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About the Month of Adar I

This month, Adar I, is an added month in the Jewish leap year—a *shannah 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 Purim, celebrated on Adar 14, is in Adar II in leap years, while the 14th of Adar I is marked symbolically as Purim Katan—Minor Purim.



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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February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 18 Shevat	29 19 Shevat	30 20 Shevat	31 21 Shevat Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	1 22 Shevat	2 23 Shevat	3 24 Shevat Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) Yitro
4 25 Shevat	5 26 Shevat	6 27 Shevat	7 28 Shevat Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	8 29 Shevat	9 30 Shevat	10 1 Adar I Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) ROSH HODESH ADAR I Mishpatim
11 2 Adar I SOZ Work Day, 10 am to 12 pm	12 3 Adar I	13 4 Adar I	14 5 Adar I Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting: 7 pm (Zoom)	15 6 Adar I	16 7 Adar I	17 8 Adar I Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) Terumah
18 9 Adar I	19 10 Adar I Presidents' Day	20 11 Adar I	21 12 Adar I Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	22 13 Adar I	23 14 Adar I	24 15 Adar I Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) Tetzaveh
25 16 Adar I	26 17 Adar I	27 18 Adar I	28 19 Adar I Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	29 20 Adar I	1 21 Adar I	2 22 Adar I Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom) Ki Tissa

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

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

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

ROSH HODESH ADAR I

Sunday, February 11, 2024

SOZ Work Day, 10 am to 12 pm

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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

SOZ Board Meeting, 7 pm (Zoom)

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Monday, February 19, 2024

Presidents' Day

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

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

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom)

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

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

IT'S A BOY!

Mazel Tov

Ilana and Eitan are proud parents of their son, Ronen Elias Kenefick
(Hebrew name: Ronan Simcha).

SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, March 3rd 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.

SAVE PIECES OF OUR HISTORY.

Help us reach our goal of **\$25,000.**




ABOUT OUR FUNDRAISER

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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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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.

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| Anonymous (4) | Aaron & Gail Lansky |
| Elaine Baskin | Stephen & Lois Levin |
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| 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 or (413)534-3369. Thank you very much.





Donations: Thank you!

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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"Toda" Thank You

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
 *Alvin Koufax
 Feb 26 Ruth Laskin
 Feb 27 *Minnie Goldenberg
 Feb 28 Sol May
 *Raymond Mekler
 Feb 29 *Henry Levin
 March 1 Bertha Berman
 Harry Bloom
 Abraham Reiner
 Louis Rubin



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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