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About the Month of 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

Our congregation is thriving despite the uncertainty in our future. On May 27th we held a very special service, possibly the last one ever in our beautiful large sanctuary. A big thank you to our Rabbi Saul Perlmutter for a truly beautiful service with the first Aliyah for a new convert, a welcome Aliyah for several new members and even a Bat Mitvah Aliyah for Brielle Vieu and Bar Mitzvah Aliyah for Daniel Marks. It was especially wonderful to hear the beautiful voices singing in person instead of being muted on Zoom! And thank you David Scher for hosting a wonderful kiddush in his very interesting home after the service with the help of Cindy Vieu. Our thanks also to Barry Sparkes who worked to make our building look presentable despite the packing going on.

We are still looking for a new home for our community but are positive that the right one will come along soon. Will keep you posted on our progress and keep those suggestions coming-they are very helpful.

It's hard to believe that it is almost a year since I became your President. The past year has been a lot of work, but we have accomplished a lot with all of your help. Our annual meeting will be in person and on Zoom on June 25th at 11:00 am. We will hold the meeting at Rodphey Sholom synagogue at 1800 Northampton St. in Holyoke in order to make it possible for as many members as possible to attend. Hope to see you there!

Joanne Saltman

Announcement:

A member of SOZ has been working closely with the Stop & Shop on Northampton Street in Holyoke to offer more kosher foods. They currently offer kosher chicken and kosher cheese. With your support, these items will continue to be available and they may even offer additional items in the future.

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June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8 Sivan	29 9 Sivan Place flags at the SOZ Cemetery, 11 am (SOZ Cemetery) Memorial Day	30 10 Sivan	31 11 Sivan Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	1 12 Sivan	2 13 Sivan	3 14 Sivan Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom) Naso
4 15 Sivan SOZ Book Club, 10:30 am (Zoom)	5 16 Sivan	6 17 Sivan	7 18 Sivan Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	8 19 Sivan	9 20 Sivan	10 21 Sivan Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom) Behalotecha
11 22 Sivan	12 23 Sivan	13 24 Sivan	14 25 Sivan Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)	15 26 Sivan	16 27 Sivan	17 28 Sivan Shabbat Service 10 am (Zoom) Shelach
18 29 Sivan Happy Father's Day	19 30 Sivan Juneteenth	20 1 Tammuz Rosh Hodesh Tammuz	21 2 Tammuz Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	22 3 Tammuz	23 4 Tammuz	24 5 Tammuz Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom) Korach
25 6 Tammuz SOZ Annual Meeting, 11 am (In-person at Rodphey Sholom and via Zoom)	26 7 Tammuz	27 8 Tammuz	28 9 Tammuz Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	29 10 Tammuz	30 11 Tammuz	1 12 Tammuz Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom) Chukkat-Balak

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, June 3, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Sunday, June 4, 2023

SOZ Book Club, 10:30 am (Zoom)

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

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

Saturday, June 10, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

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

SOZ Board Meeting,
6:30 pm (Zoom)

Saturday, June 17, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Happy Father's Day!

Monday, June 19, 2023

Juneteenth

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Rosh Hodesh Tammuz

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

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

Saturday, June 24, 2023

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Sunday, June 25, 2023

SOZ Annual Meeting, 11 am
(In-person at Rodphey Sholom and
also via Zoom)

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

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

SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, August 13th at 10:30 am



Once We Were Home: A Novel by Jennifer Rosner

When your past is stolen, where do you belong?

Ana will never forget her mother's face when she and her baby brother, Oskar, were sent out of their Polish ghetto and into the arms of a Christian friend. For Oskar, though, their new family is the only one he remembers. When a woman from a Jewish reclamation organization seizes them, believing she has their best interest at heart, Ana sees an opportunity to reconnect with her roots, while Oskar sees only the loss of the home he loves.

Roger grows up in a monastery in France, inventing stories and trading riddles with his best friend in a life of quiet concealment. When a relative seeks to retrieve him, the Church steals him across the Pyrenees before relinquishing him to family in Jerusalem.

Renata, a post-graduate student in archaeology, has spent her life unearthing secrets from the past--except for her own. After her mother's death, Renata's grief is entwined with all the questions her mother left unanswered, including why they fled Germany so quickly when Renata was a little girl.

Two decades later, 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 Israel, in unexpected ways, they must each ask where and to whom they truly belong.

Beautifully evocative and tender, filled with both luminosity and anguish, *Once We Were Home* reveals a little-known history. Based on the true stories of children stolen during wartime, this heart-wrenching novel raises questions of complicity and responsibility, belonging and identity, good intentions and unforeseen consequences, as it confronts what it really means to find home.

CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION ANNUAL MEETING



**Sunday, June 25, 2023
11 am**

at Congregation Rodphey Sholom

1800 Northampton Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

Meeting will be held in-person and via Zoom!

All are welcome!

Members in good standing may vote!

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AN ADDRESS IN AMSTERDAM

with author **Mary Dingee Fillmore**

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 AT 10:30 AM

Jewish Community of Amherst (JCA), Amherst MA and on Zoom

**Register for in-person or virtual attendance at:
<https://events.hadassah.org/Address>**

Registration fee: \$8

Light refreshments will be served



Author **Mary Dingee Fillmore** will speak to us about her historical novel *An Address in Amsterdam*, the story of Rachel Klein, an 18-year-old Jewish girl who decides to risk her life as a secret messenger for the anti-Nazi resistance. *An Address in Amsterdam* has won the following awards:

- **Amazon #1 Bestseller Jewish Historical Fiction, June 2020**
- **Winner, Sarton Women's Book Award for Historical Fiction**
- **Kirkus Reviews Indie Book of the Month**

Since Mary's first lengthy stay in Amsterdam in 2001, she has been visiting and researching, writing and speaking about the Holocaust and resistance there. Living in a house where Jewish people were hidden inspired Mary to write the novel. Since her book was published, she has given **talks** at more than 70 events in thirteen states and four countries about what the dilemmas and actions of the Dutch in 1940-45 have to say to our times.

Questions? Contact Rachel at nohohadassah@gmail.com.

A Special Thank You to Our Sustaining Members

Robert and Frances Abrams
Andrew Barowsky
Ned and Cindy Barowsky
Rich and Ellen Freyman
Bonnie and Maggie Gruszecki
Norman and Marion Halpern
Laura A. Hilf
Alfred and Lee Hutt
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 |
| 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 |
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| Debra Goldberg and Seth Waxman | Nitza Seaver |
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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 or (413)534-3369. Thank you very much.





Donations: Thank you!

Cemetery Fund

- ✦ Amy Bernstein: In memory of her grandfather, James Samuel Hirshon
- ✦ Amy Bernstein: In memory of her father, Milton Bernstein
- ✦ Michael Karukin: In memory of his mother, Frances Karukin

General Fund

- ✦ Myra Efron: In memory of her great grandfather, Israel Seamon
- ✦ Andrea Fox: In loving memory of her dad, Harold Fox's 6/4 birthday and yahrzeit
- ✦ Andrea Fox: Congrats to Zac for hard work in earning a 4.0 GPA all school year!
- ✦ Andrea Fox: Welcome to our new SOZ members and in honor of our last service in the shul
- ✦ Andrea Fox: Celebrating June as Pride month and challenging hatred against LBGTO people
- ✦ Andrea Fox: Congratulations to Brielle on becoming bat mitzvah and being accepted to the MacDuffie school
- ✦ Andrea Fox: Honoring Cindy and Ken Vieu and their fierce love, faith and commitment to family
- ✦ Andrea Fox: In honor of Daniel Mark's bar mitzvah
- ✦ Barry Hirsch: In memory of his dad, Harry Hirsch
- ✦ Judy Katz: With thanks to Deb Levine for her wonderful museum tour and delicious cookies!
- ✦ Betsy Tarr: In memory of her father, Isadore Barowsky
- ✦ Carol Wernick: In memory of beloved mother, Anita Levin-Epstein

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ✦ Bonnie Gruszecki: In memory of her mother, Gladys Gruszecki



"Toda" Thank You

June 2023 Yahrzeits

May 28 – June 3: Joan Rosner

May 29 Leo Halpern
 May 30 *Sophie Mekler
 June 1 *Etta Goldberg

June 4 – 10: Michael Rosner

June 4 *Mary Garber
 Harry Pincus
 June 5 Arthur Levine
 June 7 Gladys Gruszecki
 *Isadore Schepps
 June 8 Isadore Barowsky
 *Abraham Hirsch
 Israel Seamon
 June 9 Harold David Fox
 June 10 *James Samuel Hirshon
 Sadie Rothchild
 *Stanley G. Weiss

June 11 – 17: Buddy Resnic

June 12 *Milton Bernstein
 June 13 Sidney Radner
 Louis Weiner
 June 14 *Solomon Harmetz
 *Fannie Weiss
 June 16 Morris Levine
 June 17 *Sarah Bialer
 David Karukin

June 18 – 24: Mady Schorsch

June 18 *Irving Carmen
 *Eva Yecheved Falk
 *Robert Lasher
 *Dr. David Saltman
 Miriam Waxler
 June 19 David Lieban
 *Emil S. Schwartzwald
 June 20 Samuel Leitzen
 June 21 *David Judelson
 Iokel Rosenbloom
 *Fannie Wolkovsky
 June 22 Max Carlinsky
 Max (Mordecai) Schorsch
 June 23 James Eisenstock
 *Barnett Goldberg
 Louis Horowitz
 *Seymour Lieberman
 *Dorothy E. Adelson Robbins
 June 24 Alex Adelson
 *David Housen
 Jeffrey Os

June 25 – July 1: Barry Sparkes

June 25 Felix Braver
 *Doris Belsky
 June 26 Mary Epstein
 *Samuel Greenspan
 Marilyn Jackler
 Nathan Kaplinsky
 June 27 Pauline Eskenasy McGilvra
 *Joseph Goldenberg
 June 28 *Harold A. Kappel
 Mynn Lipson
 *Rheba Seaver
 June 29 Isadore Elfman
 *Sarah Epstein
 Tillie Friedman
 June 30 *William Hertzmark
 July 1 Bernard Bloom
 Louis Carlinsky



Hampshire Pride

Provided by Andrea Fox



Andrea with congressman Jim McGovern



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