

# CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION

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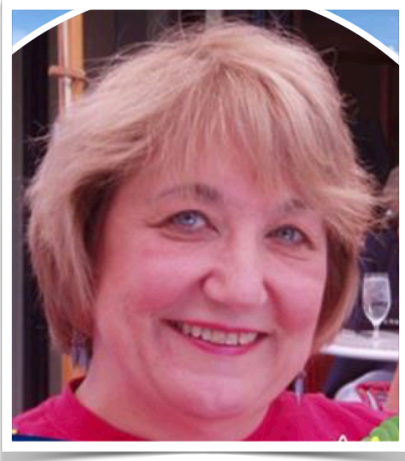
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## About the Month of Kislev

Kislev the ninth month of the year, counting from Nisan, brings the celebration of Hanukkah! Hanukkah celebrates the miracle of one day's holy oil lasting for eight days; allowing time to prepare more oil. As the candles of the hanukkiyah shine through our windows at the darkest time of the year, our thoughts turn to the hard won freedom of the Maccabees. We celebrate freedom and light.

Happy Hanukkah!!!



## President's Message

Happy Hanukkah!

We are happy to report that things are progressing well even if slowly with the sale of our building and the move to a new space. We have been able to rent an additional space in the same hallway which will make it possible to have a good-sized separate chapel and plenty of room in the other space for a social hall, small kitchen, office and storage. Our closing date has been put off until the spring which gives us plenty of time to fix up our new space and move out of the building. Although a lot of our members like the Zoom services which are so easy, we look forward to being able to gather together again soon at least some of the time. We will also be able to have lots of fun activities such as lectures, slide shows, movies, mahjong and much more.

For the immediate future we look forward to lighting our large Menorah at Holyoke City Hall on December 7th, the first night of Hanukkah, and lighting all our personal menorahs at the Rosner's on December 14th, the eighth night, along with our home made latkes, pot luck dinner, and lots of singing our fun Hanukkah songs.

Hope to see you all soon!

*Joanne Saltman*



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December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 13 Kislev	27 14 Kislev	28 15 Kislev	29 16 Kislev Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	30 17 Kislev	1 18 Kislev	2 19 Kislev Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)  Vayishlach
3 20 Kislev	4 21 Kislev	5 22 Kislev	6 23 Kislev Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	7 24 Kislev 1st Night of Hanukkah Candle Lighting at Holyoke City Hall, 5:30 pm  Light First Hanukkah Candle <b>EREV HANUKKAH</b>	8 25 Kislev  Light 2 Candles <b>FIRST DAY HANUKKAH</b>	9 26 Kislev Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)  Light 3 Candles <b>SECOND DAY HANUKKAH</b> Vayeshev
10 27 Kislev SOZ Book Club, 10:30 am (Zoom) Celebration Hanukkah Party, 2-4 pm at Rodphey Sholom Light 4 Candles <b>THIRD DAY HANUKKAH</b>	11 28 Kislev  Light 5 Candles <b>FOURTH DAY HANUKKAH</b>	12 29 Kislev  Light 6 Candles <b>FIFTH DAY HANUKKAH</b>	13 1 Tevet Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting: 6:30 pm (Zoom) Light 7 Candles <b>SIXTH DAY HANUKKAH ROSH HODESH TEVET</b>	14 2 Tevet 8th Night of Hanukkah Party, 6pm (@the Rosner's)  Light 8 Candles <b>SEVENTH DAY HANUKKAH</b>	15 3 Tevet  <b>EIGHTH DAY HANUKKAH</b>	16 4 Tevet Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)  Miketz
17 5 Tevet	18 6 Tevet	19 7 Tevet Honoring Rabbi Saul Perlmutter, 1:30 pm (Zoom)	20 8 Tevet Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	21 9 Tevet	22 10 Tevet	23 11 Tevet Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)  Vayigash
24 12 Tevet	25 13 Tevet	26 14 Tevet	27 15 Tevet Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	28 16 Tevet	29 17 Tevet	30 18 Tevet Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)  Vayeichi
31 19 Tevet <b>New Year's Eve</b>						

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

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

Thursday, December 7, 2023

1st Night of Hanukkah Candle Lighting at  
Holyoke City Hall, 5:30 pm

*Light First Hanukkah Candle*

**EREV HANUKKAH**

Friday, December 8, 2023

*Light 2 Candles*

**FIRST DAY HANUKKAH**

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)

*Light 3 Candles*

**SECOND DAY HANUKKAH**

Sunday, December 10, 2023

SOZ Book Club, 10:30 am (Zoom)

Celebration Hanukkah Party, 2-4 pm at  
Rodphey Sholom

*Light 4 Candles*

**THIRD DAY HANUKKAH**

Monday, December 11, 2023

*Light 5 Candles*

**FOURTH DAY HANUKKAH**

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

*Light 6 Candles*

**FIFTH DAY HANUKKAH**

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

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

SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)

*Light 7 Candles*

**SIXTH DAY HANUKKAH**

**ROSH HODESH TEVET**

Thursday, December 14, 2023

8th Night of Hanukkah Party, 6 pm  
at the Rosner's

*Light 8 Candles*

**SEVENTH DAY HANUKKAH**

Friday, December 15, 2023

**EIGHTH DAY HANUKKAH**

Saturday, December 16, 2023

Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Honoring Rabbi Saul Perlmutter,  
1:30 pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

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

Saturday, December 23, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

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

Saturday, December 30, 2023

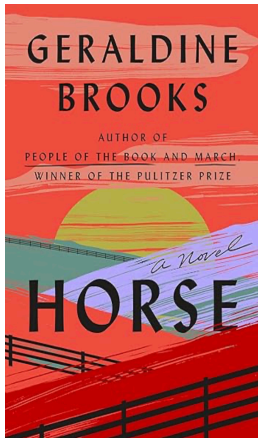
Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Sunday, December 31, 2023

*New Year's Eve*

# SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am



## **Horse by Geraldine Brooks**

*Kentucky, 1850.* An enslaved groom named Jarret and a bay foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to record-setting victories across the South. When the nation erupts in civil war, an itinerant young artist who has made his name on paintings of the racehorse takes up arms for the Union. On a perilous night, he reunites with the stallion and his groom, very far from the glamor of any racetrack.

*New York City, 1954.* Martha Jackson, a gallery owner celebrated for taking risks on edgy contemporary painters, becomes obsessed with a nineteenth-century equestrian oil painting of mysterious provenance.

*Washington, DC, 2019.* Jess, a Smithsonian scientist from Australia, and Theo, a Nigerian-American art historian, find themselves unexpectedly connected through their shared interest in the horse—one studying the stallion's bones for clues to his power and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to his racing success.

Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, *Horse* is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism.



Inaugural Ruth and Fred Weiss z”l Lecture

# How October 7th Changed Everything and What We Need To Do About It

Featuring Rabbi David Wolpe

**Sunday**  
**December 10, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Temple Beth El**  
979 Dickinson Street, Springfield

One of the most engaging and approachable Jewish voices of our time, Rabbi David Wolpe will share urgent insights and action items in the aftermath of Hamas’ massacre in the south of Israel. Join this powerful community event to unite in our history, take pride in Jewish life, and show our support for Israel. *Your voice and attendance matters now more than ever.*

Rabbi David Wolpe is the author of eight books on Jewish themes and Emeritus Rabbi at Sinai Temple in Los Angeles. Named “The Most Influential Rabbi in America” by *Newsweek*, he has been featured and published in *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *The Today Show*, *PBS*, and more. Known for his sincerity and candor, Rabbi Wolpe is a celebrated and inspirational scholar, speaker, and thought leader.

Admission is free and open to the public, but registration is required.

Register at [springfieldjcc.org](http://springfieldjcc.org).

*Babysitting is available.*

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# **CELEBRATION HANUKKAH PARTY**

**CONGREGATION RODPHEY SHOLOM**  
1800 Northampton Street, Holyoke, MA

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY COME AND JOIN IN!**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023**  
**2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**



**Food • Music • Raffle**

**Lighting of Menorah with Rabbi Tuvia**

**Arts and Crafts table for Children**



**Tickets at the door**  
**\$10/Person \$18/Family**



**CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION'S**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> NIGHT OF**  
**HANUKKAH**  
**PARTY**

CANDLE  
 LIGHT  
 FOOD



SONGS  
 FUN!!!

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 PM**

**HOSTS: JOAN AND MICHAEL ROSNER**

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**New This Year:**

**Share a short Hanukkah story - personal or fiction (up to 3 minutes)**

**It's a potluck and oil is the theme! Suggestions:**

- 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 please

**Last Name A to P:**

**Please bring an entree, side dish or salad**

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

**Last Name Q to Z:**

**Please bring dessert**

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

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QUESTIONS AND DIRECTIONS: Contact Joan or Michael Rosner at [joanrosner@comcast.net](mailto:joanrosner@comcast.net) or (413)536-5669



***Torat Yovel***

**Celebrating 50 Years  
in the Rabbinate**

**THE TORAH  
OF JUBILEE**

Honoring  
Rabbi Saul Perlmutter

Tuesday, Dec. 19  
1:30 p.m. EST | 12:30 p.m. CST  
11:30 a.m. MST | 10:30 a.m. PST

Reconstructionist  
RABBINICAL ASSOCIATION

[Register Here](#)

**Torat Yovel: Honoring Rabbi Saul Perlmutter**  
**Tuesday, December 19 @ 1:30 pm ET**

*Join us as we celebrate 50 years in the rabbinate of our members from Reconstructionist Rabbinical College class of 1974.*

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, we will honor **Rabbi Saul Perlmutter**, where he will reflect on his 50 years in the rabbinate with a public virtual presentation. At the conclusion of the presentation, we will present Rabbi Perlmutter with a signed and numbered art print commissioned for this occasion.

*All are invited to join us for this free public program and celebration, sponsored by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association.*

**This year also marks Saul's 20th year as our rabbi. SOZ is likely to be an important part of his talk.**

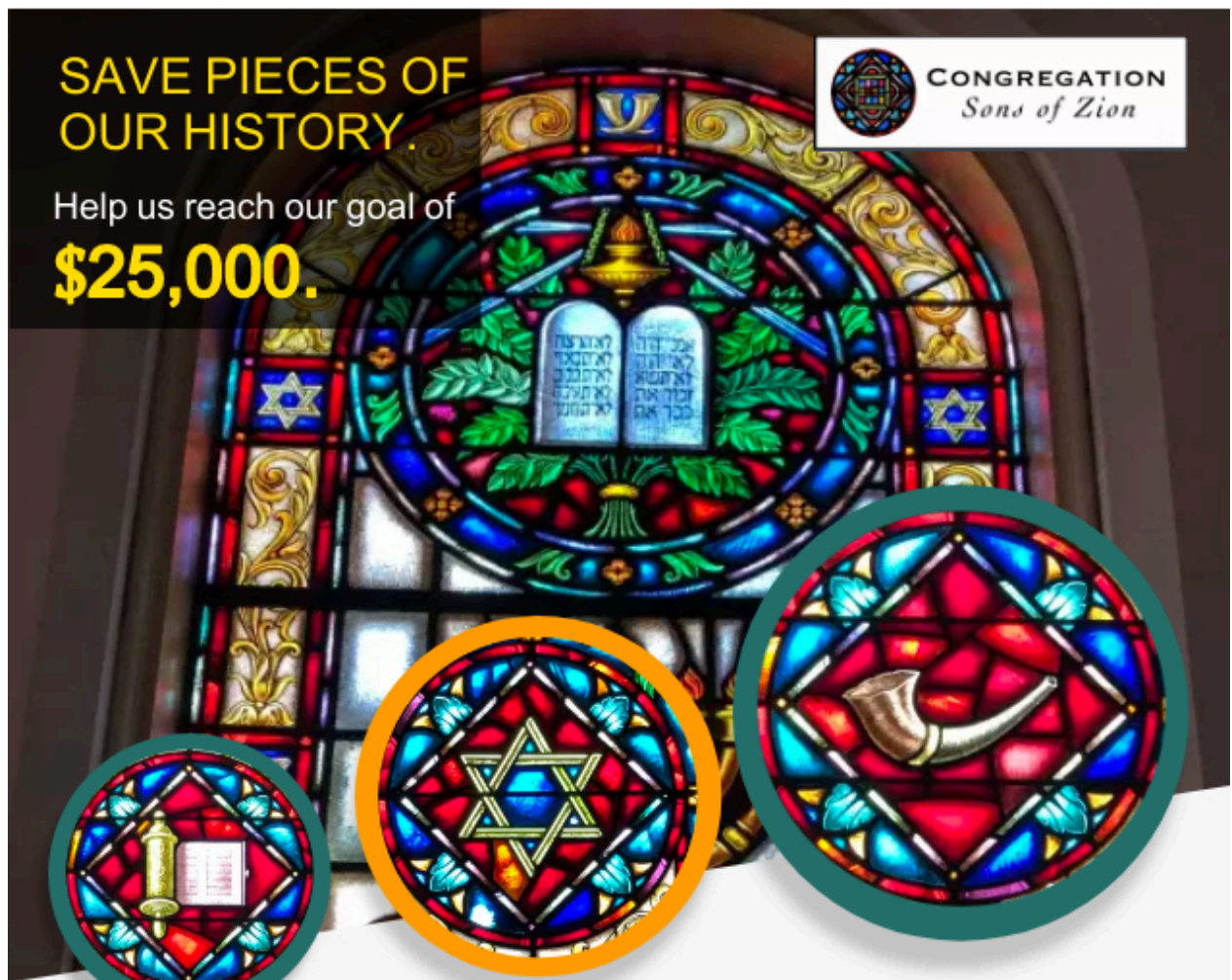
# SAVE PIECES OF OUR HISTORY.

Help us reach our goal of

# \$25,000.



CONGREGATION  
*Sons of Zion*




## 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.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Anonymous (4)                  | Aaron & Gail Lansky              |
| Elaine Baskin                  | Stephen & Lois Levin             |
| Irene Bernstein*               | Stephen & Joan Levine            |
| Joseph Boucher                 | Sidney* & Elizabeth* Paul        |
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| Rachel Henderson               | Sherwin & Rhoda Wernick          |
| 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.*





"Toda" Thank You



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# Donations: Thank you!

## Cemetery Fund

- ✦ Diane Eskenasy: In memory of her father, Isaac Eskenasy
- ✦ Diane Eskenasy: In memory of her grandfather, Jacob Barowsky
- ✦ Diane Eskenasy: In memory of her grandmother, Adeline Barowsky
- ✦ Ellen and Steve Kappel: In memory of their mother, Esther Kaplinsky
- ✦ Elaine and Fred Klein: In memory of their mother, Esther Kaplinsky
- ✦ Jeffrey Kappel: In memory of his aunt, Mildred Kaplinsky
- ✦ Ellen Kischel: In memory of her mother, Beatrice Palmer
- ✦ Ellen Kischel: In memory of her brother-in-law, Philip G. Craig
- ✦ Ellen Kischel: In memory of her father, Milton Palmer
- ✦ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her father, Russell Bernstein
- ✦ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her grandparents, Ida and Hyman Bernstein

## General Fund

- ✦ Anonymous: To help save the stained glass windows
- ✦ Andrew Barowsky: In memory of his father, Mischa Barowsky
- ✦ Ned and Cindy Barowsky: In memory of Ned's father, Mischa Barowsky
- ✦ Ellen Kischel: To help save the stained glass windows or any other need for the move or new home
- ✦ Paul Lambert: To help save the stained glass windows
- ✦ Deb Levine: Tag sale donation
- ✦ Myra Orlen: To help save the stained glass windows
- ✦ Barry Sparkes: To help save the stained glass windows
- ✦ Randi Stein: To help save the stained glass windows

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ✦ Marjorie Bloom: In memory of her beloved mother, Sylvia Bloom



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## December 2023 Yahrzeits

### **November 26-December 2: Rich Freyman**

November 27     Jacob Paul  
                       Lena Seamon  
                       \*Nathan Solomon  
 November 28     \*Arthur Jay Berenson  
                       \*Meyer M. Rubin  
 November 29     \*John Gaylor  
                       Sherman Marks  
                       Milton Palmer  
                       \*Samuel Resnic  
                       Anne Wiener  
 November 30     \*Sonia R. (Baker) Greenspan  
 December 2       \*Leslie Kahan

### **December 3-9: Eitan Kenefick**

December 3        \*Aaron Blatt  
                       Ellen Connington  
                       \*Yetta Gaylor  
                       \*Anne Kaplinsky  
                       Sophie Paul  
                       \*Louis Saex  
 December 5       \*David A. Weber  
 December 7       Dolores Stein  
 December 8       \*Russell Bernstein  
 December 9       Shirley Brawer  
                       \*Louis H. Schlosberg

### **December 10-16: Ira Laby**

December 10       Harold Gerstein  
                       \*Matilda Goldberg  
                       Manuel Fernandes  
                       \*Mildred Kaplinsky  
                       \*Philip Rubin  
 December 12       Dr. Ira Daniel Gilbert  
                       \*Joseph Welson  
 December 13       \*Milton Jerome Laufer  
                       Adele Robbins  
 December 14       Marcelle Freyman  
 December 15       \*Ethel Haley  
                       Paul Meyer  
 December 16       \*Ida Laskin  
                       Rose Rubin

### **December 17-23: Lois Levin**

December 17       Renee Gilbert  
 December 19       \*Shirley Eisenstock  
                       Daniel Jeremias  
                       Thomas Osborn  
                       \*Isadore Ziff  
 December 22       \*Mischa Barowsky  
                       Sarah Lipnick  
 December 23       Stephen Barowsky  
                       Florence Fernandes  
                       \*Mollie Schlosberg

### **December 24-30: Stephen Levin**

December 24       Shirley Fortgang  
                       Harvey Elliot Goldberg  
 December 25       Sue Ellen Panitch  
                       Sarah Reiner  
 December 26       Bessie Jolles  
                       \*Batya Segalovitch  
 December 27       Pauline Jaffe  
                       \*Sarah Kirte Stein  
                       \*Elizabeth Zellan  
 December 28       \*Theresa "Babe" Resnic  
                       \*Menachem Segalovitch  
                       \*Arkady Shulman  
 December 29       \*Aaron Kingsberg  
                       Thomas Schwab  
 December 30       Benjamin Messias

### **December 31-January 6: Stephen Levine**

December 31       Ruth Laskin  
 January 1            Ida Gold  
                       \*Ida Jaffe  
                       Leah Persoff  
 January 4            \*George Eisenstock  
 January 5            \*Martin Bassell  
                       \*Bertha Wernick  
 January 6            Benjamin Tenenbaum



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