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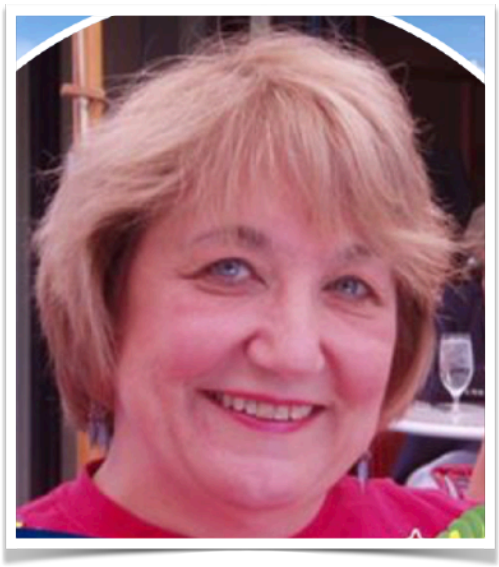
Cheshvan

This month is the anticlimax of the previous month of Tishrei. With so many holidays and spiritual experiences, it was a feast for the soul– a vacation of sorts. Now, as we enter the month of Cheshvan, real life begins, back to the daily "mundane" grind. This is the time to take the inspiration and all that we gained in the month of Tishrei and integrate it into our lives, learning how to balance the spiritual and the physical elements of our life in unison and harmony.



President's Message

We have been very busy here at Sons of Zion, with lots of interesting and fun activities! You can read about some of our recent happenings in our newsletter, and we have even more exciting events planned for November and December.

On Saturday, November 7th, we will celebrate a very special birthday for our favorite Israeli, Nitza Seaver! Please join us for Shabbat services led by Rabbi Marc Rudolph, followed by a festive kiddush in Nitza's honor.

Have you ever wanted to learn more about your family history but weren't sure where to begin? Join us on Sunday, November 8th, at 11:00 AM for an informative program presented in partnership with the Western Massachusetts Jewish Genealogical Society. Discover how to get started researching your family's roots and uncovering your personal history.

We hope you'll join us for these wonderful opportunities to learn, celebrate, and connect with our community!



Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Joanne Saltman
President, Congregation Sons of Zion



Cheshvan/Kislev 5787

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 21 Cheshvan *Daylight Saving Time Ends - Turn clocks back 1 hour*	2 22 Cheshvan	3 23 Cheshvan *Election Day* *VOTE!!!*	4 24 Cheshvan Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	5 25 Cheshvan	6 26 Cheshvan Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:10 pm, Light Candles: 4:20 pm	7 27 Cheshvan Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid), Service Leader: Rabbi Marc Rudolph, Celebratory birthday kiddush for Nitza Seaver to follow service Chaye Sarah
8 28 Cheshvan Getting Started in Building a Family History: 11 am (In-person)	9 29 Cheshvan	10 30 Cheshvan	11 1 Kislev *ROSH CHODESH KISLEV* *Veterans Day* Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting: 7:00 pm (Zoom)	12 2 Kislev	13 3 Kislev Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:03 pm, Light Candles: 4:13 pm	14 4 Kislev Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD) Toledot
15 5 Kislev	16 6 Kislev	17 7 Kislev	18 8 Kislev Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	19 9 Kislev	20 10 Kislev Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 3:57 pm, Light Candles: 4:07 pm	21 11 Kislev Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: Dr. Max Chorowski Vayetze
22 12 Kislev	23 13 Kislev	24 14 Kislev	25 15 Kislev Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	26 16 Kislev *Thanksgiving Day*	27 17 Kislev Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 3:53 pm, Light Candles: 4:03 pm	28 18 Kislev Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD) Vayishlach
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Dates to Remember

Sunday, November 1, 2026
Daylight Saving Time Ends - Turn clocks back 1 hour

Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Election Day - VOTE!!!

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Friday, November 6, 2026
Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
Gather at 4:10 pm, Light Candles at 4:20 pm

Saturday, November 7, 2026
Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid),
Service Leader: Rabbi Marc Rudolph, Celebratory 90th birthday kiddush for Nitza Seaver to follow service

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Getting Started in Building a Family: 11 am (In-person)

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
ROSH CHODESH KISLEV

Veterans Day

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

SOZ Board Meeting: 7 pm (Zoom)

Friday, November 13, 2026
Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
Gather at 4:03 pm, Light Candles at 4:13 pm

Saturday, November 14, 2026
Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD)

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Friday, November 20, 2026
Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
Gather at 3:57 pm, Light Candles at 4:07 pm

Saturday, November 21, 2026
Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom),
Service Leader: Dr. Max Chorowski

Wednesday, November 25, 2026
Mincha Minyan (Zoom):
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Thursday, November 26, 2026
Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27, 2026
Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
Gather at 3:53 pm, Light Candles at 4:03 pm

Saturday, November 28, 2026
Shabbat Service, 10 am (Details TBD)

Wednesday, December 2, 2026
Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

SOZ Book Club: 7 pm (Zoom)

Friday, December 4, 2026
Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
Gather at 3:51 pm, Light Candles at 4:01 pm

Saturday, December 5, 2026
Shabbat Hanukkah 5787 (2026): 10 am (Details TBD)

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

CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION

HOLYOKE

Join Us. Connect. Celebrate.

Meaningful services. Engaging programs.
A warm and welcoming community.

All are welcome!



WORSHIP & CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES

SHABBAT SERVICES

Saturdays, beginning at 10:00 am

Always on Zoom.

Some weeks also at 380 Dwight Street, Holyoke

Torah discussion around 11:15 am, Followed by a sumptuous kiddush and luncheon.

Come for the service, the learning, or just lunch!

WEDNESDAY MINYAN

Wednesdays, 5:15-5:30 pm (or so)

Join when you are marking a loved one's yahrzeit or drop in any time to help us make a minyan and say Kaddish.

FRIDAY NIGHT KINDLING

We meet on Zoom.

Log on about 10-15 minutes before candle lighting (time varies weekly).

We light candles together, say blessings over wine and challah, and enjoy a warm, friendly time.

Zoom links will only be available to those who register for events or subscribe to our emails.

PLEASE FORWARD THIS FLYER to friends and family who might be interested!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

SOZ BOOK CLUB
Last Sunday of each month
380 Dwight St and/or Zoom
(Please check if we meet in person)

Each month members discuss a novel or nonfiction, chosen the month before by members. Most have

GETTING STARTED IN BUILDING A FAMILY
Sunday, November 8 • 11 am
380 Dwight St

Getting Started in Building a Family with genealogists Joanne Saltman and Ron Laby

INTRODUCTORY HEBREW
Five Consecutive Thursdays: Oct 8, 15, 22,29 and Nov 5
Zoom
380 Dwight St and/or Zoom

Stephen Levine will lead a free introductory Hebrew class using provided materials. Spots are limited. Registration information will be on our website.

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS
Pant and Sip (TBA)
Jewish Collage (TBA)
380 Dwight St

Artist-led workshops with materials provided to create Jewish-themed art and collage.

LESLÉA NEWMAN BOOK READING & SIGNING
For her forthcoming *The Last Flame Lost*, poems about October 7th, Dec 13 • 11 am
380 Dwight St & Zoom

Local award-winning author will read from her new book, sign copies and lead a thought-provoking discussion.

HOW TO REGISTER

Each event will have its own registration instructions.
Once registration opens for an event, the specific instructions will be posted on our website.
www.sonsofzionholyoke.org

QUESTIONS OR IDEAS?

Contact Jayne Pearl at jayne@kidsandmoney.com
We'd love to hear from you!

MORE TO COME!

We are planning a monthly Jewish movie night, Jewish trivia night, an open mic, a how to lead services workshop, and many more.

Stay tuned!


Join us as we celebrate
Nitza Seaver's
90th
BIRTHDAY
Saturday, November 7th
Service at 10:00 am
A celebratory Kiddush will follow
The Kiddush is generously sponsored by
Joanne Saltman
Congregation Sons of Zion
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in partnership with

Western Massachusetts Jewish Genealogical Society
www.wmjgs.org



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Getting Started in Building a Family History

with genealogists
Joanne Saltman and Ron Laby

Sunday, November 8, 2026 at 11:00 AM
In person • Free event

Congregation Sons of Zion
380 Dwight Street, Unit 8
Holyoke, MA 01040

REGISTER HERE

BOOK LAUNCH

Their Stories: The Holyoke Jewish Community

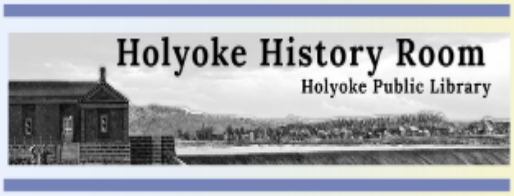
Oral histories collected by Olivia Mausel



Tuesday, November 17
6:00 PM
Holyoke Public Library
Community Room

Join us as community member Olivia Mausel tells us about her 40-year project to gather stories of Jewish life and community in Holyoke. Her brief talk will be followed by a book signing, conversation with the author, and light refreshments.

Free and open to the public.





SORA VIGORITO

ONE OF THE YOUNGEST MENGELE TWIN EXPERIMENTS

A historic opportunity to hear a surviving voice from Auschwitz's infamous "Angel of Death"



Sora Vigorito was a young girl when she was taken to Auschwitz-Birkenau and subjected to horrific medical experiments by Dr. Josef Mengele and his team. Her identical twin sister, Channa, did not survive. Sora's powerful testimony is a story of unimaginable loss, resilience, and the enduring power of faith and memory.

- ★ A rare opportunity to hear directly from one of the youngest survivors of Mengele's twin experiments
- ★ Recommended for students, families, educators, and all who believe in Never Again
- ★ Inspiring. Educational. Unforgettable.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 • 7:00 PM
ACADEMY OF MUSIC
Northampton, MA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 • 7:00 PM
LONGMEADOW HIGH SCHOOL
Longmeadow, MA

SCAN TO LEARN MORE

FREE TO ATTEND • DONATIONS WELCOME
to support this program
TICKETS & INFORMATION
jewishwesternmass.ticketspice.com/an-evening-of-remembrances-returning-to-the-garden
413-737-0737

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts

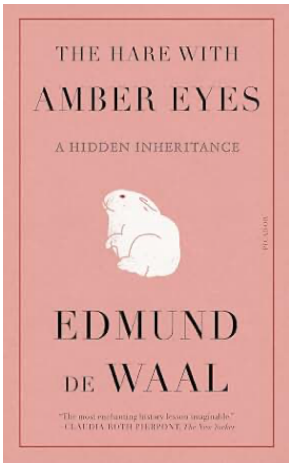
SOZ Book Club Meeting

Wednesday, December 2nd at 7 pm (Zoom)

Join us for lively discussion and good company.

Please see this month's book selection below.

We look forward to seeing you on Zoom.



The Hare with Amber Eyes: A Hidden Inheritance
by Edmund de Waal

Edmund de Waal is a world-famous ceramicist. Having spent thirty years making beautiful pots—which are then sold, collected, and handed on—he has a particular sense of the secret lives of objects. When he inherited a collection of 264 tiny Japanese wood and ivory carvings, called netsuke, he wanted to know who had touched and held them, and how the collection had managed to survive.

And so begins The Hare with Amber Eyes, this extraordinarily moving memoir and detective story as de Waal discovers both the origins of the netsuke and of his family, the Ephrussis, over five generations. A nineteenth-century banking dynasty in Paris and Vienna, the Ephrussis were as rich and respected as the Rothchilds. Yet by the end of the World War II, when the netsuke were hidden from the Nazis in Vienna, this collection of very small carvings was all that remained of their vast empire.

Congregation Sons of Zion

warmly invites you to a special morning with

Lesléa Newman

Book Reading • Signing • Conversation



Her newest book

The Last Flame Last

Poems about October 7th

Local award-winning author Lesléa Newman will read from her new book, sign copies, and lead a thoughtful discussion.

Sunday, December 13, 2026

11:00 AM

In person and on Zoom

Join us at

380 Dwight Street • Holyoke, Massachusetts

or attend from home on Zoom

RSVP BY DECEMBER 10TH

Click here to register

All are warmly welcome

Local Adult Learning Opportunities

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.



Local Adult Learning Opportunities (Continued)

Exploring the Bible: From Ancient Poetry to Feminist Commentary with Rabbi Marc Rudolph

Sundays, 9:30 am to 10:30 am (November 8, 15, 22 and December 6, 13, 20)

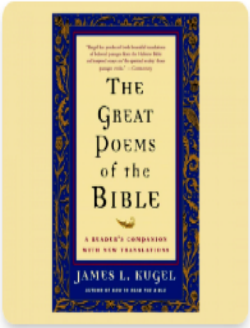
Location: Zoom

The Zoom link is:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82514817477?pwd=aa1DwvBkTv9Lkybeo3BMB8CSWq885c.1

Meeting ID: 825 1481 7477

Passcode: 1234

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



Exploring the Bible: From Ancient Poetry to Feminist Commentary
Sundays from
9:30 - 10:30 AM

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

This semester's Adult Education series will return to a focus on the Bible. Our first six sessions will draw on James L. Kugel's *The Great Poems of the Bible*. Through close study of the Psalms and the poetry of Job, Judges, the Prophets, Ecclesiastes and others, we will explore some of the Bible's most powerful and enduring teachings.

In our final three classes we will turn to the Parasha Hashavuah, our weekly Torah portion, this time through a feminist lens. Our guide will be *The Torah: A Women's Commentary*, edited by Tamara Cohn Eskenazi and Adrea L. Weiss.

Our Recent Programs

Trees in the Torah: With a Special Focus on Sukkot

On September 27 Ron Laby, presented a slide show and lecture about Trees in Torah. For those who could not attend in person or on Zoom, here's a brief report on his excellent talk.



Ron, a botanist and patent agent, described six biomes in Israel, only three of which is conducive to conifer and deciduous trees. Trees are mentioned as early as chapter 2 of Genesis, when Torah describes how God made every tree "that is pleasant to the sight and good for food; the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. After Adam and Eve ate of the Tree of Knowledge, they covered themselves with the leaf from a fig tree. In chapter 6, before the Flood, God instructs Noah to construct the ark made of gopher wood. No one today knows for sure what type of tree produced gopher wood, but some scholars believe it might have been cedar. The dove that returns to the ark carries a branch from an olive tree. All these trees that appear in Genesis—fig, olive, cedar, terebinth, date, and tamarisk—grow in Israel today.

Then Ron turned his focus to the plants mentioned in Leviticus 23 concerning Sukkot, with instructions on how to build Sukkahs: "And you shall take you... the fruit of goodly trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days." Talmud's seventh tractate, "Sukkah," lists more specific dimensions and materials for building the humble Sukkah booths, who is required to build it and eat in it. This tractate also describes the four species—lulav, etrog, myrtle willow—required for the Sukkot ceremonies.



The Talmud seeks to determine the identity of these species to fulfill the commandment. In addition, it discusses further laws regarding the obligation to take the species, including the number of species to take and the manner in which to take it. Branches of the date is understood to refer to the lulav, a dense leaved tree to the myrtle, and "willows of the brook" refers to the willow. The fruit of the beautiful tree is understood to be the etrog, aka citron, although this tree was probably only known in the Holy Land from Hellenistic times, not before.

The rest of Ron's presentation centered on geopolitical and economic intrigue concerning the etrog over the millennia. Citrons (etrogim), ancestors of lemons, are believed to have originated in India, and spread throughout the Mediterranean via trade routes to Morocco, Italy, Greece, Ethiopia, Israel, and Yemen. Interestingly, today, Goronson Farm grows citrons in Scarborough, Maine!

Our Recent Programs (continued)

Angels in Judaism

Last month, members Randi Stein and Jayne Pearl co-led a program called "How to Bring Angels into Your Life." Angels are mentioned throughout Torah, Talmud and other texts, as well as our prayer books and songs, such as "Shalom Aleichem" and "El Adon." We sang these and other songs from our Shabbat services, then mined the lyrics for clues about what those songs revealed about angels. For instance, "Shalom Aleichem" welcomes angels of Peace to accompany us throughout Shabbat. In contrast, "El Adon" envisions angels surrounding God's throne, singing praises to God, including words from our Kedushah prayer during the Amidah:

וְקָרָא זֶה אֶל-זֶה וְאָמַר, קָדוֹשׁ
קָדוֹשׁ קָדוֹשׁ יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת;
מְלֹא כָל-הָאָרֶץ, כְּבוֹדוֹ.

3 And one called unto another, and said: Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory.

The presenters pointed out a dissonance to this prevalence of angels and the paucity of angels in our Sunday school and adult ed classes. Jayne and Randi noted that one reason our teachers and rabbis so seldom discuss angels is to discourage Jewish people from praying to them, which would be akin to idolatry. What does Judaism want us to believe about angels?

Angels in the Five Books of Moses are not named. The first named angel, Michael "which means 'God's strength,'" appears in the book of Daniel. Michael is one of four archangels, who each provide humans with something they need: Michael represents mercy; Gabriel offers strength; Raphael can deliver healing; and Uriel provides light to guide us on the right path. Randi led attendees in a Shlomo Carlebach song "B'Shem HaShem" (also called the "bedtime Shema" for children) about these archangels, inviting each of them to surround us.

B'sheim Hashem elokei yisrael,
mimini Michael umismoli Gavriel,
Umilfanai Uriel umeachorai Rafael,
v'al roshi shechinat el

בְּשֵׁם הַשֵּׁם אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, מִימִינִי מִיכָאֵל,
וּמִשְּׂמֹאלִי גַּבְרִיאֵל, וּמִלְּפָנַי אוּרִיאֵל, וּמֵאֲחוֹרַי
רְפָאֵל, וְעַל רֹאשִׁי וְעַל רֹאשִׁי שְׁכִינַת אֵ-ל.

In the name of the Lord, the God of Israel, may Michael be at my right hand; Gabriel at my left; before me, Uriel; behind me, Raphael; and above my head the divine presence of God.

Among myriads of other named angels that appear throughout many ancient Jewish texts are a handful of female angels, including Laila (angel of the night), Yofiel (beauty of God) and Dinah (divine wisdom).

Our Recent Programs (continued)

The Beatles Meet Israeli Music: "Let It Be" vs "Lu Yehi"



Brookline, MA-based Jewish educator and writer Miriam Diamond led a lively discussion at Congregation Sons of Zion in late October, generously funded with a grant from the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts. Her program compared Paul McCartney's song, "Let It Be" with Israeli singer/songwriter Naomi Shemer's hit "Lu Yehi" (which means "Let it Be" in Hebrew).

Diamond first explained that Paul McCartney wrote his song in 1970, when the Beatles were struggling with some difficult issues. Many people have assumed over the decades that the song's reference to Mother Mary was the Christian virgin Mary. But the Mary in his song was his mother, who died when McCartney was in his teens, and who came to McCartney in a dream whispering "words of wisdom, let it be," all would work out well.

Israeli pop icon Shemer, who wrote the ubiquitous "Yerushalayim shel Zahav" ("Jerusalem of Gold"), always credited "Let it Be" as inspiration for "Lu Yehi." But her song, written during Israel's 1973 Yom Kippur War, is less a personal whispered assurance that McCartney would be okay than beseeching God to that "all we wish for—let it be."

After Diamond walked attendees through the lyrics and history of each song, she shared videos of the Beatles and renditions of Shemer's song (with an invitation to sing along), including a moving duet performed for then-US President Joe Biden, where the last verses of the Hebrew song were sung to McCartney's melody.

This is just one in a series of creative programs SOZ has planned, with several others to come:

- November 8 (11 am) about beginning to create your family tree
- December 13 (11 am) with world-renowned local author and poet Leslea Newman a reading from and signing her new book of poems, "Last Flame Last").

Please be alert for future activities in the works!

A Special Thank You to Our 2026-27 Sustaining Members

Andrew Barowsky

Norman and Marion Halpern

Alfred and Lee Hutt

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

✡ 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)
Elaine Baskin
Irene Bernstein*
Joseph Boucher
David & Nancy Carmen
Louise Citron
James Eisenstock*
Andrea Fox
Richard & Ellen Freyman
Albert Goldberg*
Herbert* & Barbara* Goldberg
Debra Goldberg and Seth Waxman
Rose Gorin*
Janet & Richard Greenfield
Rachel Henderson
Alfred & Lee Hutt
Ira Laby
Aaron & Gail Lansky
Stephen & Lois Levin
Stephen & Joan Levine
Sidney* & Elizabeth* Paul
Burton & Marjorie Resnic
Michael & Joan Rosner
William Robbins* & Mollie Blatt*
Ellen Saltman*
Paul Saltman
William & Joanne Saltman
Elihu* & Joan Schepps
Nitza Seaver
Charles Weinstein
Frances Welson & Thomas Osborn*
Sherwin* & Rhoda Wernick
Thomas & Eleanor Wilson

**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.





October Donations: Thank you!



Cemetery Fund

- Susan Craig: In memory of her parents, Beatrice and Milton Palmer
- Susan Craig: In memory of her husband, Philip G. Craig
- Susan Craig: In memory other daughter, Andrea Palmer Craig
- Diane Eskenasy: In memory of her beloved grandfather, Jacob Barowsky
- Diane Eskenasy: In memory of her beloved father, Isaac Eskenasy
- Joan and Michael Rosner: The SOZ Cemetery Improvement Fund
- Nitza Seaver: In honor of Rick Tessler's birthday
- Charles Weinstein: In memory of his mother, Clara Weinstein
- Andrea Zellan: In memory of Robert L. Zellan, and with overwhelming heartbreak, Jonathan D. Zellan

General Fund

- Anonymous: In honor of Nitza Seaver's 90th birthday
- Laurie Garcia: High Holiday donation as a thank you for welcoming her to Yom Kippur services
- Judy Katz: High Holiday donation in memory of Robert Katz
- Marks Family Giving Fund: To be used where it's needed most
- Steve and Lois Levin: In memory of Lois' mother, Jeannette Bloom
- Steve and Lois Levin: In memory of Steve's brother, David Levin
- Myra Orlen: In memory of her father, Samuel Orlen
- Gordon Palley: High Holiday donation in honor of Lois and Steve Levin for their kindness, warmth and involvement in SOZ
- Ellen Pollack: High Holiday donation in honor of Rabbi Perlmutter's Yom Kippur Service
- Buddy and Margie Resnic: In memory of Helene Marks
- Israel Schepps: High Holiday donation in memory of his father, Elihu Schepps
- Richard Wilson: High Holiday donation in memory of his grandparents, Nathan and Gussie Wilson



November 2026 Yahrzeits

November 1-7: Lois Levin

November 2	Ethel Carlinsky
November 4	SamuelCohen
November 5	*Bess Kaplinsky
	*Nathan Wilson
November 7	*Fannie Saex
	Robert Saex
	*Max Stein

November 8-14: Stephen Levin

November 8	Sylvia Bloom
November 9	*Constance K. Barowsky
	Beatrice Rose
November 10	*Isaac Eskenasy
	*Beatrice Palmer
November 11	Ruth Breslow-Young
November 13	Jay Posnik
November 14	*Stanley Saex

November 15-21: Stephen Levine

November 15	SamuelCohen
	Sylvia Glasser
November 17	*Rose Alperin
November 18	Philip G. Craig
November 20	Benjamin Paul
	Roberta Shefrin

November 22-28: Myra Orlen

November 22	*Murray Horn
November 24	Jacob Paul
	Lena Seamon
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	*Meyer M. Rubin
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	Milton Palmer
	*Samuel Resnic
	Anne Wiener
November 27	*Sonia R. (Baker) Greenspan

November 29-December 5: Jayne Pearl

November 29	*Leslie Kahan
November 30	*Aaron Blatt
	Ellen Connington
	*Yetta Gaylor
	*Anne Kaplinsky
	Sophie Paul
	*Louis Saex
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