

# CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION

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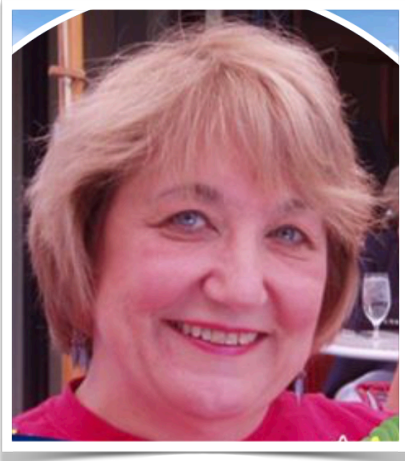
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## About the Month of Cheshvan

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

Well things are finally happening at Sons of Zion. We are on track to finalize the sale of the building in early January. Consequently, needing somewhere to go we have rented a relatively small space in Holyoke in the newly renovated mills by the canal. It has just about enough space for our activities and is very reasonably priced. It is also very secure with a keypad lock, lots of lights and we can take our security cameras. It will give us a place to go while we ponder our future plans. We will send some pictures after we have made the move.

There will be an open house on November 5 at the synagogue (and probably another one later) for our members and friends to come and take lots of the items that we will no longer be needing as we downsize from 19,000 square feet. Donations will be happily accepted. We are sad to be leaving this 100+ year old building with so many memories but will not miss the expense of keeping it up. And we are so happy that the Lighthouse School will be giving it new life and full use again.

Wanting to take the stained glass windows in the large sanctuary with us, we have started a Go Fund Me page (details on Page 5). Three of the windows have already been claimed by descendants of the original donors. We have an agreement with the school that we can take them after the sale since they need to be replaced with appropriate windows. Hopefully this will happen by the spring. The school is doing extensive renovations and is planning to open next September. We will be storing a lot of the things that we feel we really will need in the future but have no place for right now.

The name change project which has been on hold will be resumed, since we have a new and exciting future and Sons of Zion does not reflect who we are. Hope to see you at 380R Dwight St., Unit 5, in the future!

*Joanne Saltman*

**Cheshvan/Kislev  
5784**

*November 2023*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 14 Cheshvan	30 15 Cheshvan	31 16 Cheshvan	1 17 Cheshvan Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	2 18 Cheshvan	3 19 Cheshvan	4 20 Cheshvan Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)  <i>Move the clocks back before going to bed</i>  Vayera
5 21 Cheshvan <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>  Open House, 11 am-2 pm (at SOZ)	6 22 Cheshvan	7 23 Cheshvan <i>Election Day</i>	8 24 Cheshvan Mincha Ma'ariv: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)  SOZ Board Meeting: 6:30 pm (Zoom)	9 25 Cheshvan	10 26 Cheshvan	11 27 Cheshvan Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)  <i>Veterans Day</i>  Chaye Sarah
12 28 Cheshvan	13 29 Cheshvan	14 1 Kislev <i>ROSH HODESH KISLEV</i>	15 2 Kislev Mincha Ma'ariv: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	16 3 Kislev	17 4 Kislev	18 5 Kislev Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)  Toledot
19 6 Kislev	20 7 Kislev	21 8 Kislev	22 9 Kislev Mincha Ma'ariv: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	23 10 Kislev <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	24 11 Kislev	25 12 Kislev Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)  Vayetze
26 13 Kislev	27 14 Kislev	28 15 Kislev	29 16 Kislev Mincha Ma'ariv: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	30 17 Kislev	1 18 Kislev	2 19 Kislev Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)  Vayishlach

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

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

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)

*Move clocks back before going to bed*

Sunday, November 5, 2023

*Daylight Saving Time Ends*

Open House, 11 am-2 pm (at SOZ)

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

*Election Day*

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

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

SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)

Saturday, November 11, 2023

*Veterans Day*

Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

*ROSH HODESH KISLEV*

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

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

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

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

Thursday, November 23, 2023

*Thanksgiving Day*

Saturday, November 25, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

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

## SAVE THE DATES:

December 7, 2023:

Menorah Lighting at  
Holyoke City Hall, 5:30 pm

December 14, 2023:

8<sup>TH</sup> Night of Hanukkah Menorah  
Lighting and Potluck Supper  
at the Rosner's, 6 pm

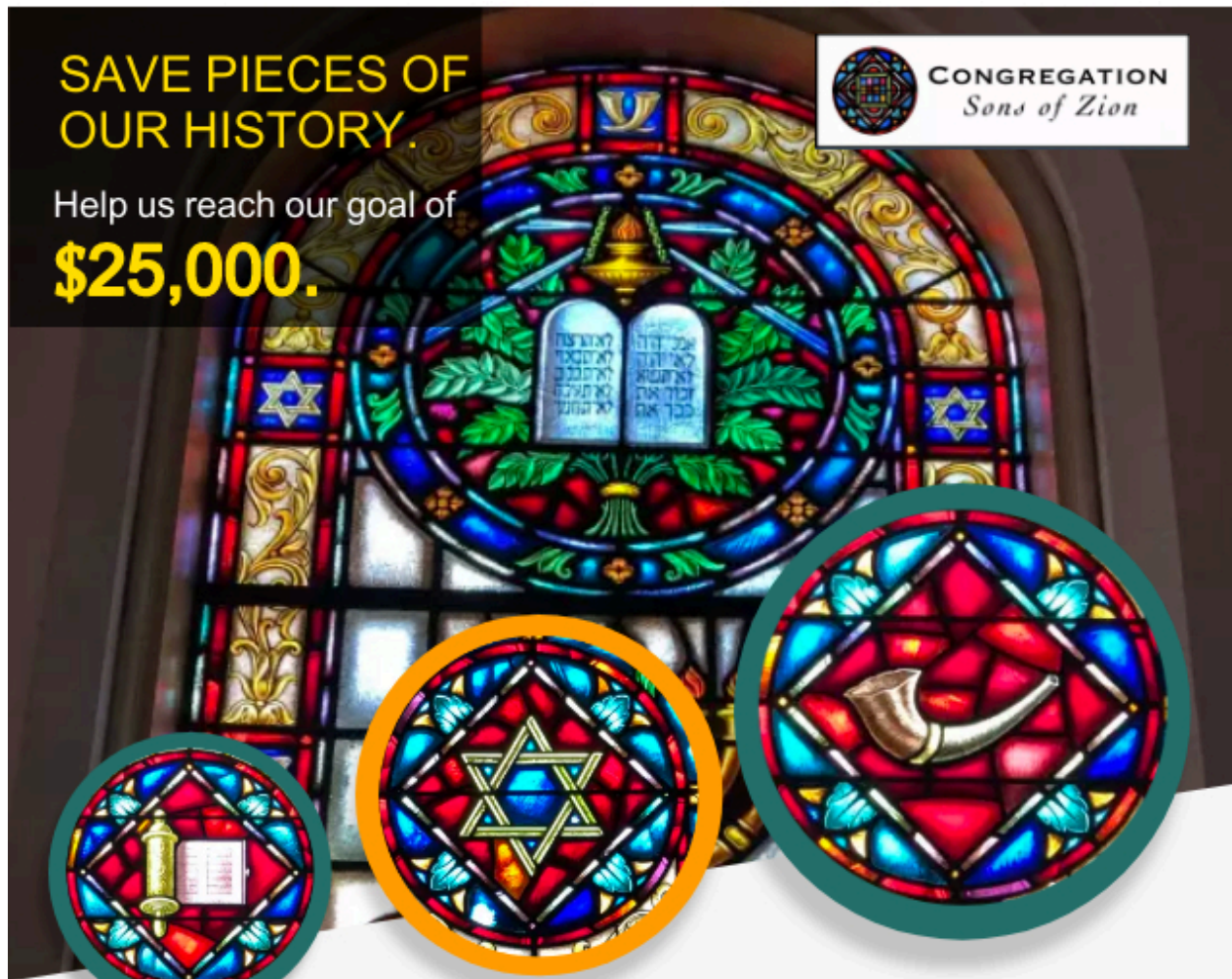
# SAVE PIECES OF OUR HISTORY.

Help us reach our goal of

# \$25,000.



CONGREGATION  
*Sons of Zion*




## 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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# OPEN HOUSE

## November 5, 2023 11 AM-2 PM

Come look over items at the synagogue and take home items that we are unable to bring to our new location.

All welcome!!!

### Donations Happily Accepted

**DONATE NOW**

**FOR MORE INFO:**  
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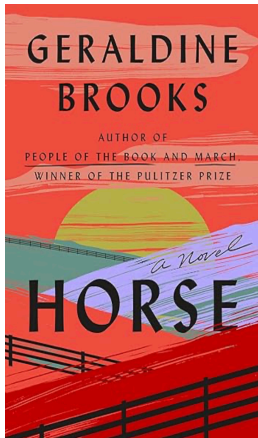


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# SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am



## **Horse by Geraldine Brooks**

*Kentucky, 1850.* An enslaved groom named Jarret and a bay foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to record-setting victories across the South. When the nation erupts in civil war, an itinerant young artist who has made his name on paintings of the racehorse takes up arms for the Union. On a perilous night, he reunites with the stallion and his groom, very far from the glamor of any racetrack.

*New York City, 1954.* Martha Jackson, a gallery owner celebrated for taking risks on edgy contemporary painters, becomes obsessed with a nineteenth-century equestrian oil painting of mysterious provenance.

*Washington, DC, 2019.* Jess, a Smithsonian scientist from Australia, and Theo, a Nigerian-American art historian, find themselves unexpectedly connected through their shared interest in the horse—one studying the stallion's bones for clues to his power and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to his racing success.

Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, *Horse* is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism.

## A Special Thank You to Our Sustaining Members

Robert and Frances Abrams

Andrew Barowsky

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Rich and Ellen Freyman

Bonnie and Maggie Gruszecki

Norman and Marion Halpern

Alfred and Lee Hutt

Stephen and Lois Levin

Buddy and Margie Resnic

Michael and Joan Rosner

Bill 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.*





# Donations: Thank you!



## Cemetery Fund

- ✦ Kathy Black: In memory of lives lost starting with the 10/7/2023 attack on Israel and at the continuing loss of life of innocent people, with much hope for locating those abducted and missing
- ✦ Joe Cohen: In memory of his father, Samuel Cohen
- ✦ Anne Daniels: In memory of Lillian and Harry Wolfe
- ✦ Richard and Elizabeth Gaberman: To help with the upkeep of the cemetery
- ✦ Elizabeth Goodman: In memory of her mother, Dorothy Bassell, for cemetery upkeep
- ✦ Ellen Kischel: In memory of her parents, grandparents, family and friends
- ✦ Steve and Joan Levine: In memory of Joan's father, David B. Kagan
- ✦ Steve and Joan Levine: In memory of Steve's father, Henry Levine
- ✦ Steve and Joan Levine: In memory of Steve's brother, Marc Levine
- ✦ Helene Marks: To help with the upkeep of the cemetery
- ✦ Joanne and Bill Saltman: Thank you to all who have helped with the cemetery-especially Eitan Kenefick, Yoni Glogower, Mark Cohen (our tombstone cleaner), Barry Hirsch, Barry Sparkes, Steve and Lois Levin
- ✦ Charles Weinstein: In memory of his mother, Clara Weinstein

## General Fund

- ✦ Kathy Black: In memory of Ellen Bonnie Podell, sister of Joan Rosner
- ✦ Kathy Black: In honor of Rich Freyman for his dedication in providing Zoom services during the High Holidays and to Rich and Ellen for opening up their home for Simchat Torah and holiday kiddush
- ✦ Aaron Falbel: With thanks to Rabbi Perlmutter for providing such a warm, welcoming and meaningful setting on the 2nd day of Rosh Hashana
- ✦ Megan Gross: High Holiday donation in memory of her father, Jacob (Jack) Gross
- ✦ Dr. Bonnie Gruszecki: In honor of Rabbi Saul Perlmutter and Dr. Max Chorowski in gratitude for the deeply moving, meaningful, and inspiring High Holiday services
- ✦ Dr. Bonnie Gruszecki: In loving memory of her paternal grandmother, Fanny Gruszecki
- ✦ Barry Hirsch: In memory of his brother, Jeffrey Hirsch
- ✦ Judy Katz: High Holiday donation in honor of Joan and Michael with wishes that they stay out of the ER's!
- ✦ Ira Laby: 3 sets of lulavim and etrogim for the synagogue's use
- ✦ Steve and Lois Levin: To cover half of the first month's rent at the synagogue's new location
- ✦ Steve and Joan Levine: High Holiday donation
- ✦ Gordon Palley: High Holiday donation in honor of Lois and Steve Levin, thanking them for their hospitality and service on Yom Kippur
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: In loving memory of Reuben Barshay, Joan's father
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: In memory of Vimala A. Reddy
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: Wishing Ira Laby a comfortable and full recovery
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: Sending yascher coach to Rabbi Perlmutter and Max Chorowski and all the wonderful congregants who lead us through the holiday services. TODA RABBA!!!
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: Sending heartfelt thanks to Joanne Saltman and the dedicated Board of SOZ for leading us at this challenging and exciting time.
- ✦ Joanne and Bill Saltman: To cover half of the first month's rent at the synagogue's new location
- ✦ Rick Tessler: High Holiday donation
- ✦ Susan Weiss: High Holiday donation
- ✦ Richard Wilson: High Holiday Appeal, in memory of his grandparents, Nathan and Gussie Wilson

## November 2023 Yahrzeits

**October 29-November 4: Ken Vieu**

October 29 \*Lillian Halpern  
 October 30 \*Armand Paperno  
 October 31 Katie Becker  
                   \*Joseph Saltman  
 November 1 Jeffrey Hirsch  
 November 3 Kate Paul  
                   \*Clara Weinstein

**November 5-11: David Carmen**

November 6 Ethel Carlinsky  
 November 8 Samuel Cohen  
 November 9 \*Bess Kaplinsky  
                   \*Nathan Wilson  
 November 11 \*Fannie Saex  
                   Robert Saex  
                   \*Max Stein

**November 12-18: Ilana Cohen**

November 12 Sylvia Bloom  
 November 13 \*Constance K. Barowsky  
                   Beatrice Rose  
                   \*Isaac Eskenasy  
                   \*Beatrice Palmer  
 November 14 Ruth Breslow-Young  
 November 16 Jay Posnik  
 November 17 \*Stanley Saex  
 November 18 Samuel Cohen

**November 19-25: Andrea Fox**

November 20 \*Rose Alperin  
 November 21 Philip G. Craig  
 November 23 Benjamin Paul  
                   Roberta Shefrin  
 November 25 \*Murray Horn

**November 26-December 2: Rich Freyman**

November 27 Jacob Paul  
                   Lena Seamon  
                   \*Nathan Solomon  
 November 28 \*Arthur Jay Berenson  
                   \*Meyer M. Rubin  
 November 29 \*John Gaylor  
                   Sherman Marks  
                   Milton Palmer  
                   \*Samuel Resnic  
                   Anne Wiener  
 November 30 \*Sonia R. (Baker) Greenspan  
 December 2 \*Leslie Kahan



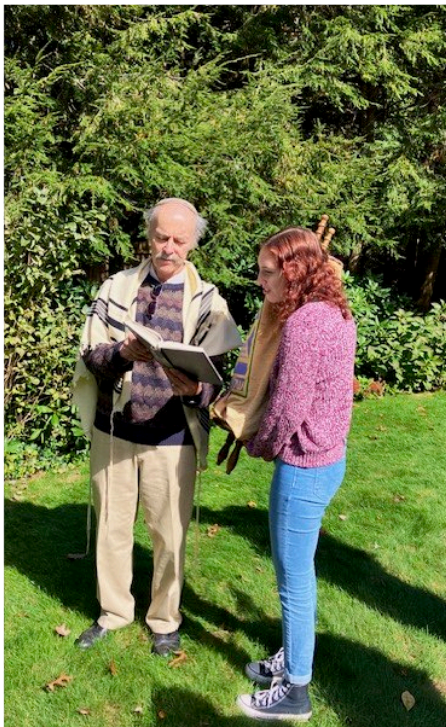
# Simchat Torah

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## Ride to Provide

Provided by Andrea Fox

It is with deep gratitude that I share with you that through the generosity and willingness, of those named below - we met our goal and in less than a week doubled the size of our team from 5 to the team of ten - a minyan! The following were our amazing team members:

1. Aaron Falbel
2. Andrea Fox
3. David Scher
4. Joan Kagan Levine
5. Joan Rosner
6. Joanne Saltman
7. Lois Levin
8. Dr. Michael Rosner
9. Rabbi Saul Perlmutter
10. Dr. Steve Levine



Four members did the 18 mile bike ride and the remainder of our team did the walk. After the event we met up for a delicious light lunch complete with ice cream from Herrells! The Fall weather was spectacular and the photos that follow show what a great time we had. Thank you also for all of our supporters who donated individually or on behalf of the team.

Our motto:

We are mighty, we are strong, we are family.

Am Yisrael Chai!

Your 2023 SOZ Team "Captain" Andrea



# Ride to Provide

Provided by Andrea Fox



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