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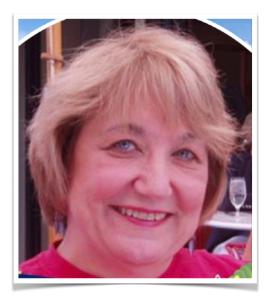
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About the Month of Iyar

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**.

Warm regards,

Joanne Saltman

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 ²⁹ Nisan	28 ³⁰ Nisan	29 ¹ Iyar	30 2 lyar Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	1 3 Iyar Yom HaAtzmaut Israel Independence Day 77 Years	2 4 Iyar	3 5 lyar Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: SOZ Congregants, led by Nitza Seaver
14 Omer	15 Omer	16 Omer	17 Omer	18 Omer	19 Omer	20 Omer Tazria-Metzora
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21 Omer	22 Omer	23 Omer	24 Omer	25 Omer	26 Omer	27 Omer Achare-Kedoshim
11 13 lyar	12 ^{14 Iyar}	13 15 lyar	14 16 Iyar	15 17 lyar	16 ¹⁸ Iyar	17 19 Iyar
Happy Mother's Day			Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting: 6:30 pm (Zoom)		LAG BA'OMER	Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid), Service Leader: Joe Boucher, Kiddush follows service 34 Omer
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25 ²⁷ Iyar	26 28 lyar Place flags at SOZ Cemetery (Time TBD)	27 ²⁹ Iyar	28 1 Sivan Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	29 ² Sivan	30 ³ Sivan	31 4 Sivan Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD), Service Leader: Dr. Max Chorowski
Memorial Day Weekend	Memorial Day		Rosh Hodesh Sivan			19 Omor
42 Omer	43 Omer	44 Omer	45 Omer	46 Omer	47 Omer	48 Omer 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

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.

<u>Wednesday, May 21, 2025</u> 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

<u>Monday, May 26, 2025</u> Place flags at SOZ Cemetery (Time TBD) *Memorial Day*

<u>Wednesday, May 28, 2025</u> Mincha Minyan (Zoom): 5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service *Rosh Hodesh Sivan*

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

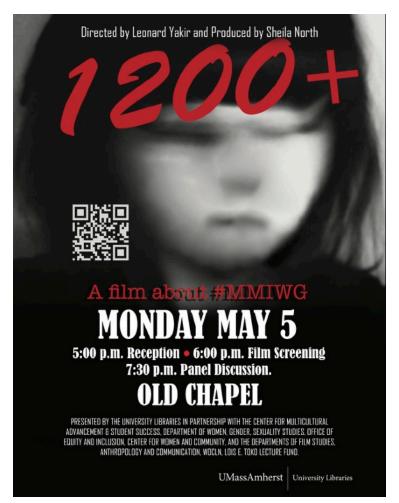
Flag Placement for Memorial Day/Local Events

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



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 <u>MMIWG2S</u> (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

<u>Cuppa Joe</u>

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

Time: This is a recurring meeting.

Go to: <u>https://tbespringfield.org/adult-education/</u> 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 Hartmant). The readings are drawn from the Shalom Hartman Institute's iEngage program. What does Israel mean to you?

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:

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- 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 Events





Save the date:

Laura Broad Memorial Concerts



featuring Mak'hela

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 <u>3:00 p.m.</u>

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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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A Special Thank You to Our **Sustaining Members** Andrew Barowsky Ned and Cindy Barowsky Steve and Linnea Constant **Rich and Ellen Freyman** Bonnie and Maggie Gruszecki Norman and Marion Halpern Laura Hilf Alfred and Lee Hutt Andrew Levin Stephen and Lois Levin Steve and Joan Levine **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!

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$\overset{}{ abla}$ Congregation Sons of Zion Legacy Society $\overset{}{ abla}$

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

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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.



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
- + 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
- + 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
- + Andrew Barowsky: In memory of his grandmother, Eva Magidson
- + 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

"Todah" Thank Yo



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

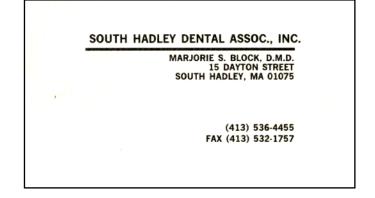
May 25-31: Myra Orlen

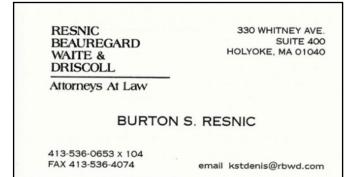
- May 25 Russell Bernstein
- May 28 Jacob Orlen
- May 29 *Annie Welson



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