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About the Month of Iyar

Although Iyar does not contain many “special days,” every single day of the month is included in the Sefirat HaOmer, the mitzvah of counting each of the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot. Sefirat HaOmer is a period of introspection and self-refinement, as we prepare ourselves to receive the Torah anew on Shavuot. Each day of Iyar represents another step in this spiritual journey toward Sinai.

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April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 22 Nissan Last Day of Passover 7 Omer	5 23 Nissan Minyan Cancelled Chesed Schmooze, 7pm (Zoom) 8 Omer	6 24 Nissan 9 Omer	7 25 Nissan Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5pm Service, 5:15pm (Zoom) 10 Omer	8 26 Nissan <i>Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)</i> 11 Omer	9 27 Nissan 12 Omer	10 28 Nissan Shabbat Service, 10am (Zoom) 13 Omer Shemini
11 29 Nissan 14 Omer	12 30 Nissan Minyan Cancelled 15 Omer	13 1 Iyar <i>Rosh Hodesh Iyar</i> 16 Omer	14 2 Iyar Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5pm Service, 5:15pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30pm (Zoom) <i>Yom HaZikaron Israel's Memorial Day</i> 17 Omer	15 3 Iyar <i>Yom HaAtzma'ut (Israel's Independence Day)</i> 18 Omer	16 4 Iyar 19 Omer	17 5 Iyar Shabbat Service, 10am (Zoom) 20 Omer Tazri'a-Metzora
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*(Zoom) and cancelled Monday minyanim assume that COVID-19 restrictions continue.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Passover Day 5

Friday, April 2, 2021

Passover Day 6

Saturday, April 3, 2021

Passover Day 7

Shabbat Service, 10am (Zoom)

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Last Day of Passover

Monday, April 5, 2021

Chesed Schmooze, 7pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Mincha Minyan: 5pm schmooze,
5:15pm service (Zoom)

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Yom HaShoah

(Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Saturday, April 10, 2021

Shabbat Service, 10am (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Rosh Hodesh Iyar

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mincha Minyan: 5pm schmooze,
5:15pm service (Zoom)

SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30pm
(Zoom)

Yom HaZikaron

(Israel's Memorial Day)

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Yom HaAtzma'ut

(Israel's Independence Day)

Saturday, April 17, 2021

Shabbat Service, 10am (Zoom)

Sunday, April 18, 2021

SOZ Book Club, 10:30am (Zoom)

Monday, April 19, 2021

Chesed Schmooze, 7pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Mincha Minyan: 5pm schmooze,
5:15pm service (Zoom)

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Shabbat Service, 10am (Zoom)

Monday, April 26, 2021

Pesach Sheni (eat matzah!)

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

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

Friday, April 30, 2021

Lag B'Omer



CHESED SCHMOOZE

April 5th and 19th @ 7PM
via Zoom

As the winter days get longer and so many of us are at home and limiting outside interactions, the Chessed Committee would like to invite you to an occasional online Schmooze.

Are you looking to have more social interaction?

Are you feeling exhausted by the length of time that the COVID crisis has lasted?

Are you looking for a chance to hear from others how they are managing in these times?
Or would you just like to get together with others in the SOZ family to connect and spend some time together?

If any of these things is of interest then join us on our inaugural Schmooze. There is no agenda other than a desire to connect with others.

PLEASE RSVP:

Please go to our website and register if you have **not** attended an SOZ Schmooze before.

The Zoom link will be sent out at 6pm on the night of the event.

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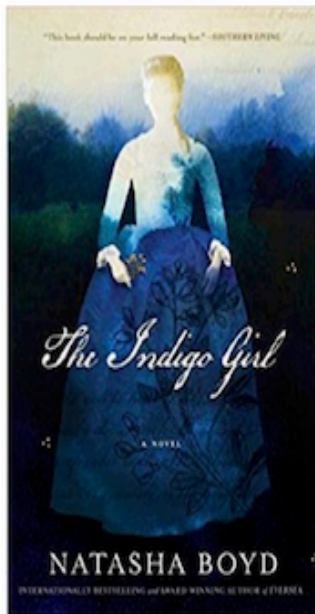
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SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, April 18th at 10:30am



An incredible story of dangerous and hidden friendships, ambition, betrayal, and sacrifice.

The year is 1739. Eliza Lucas is sixteen years old when her father leaves her in charge of their family's three plantations in rural South Carolina and then proceeds to bleed the estates dry in pursuit of his military ambitions. Tensions with the British, and with the Spanish in Florida, just a short way down the coast, are rising, and slaves are starting to become restless. Her mother wants nothing more than for their South Carolina endeavor to fail so they can go back to England. Soon her family is in danger of losing everything.

Upon hearing how much the French pay for indigo dye, Eliza believes it's the key to their salvation. But everyone tells her it's impossible, and no one will share the secret to making it. Thwarted at nearly every turn, even by her own family, Eliza finds that her only allies are an aging

horticulturalist, an older and married gentleman lawyer, and a slave with whom she strikes a dangerous deal: teach her the intricate thousand-year-old secret process of making indigo dye and in return -- against the laws of the day -- she will teach the slaves to read.

So begins an incredible story of love, dangerous and hidden friendships, ambition, betrayal, and sacrifice.

Based on historical documents, including Eliza's letters, this is a historical fiction account of how a teenage girl produced indigo dye, which became one of the largest exports out of South Carolina, an export that laid the foundation for the incredible wealth of several Southern families who still live on today. Although largely overlooked by historians, the accomplishments of Eliza Lucas influenced the course of US history. When she passed away in 1793, President George Washington served as a pallbearer at her funeral.

This book is set between 1739 and 1744, with romance, intrigue, forbidden friendships, and political and financial threats weaving together to form the story of a remarkable young woman whose actions were before their time: the story of the indigo girl.

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:
(413)575-0526 or js24saltman@gmail.com

How to Watch SOZ's Past Shabbat Services on YouTube: *(Zoom services are not recorded)*

Turn on your computer and speakers.

1. Run an internet browser (Internet Explorer or Chrome, for example)
2. Type [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) in the navigation bar and press enter.
3. In YouTube, type [Congregation Sons of Zion](#) (not just "Sons of Zion") in the box that says Search and then click on the magnifying glass or press enter.
4. Click on the video that has a red "Live" button on the bottom right corner. It may take up to 45 seconds for the video to load.

Services start at 10:00am. Shabbat Shalom!

Tikkun Olam Opportunities

Project Isaiah: Fundraiser Benefitting Margaret's Pantry

Is not this the fast I (God) want?

To free people from all which cruelly oppresses them, to let the oppressed go free, to break every chain, to share your food with the hungry, to take the homeless into your home. Clothe the naked when you see them. Do not ignore a needy relative. Then light will break forth like the dawn, and your wounds will soon be healed.

— Isaiah 58:6-7, From the Haftarah for Yom Kippur morning Adapted from The Mahzor, Rabbinical Assembly, and Tanakh, Jewish Publication Society

Once again, Congregation Sons of Zion will sponsor a collection to benefit Margaret's Pantry, a full-service food pantry that provides food to residents of the greater Holyoke area. The need this year is greater than ever. Due to the Pandemic Crisis, Margaret's Pantry is requesting financial donations which they will use to make purchases of needed items.

If you would like to contribute to this important cause you can make checks out to Margaret's Pantry and send them to:

Margaret's Pantry
c/o Brenda Lamagdeleine
56 Cabot Street
Holyoke, MA 01040

**Please note: Congregation Sons of Zion on your check.*

Thank you for your participation in this important effort.



Tikkun Olam Opportunities

Thank you to Lois Levin, who has shared some Jewish-learning opportunities offered by the Hebrew Union College that will-

- Probe the pressing concerns of our civic life today, including race and identity, elections, prison reform, and religious voices on social justice issues in **Judaism & Civil Society**
- Experience the impact of Jewish material culture through the creativity of artists, composers, poets, architects, and writers who illuminate our Jewish heritage in **Judaism & Culture**

Some programs are offered in partnership with the Jewish Book Council, the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, and the Klau Library.

Several free webinars are available from February 10, 2021, through June 22, 2021, under the broad topics of:

- Judaism & Civil Society
- Judaism & Culture
- Judaism & History
- Judaism & (grand) Parenting
- Judaism & Religions
- Judaism & Women's Studies

Further information with a link to program registrations available at huc.edu/huc-connect/huc-connect-2021



A Special Thank You to Our Sustaining Members

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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.

Anonymous (4)	Stephen & Lois Levin
Elaine Baskin	Stephen & Joan Levine
Irene Bernstein*	Sidney* & Elizabeth* Paul
Joseph Boucher	Burton & Marjorie Resnic
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Debra Goldberg and Seth Waxman	Charles Weinstein
Rose Gorin*	Frances Welson & Thomas Osborn*
Janet & Richard Greenfield	Sherwin & Rhoda Wernick
Rachel Henderson	Thomas & Eleanor Wilson
Alfred & Lee Hutt	
Ira Laby	*Deceased
Aaron & Gail Lansky	

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!



Building Fund

- ✦ Toby and Ellie Wilson: In memory of Toby's mother, Ethelle Wilson

Cemetery Fund

- ✦ Steve Kappel and Elaine Clein: In memory of their father, Charles Kaplinsky
- ✦ Charlie Weinstein: In memory of his father, Sam Weinstein

General Fund

- ✦ Philip Atlas: In memory of Andrew Jeffrey Polak. May his memory be a blessing
- ✦ Ned and Cindy Barowsky: In memory of Ned's uncle, Alfred Barowsky
- ✦ Ned and Cindy Barowsky: In memory of Ned's grandfather, Saul Magidson
- ✦ Andrea Fox: In honor of Arlene Fox's Birthday
- ✦ Andrea Fox: A Happy Birthday to her friend, Bonnie!
- ✦ Andrea Fox: In honor of all participants and attendees who made the Purim schpiel so joyous, funny, and special.
- ✦ Rich and Ellen Freyman: In memory of Irene Bernstein
- ✦ Rich and Ellen Freyman: To Mady Schorsch, in recognition of her effort and leadership that helped make our Passover Seder so entertaining, educational, and meaningful.
- ✦ Rich and Ellen Freyman: To Marjorie Bloom, in recognition of her effort and leadership that helped make our Passover Seder so entertaining, educational, and meaningful.
- ✦ Rich and Ellen Freyman: To Lois Levin, in recognition of her effort and leadership that helped make our Passover Seder so entertaining, educational, and meaningful.
- ✦ Rich and Ellen Freyman: To Judy and Robert Katz, in recognition of their effort and leadership that helped make our Passover Seder so entertaining, educational, and meaningful.
- ✦ Rich and Ellen Freyman: To Saul Perlmutter and Shoshana Zonderman, in recognition of their effort and leadership that helped make our Passover Seder so entertaining, educational, and meaningful.
- ✦ Bonnie Gruszecki: In memory of her maternal grandmother, Jules Hecht
- ✦ Judy and Robert Katz: In memory of Judy's parents, Helen and Charles Haberman
- ✦ Deb Levine: In appreciation of the talent & creativity of the Sons of Zion Theater Company
- ✦ Deb Levine: In memory of her mother, Barbara Levine
- ✦ Carolyn Porter: In appreciation of Rabbi Perlmutter's prayer class
- ✦ Rochelle Rosenberg: In memory of Andrew Jeffrey Polak
- ✦ Michael and Joan Rosner: In loving memory of Michael's mother, Lillian Thorn
- ✦ Michael and Joan Rosner: In warm memory of Michael S. Reiter
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: In fond memory of Sharon Barnett
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: In fond memory of Irene Bernstein
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: In appreciation of the SOZ Theater Company
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: In appreciation of Rabbi Perlmutter and the Passover Planning Group members. Yasher Koach!!!! Strength to strength!!!!
- ✦ Ellen Ryan: In memory of her dear cousin, Andrew Polak who passed too soon
- ✦ Barry Sparkes: In memory of Barry's mother, Betty Sparkes
- ✦ Sherwin and Rhoda Wernick: In memory of Sherwin's father, Harry Wernick
- ✦ Ralph and Louise Whitelock: In memory of Mr. Kenneth P. Stein

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ✦ Bonnie Gruszecki: In memory of Bonnie's paternal grandfather, Matias Gruszecki

April 2021 Yahrzeits

March 28 – April 3: Rich Freyman

March 28 *Alan Firestone
 March 30 Goldie Brodsky
 Jules Hecht
 April 3 Lillian Margolis Cohen
 Barbara Levine
 *Evelyn Polansky

April 4 – 10: Andrea Fox

April 4 Helen Haberman
 Charles Haberman
 April 5 Ida D. Paul
 April 6 *Robert Suher
 April 7 Lillian Thorn
 April 8 *Abraham H. Adelson
 April 10 Herman Speiser

April 11 – 17: Judy Katz

April 11 *Saul Firestone
 April 12 *Alfred Barowsky
 *Charles Kaplinsky
 April 13 *Eva Bernson
 April 15 Susan Marks

April 18 – 24: Ira Laby

April 20 *Sidney H. Wilson
 April 21 *Robert Seaver
 April 22 *Shorrie Bernstein
 April 24 Selma Lesnow

April 25 – May 1: Lois Levin

April 28 *Joseph Gerstein
 April 29 *Benjamin Wilson
 April 30 *Saul Magidson
 May 1 *Gilbert Saex



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