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About the Month of Shevat

Tu B'Shevat gets its name from the calendar- Tu is 15-thus, the 15th day of Shevat. We celebrate *the New Year of the Trees* with a seder featuring a feast of fruits and nuts and wine. Eating and drinking in a specific order while reciting blessings, singing and dancing. We celebrate ecological awareness!



President's Message

Warm winter greetings to all our members and friends. With all the snow and cold weather, we have been especially grateful for Zoom, one of the few good things to come out of the COVID era. Hopefully, we will start warming up soon!

I am thankful that we no longer have the building at 378 Maple Street to worry about. Our space at 380 Dwight Street is cozy, welcoming, and very easy to care for. We do not even have to shovel snow!

We are looking forward to Purim at the end of next month. This is always one of the highlights of the year, and we are always open to suggestions for fun themes.

I hope to see you in person or on Zoom at a Shabbat service with Rabbi Marc Rudolph or our new student rabbi, Emily Anfang. We also truly enjoy our lay led services, where we all participate and continue to deepen our knowledge together.

Thank you to Nitza Seaver, Randi Stein, Steve Levine, Jayne Pearl, and Rich Freyman for continuing to inspire us.

Only 46 days until the first day of spring!

Warm regards,

Joanne Saltman



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February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 14 Shevat Tu B'Shevat Seder: Help prepare: 3 pm Seder (Hybrid): 5 pm	2 15 Shevat TU B'SHEVAT	3 16 Shevat	4 17 Shevat Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	5 18 Shevat	6 19 Shevat Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:40 pm, Light Candles: 4:53 pm	7 20 Shevat Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid - weather permitting), Service Leader: Emily Anfang, Kiddush follows service Yitro
8 21 Shevat	9 22 Shevat	10 23 Shevat	11 24 Shevat Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting: 7 pm (Zoom)	12 25 Shevat	13 26 Shevat Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:50 pm, Light Candles: 5:03 pm	14 27 Shevat Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) Service Leader: Randi Stein Mishpatim
15 28 Shevat	16 29 Shevat Presidents' Day	17 30 Shevat	18 1 Adar ROSH CHODESH ADAR Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	19 2 Adar	20 3 Adar Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:55 pm, Light Candles: 5:11 pm	21 4 Adar Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid - weather permitting), Service Leader: Rabbi Marc Rudolph, Kiddush follows service Terumah
22 5 Adar	23 6 Adar	24 7 Adar	25 8 Adar Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	26 9 Adar	27 10 Adar Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 5:05 pm, Light Candles: 5:20 pm	28 11 Adar Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) Service Leader: Dr. Max Chorowski Tetzaveh
1 12 Adar	2 13 Adar EREV PURIM Details TBD	3 14 Adar PURIM	4 15 Adar Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	5 16 Adar	6 17 Adar Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 5:15 pm, Light Candles: 5:28 pm	7 18 Adar Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) Service Leader: Randi Stein Ki Tissa

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Tu B'Shevat Seder:
Help us prepare at 3 pm,
Seder (Hybrid) at 5 pm

Tuesday, February 2, 2026
TU B'SHEVAT

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

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

Friday, February 6, 2026

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
4:40 pm Gather, 4:53 pm Light Candles

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Hybrid - weather permitting),
Service Leader: Emily Anfang, Kiddush follows
service

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service
SOZ Board Meeting, 7pm (Zoom)

Friday, February 13, 2026

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
4:50 pm Gather, 5:03 pm Light Candles

Saturday, February 14, 2026

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

Monday, February 16, 2026

Presidents' Day

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

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

ROSH CHODESH ADAR

Friday, February 20, 2026

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
4:55 pm Gather, 5:11 pm Light Candles

Saturday, February 21, 2026

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

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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

Friday, February 27, 2026

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
5:05 pm Gather, 5:20 pm Light Candles

Saturday, February 28, 2026

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

Monday, March 2, 2026

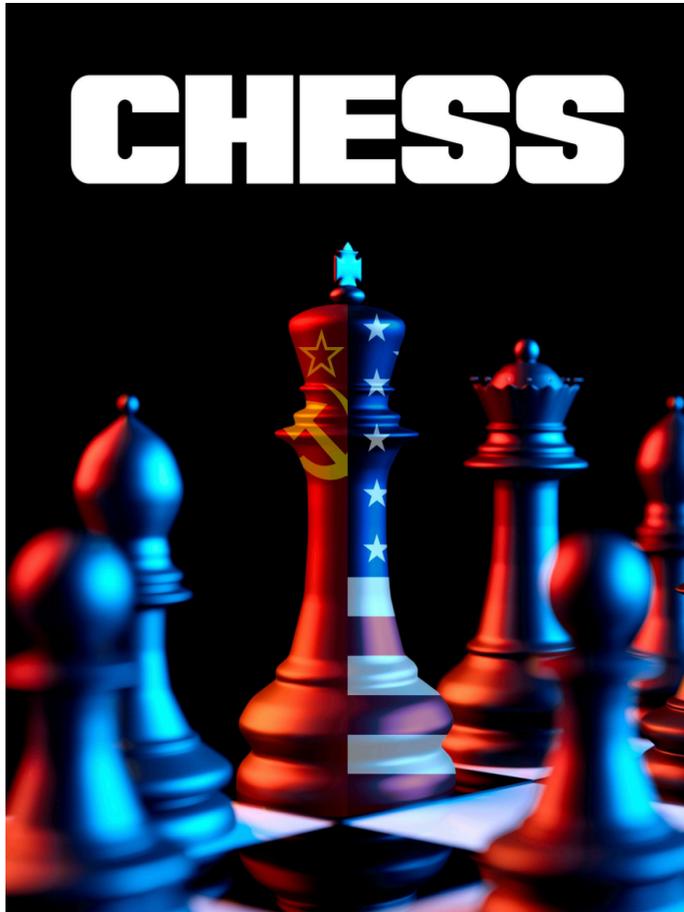
EREVPURIM: Details TBD

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

PURIM

Decisions about a Hybrid Service will be made Thursday night before the service. The result will appear in the Friday emails announcing the service.

Our Events



TICKETS FOR CHESS ARE ON SALE NOW!

The production runs February 6-22, 2026

The collaborators on Chess are giants of rock music and rock musicals, and here they have created a complex rock opera that played to full Broadway houses and standing ovations. In this musical, the ancient game becomes a metaphor for romantic rivalries, competitive gamesmanship, super-power politics, and international intrigue.

The pawns in this drama form a love triangle: the loutish American chess star, the earnest Russian champion, and a Hungarian American female assistant who arrives at the international chess match in Bangkok with the American, but falls for the Russian. From Bangkok to Budapest, the players, lovers, politicians and spies manipulate and are manipulated to the pulse of a monumental rock score that includes "One Night in Bangkok" and "Heaven Help My Heart."

Director: David Belew
 Coordinating Music Director: Graham Christian
 Music Director: Susan Carroll
 Movement/Choreography: Sarah Rose Stack

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

Joanne would like to get a group together to attend "Chess" on Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 2 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Joanne as soon as possible. She can be reached at (413) 575-0526 or js24saltman@gmail.com.

PJ Library/PJ Our Way Information

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



<https://pjlibrary.org/>



<https://pjourway.org/>

Who Is It For?

Because there are so many ways to be Jewish, people may think their family isn't the right "kind" or "amount" of Jewish to enjoy PJ Library. What subscribers quickly discover is that our program is designed to be welcoming, inclusive, and meaningful to families regardless of Jewish experience or level of observance.

We're proud to be part of a diverse global Jewish community, and we love connecting families who live and celebrate in so many different ways.

No matter what Jewishness looks like in your family, strengthening your children's connection to Jewish values, traditions, and celebrations can be as easy as adding PJ Library storybooks to your reading time. If this even sounds like it might be for you, there's never any cost or obligation, so we invite you to give PJ Library a try. You could even give another family a wonderful gift by signing up their kids to receive great Jewish storybooks in the mail each month.

Adult Learning Opportunities

Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning

Rabbi Walkk 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 Walkk is teaching and to learn more about the Melton School in general, email [Rabbi Walkk](mailto:Rabbi.Walkk@melton.org).

Go to:

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



Adult Learning Opportunities (continued)

Cuppa Joe: Jewish Values and the Israeli Palestinian Conflict

Sundays, 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Upcoming Dates: Feb 8, Feb 15, Feb 22, March 1, and March 8

Location: Zoom - please contact the Temple Beth El office for the Zoom link at (413) 733-4149

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

"Jewish Values and the Israeli Palestinian Conflict" led by: Rabbi Marc Rudolph

Category: ● Adults

Description



"Jewish Values and the Israeli Palestinian Conflict"

Sundays from
9:30 - 10:30 AM

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

Questions: 413-733-4149

In our next "Cuppa Joe" classes we will use a curriculum developed by the Hartman Institute's "i Engage" program. These modules focus on one of the most difficult issues dividing the Jewish people today: the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Some wonder how they can understand, relate to, and identify with an Israel whose policies are so different from their own. Others wonder how they can talk with and tolerate Jews who advocate positions which they profoundly disrespect and believe are dangerous to the future of Israel.

This course will provide a framework on how we think and talk about politics and how we understand the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Look for the Zoom link in the TBE Connection emails. Please feel free to pass this opportunity along to anyone you think might be interested. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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.

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| 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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| Richard & Ellen Freyman | Paul Saltman |
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| Janet & Richard Greenfield | Frances Welson & Thomas Osborn* |
| 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 or (413)534-3369. Thank you very much.





January Donations: Thank you!

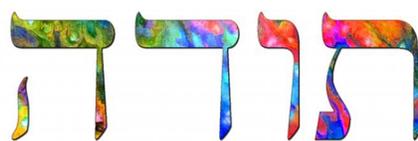


Cemetery Fund

- ◆ Steve and Ellen Kappel: In memory of Steve's parents, Charles and Esther Kaplinsky
- ◆ Michael Karukin: In memory of his father, Samuel Karukin
- ◆ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her mother, Irene Bernstein
- ◆ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her aunt, Evelyn Greenberg
- ◆ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her brother-in-law, Frederick Mackler
- ◆ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her grandmother, Mary Garber
- ◆ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her uncle, Robert Garber
- ◆ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her grandmother, Ida Bernstein
- ◆ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her grandfather, Hyman Bernstein
- ◆ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her father, Russell Bernstein
- ◆ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her uncle, Clarence Garber
- ◆ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her grandfather, Samuel Garber
- ◆ Buddy and Margie Resnic: In memory of Buddy's mother, "Babe" Resnic
- ◆ Rhoda Wernick: In memory of her son, Richard Wernick

General Fund

- ◆ Myra Efron: In memory of her mother, Lenore Kingsberg
- ◆ Alfred and Lee Hutt: Year End donation
- ◆ Steve and Lois Levin: In honor of Jayne Pearl's and Molly Parr's Shem Tov Honor from Federation, and also to honor the members of Congregation Sons of Zion, both past and present
- ◆ Robert Mausel: For the yahrzeit of his parents, Leo and Rose Mausel
- ◆ Pinky Stein: In memory of Ken's parents, Max Stein and Sarah Kirte Stein
- ◆ Betsy and James Tarr: In memory of Betsy's brother, Stephen Barowsky



"Toda" Thank You

February 2026 Yahrzeits

February 1-7: Joan Rosner

February 2	*Samuel Garber
February 3	Rebecca Wolfe
February 4	Doris Goldberg Selbie
February 5	*Frances Brams Evarts
February 7	Harris Cohan

February 8-14: Michael Rosner

February 9	*Eda Solomon
February 10	*Edwin A. Os
	*Rae Schepps
	*Michael Shulman
February 12	*Beatrice Kahan
February 13	Tzivia bat Marjeau
February 15	*Sylvia G. Welson

February 15-21: Joanne Saltman

February 17	*Marcia Greenspan Friedman
February 18	Theodore Belsky
	*George Rose
	Harry Gruszecki
February 19	*David Epstein

February 22-28: Cindy Vieu

February 22	*David Slotnick
February 23	*Samuel Alperin
	Judith Kramer Goldberg
	*Helen Radner
February 24	*Elizabeth Paul
February 25	Jacob Cohen
February 26	*David Kornetsky
	Betty Rothwell
February 27	Sarah Gilman
	Fannie Margolis



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There is always room for more!!!

