

# CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION

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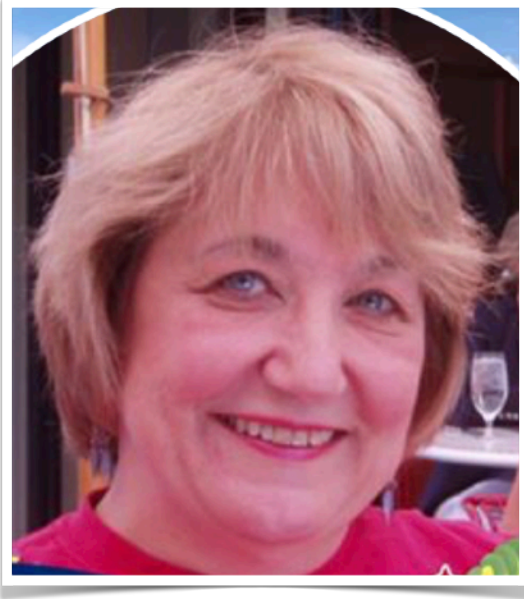
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## Sivan

In the month of Sivan, we celebrate the holiday of Shavuot, when the Torah was given by God to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai more than 3,300 years ago. Every year on the holiday of Shavuot, we renew our acceptance of God’s gift, and God “re-gives” the Torah.

The holiday of Shavuot is a two-day holiday, beginning at sundown of the fifth of Sivan and lasting until nightfall of the seventh of Sivan. (In Israel it is a one-day holiday, ending at nightfall of the sixth of Sivan.)



## President's Message

Dear Members of Congregation Sons of Zion,

Although I had planned not to serve as your President for another year, a compromise has been proposed that I believe will work well for all of us. Fortunately, now that 378 Maple Street has been sold, my workload has decreased significantly. The proposed slate will have me continue as President, with two Co-Vice Presidents helping to share the responsibilities that need attention. In addition, now that Lois Levin, God bless her, has taken on the role of Treasurer, many of my duties in that area have also been reduced.

I look forward to seeing a good turnout at our Annual Meeting, which will be held on June 28th at 11:00 a.m. at 380 Dwight Street. Several of you have not yet seen our new home and may be pleasantly surprised by the warmth and style of our Chapel and Social Hall. The building is easily accessible from Dwight Street through the archway past Holyoke Cannabis (who have proven to be very good neighbors!). There is ample parking at the rear of the building, and the facility is handicap accessible.

For security reasons, the doors remain locked and can be opened using the entry code: 3801#.

These spaces are easily affordable and make it possible for our congregation to continue thriving for many years to come. Like many religious communities, we have an aging membership and hope to attract more young people to our warm and welcoming congregation. Our Shabbat services are usually well attended, although many members prefer the convenience of participating via Zoom. They do, however, miss out on the wonderful kiddush prepared by our former President, Joan Rosner. Good food and lively discussions are always part of our in-person gatherings.

There is also good news regarding our cemetery, which is getting a bit of a facelift now that we have some funds available from the sale of the building. We need a new home for our memorial plaques, and it is not practical to hang them in our space at 380 Dwight Street. It was suggested that the long-unused chapel at the cemetery would be a perfect location, and so we are rehabilitating that lovely little building, which was donated to the cemetery by Max Epstein in 1930.

For many years, the chapel has served as a geniza for religious books from 378 Maple Street that were no longer in use and required respectful disposal. Later this summer, we will hold a community burial ceremony in which all members will have the opportunity to participate in the burial of these sacred books.

## President's Message (continued)

The cost of restoring the chapel is expected to exceed \$25,000, so donations toward this important project are most welcome.

Our annual picnic at my home in Belchertown will take place on July 26th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please bring an appetizer, side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, veggie dogs, and beverages will be provided.

Please RSVP by July 20th with your choice of hamburger, veggie burger, hot dog, or veggie dog, and let us know what you plan to bring. This is important, as we once held a picnic that featured no fewer than six bowls of coleslaw!

I hope to see many of you at both the Annual Meeting and the picnic.

Warm regards,

Joanne Saltman  
 President  
 Congregation Sons of Zion



Signing the deed for the sale of the building with treasurer, Lois Levin

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June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 15 Sivan SOZ Book Club: 10 am (Zoom)	1 16 Sivan	2 17 Sivan	3 18 Sivan Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	4 19 Sivan	5 20 Sivan Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 7:55 pm, Light Candles: 8:05 pm	6 21 Sivan Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: Randi Stein  Behalotecha
7 22 Sivan	8 23 Sivan	9 24 Sivan	10 25 Sivan Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting: 7 pm (Zoom)	11 26 Sivan	12 27 Sivan Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 7:59 pm, Light Candles: 8:09 pm	13 28 Sivan Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid), Service Leader: Rabbi Marc Rudolph, Kiddush follows Service  Shelach
14 29 Sivan	15 30 Sivan	16 1 Tamuz <b>ROSH CHODESH TAMUZ</b>	17 2 Tamuz Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	18 3 Tamuz	19 4 Tamuz <b>Juneteenth</b> Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 8:02 pm, Light Candles: 8:12 pm	20 5 Tamuz Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: Emily Anfang,  Korach
21 6 Tamuz <b>Father's Day Summer Begins</b>	22 7 Tamuz	23 8 Tamuz	24 9 Tamuz Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Book Club (Zoom), 7:30 pm	25 10 Tamuz	26 11 Tamuz Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 8:03 pm, Light Candles: 8:13 pm	27 12 Tamuz Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: Dr. Max Chorowski  Chukkat-Balak
28 13 Tamuz SOZ 122 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting: 11 am (Hybrid)	29 14 Tamuz	30 15 Tamuz	1 16 Tamuz Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	2 17 Tamuz	3 18 Tamuz Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 8:02 pm, Light Candles: 8:12 pm	4 19 Tamuz Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD)  Pinchas

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

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

Friday, June 5, 2026

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):  
Gather at 7:55 pm, Light Candles at 8:05 pm

Saturday, June 6, 2026

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

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):  
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service  
SOZ Board Meeting, 7 pm (Zoom)

Friday, June 12, 2026

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):  
Gather at 7:59 pm, Light Candles at 8:09 pm

Saturday, June 13, 2026

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

Tuesday, June 16, 2026  
**ROSH HODESH TAMUZ**

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

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

Friday, June 19, 2026  
**Juneteenth**

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):  
Gather at 8:02 pm, Light Candles at 8:12 pm

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom),  
Service Leader: Emily Anfang

Sunday, June 21, 2026

*Father's Day*  
*Summer Begins*

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):  
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service  
SOZ Book Club (Zoom): 7:30 pm

Friday, June 26, 2026

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):  
Gather at 8:03 pm, Light Candles at 8:13 pm

Saturday, June 27, 2026

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

Sunday, June 28, 2026

SOZ 122nd Annual Meeting: 11 am (Hybrid)

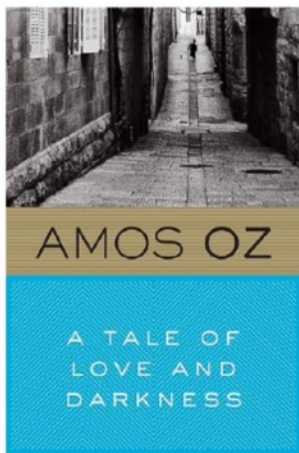
*Decisions about a Hybrid Service will be made Thursday night before the service. The result will appear in the Friday emails announcing the service.*

# SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm (Zoom)

*Due to our Annual Meeting, our next Book Club meeting will once again be held on Zoom on June 24, 2026, at 7:30 pm. Please see below for the book details.*

*Looking ahead to July, we plan to read "The Future is Peace: Shared Journey Across the Holy Land" by Aziz Abu Sarah and Maoz Inon. Since this title may be more difficult to obtain, we wanted to provide advance notice so that interested readers have plenty of time to secure a copy.*



### **A Tale of Love and Darkness by Amos Oz**

The International Bestselling memoir from award-winning author Amos Oz, "one of Israel's most prolific writers and respected intellectuals" (The New York Times), about his turbulent upbringing in the city of Jerusalem in the era of the dissolution of Mandatory Palestine and the beginning of the State of Israel.

Winner of the National Jewish Book Award

"[An] ingenious work that circles around the rise of a state, the tragic destiny of a mother, a boy's creation of a new self."—The New Yorker

A family saga and a magical self-portrait of a writer who witnessed the birth of a nation and lived through its turbulent history. A Tale of Love and Darkness is the story of a boy who grows up in war-torn Jerusalem, in a small apartment crowded with books in twelve languages and relatives speaking nearly as many. The story of an adolescent whose life has been changed forever by his mother's suicide. The story of a man who leaves the constraints of his family and community to join a kibbutz, change his name, marry, have children. The story of a writer who becomes an active participant in the political life of his nation.

# Congregation Sons of Zion 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting



**Sunday, June 28, 2026  
11 am**

Meeting will be held via Zoom or in-person at  
**380 Dwight Street, Unit 8 Holyoke** (Door code: 3801#)

**Everyone is welcome!!!**

**Members in good standing may vote!!!\***

## AGENDA:

Welcome

Budget

Committee Reports

Election of 2026-2027 Board of Directors

Board of Directors Elects Officers

Proposed Changes to Bylaws

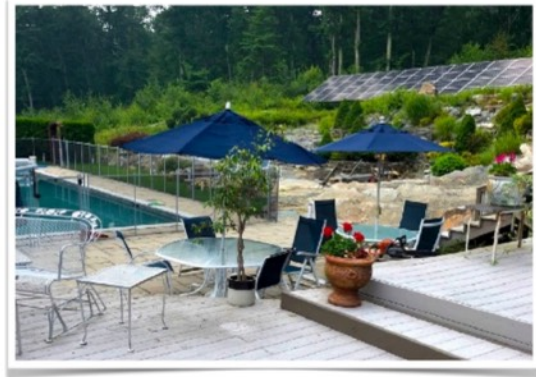
President's Report

\*You are a voting member if you have paid or you have a payment plan in place for your 2025-26 Gift of the Heart pledge. Please contact Cindy ([cindyvieu@charter.net](mailto:cindyvieu@charter.net)) or the office ([office@sonsofzionholyokey.org](mailto:office@sonsofzionholyokey.org) or 413-534-3369) if you need a payment plan or if you have any questions.

# CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION

## Annual Picnic

Sunday, July 26, 2026  
12 pm - 4 pm



Hosted by **Bill and Joanne Saltman**  
**55 Juckett Hill Drive, Belchertown, MA 01007**

If you'd like to swim, bring a bathing suit and a towel.  
The pool is heated!

Congregation Sons of Zion will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, veggie hot dogs, buns, drinks, condiments, paper goods, and plasticware. Please bring an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to share.

Please **RSVP by July 20th** to Joanne Saltman at [js24saltman@gmail.com](mailto:js24saltman@gmail.com) or (413) 575-0526. Please let Joanne know **what type of meat you would like** (hot dog, veggie dog, hamburger, veggie burger) and **what item you will be bringing to share**.

## Congratulations to Zachary Fox!



The family of Zachary Fox is pleased to share the great accomplishments and celebration of his graduation from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Class of 2026, College of Natural Sciences, Department of Chemistry.

Throughout Zac's college career, he earned recognition on the Dean's List each semester. Most recently, he and others were celebrated at a banquet held by the Chemistry Department, where he was awarded membership and a Certificate of Excellence by the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Over the summer, Zac will return to his internship and continue on as an employee doing research while applying for graduate and doctoral programs.

Mom Andrea Fox and Grandma Arlene Fox could not be prouder of our fine young man!

## Local Events

**Mak'hela** The Jewish Chorus  
of Western Massachusetts  
מקהלה

AND THE

**NE'IMAH ENSEMBLE**

OF THE

**jca** Jewish  
קהילה Community  
of Amherst

**PRESENT A SOULFUL AND TOE-TAPPING CONCERT  
OF VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL JEWISH MUSIC**

**JOIN US!**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026**

**3:00 P.M.**

**THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF AMHERST**

**742 MAIN ST, AMHERST, MA**

**ELAINE GINSBERG AND RABBI BENJAMIN WEINER, DIRECTORS**

## 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 Walk 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 Walk is teaching and to learn more about the Melton School in general, email [Rabbi Walk](mailto:Rabbi.Walk).

Go to:

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



## A Special Thank You to Our 2025-26 Sustaining Members

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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.

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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         |
| Louise Citron                  | Michael & Joan Rosner            |
| James Eisenstock*              | William Robbins* & Mollie Blatt* |
| Andrea Fox                     | Ellen Saltman*                   |
| Richard & Ellen Freyman        | Paul Saltman                     |
| Albert Goldberg*               | William & Joanne Saltman         |
| Herbert* & Barbara* Goldberg   | Elihu & Joan Schepps             |
| Debra Goldberg and Seth Waxman | Nitza Seaver                     |
| Rose Gorin*                    | Charles Weinstein                |
| 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](mailto:office@sonsofzionholyoke.com) or (413)534-3369. Thank you very much.*





# May Donations: Thank you!




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## Cemetery Fund

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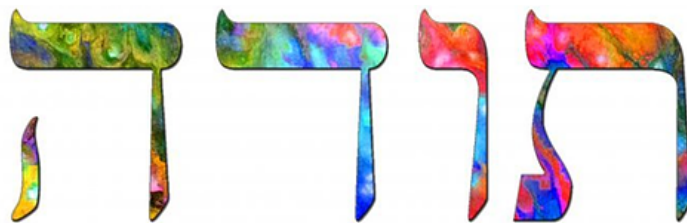
- ◆ Larry Carmen: In memory of his brother, Harvey Carmen
- ◆ Barry Hirsch: In memory of his father, Harry Hirsch
- ◆ Nitza Seaver, Jeremey and Michelle Seaver: In memory of their husband and father, Dr. Robert Seaver
- ◆ Betsy Tarr: In memory of her father, Isadore Barowsky

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## General Fund

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- ◆ Andrea and Arlene Fox: In celebration of Zac's UMASS graduation in Chemistry! We are so proud.
- ◆ Ellen and Aaron Kischel: In memory of Ellen's aunt, Miriam Pearl
- ◆ Ellen and Aaron Kischel: In memory of Ellen's aunt, Harriet Polak
- ◆ Ellen and Aaron Kischel: In memory of Ellen's niece, Andrea Palmer Craig
- ◆ Ira Laby: In memory of his brother, Morton Laby
- ◆ Ron Laby: In memory of his father, Morton Laby
- ◆ Stephen and Lois Levin: In memory and honor of Margie Bloom's sister, Joan Bloom Kaplan



"Toda" Thank You

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## June 2026 Yahrzeits

**May 31-June 6: Lois Levin**

May 31 \*Mary Garber  
 Harry Pincus  
 June 1 Arthur Levine  
 June 3 Gladys Gruszecki  
 \*Isadore Schepps  
 June 4 Isadore Barowsky  
 \*Abraham Hirsch  
 Israel Seamon  
 June 5 Harold David Fox  
 June 6 \*James Samuel Hirshon  
 Sadie Rothchild  
 \*Stanley G. Weiss

**June 7-13: Stephen Levin**

June 8 \*Milton Bernstein  
 June 9 Sidney Radner  
 Patricia H. Silver  
 Louis Weiner  
 June 10 \*Solomon Harmetz  
 \*Fannie Weiss  
 June 12 Morris Levine  
 June 13 \*Sarah Bialer  
 David Karukin

**June 14-20: Stephen Levine**

June 14 \*Irving Carmen  
 \*Eva Yecheved Falk  
 \*Robert Lasher  
 \*Dr. David Saltman  
 Miriam Waxler  
 June 15 David Lieban  
 \*Emil S. Schwartzwald  
 June 16 Max Carlinsky  
 Samuel Leitzen  
 June 17 \*David Judelson  
 Iokel Rosenbloom  
 \*Fannie Wolkovsky  
 June 18 Max (Mordecai) Schorsch  
 June 19 James Eisenstock  
 \*Barnett Goldberg  
 Louis Horowitz  
 \*Seymour Lieberman  
 \*Dorothy E. Adelson Robbins  
 June 20 Alex Adelson  
 \*David Housen  
 Jeffrey Os

**June 21-27: Myra Orlen**

June 21 Felix Brawer  
 \*Doris Belsky  
 June 22 Mary Epstein  
 \*Samuel Greenspan  
 Marilyn Jackler  
 Nathan Kaplinsky  
 June 23 Pauline Eskenasy McGilvra  
 \*Joseph Goldenberg  
 June 24 \*Harold A. Kappel  
 Mynn Lipson  
 \*Rheba Seaver  
 June 25 Isadore Elfman  
 \*Sarah Epstein  
 Tillie Friedman  
 June 26 \*William Hertzmark  
 June 27 Bernard Bloom  
 Louis Carlinsky

**June 28-July 4: Jayne Pearl**

June 28 Anna Joseph Hertzmark  
 Anna Levitan  
 June 29 Joseph Berman  
 Dorothy Chesik  
 John Cooper  
 Sidney Epstein  
 Goldie Halpern  
 Nathan Halpern  
 \*Sigmund Leffeld  
 Sidney Nathanson  
 \*Lillian Wolfe  
 June 30 Estelle "Cookie" Abrams  
 \*Sarah R. Magaziner Epstein  
 \*Sonia Soltz  
 \*Milton K. Welson  
 July 1 Robert M. Abrams  
 \*Kate Koufax Levine  
 Michael A. Marks  
 \*Stephen Robbins  
 Benjamin Robinson  
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