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About the Month of Tammuz

The month of Tammuz begins the "season" of the summer. The three months of this season are Tammuz, Av and Elul.





President's Message

Sons of Zion Annual Meeting – June 29, 2025

President's Message

Three years ago, I took on the job as your President with the goal of selling our building at 378 Maple Street and securing the future of our synagogue and especially our cemetery which is dear to my heart after 20 years as its chairman. One year ago, we were devastated by the

cancellation of the sale of the building to the Lighthouse School. It has been a difficult year hoping to find a new buyer and managing to keep our shul active and growing. We have engaged a new agent and there is a lot of activity presently. Hopefully we will succeed in getting a buyer for this building which is costing us more to keep than the wonderful space here that we rent.

We were unable to afford to pay our dear Rabbi Saul Perlmutter but since the High Holidays last year have continued to get a minyan for our services with the fine work of our lay leaders Dr. Max Chorowski, Joe Boucher, Randi Stein, Nitza Seaver, and Jayne Pearl. We have also enjoyed having occasional services led by our former Rabbi, the now retired but still very vibrant Marc Rudolph.

We are a group of 60-90 year-olds who are only getting older. Joan Rosner, (who is a few years older than me) after serving as President for 5 years has continued to be my most active helper and co-chairman of the Religious Committee, shopping and setting up the kiddush after services, and advising me whenever I need it. Lois Levin who is retired but still works part time has done a great job as treasurer and picked up the slack when we didn't have a secretary. Rich Freyman, although still working full time, serves as co-Chair of the Religious Committee and makes sure our Zoom services are available. Dr. Stephen Levine who was a past President for 20 years, has been a great help with his unflagging enthusiasm and ideas.

Unfortunately, the younger generation today is not interested in traditional Judaism. They don't attend a 2-hour Shabbat service. They want to remain Jewish, with the traditions and holidays but are not there for the everyday work of keeping a synagogue going. The one exception is our wonderful new Cemetery Chairman, Eitan Kenefick, who at age 35 has taken on the job of securing the future of our cemetery and done a great job. I wish we had a few more like him. The cemetery needs to be funded and taken care of for the future when we are not around. The plan is to put money from the sale of the building into a fund that will

continue to support it. One of our members has agreed to match up to \$250,000 of a fund raiser for the cemetery.

At this point, our synagogue has about 70 members of which a core of about 20 are really active members. It's a wonderful group of people and I love them dearly but the most active of them are between 60 and 88 years old. The synagogue cannot continue to depend on us. At age 80, I am feeling the toll that the stress of this job has had on me. For the first time in many years, I have been laid low with a virus. (never had Covid, thankfully) but I am more tired, more easily. I took on the job as your President with the goal of selling the building and securing our future but I will not be President again after this coming year.

I feel if the building has not sold by the end of September that we should auction it off and take what we can get. This is my notice to see if we can increase our active membership and keep our warm and welcoming synagogue thriving. I know it is happening to religious organizations everywhere. A member of Sinai Temple told me they sometimes have trouble getting a minyan and are feeling the burden of supporting a large building that is not used as often as it once was. We need to think about how we can continue to keep the traditions in a changing world.

I first came to Sons of Zion with my stepson's Bar Mitzvah training in 1996. The wonderful warm group of people here that I have grown to love and cherish deserve to thrive and continue. If everyone did a little bit, it wouldn't be a lot of work. Looking for your ideas and support.

Warm regards,

Joanne Saltman

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!!!



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July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 3 Tammuz SOZ Annual Meeting, 11 am	30 4 Tammuz	1 5 Tammuz	2 6 Tammuz Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	3 7 Tammuz	4 8 Tammuz <i>Independence Day</i>	5 9 Tammuz Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid), Service Leader: Rabbi Marc Rudolph, Kiddush follows service Chukkat
6 10 Tammuz	7 11 Tammuz	8 12 Tammuz	9 13 Tammuz Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting: 6:30 pm (Zoom)	10 14 Tammuz	11 15 Tammuz	12 16 Tammuz Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: Dr. Max Chorowski Balak
13 17 Tammuz <i>Fast of the 17th of Tammuz</i>	14 18 Tammuz	15 19 Tammuz	16 20 Tammuz Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	17 21 Tammuz	18 22 Tammuz	19 23 Tammuz Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Details TBD Pinchas
20 24 Tammuz SOZ Annual Picnic at the Saltman's, 12 pm	21 25 Tammuz	22 26 Tammuz	23 27 Tammuz Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	24 28 Tammuz	25 29 Tammuz	26 1 Av Shabbat Service: 10 am: Details TBD <i>Rosh Hodesh Av</i> Matot-Masei
27 2 Av	28 3 Av	29 4 Av	30 5 Av Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	31 6 Av	1 7 Av	2 8 Av Shabbat Service: 10 am: Details TBD Devarim

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

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

Thursday, July 4, 2025

Independence Day

Saturday, July 5, 2025

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

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

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

Saturday, July 12, 2025

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

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Fast of 17th of Tammuz

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

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

Saturday, July 19, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom),
Details TBD

Sunday, July 20, 2025

SOZ Annual Picnic at the Saltman's, 12 pm

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

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

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Details TBD)
Rosh Hodesh Av

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

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



Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to our new Board and Officers!!!

Heartfelt thanks to all of them for their attention, dedication and leadership.

Officers

Joanne Saltman, President

Stephen Levin, Vice President

Lois Levin, Treasurer

Jayne Pearl, Recording & Corresponding Secretary

Cindy Vieu, Financial Secretary

Board

Richard Freyman, PhD

Ira Laby

Lois Levin

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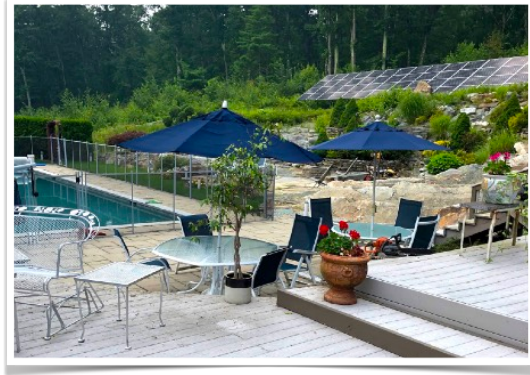
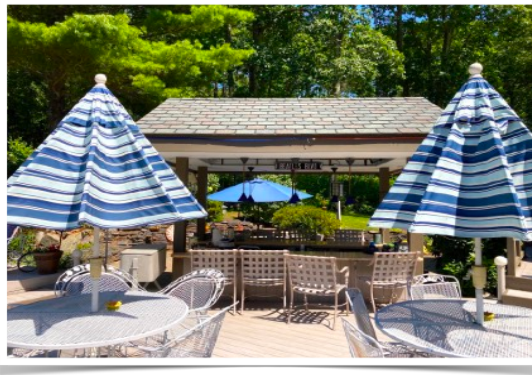
Cindy Vieu

Mazel Tov and Thank you!

CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION

Annual Picnic

Sunday, July 20, 2025
12 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 17th** to Joanne Saltman at 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**.

Local Events

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Go to:

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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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Joseph Arshawsky
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Stephen and Lois Levin
Steve and Joan Levine
Buddy and Margie Resnic
Michael and Joan Rosner

*Please consider joining our generous Sustaining
Members...at any time!*

Congregation Sons of Zion Legacy Society

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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
Joseph Boucher	Sidney* & Elizabeth* Paul
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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 or (413)534-3369. Thank you very much.





Donations: Thank you!

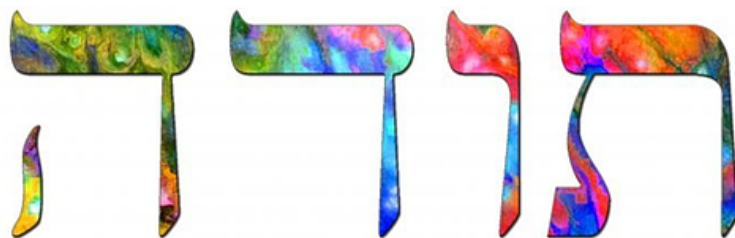


Cemetery Fund

- ✦ Jay Eisenstock: In memory of his father, James Eisenstock
- ✦ Diane Eskenasy: In memory of her sister, Pauline Eskenasy
- ✦ Ellen and Aaron Kischel: In memory of her aunts, Miriam Waxler Pearl and Harriet Polak
- ✦ Ellen and Aaron Kischel: Thank you to Joanne Saltman for her kindness, consideration, and caring for their family
- ✦ Elliot Rothchild: In memory of his mother, Sadie Rothchild

General Fund

- ✦ Kathy Black: In memory of Richard Freyman's aunt, Joan Sklaroff, who was his dearly departed mother's only sibling
- ✦ Kathy Black: For healing of Ira Laby
- ✦ Kathy Black: In remembrance of Ira Lady's brother, Morton Laby
- ✦ Elizabeth and Kevin Ferry: In memory of Sid and Betty Paul
- ✦ Judy Katz: In memory of Ira Laby's brother, Morton Laby.
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: In loving memory of Reuben Barshay, Joan's father
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: Wishing Good Health to Margie and Burton Resnic
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: Mazel Tov and Thank you to the SOZ Board 2025-26
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: Thank you to the SOZ Board 2024-25. Your dedication to SOZ is very much appreciated



"Toda" Thank You

Sdoris

July 2025 Yahrzeits

June 29-July 5: Joanne Saltman

June 29 Max (Mordecai) Schorsch
 June 30 James Eisenstock
 *Barnett Goldberg
 Louis Horowitz
 *Seymour Lieberman
 *Dorothy E. Adelson Robbins
 July 1 Alex Adelson
 *David Housen
 Jeffrey Os
 July 2 Felix Brawer
 *Doris Belsky
 July 3 Mary Epstein
 *Samuel Greenspan
 Marilyn Jackler
 Nathan Kaplinsky
 July 4 Pauline Eskenasy McGilvra
 *Joseph Goldenberg
 July 5 *Harold A. Kappel
 Mynn Lipson
 *Rheba Seaver

July 6-12: Cindy Vieu

July 6 Isadore Elfman
 *Sarah Epstein
 Tillie Friedman
 July 7 *William Hertzmark
 July 8 Bernard Bloom
 Louis Carlinsky
 July 9 Anna Joseph Hertzmark
 Anna Levitan
 July 10 Joseph Berman
 Dorothy Chesik
 John Cooper
 Sidney Epstein
 Goldie Halpern
 Nathan Halpern
 *Sigmund Leffeld
 Sidney Nathanson
 *Lillian Wolfe
 Harry Wolfe
 July 11 Estelle "Cookie" Abrams
 *Sarah R. Magaziner Epstein
 *Sonia Soltz
 *Milton K. Welson
 July 12 Robert M. Abrams
 *Kate Koufax Levine
 Michael A. Marks
 *Stephen Robbins

July 13-19: Richard Freyman

July 13 Benjamin Robinson
 July 14 *Simma Daniels

*Bertha Epstein
 Joe Fleischman
 Elizabeth Katz Jeremias
 *Eve Gerstein Scheinblum
 July 15 *Max Bussel
 July 16 Jacob N. Freedman
 Louis Goldblatt
 *Joe Mandel
 July 17 Samuel Hirsch
 *Aaron Posnik
 July 18 Dorothy Siegel
 *Samuel Bernson
 July 19 Daisy Hirsch

July 20-26: Ira Laby

July 20 Mamie Kahan
 *Sidney Levinson
 July 21 Max Berman
 Irene B. Kagan
 July 22 *Stanley Jacobson
 Rose Polak
 July 23 *Lilyan Laby
 Ida August Suher
 July 24 *Benjamin F. Evarts
 *Julius Levenson
 *Harry Saul Nulman
 July 25 Sidney Hirsch
 Morris Wolfe
 July 26 Harry Herman
 *Anna Herman
 *Fannie Nathanson

July 28-August 2: Lois Levin

July 28 *Harry Durlister
 Herman Fox
 Arthur I. Gold
 Syrel Kappel
 *Abraham Ritterman
 July 29 Samuel Gellert
 Barnett Orlen
 July 30 Reuben Barshay
 *Israel Goldberg
 *Clara Greenspan
 *Estelle Laufer
 July 31 *Joseph Polansky
 *Lester A. Stone
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 *Israel Epstein
 August 2 Alexander Breslow
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