

# CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION

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## About the Month of Nissan

Nissan, the first month on the Jewish calendar (according to the Torah), coincides with March- April on the secular calendar. The Torah calls it chodesh ha-aviv –the month of spring, as it marks the beginning of the spring months. It is in this month that we celebrate the eight-day holiday of Passover, from the 15th through the 22nd of Nissan. It commemorates the Jewish people’s miraculous redemption from slavery in Egypt, and the birth of the Jewish nation.



## President's Message

Happy Pesach to all in this momentous year for Sons of Zion. We are getting ready to move out of our beloved but problematic building and enter into a new but hopefully more stable future. We do not yet have a new home for our shul but are working to accomplish this in the near future. In the meantime, the heat is going back on, the building will be open, and we will be looking for volunteers to help us get ready for the move. Will keep you apprised and can at least promise some good food for a reward. I hope everyone will enjoy a nice Passover Seder, and will join us online on Thursday for our Zoom seder. If you have room at your table for a guest or two please let us know so that we can match you with someone who might be alone for the holiday. And if you are going to be alone and would like to join a seder, please let us know about this also. We also have a large number of Haggadahs at the building for anyone who would like to borrow some for your Seder.

We are at present going over the massive inventory of items we have accumulated in the 119 years that Sons of Zion has been in existence. Many will be offered in exchange for a donation to our Future Home Fund once we know what we are able to take with us. On another note, now that the process is well underway, I want to give my strong opinion that the best name choice for us in the future is Bnai Zion, which keeps the memory of the 119 years that we have been here in Holyoke but also opens the name to include all of us women who have become so vital to our continued success. It is also the original name of the congregation when it was founded in 1904. We would not have to do much in the way of paperwork to accomplish the change.

Chag Sameach,

*Joanne Saltman*

Nissan/Iyar  
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April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 4 Nissan	27 5 Nissan	28 6 Nissan	29 7 Nissan Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	30 8 Nissan	31 9 Nissan	1 10 Nissan Shabbat Hagadol, 10 am (Zoom)  Tzav
2 11 Nissan	3 12 Nissan	4 13 Nissan  <i>Sell Chametz by noon Search for Chametz after nightfall</i>	5 14 Nissan  No Mincha Minyan Service  <i>Erev Pesach First Seder Fast of First Born</i>	6 15 Nissan  SOZ Passover 2nd Seder, 5:30 pm (Zoom)  <i>First Day Passover</i>	7 16 Nissan  <i>Passover Day 2 1 Omer</i>	8 17 Nissan  Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)  <i>First Day Chol Hamoed 2 Omer</i>
9 18 Nissan  <i>Second Day Chol Hamoed 3 Omer</i>	10 19 Nissan  <i>Third Day Chol Hamoed 4 Omer</i>	11 20 Nissan  <i>Fourth Day Chol Hamoed 5 Omer</i>	12 21 Nissan Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)  <i>Passover Day 7 6 Omer</i>	13 22 Nissan  <i>Last Day of Passover 7 Omer</i>	14 23 Nissan  <i>8 Omer</i>	15 24 Nissan Shabbat Service 10 am (Zoom)  <i>9 Omer Shemini</i>
16 25 Nissan  <i>10 Omer</i>	17 26 Nissan  <i>11 Omer</i>	18 27 Nissan  <i>Holocaust Remembrance Day 12 Omer</i>	19 28 Nissan Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)  SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom) <i>14 Omer</i>	20 29 Nissan  <i>14 Omer</i>	21 30 Nissan  <i>15 Omer</i>	22 1 Iyar Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)  <i>Rosh Hodesh Iyar 16 Omer Tazria - Metzora</i>
23 2 Iyar SOZ Book Club 10:30 am (Zoom) Springfield Museum Tour, 1 pm <i>17 Omer</i>	24 3 Iyar  <i>18 Omer</i>	25 4 Iyar  <i>Yom Hazikaron Israel Remembrance Day 19 Omer</i>	26 5 Iyar Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)  <i>Israel Independence Day 20 Omer</i>	27 6 Iyar  <i>21 Omer</i>	28 7 Iyar  <i>22 Omer</i>	29 8 Iyar Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)  <i>23 Omer Achare - Kedoshim</i>
30 9 Iyar <i>24 Omer</i>						

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Shabbat Hagadol, 10 am (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

*Sell Chametz by noon  
Search for Chametz after nightfall*

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

No Mincha Minyan Service

*Erev Pesach*

*First Seder*

*Fast of First Born*

Thursday, April 6, 2023

SOZ Passover 2nd Seder,  
5:30 pm (Zoom)

*First Day Passover*

Friday, April 7, 2023

*Passover Day 2*

Saturday, April 8, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)  
*First Day Chol Hamoed*

Sunday, April 9, 2023

*Second Day Chol Hamoed*

Monday, April 10, 2023

*Third Day Chol Hamoed*

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

*Fourth Day Chol Hamoed*

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

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

*Passover Day 7*

Thursday, April 13, 2023

*Last Day Passover*

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

*Holocaust Remembrance Day*

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

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

SOZ Board Meeting,  
6:30 pm (Zoom)

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

*Rosh Hodesh Iyar*

Sunday, April 23, 2023

SOZ Book Club, 10:30 am (Zoom)  
Springfield Museum Tour, 1 pm

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

*Yom Hazikaron  
Israel Remembrance Day*

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

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

*Israel Independence Day*

Saturday, April 29, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)



# SOZ VIRTUAL COMMUNITY SEDER 2<sup>ND</sup> NIGHT OF PASSOVER

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
at 5:30 PM via Zoom

(The Zoom link will be sent at 4:45 PM to all those who have registered)

Last year was a wonderful success. Let's do it again!!!

We hope that all who attend will want to read portions of the Seder with us and share memories of Seders past.

## All are welcome!!

Please register [here](#) by Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at noon. All those who register will receive the Zoom link at 4:45 PM on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

If you do not have internet access, you will be able to participate by phone. Just let the office know if you don't have access to a computer or printer and we can mail you a copy of the Haggadah.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Seder!

Contact the office at:  
[office@sonsofzionholyoake.org](mailto:office@sonsofzionholyoake.org)





# Springfield Museum Tour

April 23, 2023 at 1 PM

D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts  
21 Edwards Street, Springfield, MA

Join Deborah Levine, SOZ member and Docent at the Springfield Museums, for a tour of Jewish Artists whose work is held at the D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts in Springfield, MA.

We will explore the work and Jewish backgrounds of ten artists, followed by refreshments and a chance to socialize and discuss what we have seen. The tour will last approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. The museum is accessible and seating will be available in the galleries.

**Registration is limited to 12. Please register [here](#) or on our website by April 15th.**

Please contact the office with any questions at (413) 534-3369 or [office@sonsofzionholyoke.org](mailto:office@sonsofzionholyoke.org).

**Admission:**

*(free for members of the Springfield Museums)*

Adults: \$15

Seniors: \$12.50

Children: \$10

Further details will be provided to those who register.

# Pioneer Valley Jewish Film Festival Returns In-Person

April 30 - May 7, 2023



The 17th annual festival will showcase the best in international Jewish film. Enjoy exciting films, guest speakers, and festive events throughout Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties.

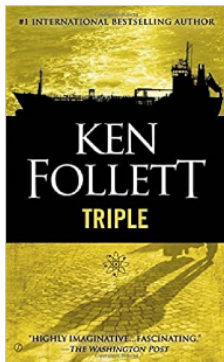
Tickets will be going on sale soon. Be sure to visit [PVJFF.org](http://PVJFF.org) for the most up-to-date ticketing and screening information.

See you at the movies!

Visit [PVJFF.org](http://PVJFF.org)

## SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

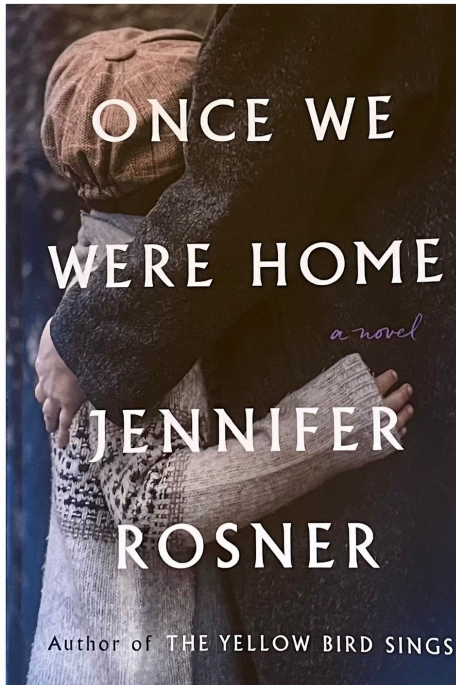
Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30am



### **Triple by Ken Follett**

As Egypt comes closer and closer to developing a nuclear bomb, the Mossad's number one Israeli agent is given an impossible mission: to beat the Arabs in the nuclear arms race by finding and stealing two hundred tons of uranium. The world's balance of power will shift. And the Mossad, the KGB, the Egyptians, and Fedayeen terrorists will play out the final, violent moves in this devastating game where the price of failure is a nuclear holocaust....

# Author Talk and Q&A Jennifer Rosner



**Thursday, April 13, 2023**  
**7:00 PM | In Person at the J**  
**(1160 Dickinson Street, Springfield, MA)**

The stories of a brother and sister from Poland, a boy concealed from Nazis in France, and a refugee daughter from Germany are drawn together two decades later in Israel. They are each building lives for themselves, trying to move on from the trauma and loss that haunts them. But as their stories converge in unexpected ways, they each must ask where and to whom they truly belong.

**Pre-registration is required.**

This event is free and open to the public. To register, visit [SpringfieldJCC.org](http://SpringfieldJCC.org), scan the QR code below, or call the J at (413) 739-4715 x315.

*Co-sponsored by the Western Massachusetts Jewish Genealogical Society and Richard Salter Storrs Library.*

Jennifer Rosner's previous novel, *The Yellow Bird Sings*, was a Massachusetts Finalist Honors Book and a National Jewish Book Award Finalist in the debut fiction and book club categories. She lives in Leverett, MA with her family.







# Tzfat In Maynard ✨

A 3-part program in Maynard, celebrating our own art district, like Tzfat, an artist colony in Northern Israel. The goal: To have a dialog embracing our art themes with the philosophy "LOVE OUR FELLOWS AS OURSELVES."

## WHAT ✨

- Studio Time - Create Art
- Radio Show Appearance
- Art Exhibition & Reception

## STUDIO TIME

- Create art for the exhibition
- Maynard library, Trustees room
- Tuesdays: 1/31, 2/21, 3/21 @ 7-8pm
- Bring your own supplies and/or Use our general supplies.
- Have fun and be inspired! ✨

## RADIO SHOW, MAY 14 ✨

In celebration of Israel's 75th Birthday, we'll talk about Tzfat In Maynard!

- Lisa B. Corfman talks with host Mitch Gordon
- WCUW 91.3FM Worcester's Shirim (Jewish music) program,
- Featured: 8:30-9:00pm

## ART EXHIBITION, MAY 1 - 31

### RECEPTION ✨

Thursday, May 18, 6-8:30pm  
Maynard Public Library,  
Roosevelt Room

## OPEN CALL FOR ART

**Creative Focus:** "Love your fellow as yourself."

**Themes:** Hope ~ Jewish Understanding ~ Tzfat ~ Maynard Spirituality & Beyond ~ Unity ~ Positivity ~ Diversity ~ Creation.

**The goal:** To create a dialog, so individuals of varied opinions can shake hands with a few less acts of antisemitism and a few more acts of loving-kindness.

**Submit artwork application by March 31.**

Pieces will be accepted until April 15, but applications MUST be in by March 31.

**Places for exhibition:** Library Exhibition ~ Virtual Exhibition ~ Book Publication.

- View the artwork
- Meet the Artists
- Panel Presentation with
  - Rabbi Lewis Mintz, Emeritus (CBE)
  - Rabbi Yisroel Freeman (Sudbury Chabad)
  - Adina Troen-Krasnow (Spiritual artist)
- REFRESHMENTS



**Scan the QR code for all Tzfat In Maynard details.**



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## VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Volunteer Needed! The Jewish Federation of Western Mass. is sponsoring the Ride to Provide this year and we need someone to be the team leader for Sons of Zion. This will be biking or walking, and the date is in October. Both the biking and walking are just a few kilometers and it's a fun activity with a good cause. Let me know if you are interested in helping in any way.

*Joanne Saltman*

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## Cemetery Rules

1. Synagogue member in good standing for at least 5 years prior to death are entitled to a free plot
2. Plot fee for non-members is \$4,500. Plot for a spouse on a double lot is \$2,250.
3. Opening and closing of grave is \$800
4. Perpetual care is \$1,500.
5. Cremated remains are permitted. Digging of hole for urn or ashes is \$100 in addition to the plot fee (instead of a grave fee).

Non-Jewish spouses or family members will be buried in a separate plot (no non-Jewish religious symbols are allowed).

No concrete vaults are allowed. Simple, unfinished wood caskets only.

Taharah-ritual Jewish washing and shroud are required, but a shomer or watch person is optional.

A particular plot may be reserved for \$100. There are several plots in the new section that were previously reserved and are now unused. Please call for more details.

**Contact Joanne Saltman with any questions at:  
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## A Special Thank You to Our Sustaining Members

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Stephen and Lois Levin  
Buddy and Margie Resnic  
Michael and Joan Rosner  
Bill and Joanne Saltman  
Randi Stein

*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.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Anonymous (4)                  | Aaron & Gail Lansky              |
| Elaine Baskin                  | Stephen & Lois Levin             |
| Irene Bernstein*               | Stephen & Joan Levine            |
| Joseph Boucher                 | Sidney* & Elizabeth* Paul        |
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| Louise Citron                  | Michael & Joan Rosner            |
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| Herbert* & Barbara* Goldberg   | Elihu & Joan Schepps             |
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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@sonsofzionholyoake.com](mailto:office@sonsofzionholyoake.com) or (413)534-3369. Thank you very much.*





# Donations: Thank you!

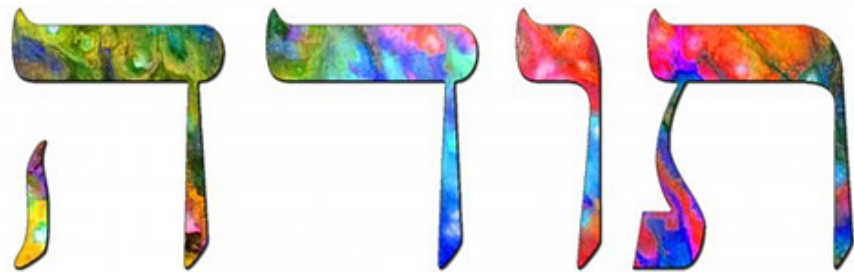


## Cemetery Fund

- ✦ Marcia and Francis Burke: In memory of Marcia's father, David Slotnick
- ✦ Elizabeth (Bassell) Goodman: In memory of her father, Martin Bassell
- ✦ Ellen Kischel: In memory of her grandmother, Rachel Waxler
- ✦ Charles Weinstein: In memory of his father, Samuel Weinstein
- ✦ Rhoda and Sherwin Wernick: In memory of Rhoda's father, Morris Lipnick

## General Fund

- ✦ George and Gail Baquis: In memory of George's father, Corrado S. Baquis
- ✦ George and Gail Baquis: In memory of Gail's father, Lewis Plesset
- ✦ Andrew Barowsky: In memory of his grandmother, Eva Magidson
- ✦ Andrew Barowsky: In memory of his uncle, Alfred Barowsky
- ✦ Ned and Cindy Barowsky: In memory of Ned's grandmother, Eva Madison
- ✦ Ned and Cindy Barowsky: In memory of Ned's uncle, Alfred Barowsky
- ✦ Andrea Fox: In memory of Judy Heumann, pioneer activist for accessibility, civility and disability rights. She died at 75, rest in power.
- ✦ Judy Katz: In memory of her father-in-law, Eugene Katz
- ✦ Judy Katz: In memory of her parents, Helen and Charles Haberman



*sdais*

*"Toda" Thank You*

# April 2023 Yahrzeits

**March 26 – April 1: David Carmen**

March 26 Eugene Katz  
 \*Bertha Levinson  
 \*Teresa Wilson

March 27 Basha Mehr Cramer  
 \*Jean Orlen Lieban  
 \*Samuel Winofker

March 29 Mrs. Udes Alexander  
 Beatrice Geiges  
 \*Samuel Liberman  
 Rose Mekler  
 \*Harry Stein  
 \*Harry Wernick

March 30 Matias Gruszecki  
 \*Max Koss  
 \*Max Smith  
 \*Alex Suher  
 \*Samuel Weinstein

March 31 Sarah Tanzer

**April 23 – 29: Ira Laby**

April 24 Susan Marks  
 April 25 Suzanne Halberstadt-Chorowski  
 April 29 \*Sidney H. Wilson

**April 30 – May 6: Lois Levin**

April 30 \*Robert Seaver  
 May 1 \*Shorrie Bernstein  
 May 2 Edith Eskenasy  
 May 3 Selma Lesnow  
 May 6 Peter Harry Berinstein

**April 2 – 8: Andrea Fox**

April 2 \*Ellen Saltman  
 April 3 \*Edythe Hollup Radner  
 April 5 Irene Bernstein  
 \*Eva R. Magidson

April 6 \*Alan Firestone  
 April 8 Goldie Brodsky  
 Jules Hecht

**April 9 – 15: Rich Freyman**

April 12 Lillian Margolis Cohen  
 Barbara Levine  
 \*Evelyn Polansky

April 13 Helen Haberman  
 Charles Haberman

April 14 Ida D. Paul  
 April 15 \*Robert Suher

**April 16 – 22: Judy Katz**

April 16 Lillian Thorn  
 April 17 \*Abraham H. Adelson  
 April 19 Herman Speiser  
 April 20 \*Saul Firestone  
 April 21 \*Alfred Barowsky  
 \*Charles Kaplinsky

April 22 \*Eva Bernson





# Performing the Megillah at Rich and Ellen Freyman's Home

Purim 5783 (2023)

Provided by Shoshana Zonderman



Saul teaches themes for the holiday



Singing



400 hamantaschen



Food table is set up



Ellen and Ira



Brielle and Cindy read a Megillah chapter



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Joanne reads a chapter



Judy Zooms her poem introduction



Rich (not shown), Michael and Joan do the last chapter



Kathy tells a chapter



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Ira acts out a chapter



Saul reads the Megillah



Randi summarizes a chapter



Rich sets up Zoom scene



Rana presents an animated chapter before Saul sings

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