role that zoning reform and affordable housing can have in addressing racial disparities. Join us at this event where we'll prepare you with the knowledge you need to show up at local hearings in support of affordable housing. We'll also give you information about statewide initiatives to further vibrant multiracial and multigenerational communities.

December 13, 2021 | 7:00 pm | Online Workshop
<https://bit.ly/westernmahousing>

JEWES AROUND THE WORLD

Lecture by Dr. Simon Sibelman



JANUARY 4, 2022

7PM - 8:15PM

via Zoom

This event is co-sponsored with Temple Beth El

On 27 January 1945, the Red Army liberated Auschwitz. The horror they experienced has come across the decades. The United Nations has declared that date as International Holocaust Memorial Day. The January lecture will be a memorial to the Jewish communities and cultures eradicated by Nazi racism and hatred. Focusing on the artistic memories of Meyer July and his recollections of life before the Shoah in his hometown of Apt, the lecture will explore what was lost in one *shtetl* and use that as a microcosm of the tragedy.



Please contact us for the Zoom link if you are not already on our email list.

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Testimonials: New to our Website!!

The Rabbi's message in the November Newsletter asked members and friends of SOZ to write several sentences about what our Congregation means to them. The responses have been warm and wonderful and are on our website. You can view the testimonials by using this link:

<https://www.sonsofzionholyyoke.org/about-us>

Thank you! Thank you! To Rick Tessler who encouraged people to send a testimonial. The following is Rick's thank you to the authors. Follow Saul's and Rick's inspiration and send your words to Tara. Rick tells you how to navigate the website. Todah Rabah, thank you to all!!!!

Joan

Message from Rick Tessler:

Thank you for your beautiful testimonials! They are warm, and uplifting. Reading them helped me to know more about SOZ and to feel close to each of you. A poem included by Judy is sure to make the New York Times Synagogue Best Seller's List. You can view the testimonials that have been uploaded so far on the Congregation Sons of Zion website (click "About Us", then choose "Testimonials" from the drop down menu).

Rick Tessler

Help Needed with our Social Media

Do you love Facebook/Instagram???

Do you have a few hours a week to help SOZ???

We need help keeping our pages in Facebook and Instagram up to date. Honestly, it is embarrassing. We are reaching out to members and friends. Please call Joan, (413) 535-8679 or email joanrosner@comcast.net if you can help.

Thanks for considering our request.

Happy Hanukkah!!!

Joan



A Special Thank You to Our Sustaining Members

Andrew Barowsky
Ned and Cindy Barowsky
Richard and Ellen Freyman
Bonnie and Maggie Gruszecki
Norman and Marion Halpern
Alfred and Lee Hutt
Stephen and Lois Levin
Buddy and Margie Resnic
Michael and Joan Rosner
William 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
Louise Citron	Michael & Joan Rosner
James Eisenstock*	William Robbins* & Mollie Blatt*
Andrea Fox	Ellen Saltman*
Richard & Ellen Freyman	Paul Saltman
Albert Goldberg*	William & Joanne Saltman
Herbert* & Barbara* Goldberg	Elihu & Joan Schepps
Debra Goldberg and Seth Waxman	Nitza Seaver
Rose Gorin*	Charles Weinstein
Janet & Richard Greenfield	Frances Welson & 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

- ✦ Elizabeth Bassell Goodman: In memory of her mother, Dorothy Bassell
- ✦ Susan Craig: In memory of her parents, Beatrice and Milton Palmer
- ✦ Susan Craig: In memory of her husband, Philip Craig
- ✦ Edith and Diane Eskenasy: In memory of Lena Seamon
- ✦ Jeffrey Kappel: In memory of his aunt, Mildred Kaplinsky
- ✦ Ellen and Aaron Kischel: In memory of her mother, Beatrice (Bea) Palmer
- ✦ Ellen and Aaron Kischel: In memory of Ellen's father, Milton Palmer
- ✦ Ellen and Aaron Kischel: In memory of their brother-in-law, Philip G. Craig
- ✦ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her father, Russell Bernstein

Endowment Fund

- ✦ Buddy and Margie Resnic: In memory of Buddy's father, Samuel Resnic

Garden Fund

- ✦ Arlen Fox and Paul Triber: Rest in peace wonderful, smart, caring, special cousin, Sumner Barry Cohen
- ✦ Laurie Fox and Danny O'Shea: In beloved memory of our dear cousin, Sumner Barry Cohen

General Fund

- ✦ Andrea Fox: In honor of #GivingTuesday
- ✦ Andrea Fox: In memory of her fabulous cousin, Sumner Cohen
- ✦ Judy Katz: With thanks to Rabbi Perlmutter for leading the study session on Life After Death, in memory of Robert Katz
- ✦ Paul Lambert: #GivingTuesday
- ✦ Lois and Steve Levin: In memory of Robert Katz
- ✦ Lois and Steve Levin: In memory of Harold Resnic
- ✦ Lois and Steve Levin: In memory of Marc Levine
- ✦ Lois and Steve Levin: In honor of Dr. Simon Sibelman for his lecture series
- ✦ Lois and Steve Levin: Thank you to Rabbi Perlmutter and Max Chorowski for your spiritual leadership
- ✦ Lois and Steve Levin: Thank you to Joan Rosner and Rich Freyman for all that you do for SOZ
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: Wishing Deb Levine a swift and comfortable recovery
- ✦ Robert Os: SOZ Grounds Clean-Up
- ✦ Nitza Seaver: In honor of #GivingTuesday
- ✦ Shoshana Zonderman and Saul Perlmutter: In memory of Robert Katz
- ✦ Andrew Zellan: In memory of his grandfather, Abraham Zellan
- ✦ Andrew Zellan: In memory of his father, Robert Zellan

December 2021 Yahrzeits

November 28 – December 4: Ken Vieu

November 29 *Russell Bernstein
 November 30 Shirley Brawer
 *Louis H. Schlosberg
 December 1 Harold Gerstein
 *Matilda Goldberg
 *Mildred Kaplinsky
 *Philip Rubin
 December 3 Dr. Ira Daniel Gilbert
 *Joseph Welson

December 5 – 11: Marjorie Bloom

December 5 *Milton Jerome Laufer
 Adele Robbins
 December 6 Marcelle Freyman
 December 7 *Ethel Haley
 Paul Meyer
 December 8 *Ida Laskin
 Rose Rubin
 December 9 Renee Gilbert
 December 11 *Shirley Eisenstock
 Daniel Jeremias
 Thomas Osborn
 *Isadore Ziff

December 12 – 18: David Carmen

December 14 *Mischa Barowsky
 Sarah Lipnick
 December 15 Stephen Barowsky
 *Mollie Schlosberg
 December 16 Shirley Fortgang
 December 17 Sarah Reiner
 December 18 Bessie Jolles
 *Batya Segalovitch

December 19 – 25: Judy Katz

December 19 Pauline Jaffe
 *Sarah Kirte Stein
 *Elizabeth Zellan
 December 20 *Theresa "Babe" Resnic
 *Menachem Segalovitch
 *Arkady Shulman
 December 21 *Aaron Kingsberg
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 December 22 Benjamin Messias
 December 23 Ruth Laskin
 December 24 Ida Gold
 *Ida Jaffe
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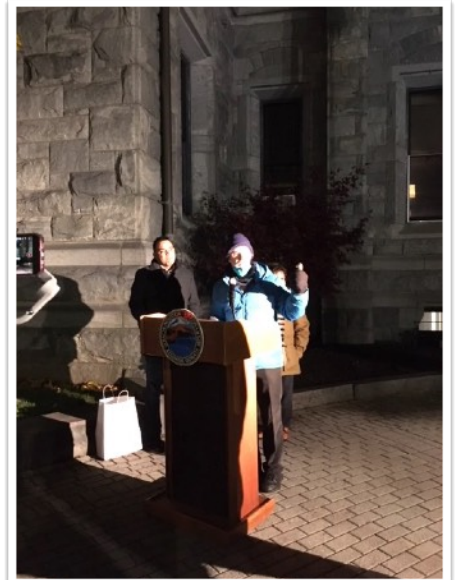
December 26 – January 1: Rich Freyman

December 27 *George Eisenstock
 December 28 *Martin Bassell
 *Bertha Wernick
 December 29 Benjamin Tenenbaum
 December 30 Lena Rubinwitch



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