

# CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION

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## About the Month of Adar

Known as a month of celebration and happiness, the late-winter month of Adar contains the joyous holiday of Purim that takes place mid-month. Purim, however, isn't the only thing that makes Adar special. The Hebrew name "Adar" is related to the word "adir," which denotes strength and power.

Adar is the only month in the Jewish calendar that comes back for seconds. The Jewish leap year, or *shanah me'uberet* (literally "pregnant year" in Hebrew), occurs approximately once every three years. In order to assure that the lunar months of the Jewish year stay in sync with the solar calendar, an additional month of Adar is added.

This year we enjoy a single Adar.



## President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

As the chill of winter begins to fade and the snow and ice melt away, we can finally embrace the warmth of spring. After what felt like a long, cold season, we're excited to invite you to join us for a delightful celebration!

On March 16th, we will gather to revel in the spirit of Purim with costumes, joyful readings of the Megillah, and delicious hamantaschen. Additionally, we are thrilled to celebrate our 121st Anniversary and honor Rabbi Saul Perlmutter for his dedicated 20 years of service on March 30th. With lively music from KlezMachine and an elegant brunch, it promises to be a truly memorable occasion.

We are also actively seeking a buyer for our old building and greatly appreciate the continued support from our members and friends, which is vital in helping us thrive.

Looking forward to celebrating together!

*Joanne Saltman*



**Adar**  
5785

*March 2025*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 25 Shevat	24 26 Shevat	25 27 Shevat	26 28 Shevat Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	27 29 Shevat	28 30 Shevat Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 5:00 pm, Light Candles: 5:21 pm	1 1 Adar Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: Congregation Members and Friends  <b>ROSH HODESH ADAR</b> Terumah
2 2 Adar	3 3 Adar	4 4 Adar	5 5 Adar Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	6 6 Adar	7 7 Adar Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 5:10 pm, Light Candles: 5:30 pm	8 8 Adar Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid), 380 Dwight Street Service Leader: Randi Stein  <i>Turn clocks ahead 1 hour at bedtime</i> Tetzaveh
9 9 Adar <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i>	10 10 Adar	11 11 Adar	12 12 Adar Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)	13 13 Adar <b>EREV PURIM</b> (See 3/16)	14 14 Adar Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 6:20 pm, Light Candles: 6:38 pm <b>PURIM</b> (See 3/16)	15 15 Adar Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: Dr. Max Chorowski  Ki Tissa
16 16 Adar <b>SOZ CELEBRATES PURIM</b> 9:30 am: Bake Hamantaschen at Freyman's 2 pm: "Read" Megillah at 380 Dwight Street	17 17 Adar	18 18 Adar	19 19 Adar Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	20 20 Adar <i>Spring Begins</i>	21 21 Adar Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 6:25 pm, Light Candles: 6:46 pm	22 22 Adar Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: TBD  Vayakhel
23 23 Adar	24 24 Adar	25 25 Adar	26 26 Adar Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	27 27 Adar	28 28 Adar Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 6:35 pm, Light Candles: 6:54 pm	29 29 Adar Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: TBD  Pekudei
30 1 Nisan <b>ROSH HODESH NISAN</b> Our 121 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary and Honoring Rabbi Perlmutter's 20 Years of Service, 11 am	31 2 Nisan					

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## Saturday, March 1, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom),  
Service Leader: Congregation Members  
and Friends

**ROSH HODESH ADAR**

## Wednesday, March 5, 2025

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

## Friday, March 7, 2025

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):  
Gather at 5:10 pm, Light Candles at 5:30 pm

## Saturday, March 8, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Hybrid),  
380 Dwight Street,  
Service Leader: Randi Stein

Turn clocks ahead 1 hour at bedtime

## Sunday, February 9, 2025

**Daylight Saving Time Begins**

## Wednesday, March 12, 2025

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

## Thursday, March 13, 2025

**EREV PURIM (See 3/16)**

## Friday, March 14, 2025

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):  
Gather at 6:20 pm, Light Candles at 6:38 pm

**PURIM (See 3/16)**

## Saturday, March 15, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom),  
Service Leader: Dr. Max Chorowski

## Sunday, March 16, 2025

9:30 am: Hamantaschen Bake at the  
Freyman's home,  
2:00 pm: "Read" Megillah at 380 Dwight  
Street

## Wednesday, March 19, 2025

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

## Thursday, March 20, 2025

**Spring Begins**

## Friday, March 21, 2025

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):  
Gather at 6:25 pm, Light Candles at 6:46 pm

## Saturday, March 22, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom),  
Service Leader: TBD

## Wednesday, March 26, 2025

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

## Friday, March 28, 2025

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):  
Gather at 6:35 pm, Light Candles at 6:54 pm

## Saturday, March 29, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom),  
Service Leader: TBD

## Sunday, March 30, 2025

Our 121st Anniversary and Honoring Rabbi  
Perlmutter's 20 Years of Service: 11 am  
(380 Dwight Street)

**ROSH HODESH NISAN**



## Local Events and News



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### LIFELONG TEEN EDUCATOR TO RECEIVE HOLOCAUST EDUCATION AWARD



**BOSTON, MASS. (Issued March 2025)** – A lifelong educator who has mentored hundreds of teens and inspired them to appreciate their Jewish heritage and history is being honored by the Jewish community.

**Aaron Kischel** of Stoughton, Mass., will be the recipient of the fifth annual Stephan Ross Excellence in Holocaust Education Award, presented by the New England Friends of March of the Living (NEF MOTL). The prestigious award is named for Holocaust survivor Stephan Ross, founder of the New England Holocaust Memorial.

Making the announcement was Irv Kempner, President/CEO of NEF MOTL, part of the International MOTL which annually brings thousands of teens from around the world to Poland and Israel to study the history of the Holocaust and examine the roots of prejudice, intolerance and hatred.

Kempner says, "The trip instills the foundation for participants to emerge as community leaders working toward a just and compassionate world. Aaron has served as an inspirational docent/ advisor to participants on five consecutive trips." **(PHOTO: Aaron Kischel – Visit to Auschwitz concentration camp)**

Kischel was recipient of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs New England Region's 'Keeper of the Flame' Award and was recognized for his decades of service to the Conservative Movement (USCJ) as a USY leader, advisor and mentor. He was Executive Director of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism for 45 years. He has been involved with CJP's Boston-Haifa Connection.

Kempner adds, "Aaron's tireless efforts in Holocaust education have left an indelible mark on the lives of countless individuals. As a docent, you've demonstrated unwavering dedication to empowering Jewish youth and preserving the memories of the Holocaust. You have inspired them to become upstanders for Israel, promoting social action to fight antisemitism. Your work has been a beacon of hope, ensuring that future generations 'never forget' and become leaders for tomorrow. Your commitment has inspired our Kempner Family Foundation to make a significant donation to the NEF MOTL Teen Trip Scholarship Fund in your honor."

Proceeds from the event and all tax-deductible MOTL donations directly support the Scholarship Fund. The group is committed to ensuring that every accepted teen can afford to participate. The 2025 trip is fully booked.

**The virtual tribute event can be viewed after March 25<sup>th</sup>.** To view the tribute event and/or to place a digital Tribute ad in Aaron's honor, visit [motlnewengland.org/tribute](http://motlnewengland.org/tribute). For more information about donations and/or participation in future MOTL teen or adult MOTL trips, contact [IrvKempner@gmail.com](mailto:IrvKempner@gmail.com) / (617) 285-8620, or visit <https://motlnewengland.org/>

By Stan Hurwitz / [stanhurwitz@gmail.com](mailto:stanhurwitz@gmail.com)



**SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025**

**HAMANTASCHEN BAKE**

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Rich and Ellen Freyman's home- 56 Terry Drive, Longmeadow, MA

**SOZ PURIM CELEBRATION**

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: 380 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA

Zoom: We will try to broadcast on Zoom beginning at 2:00 pm.

**CELEBRATION SCHEDULE:**

**2:00 pm Megillah Reading (abridged)**

**HELP!!! Chapter "readers" still needed.** Choose a chapter or a section of a chapter. Be ridiculous and silly!! You don't even have to read - tell the story in your own way. Call Joan at (413) 535-8679 to register your choice.

**3:00 pm Hamantaschen dessert**



**Be Happy!!!**  
**It's Adar!!!**

**COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED (AT LEAST A HAT).  
SOZ WILL SUPPLY GROGGERS AND PURIM MASKS.  
COVID MASKS WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

*A huge thank you to Ellen and Rich for welcoming us to bake our hamantaschen!!!!*

Let's Celebrate our  
121<sup>st</sup> Anniversary and Honor  
Rabbi Perlmutter's 20 Years of Service

**MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 11 AM**



Please register by  
Friday, March 28th

**REGISTER HERE**

Featuring a performance by KlezMachine,  
followed by an elegant lunch

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## ABOUT OUR FUNDRAISER

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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
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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](mailto:office@sonsofzionholyoke.com) or (413)534-3369. Thank you very much.





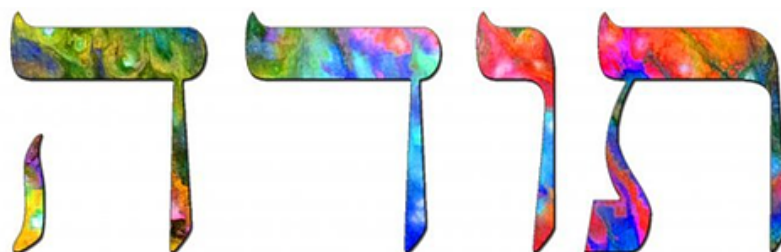
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## Cemetery Fund

- ✦ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her uncle, Clarence Irving Garber
- ✦ Rhoda Wernick: In memory of her son, Richard Wernick

## General Fund

- ✦ Myra Efron: In memory of her parents, Aaron and Lenore Kingsberg
- ✦ Barry Federman: In memory of Sherman Wernick
- ✦ Judith Greenspan: In response to SOZ's appeal
- ✦ Judy Katz: In memory of her father-in-law, Daniel Jeremias
- ✦ Judy Katz: With thanks to Kathy Black for shlepping her to appointments and errands
- ✦ Edward Lerer: In memory of Sherwin J. Wernick
- ✦ Dr. Stephen J. & Joan Levine: In honor of Dr. Michael and Joan Rosner for all their years of service to SOZ
- ✦ Buddy and Margie Resnic: In honor of Rabbi Perlmutter's devotion to SOZ
- ✦ Pinky Stein and Family: In response to SOZ's appeal



"Toda" Thank You

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## March 2025 Yahrzeits

### **February 23-March 1: Joan Rosner**

Feb 23 \*Beatrice Kahan  
 Feb 24 Tzivia bat Marjeau  
 Feb 26 \*Sylvia G. Welson  
 Feb 28 \*Marcia Greenspan Friedman  
 Mar 1 Theodore Belsky  
 Harry Gruszecki  
 \*George Rose

### **March 2-8: Michael Rosner**

March 2 \*David Epstein  
 March 5 \*David Slotnick  
 March 6 \*Samuel Alperin  
 Judith Kramer Goldberg  
 \*Helen Radner  
 March 7 \*Elizabeth Paul  
 March 8 Jacob Cohen

### **March 9-15: Joanne Saltman**

March 9 \*David Kornetsky  
 Betty Rothwell  
 March 10 Sarah Gilman  
 Fannie Margolis  
 March 12 Rose N. Pincus  
 Sadye Saltman  
 March 13 \*Dorothy Barowsky  
 March 14 Lewis Plesset  
 March 15 \*Abraham Saltman

### **March 16-22: Mady Schorsch**

March 16 \*Edward J. Greenspan  
 \*Alvin Koufax  
 March 17 Ruth Laskin  
 March 18 \*Minnie Goldenberg  
 March 19 Sol May  
 \*Raymond Mekler  
 Corrado Baquis  
 March 20 \*Henry Levin  
 Sidney Paul  
 March 21 Bertha Berman  
 Harry Bloom  
 Abraham Reiner  
 Louis Rubin  
 \*Harry Gold  
 \*Edith Harmetz

### **March 23-29: Barry Sparkes**

March 23 Morris Lipnick  
 March 24 Ruth Jaffe  
 Joseph Levin-Epstein  
 \*Jennie Daniels Barowsky  
 March 25 \*Florence A. Kostin  
 \*Sandra Lipson  
 \*Anna Rachel Marks  
 \*Abraham Seaver  
 March 26 Betty Sparkes  
 March 27 \*Fannie Eisenstock  
 Bertha Herman  
 Harold Kaiser  
 Russell Kenefick  
 Martha Messias  
 March 28 \*Maurice (Murray) Lipson  
 \*Ethelle Charlotte Wilson  
 March 29 Morton Aaron "Morty" Haberman

### **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  
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