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About the Month of Tammuz

The month of Tammuz begins the "season" of the summer. The three months of this season are Tammuz, Av and Elul.





President's Message

Dear members and friends,

Greetings to you loyal members of our congregation. I wish I had better news for you, but we are not in good shape. The sale of our building fell through after about a year of negotiations and extensions. We did get to keep our \$50,000 deposit, but it won't last long maintaining the building at 378 Maple and our new spaces at 380 Dwight Street. The building is for sale again, and hopefully will sell it soon.

Our Rabbi is 75 and wanting to reduce his time with us. Our Board of Directors are mostly over 60. At present, we are in need of a recording secretary. I will be turning 80 next February, and although I hope to be like our dear departed Molly Blatt and work until I'm 98, this job of being your President is a lot of work.

I am thankful for the support of those who have given their time these past 2 years with Covid and lots of problems. Especially my right-hand man, David Scher, who has been there all the time, helping to organize and decide what to keep. He also has gotten us helpers at a very reasonable price for moving items and getting rid of stuff. Our building at 378 Maple Street is still full of a lot that needs to go somewhere or be thrown out. If you or anyone you know needs furniture, desks, file cabinets, kitchen ware, please let us know.

The yard there is terribly overgrown. A few of us have been trying to keep it up but the hot weather doesn't help. We still need to take down our memorial plaques and hang them in our new chapel. To add to all this, our Gift of the Heart collection and other donations have not come close to funding our expenses. We have some money in funds at the Federation but when that is gone, we are basically out of business. With a small but loyal bunch of members, we have managed to limp along until we sell the building, but there is no way to tell how long this will take and how much we will get. Our sale price to the Lighthouse School was \$835,000, but the building needs a lot of work-heating and air conditioning system, handicap access to the 3rd floor, and cosmetic updating. It may need a new roof also, although fortunately it is holding on for us so far. We'd like to save a least some of our stained-glass windows but don't have the money to do it until the building sells.

I hate to be gloom and doom but our situation is not unique. It is happening all over the country with religious organizations. In Springfield, 3 Orthodox synagogues merged into one in order to survive. We talked with Rodphey Sholom about sharing their building but could not get anything that was acceptable. At present our cemetery is funded for the near future but it needs to have permanent caretaker setup since I can't be around forever and am getting quite honestly tired. I welcome any suggestions for improving our outlook and hope you will be willing to give some of your time or money to help secure the future of our wonderful, warm, and welcoming congregation.

Joanne Saltman

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July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 24 Sivan	1 25 Sivan	2 26 Sivan	3 27 Sivan Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	4 28 Sivan <i>Independence Day</i>	5 29 Sivan	6 30 Sivan Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) Korach
7 1 Tammuz <i>ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ</i>	8 2 Tammuz	9 3 Tammuz	10 4 Tammuz Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) Create A Jewish Legacy, 6:30 pm at Mercedes-Benz (see flyer)	11 5 Tammuz	12 6 Tammuz	13 7 Tammuz Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid) at 380 Dwight Street, Kiddush to follow Garden Tour, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (see flyer)
14 8 Tammuz Emergency Preparedness Safety Training: 10 am to 12 pm at 380 Dwight Street SOZ Book Club, 7:30 pm (Zoom)	15 9 Tammuz	16 10 Tammuz	17 11 Tammuz Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)	18 12 Tammuz	19 13 Tammuz	20 14 Tammuz Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) Balak
21 15 Tammuz	22 16 Tammuz	23 17 Tammuz <i>FAST OF THE 17TH DAY OF TAMMUZ</i>	24 18 Tammuz Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	25 19 Tammuz	26 20 Tammuz	27 21 Tammuz Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid) at 380 Dwight Street, Kiddush to follow Pinchas
28 22 Tammuz	29 23 Tammuz	30 24 Tammuz	31 25 Tammuz Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	1 26 Tammuz	2 27 Tammuz	3 28 Tammuz Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD) Shelach

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

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

Thursday, July 4, 2024

Independence Day

Saturday, July 6, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Sunday, July 7, 2024

ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

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

Create A Jewish Legacy: 6:30 pm at
Mercedes-Benz (630 Burnett Road,
Chicopee), Kosher refreshments

Saturday, July 13, 2024

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

Garden Tour: 8:30 am-3:30 pm
(see flyer for details)

Sunday, July 14, 2024

Emergency Preparedness Safety Training:
10 am-12 pm at 380 Dwight Street

SOZ Book Club, 7:30 pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

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

Saturday, July 20, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

FAST OF THE 17TH DAY OF TAMMUZ

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

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

Saturday, July 27, 2024

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

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

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

Saturday, August 3, 2024

Shabbat Service, Details TBD

Sunday, August 4, 2024

SOZ Annual Picnic:
12 pm at the Saltman's



Sunday, July 14, 2024

10 am to 12 pm

380 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA

As you know, the building sale fell through and we will be in our temporary location longer than expected. As more and more of our activities are held in there, it is important to know how respond in case of an emergency.

As the safety/security grant cycle ends we will be offering one (1) last emergency preparedness, safety session for our members.

Training will include how to assess and safely respond to various types of potential or actual threats, how to administer first aid/stop the bleed, and use our new AED. Eric Stratton and his team from previous trainings will be our instructors.

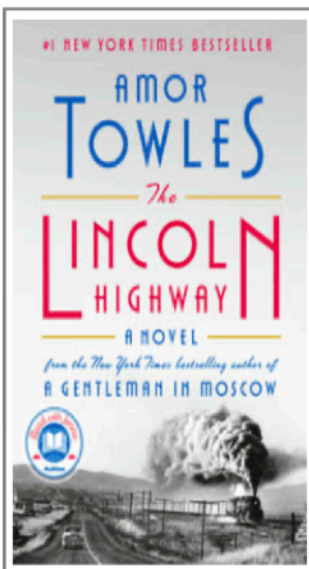
Our training date is Sunday, July 14th from 10 am to 12 pm, and we encourage everybody to attend. Our goal is to offer necessary training to feel as safe and informed as possible to respond in an emergency. This is the last training for this grant cycle, so if interested, please sign up.

RSVP Here

SOZ Book Club

SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, July 14th at 7:30 pm via Zoom



***The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles**

In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter.

With his mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett plans to pick up his eight-year-old brother Billy and head to California to start a new life.

But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have stowed away in the trunk of the warden's car. They have a very different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take the four of them on a fateful journey in the opposite direction - to New York City.

Bursting with life, charm, richly imagined settings and unforgettable characters, *The Lincoln Highway* is an extraordinary journey through 1950s America from the pen of a master storyteller.

Local Events

You're Invited!

Please join us for a night of food, networking, and learning about how you can create a legacy gift to benefit the Jewish community **today, tomorrow, forever!**

Refreshments and Kosher hors d'ouvres

JULY 10 AT 6:30 PM

Mercedes-Benz of Springfield
295 Burnett Road, Chicopee, MA 01020

Please RSVP by July 3rd

SCAN ME

Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts | Jewish Endowment Foundation | Mercedes-Benz of Springfield | *It's Not Business, It's Personal.* | **100 KITCHEN**

Save the Date

Holyoke Preservation Trust's
4th Annual

Garden Tour

Saturday, July 13, 2024 | 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

\$15/\$20 - \$15 in advance @ Eventbrite
\$20 - day of tour only at Masonic Temple - 235 Chestnut St.

SAVE PIECES OF OUR HISTORY.

Help us reach our goal of

\$25,000.



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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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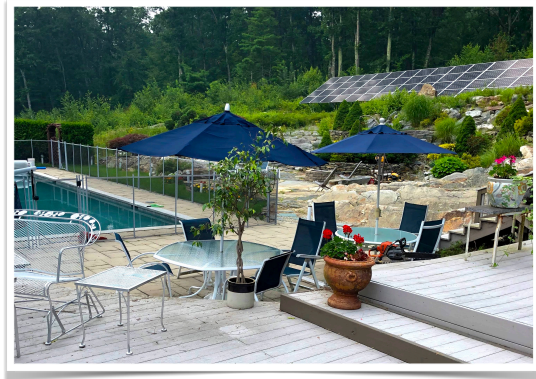
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Annual Picnic

Sunday, August 4, 2024
12 pm



Hosted by Bill and Joanne Saltman
55 Juckett Hill Drive, Belchertown, MA 01007

If you'd like to swim, bring a bathing suit and a towel.
The pool is heated!

Congregation Sons of Zion will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, veggie hot dogs, buns, drinks, condiments, paper goods, and plasticware. Please bring an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to share (parve dishes only - no cheese or dairy).

Please **RSVP** by **August 2nd** to Joanne Saltman at js24saltman@gmail.com or (413) 575-0526. Please let Joanne know what type of meat you would like and what item you will be bringing to share.

Ride to Provide 2024



Join Federation, Jewish organizations, and our Western Mass. community to support our community's needs!

Join us for a day full of fun, exercise, and community!

Sunday, September 29, 2024
9 am to 2 pm
Hosted by Sinai Temple
Springfield, MA

Register Here



A Special Thank You to Our Sustaining Members

Steve and Linnea Constant
Bonnie and Maggie Gruszecki
Laura Hilf
Andrew Levin
Stephen and Lois Levin
Buddy and Margie Resnic
Michael and Joan Rosner
Bill and Joanne Saltman
Randi Stein
Richard Tessler

*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 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

- ♦ David Carmen: In memory of his father, Irving Carmen
- ♦ Barry Hirsch: In memory of his father, Harry Hirsch

General Fund

- ♦ Kathy Black: In honor of Dr. Stephen Levine on his birthday
- ♦ Andrea Fox: Happy 22nd Birthday to Zac!
- ♦ Steve and Joan Levine: To sponsor the kiddush in honor of Steve's birthday
- ♦ William Rothchild: In memory of his mother, Sadie Rothchild

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ♦ Dr. Bonnie Gruszecki: In memory of her mother, Gladys Gruszecki



July 2024 Yahrzeits

June 30-July 6: Lois Levin

June 30 Sidney Radner
Louis Weiner
July 1 *Solomon Harmetz
*Fannie Weiss
July 3 Morris Levine
July 4 *Sarah Bialer
David Karukin
July 5 *Irving Carmen
*Eva Yecheved Falk
*Robert Lasher
*Dr. David Saltman
Miriam Waxler
July 6 David Lieban
*Emil S. Schwartzwald

July 7-13: Stephen Levin

July 7 Samuel Leitzen
July 8 *David Judelson
Iokel Rosenbloom
*Fannie Wolkovsky
July 9 Max Carlinsky
Max (Mordecai) Schorsch
July 10 James Eisenstock
*Barnett Goldberg
Louis Horowitz
*Seymour Lieberman
*Dorothy E. Adelson Robbins
July 11 Alex Adelson
*David Housen
Jeffrey Os
July 12 Felix Brawer
*Doris Belsky Levin
July 13 Mary Epstein
*Samuel Greenspan
Marilyn Jackler
Nathan Kaplinsky

July 14-20: Ira Laby

July 14 Pauline Eskenasy McGilvra
*Joseph Goldenberg
July 15 *Harold A. Kappel
Mynn Lipson
*Rheba Seaver
July 16 Isadore Elfman
*Sarah Epstein
Tillie Friedman
July 17 *William Hertzmark
July 18 Bernard Bloom
Louis Carlinsky
July 19 Anna Joseph Hertzmark

July 20 Anna Levitan
Joseph Berman
Dorothy Chesik
John Cooper
Sidney Epstein
Goldie Halpern
Nathan Halpern
*Sigmund Leffeld
Sidney Nathanson
*Lillian Wolfe
Harry Wolfe

July 21-27: Stephen Levine

July 21 Estelle "Cookie" Abrams
*Sarah R. Magaziner Epstein
*Sonia Soltz
*Milton K. Welson
July 22 *Kate Koufax Levine
Michael A. Marks
*Stephen Robbins
July 23 Benjamin Robinson
July 24 *Simma Daniels
*Bertha Epstein
Joe Fleischman
Elizabeth Katz Jeremias
July 25 *Eve Gerstein Scheinblum
July 26 *Max Bussel
Jacob N. Freedman
July 27 Louis Goldblatt
*Joe Mandel

July 28- August 3: Buddy Resnic

July 28 Samuel Hirsch
*Aaron Posnik
Dorothy Siegel
July 29 *Samuel Bernson
Daisy Hirsch
July 30 Mamie Kahan
*Sidney Levinson
July 31 Max Berman
Irene B. Kagan
Aug 1 *Stanley Jacobson
Rose Polak
Aug 2 *Lilyan Laby
Ida August Suher
Aug 3 *Benjamin F. Evarts
*Julius Levenson
*Harry Saul Nulman



120th Annual Meeting



Magen David Adom Ambulance Ceremony



Several of us from Sons of Zion contributed to the Jewish Federation of Western Mass fund to purchase a new ambulance for Israel. The blessing of the Magen David Adom ambulance ceremony was on the same day as our annual meeting.

The paramedic pictured is 23 year old Noa Abitbul. She described the events as they happened in real time while on duty October 7 and beyond. She spoke, revealing her fast acting medical decisions and care of seriously wounded IDF soldiers with experience, skill, and courage. She maintained a powerful presence and composure in telling her story in a meaningful and accessible way (you can watch her speak on YouTube MDA paramedic Noah Abitbul talks about saving lives on October 7).

Every day I think of the hostages – Bring Them Home Now ! – and being part of this project gave me hope and the opportunity to feel like I am doing something to help the people of Israel.

The MDA members comprise of Jews, Christians, Arabs, men and women, secular and religious. They run 1400 ambulances across the country, have over 30,000 volunteers and about 3000 paid staff and rely on donations. They run the blood bank and provide care to everyone in Israel .

Andrea Fox

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