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About the Month of Tishrei

Tishrei is the first month of the Jewish year. It is a month full of celebration. Beginning with the High Holidays, we celebrate Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. Each of these holidays is filled with meaningful customs and traditions. Throughout this month, there are plenty of opportunities to connect, to be inspired and become more fulfilled and in tune with our true inner selves. Tishrei is considered the “head” of the year and the source from which we draw our strength and inspiration throughout the upcoming year.



President's Message

L'Shana Tova to all!

We look forward to a wonderful year ahead for our small but mighty congregation. With the pending sale of our building at 378 Maple Street, our financial outlook has greatly improved.

This year marked an exciting milestone – for the first time, we celebrated all of our High Holiday services in our warm and welcoming new home at 380D Dwight

Street in Holyoke. We were delighted to see a lovely mix of longtime members, new faces, and visitors join us.

Heartfelt thanks to our service leaders – Rabbi Saul Perlmutter, Dr. Max Chorowski, and Randi Stein – for creating such a meaningful and uplifting experience. We are also pleased to share Dr. Chorowski's excellent sermon, inspired by a book by Rabbi Elliott Cosgrove.

Our Break-the-Fast, held in David Scher's beautiful space at 380 Dwight, was deeply appreciated by everyone who attended. Many thanks to David, Joan Rosner, Rich Freyman, and all who helped make it such a special and seamless event.

We still have more to look forward to, with celebrations for Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah in the coming days. Please see the calendar and flyer on page 5 for details.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very happy, healthy, and sweet New Year.

Joanne Saltman

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October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 6 Tishrei Ride to Provide: Starts at 9 am, Hosted by Lander- Grinspoon Academy, Northampton SOZ Memorial Service at 2 pm (72 Ludlow Road, Chicopee)	29 7 Tishrei	30 8 Tishrei	1 9 Tishrei EREV YOM KIPPUR: Kol Nidre: 6 pm (380D Dwight Street)	2 10 Tishrei YOM KIPPUR: 9:30 am: Service begins (380D Dwight Street) See Dates to Remember for details.	3 11 Tishrei	4 12 Tishrei Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: Randi Stein Haazinu
5 13 Tishrei	6 14 Tishrei EREV SUKKOT Celebrate at home	7 15 Tishrei FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT: (380D Dwight Street/ hybrid possible) 10 am Service, Service leader: SOZ members and friends, Holiday Kiddush follows service, Opportunity to use lulav and etrog	8 16 Tishrei SECOND DAY OF SUKKOT No service at SOZ Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting: 6:30 pm (Zoom)	9 17 Tishrei FIRST DAY CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT	10 18 Tishrei SECOND DAY CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT SUKKOT POTLUCK: (380D Dwight Street) 6 pm short service followed by a potluck, See Sukkot flyer for details	11 19 Tishrei Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) Service Leader: SOZ Members and Friends
12 20 Tishrei FOURTH DAY CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT	13 21 Tishrei HASHANA RABBA No service at SOZ Indigenous Peoples' Day Columbus Day	14 22 Tishrei SHEMINI ATZERET: 10 am service (Hybrid) - includes Yizkor, Holiday Kiddush follows service EREV SIMCHATTORAH: (Freyman's Home) 6 pm light supper, 6:30 pm service, 8 pm dessert	15 23 Tishrei SIMCHAT TORAH No service at SOZ Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	16 24 Tishrei	17 25 Tishrei	18 26 Tishrei Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: Dr. Max Chorowski Bereshit
19 27 Tishrei	20 28 Tishrei	21 29 Tishrei	22 30 Tishrei Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	23 1 Cheshvan ROSH HODESH CHESHVAN	24 2 Cheshvan	25 3 Cheshvan Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid), Service Leader: Rabbi Marc Rudolph, Kiddush follows service Noach
26 4 Cheshvan	27 5 Cheshvan	28 6 Cheshvan	29 7 Cheshvan Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	30 8 Cheshvan	31 9 Cheshvan	1 10 Cheshvan Shabbat Service: 10 am: Details TBD Lech Lecha

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

EREV YOM KIPPUR: (380D Dwight Street)
Kol Nidre: 6 pm

Thursday, October 2, 2025

YOM KIPPUR: (380D Dwight Street)
Service begins: 9:30 am
Book of Jonah: 4 pm
Mincha/Neilah: 5:30 pm
Break-the-fast: 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom),
Service Leader: Randi Stein

Monday, October 6, 2025

EREV SUKKOT
Celebrate at home

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT:
(380D Dwight Street/Hybrid Possible)
Service: 10 am
Service leaders: SOZ members and friends,
Opportunity to use lulav and etrog,
Holiday Kiddush follows service

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

SECOND DAY OF SUKKOT
No service at SOZ

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)

Thursday, October 9, 2025

FIRST DAY CHOL HAMOED

Friday, October 10, 2025

SECOND DAY CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

SUKKOT POTLUCK: (380D Dwight Street)
Short Service: 6 pm
Potluck to follow service,
See Sukkot Flyer for details

Saturday, October 11, 2025

THIRD DAY CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom),
Service Leader: SOZ Members & Friends

Sunday, October 12, 2025

FOURTH DAY CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

Monday, October 13, 2025

HASHANA RABBA

No service at SOZ

Indigenous Peoples' Day
Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

SHEMINI ATZERET: (380D Dwight Street/Hybrid)
10 am service - includes Yizkor,
Service leader: Rabbi Marc Rudolph,
Holiday Kiddush follows service

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH: (In-Person)

Hosted by Rich and Ellen Freyman,

Light supper: 6 pm, Service begins: 6:30 pm,
Service leader: Rabbi Saul Perlmutter,
Dessert: 8 pm

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

SIMCHAT TORAH
No service at SOZ

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Saturday, October 18, 2025

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

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Thursday, October 23, 2025

ROSH HODESH CHESHVAN

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Hybrid),
Service Leader: Rabbi Marc Rudolph,
Kiddush follows service

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service



Tuesday, October 7, 2025: First Day Sukkot (In-person/Hybrid possible)

Service at 10 am (380D Dwight Street)
 Holiday Kiddush follows service in or near the Sukkah

Friday, October 10, 2025: Sukkot Potluck (In-person)

Short service in the Sukkah at 6 pm (380D Dwight Street)
 Potluck in or near the Sukkah (*Dairy and Parve Please*)
 R-Z Main Dish
 I-Q Dessert
 A-H Appetizer or Side Dish



Saturday, October 11, 2025: Shabbat Service (Zoom)

Service at 10 am (Zoom)



October 9-12, 2025: Chol Hamoed Sukkot ("Ordinary Days")

It is a mitzvah to sit and eat in the Sukkah.
 SOZ has a lulav and etrog set.
 SOZ has a sukkah (not decorated).
 Gather friends and/or family.
 Come by yourself.
 Bring some food and spend time in the sukkah.
 Leave a message with Joan Rosner (535-8679) and she will call you back to arrange your visit.

Monday, October 13, 2025: Hoshana Rabba

No service at SOZ

Tuesday, October 14, 2025: Shemini Atzeret (last day of Sukkot) YIZKOR (Hybrid)

Service at 10 am (Hybrid) - includes Yizkor
 Service Leader: Rabbi Marc Rudolph
 Holiday Kiddush follows service

Tuesday, October 14, 2025: Erev Simchat Torah (In-person)

At the Freyman's home: 56 Terry Drive, Longmeadow
 Light supper at 6 pm, Service begins at 6:30 pm
 Service leader: Rabbi Perlmutter
 Dessert at 8 pm

Wednesday, October 15, 2025: Simchat Torah

No service at SOZ

Please Note:
 Hybrid accessibility
 depends on WIFI
 quality

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 TIME OF JOY

EVERYONE
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CHAG SAMEACH
 HAPPY HOLIDAY

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Local Events/Information

Use the links below to sign up for PJ Library and PJ Our Way.



<https://pjlibrary.org/>



<https://pjourway.org/>

Save the Date!

NHC New England Winter Retreat:
Shabbat in the Country
December 19-21, 2025
 Camp Ramah Palmer, MA





families welcome, childcare provided

for more info: www.havurah.org/2025-winter-retreat
 email ne-retreat@havurah.org



THE TORAH CANNOT BE ACQUIRED EXCEPT IN FELLOWSHIP

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we hope to see you there!

Local Events

Theodore Hertzl and the Beginning of Political Zionism

Sundays, 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Location: Zoom

The Zoom link is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82514817477?>

Time: This is a recurring meeting.

Go to:

<https://tbespringfield.org/adult-education/> for more information.



Theodore Herzl and the
Beginning of Political Zionism
Class led by: Rabbi Marc Rudolph

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Sundays from
9:30 - 10:30 AM

Zoom: Call the temple office for the link 413-733-4149

Questions: 413-733-4149

Join Rabbi Marc Rudolph via Zoom as we delve into this important topic in Jewish history.

Through a series of online lectures by Dr. Daniel Polisar of Shalem College in Jerusalem and follow-up discussion, we will explore the true story of Theodore Herzl's transformation from journalist to leader of the Zionist movement.

We will learn about Herzl's strategies, vision, stewardship and great Jewish pride as he worked tirelessly to create a Jewish state.

The class will be held on **Sunday mornings at 9:30 am**; although the first class was already held (under the name Cuppa Joe), you can join any time! There is no charge.

Upcoming dates are:

September 14, 21, 28

October 5, 19, 26

November 2, 9, 16, 23

Local Events

Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning

Rabbi Wallk has been involved with the Melton School since 1996. The Melton School is a worldwide community of adult learners who are eager to explore Jewish texts, traditions and rituals. The Melton School offers world-class opportunities for learning, growth, and travel. Over 50,000 Melton learners say that learning with Melton has changed their lives by enriching conversations, influencing decisions, and strengthening community.

The Melton curriculum covers:

- The whys of Jewish living
- Jewish ethics to inform decision making
- Contemporary and ancient insights into the Bible
- Critical moments in Jewish history
- Modern Israeli and Jewish culture
- And much more...

To find out what Rabbi Wallk is teaching and to learn more about the Melton School in general, email Rabbi Wallk.

Go to:

<https://tbespringfield.org/adult-education/> for more information.



A Special Thank You to Our 2025-26 Sustaining Members

Joseph Arshawsky

Andrew Barowsky

Ned and Cindy Barowsky

Steve and Linnea Constant

Rich and Ellen Freyman

Norman and Marion Halpern

Stephen and Lois Levin

Steve and Joan Levine

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
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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

- ♦ Marcia Burke: In memory of her grandfather, Hyman Sladofsky
- ♦ Marcia Burke: In memory of her mother, Gladys Slotnick
- ♦ Judy Katz: In memory of her husband, Robert Katz
- ♦ Charles Weinstein: In memory of his brother, Robert Weinstein
- ♦ Richard Wilson: In memory of his parents, Nathan and Gussie Wilson

General Fund

- ♦ Andrew Barowsky: In memory of his grandfather, David Barowsky
- ♦ Ned and Cindy Barowsky: In memory of Ned's grandfather, David Barowsky
- ♦ Kathy Black: High Holiday donation
- ♦ Andrea Fox: In memory of Dr. Barry Sparkes, a mensch and a great man
- ♦ Rich and Ellen Freyman: Wishing Nitza Seaver a continued steady recovery back to full strength
- ♦ Rich and Ellen Freyman: Wishing Cynthia Lambert a continued steady recovery back to full strength
- ♦ Alfred and Lee Hutt: High Holiday donation
- ♦ Judy Katz: With thanks to Jayne and Lois for shlepping her to appointments!
- ♦ Paul Lambert: High Holiday donation
- ♦ Dr. Stephen and Joan Levine: High Holiday donation
- ♦ Doug Rosner and Erin Higgins: High Holiday donation
- ♦ Joan and Michael Rosner: High Holiday donation
- ♦ William Rothchild: High Holiday donation, Shana Tova
- ♦ Joan and Elihu Schepps: In memory of Joan's father, William Fortgang
- ♦ Joan and Elihu Schepps: In memory of their daughter, Sara Schepps Matschke
- ♦ Toby and Ellie Wilson: In memory of Sidney and Ethelle Wilson



"Toda" Thank You

October 2025 Yahrzeits

September 28-October 4: Richard Freyman

September 28	Rose Paul
September 29	*Myer Falk
	*Elinor Blumenthal Katz
	Beverly Katz Weiss
September 30	*Abraham Os
October 1	Ilsa May
October 2	Robert Katz
October 3	Muriel Barowsky
	*Abraham Zellan
October 4	Harold Adelson

October 5-11: Ira Laby

October 6	*Morris Leitzen
October 7	Jacob Messias
October 10	Robert Weinstein
October 11	*Esther Firestone
	Holly Haberman
	*Esther S. Kaplinsky
	*Louis Rothchild

October 12-18: Lois Levin

October 12	*Lillian C. Stone
October 13	*Abraham Goodstein
October 15	Bernie Soltz
October 16	*Adeline Barowsky
	*Robert Firestone
	Betty Suher
October 17	Robert Garber

October 19-25: Stephen Levin

October 19	*David Levin
October 20	Ida Plesset
	Robert Zellan
October 22	*A. William Epstein
	Bertha Fox
October 24	*Dorothy Bassell

October 26-November 1: Stephen Levine

October 27	*Abraham Greenspan
	Fanny Gruszecki
	Michael J. Levine
October 28	*Samuel Orlen
October 29	*Ida E. Bernstein
	Dorothy Bussel
	*Jacob Katz
October 31	Max Speiser



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