

# CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION

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## About the Month of Iyar

Every single day of the month is included in the Sefirat HaOmer, the mitzvah of counting each of the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot. Sefirat HaOmer is a period of introspection and self-refinement, as we prepare ourselves to receive the Torah anew on Shavuot. Each day of Iyar represents another step in this spiritual journey toward Sinai.



## President's Message

### Happy Spring—at last!

We'll soon be returning to 378 Maple Street to finish clearing out the building. While there are currently no offers on the property, we remain hopeful for a positive resolution despite the uncertain economic climate. We're actively exploring our options and will keep you updated as things develop.

In the meantime, we're enjoying the flexibility and warmth of our new space at **380 Dwight Street**, and we hope to see you there soon for an event or Shabbat service.

### Mark your calendar for a special in-person Shabbat on May 17th!

Our dear friend **Joe Boucher** will be visiting the area and has graciously offered to lead the service at our new location. We'd love for you to join us for this meaningful gathering.

We're also thinking about reviving our **Friday night Shabbat Potluck Dinners**, either at 380 Dwight or in the home of a member willing to host. If you're interested in joining or hosting, please let me know!

Another idea we're exploring is **Movie Nights on Sundays**—a relaxed evening featuring some beloved classics (ideally with less violence and fewer superheroes, which seem to be a rarity these days!).

To help bring these ideas to life, we're looking for an **Activities Chairperson**. If you enjoy planning and connecting people through community events, I'd love to hear from you.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make our special event honoring **Rabbi Saul Perlmutter** such a success! The **Memory Book** we're creating for him is nearly complete, but there's still time to include your message. If you'd like to contribute a note, please send it to me at [js24saltman@gmail.com](mailto:js24saltman@gmail.com).

Warm regards,

*Joanne Saltman*

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May 2025

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday                   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                                   | Saturday  |
|--|---|---------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| 27 29 Nisan<br><br>14 Omer                       | 28 30 Nisan<br><br>15 Omer  | 29 1 Iyar<br><br>16 Omer  | 30 2 Iyar<br>Mincha Minyan:<br>Schmooze, 5 pm<br>Service, 5:15 pm<br>(Zoom)<br>17 Omer   | 1 3 Iyar<br><br>Yom HaAtzmaut<br>Israel Independence Day<br>77 Years<br>18 Omer | 2 4 Iyar<br><br>19 Omer                  | 3 5 Iyar<br>Shabbat Service:<br>10 am (Zoom),<br>Service Leader:<br>SOZ Congregants,<br>led by Nitza Seaver<br>20 Omer<br>Tazria-Metzora                |
| 4 6 Iyar<br><br>21 Omer                          | 5 7 Iyar<br><br>22 Omer   | 6 8 Iyar<br><br>23 Omer   | 7 9 Iyar<br>Mincha Minyan:<br>Schmooze, 5 pm<br>Service, 5:15 pm<br>(Zoom)<br>24 Omer  | 8 10 Iyar<br><br>25 Omer  | 9 11 Iyar<br><br>26 Omer                 | 10 12 Iyar<br>Shabbat Service:<br>10 am (Hybrid),<br>Service Leader:<br>Rabbi Marc<br>Rudolph, Kiddush<br>follows service<br>27 Omer<br>Achare-Kedoshim |
| 11 13 Iyar<br>Happy Mother's Day<br>28 Omer      | 12 14 Iyar<br><br>29 Omer   | 13 15 Iyar<br><br>30 Omer | 14 16 Iyar<br>Mincha Minyan:<br>Schmooze, 5 pm<br>Service, 5:15 pm<br>(Zoom)<br>SOZ Board<br>Meeting: 6:30 pm<br>(Zoom)<br>31 Omer | 15 17 Iyar<br><br>32 Omer   | 16 18 Iyar<br><br>LAG BA'OMER<br>33 Omer | 17 19 Iyar<br>Shabbat Service:<br>10 am (Hybrid),<br>Service Leader: Joe<br>Boucher, Kiddush<br>follows service<br>34 Omer<br>Emor                      |
| 18 20 Iyar<br><br>35 Omer                        | 19 21 Iyar<br><br>36 Omer   | 20 22 Iyar<br><br>37 Omer | 21 23 Iyar<br>Mincha Minyan:<br>Schmooze, 5 pm<br>Service, 5:15 pm<br>(Zoom)<br>38 Omer  | 22 24 Iyar<br><br>39 Omer   | 23 25 Iyar<br><br>40 Omer                | 24 26 Iyar<br>Shabbat Service:<br>10 am (Zoom),<br>Service Leader:<br>Randi Stein<br>Happy Memorial<br>Day Weekend<br>41 Omer<br>Behar-Bechukotai       |
| 25 27 Iyar<br>Memorial Day<br>Weekend<br>42 Omer | 26 28 Iyar<br>Place flags at SOZ<br>Cemetery<br>(Time TBD)<br>Memorial Day<br>43 Omer | 27 29 Iyar<br><br>44 Omer | 28 1 Sivan<br>Mincha Minyan:<br>Schmooze, 5 pm<br>Service, 5:15 pm<br>(Zoom)<br>Rosh Hodesh Sivan<br>45 Omer                       | 29 2 Sivan<br><br>46 Omer   | 30 3 Sivan<br><br>47 Omer                | 31 4 Sivan<br>Shabbat Service:<br>10 am (Details TBD),<br>Service Leader:<br>Dr. Max Chorowski<br>48 Omer<br>Bamidbar                                   |

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, May 2, 2025

***Yom HaAtzmaut  
Israel Independence Day  
77 Years***

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)  
Service Leader: SOZ Congregants, led by  
Nitza Seaver

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

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

Saturday, May 10, 2025

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

Sunday, May 11, 2025

***Happy Mother's Day***

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

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

Friday, May 16, 2025

***Lag Ba'Omer***

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Hybrid),  
Service Leader: Joe Boucher, Kiddush  
follows service

***We are delighted that Joe, Catherine and  
Sarah are visiting from Michigan.***

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

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

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom),  
Service Leader: Randi Stein  
***Happy Memorial Day Weekend!***

Sunday, May 25, 2025

***Memorial Day Weekend***

Monday, May 26, 2025

Place flags at SOZ Cemetery (Time TBD)  
***Memorial Day***

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):  
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service  
***Rosh Hodesh Sivan***

Saturday, May 31, 2025

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



## Flag Placement for Memorial Day/Local Events

### HELP US PLACE FLAGS AT THE SOZ CEMETERY

On Monday, May 26th (Time TBD), we will be replacing the flags on the graves of veterans at our cemetery. All are welcome to join us.

Joanne Saltman



Directed by Leonard Yakir and Produced by Sheila North

# 1200+



A film about #MMIWG

## MONDAY MAY 5

5:00 p.m. Reception • 6:00 p.m. Film Screening  
7:30 p.m. Panel Discussion.

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Free Screening of Leonard Yakir's film on MMIWG film, Monday, May 5th. You may know Leonard who has been making a video on the Sons of Zion Maple Street building. Hope to see you!

*MMIW, or MMIWG (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls), and MMIWG2S (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit), refer to a critical issue impacting Indigenous communities in North America, encompassing the disproportionately high rates of violence.*

## Local Events

### Cuppa Joe

Sundays, 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Upcoming Dates: May 4, May 18, June 1, and June 8

Location: Temple Beth El or 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.

### Next Meeting Details:

#### Cuppa Joe with Rabbi Marc Rudolph

Sun, May 4, 2025 9:30am - 10:30am | US/Eastern

Category: ● Adults

#### Description



#### Cuppa Joe with Rabbi Marc Rudolph

Sundays from  
9:30 - 10:30 AM

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

**Questions:** 413-733-4149

In honor of Israel Independence Day, we will explore four meanings of Zionism, represented by four modern seminal thinkers. "Israel as a Messianic Universal Utopianism" (Martin Buber); "Israel as Messianic Particularism" (Joseph Soloveitchik), "Israel as a place of sovereignty and survival" (Yehoshua Liebowitz), and "Israel as an aspiration" (David Hartman). The readings are drawn from the Shalom Hartman Institute's iEngage program. What does Israel mean to you?

## Local Events

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## Local Events



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of Western Massachusetts  
מקהלה

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**Laura Broad**  
**Memorial**  
**Concerts**



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*and the music of*

**Elaine ("Lainee") Broad Ginsberg**

Two opportunities to attend:

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene, NH

2:00 p.m.

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Sunday, May 18, 2025

Jewish Community Center, Springfield, MA

3:00 p.m.



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## \$25,000.



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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.

|                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Anonymous (4)                  | Aaron & Gail Lansky              |
| Elaine Baskin                  | Stephen & Lois Levin             |
| Irene Bernstein*               | Stephen & Joan Levine            |
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| 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](mailto:office@sonsofzionholyoke.com) or (413)534-3369. Thank you very much.







# Donations: Thank you!

## Cemetery Fund

- ✦ 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, Frederic Mackler
- ✦ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her grandmother, Mary Garber
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- ✦ 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
- ✦ Rhoda Wernick: In memory of her father-in-law, Harry Wernick
- ✦ Richard Wilson: In memory of his parents, Benjamin and Teresa Wilson

## General Fund

- ✦ Andrew Barowsky: In memory of his uncle, Merrill Magidson
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- ✦ Andrew Barowsky: In memory of his uncle, Alfred Barowsky
- ✦ Andrew Barowsky: In memory of his grandfather, Saul Magidson
- ✦ Ned and Cindy Barowsky: In memory of Ned's uncle, Merrill Magidson
- ✦ Ned and Cindy Barowsky: In memory of Ned's grandmother, Eva Magidson
- ✦ Ned and Cindy Barowsky: In memory of Ned's uncle, Alfred Barowsky
- ✦ Ned and Cindy Barowsky: In memory of Ned's grandfather, Saul Magidson
- ✦ Dr. Max Chorowski: In honor of Rabbi Saul Perlmutter
- ✦ Arlene Fox and Paul Triber: In honor of Rabbi Perlmutter
- ✦ Ira Laby: In loving memory of his father, George Laby
- ✦ Linda Rosen: In honor of Rabbi Saul Perlmutter
- ✦ Bill and Joanne Saltman: In memory of Bill's mother/Joanne's mother-in-law, Ellen Saltman
- ✦ Mady Schorsch: In honor of Rabbi Saul Perlmutter
- ✦ Gellya Shulman: In honor of SOZ's 121st Anniversary





## May 2025 Yahrzeits

### **April 27-May 3: Ira Laby**

|          |                               |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| April 27 | *Saul Firestone               |
| April 28 | *Alfred Barowsky              |
|          | *Charles Kaplinsky            |
| April 29 | *Eva Bernson                  |
| May 1    | Susan Marks                   |
| May 2    | Suzanne Halberstadt-Chorowski |

### **May 4-10: Lois Levin**

|        |                    |
|--------|--------------------|
| May 6  | *Sidney H. Wilson  |
| May 7  | *Robert Seaver     |
| May 8  | *Shorrie Bernstein |
| May 9  | Edith Eskenasy     |
| May 10 | Selma Lesnow       |

### **May 11-17: Steve Levin**

|        |                        |
|--------|------------------------|
| May 11 | Harvey Carmen          |
| May 13 | Peter Harry Berinstein |
| May 14 | *Joseph Gerstein       |
| May 15 | *Benjamin Wilson       |
| May 16 | *Saul Magidson         |
| May 17 | *Gilbert Saex          |

### **May 18-24: Steve Levine**

|        |                      |
|--------|----------------------|
| May 18 | *Frances Karukin     |
| May 19 | William Shirley      |
| May 20 | *Sheila Halpern      |
|        | Anna Goodman Samel   |
| May 21 | *Rachel Saltman      |
| May 22 | *Lloyd Everett Stein |
| May 23 | *Harold Haley        |

### **May 25-31: Myra Orlen**

|        |                   |
|--------|-------------------|
| May 25 | Russell Bernstein |
| May 28 | Jacob Orlen       |
| May 29 | *Annie Welson     |



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