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# About the Month of Adar I

This month, Adar I, is an added month in the Jewish leap year—a *shanah meuberet* (lit., "a pregnant year"). The Jewish Leap Year, which occurs seven times in a 19-year cycle, has 13 months so that the lunar-based Jewish year (which is 354.37 days) should remain aligned with the solar year (365.25 days) and seasons.

It is important to keep the calendars aligned in order for the festivals to retain their positions relative to the seasons as prescribed by the Torah. The added month is called Adar I, and is inserted before the month of Adar (termed Adar II in leap years).

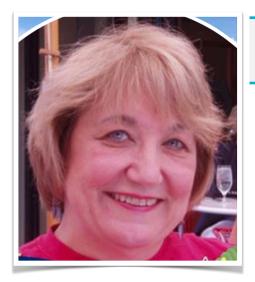
Adar is the official "happy month," as is written: "As soon as Adar begins, increase in joy!" In a leap year, we have two months of extra happiness!

The festival of <u>Purim</u>, celebrated on Adar 14, is in Adar II in leap years, while the 14th of Adar I is marked symbolically as <u>Purim Katan</u>–Minor Purim.

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# President's Message

We continue to pack and are starting to move into our new space on 380 Dwight Street in Holyoke. We are looking forward to holding our first service there in February and at Purim as well. Fortunately, the new chapel space is large enough that we can use our beautiful mahogany pews and bimah Torah table. We

will also be constructing a very nice Torah cabinet. More info will be forthcoming as we get closer.

Thank you to all those who sent end of year donations-it is very much appreciated. We can always use more to help pay for the expenses of moving and fixing up the new spaces.

The renaming of our synagogue will be restarted, which is even more important now that we will be having a whole new modern look but want to keep most of our old traditions.

Joanne Saltman

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# DATES TO REMEMBER

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

<u>Wednesday, February 7, 2024</u> Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom): 5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

> <u>Saturday, February 10, 2024</u> Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom) *ROSH HODESH ADAR I*

> SOZ Work Day, 10 am to 12 pm

<u>Wednesday, February 14, 2024</u> Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom): 5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service SOZ Board Meeting, 7 pm (Zoom)

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Monday, February 19, 2024 Presidents' Day

<u>Wednesday, February 21, 2024</u> Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom): 5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

<u>Wednesday, February 28, 2024</u> Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom): 5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service



## Soz Book CLUB MEETING Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 am



#### When We Had Wings by Ariel Lawton

The Philippines, 1941. When U.S. Navy nurse Eleanor Lindstrom, U.S. Army nurse Penny Franklin, and Filipina nurse Lita Capel forge a friendship at the Army Navy Club in Manila, they believe they're living a paradise assignment. All three are seeking a way to escape their pasts, but soon the beauty and promise of their surroundings give way to the heavy mantle of war.

Caught in the crosshairs of a fight between the U.S. military and the Imperial Japanese Army for control of the Philippine Islands, the nurses are forced to serve under combat

conditions and, ultimately, endure captivity as the first female prisoners of the Second World War. As their resiliency is tested in the face of squalid living arrangements, food shortages, and the enemy's blatant disregard for the articles of the Geneva Convention, the women strive to keep their hope-and their fellow inmates-alive, though not without great cost.

In this sweeping story based on the true experiences of nurses dubbed "the Angels of Bataan," three women shift in and out of each other's lives through the darkest days of the war, buoyed by their unwavering friendship and distant dreams of liberation.

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## 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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# 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 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!

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# **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) Elaine Baskin Irene Bernstein\* Joseph Boucher David & Nancy Carmen Louise Citron James Eisenstock\* Andrea Fox Richard & Ellen Freyman Albert Goldberg\* Herbert\* & Barbara\* Goldberg Debra Goldberg and Seth Waxman Rose Gorin\* Janet & Richard Greenfield **Rachel Henderson** Alfred & Lee Hutt Ira Laby

Aaron & Gail Lansky Stephen & Lois Levin Stephen & Joan Levine Sidney\* & Elizabeth\* Paul Burton & Marjorie Resnic Michael & Joan Rosner William Robbins\* & Mollie Blatt\* Ellen Saltman\* Paul Saltman William & Joanne Saltman Elihu & Joan Schepps Nitza Seaver Charles Weinstein Frances Welson & Thomas Osborn\* Sherwin & Rhoda Wernick Thomas & Eleanor Wilson \*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.



## Cemetery Fund

- + Michael and Mary Karukin: In memory of Michael's father, Samuel Karukin
- + Gellya Shulman: In memory of her husband, Arkady Shulman

## General Fund

- \* Elihu and Joan Schepps: Year End Donation
- + Richard and Linda Smernoff: To help save the stained glass windows
- + Betsy Tarr: In memory of her brother, Stephen Barowsky

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- + Theresa Jaffe: In memory of her husband, Jerome Jaffe
- + Gellya Shulman: In memory of her son, Michael Shulman



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# February 2024 Yahrzeits

#### January 28-February 3: Mady Schorsch

- Jan 28 \*Frances Brams Evarts
- Jan 30 Harris Cohan
- Feb 1 \*Eda Solomon
- Feb 2 \*Edwin A. Os \*Rae Schepps \*Michael Shulman

#### February 4-10: Barry Sparkes

- Feb 4 \*Beatrice Kahan
- Feb 5 Tzivia bat Marjeau
- Feb 7 \*Sylvia G. Welson
- Feb 9 \*Marcia Greenspan Friedman
- Feb 10 Theodore Belsky \*George Rose

#### February 11-17: Cindy Vieu

- Feb 11 \*David Epstein
- Feb 14 \*David Slotnick
- Feb 15 \*Samuel Alperin
- Judith Kramer Goldberg \*Helen Radner
- Feb 16 \*Elizabeth Paul
- Feb 17 Jacob Cohen

#### February 18-24: Ken Vieu

Feb 18	*David Kornetsky
	Betty Rothwell
Feb 19	Sarah Gilman
	Fannie Margolis
Feb 21	Rose N. Pincus
	Sadye Saltman
Feb 22	*Dorothy Barowsky

- Feb 23 Lewis Plesset
- Feb 24 \*Abraham Saltman

### February 25-March 2: David Carmen

- Feb 25\*Edward J. Greenspan<br/>\*Alvin KoufaxFeb 26Ruth LaskinFeb 27\*Minnie Goldenberg
- Feb 28 Sol May
  - \*Raymond Mekler
- Feb 29 \*Henry Levin
- March 1 Bertha Berman Harry Bloom Abraham Reiner Louis Rubin



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## Tu B'Shevat

Provided by Andrea Fox

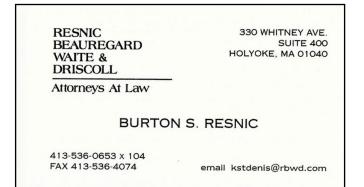


Rabbi Saul Perlmutter led us through a lovely and meaningful seder. A Happy New Year to the trees. Here is my seder plate thanks to the hard work of Joan, Mady, Judy and Michael. Rich managed the seamless tech of songs and videos. Tara's wonderful skills produced flyers, emails and Haggadahs.

-Andrea and Joan

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