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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 G-d 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 G-d's gift, and G-d "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.)

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May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 13 Iyar 28 Omer	26 14 Iyar Minyan Cancelled 29 Omer	27 15 Iyar 30 Omer	28 16 Iyar Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5pm Service, 5:15pm (Zoom) 31 Omer	29 17 Iyar 32 Omer	30 18 Iyar Lag B'Omer 33 Omer	1 19 Iyar Shabbat Service, 10am (Zoom) 34 Omer Emor
2 20 Iyar Help us Create a Plan to Reopen our Synagogue, 4-6pm (Zoom) 35 Omer	3 21 Iyar Minyan Cancelled Chesed Schmooze, 7pm (Zoom) 36 Omer	4 22 Iyar 37 Omer	5 23 Iyar Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5pm Service, 5:15pm (Zoom) 38 Omer	6 24 Iyar 39 Omer	7 25 Iyar 40 Omer	8 26 Iyar Shabbat Service, 10am (Zoom) 41 Omer Be-Har-Be- Chukotai
9 27 Iyar Happy Mother's Day 42 Omer	10 28 Iyar Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) Minyan Cancelled 43 Omer	11 29 Iyar 44 Omer	12 1 Sivan Rosh Hodesh Sivan Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5pm Service, 5:15pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30pm (Zoom) 45 Omer	13 2 Sivan 46 Omer	14 3 Sivan 47 Omer	15 4 Sivan Shabbat Service, 10am (Zoom) 48 Omer Be-Midbar
16 5 Sivan Erev Shavuot Tikkun Leil Shavuot, 8pm (Zoom) 49 Omer	17 6 Sivan Shavuot Minyan Cancelled Chesed Schmooze, 7pm (Zoom) 50 Omer	18 7 Sivan 2nd Day Shavuot (SOZ will not have a yizkor service) 51 Omer	19 8 Sivan Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5pm Service, 5:15pm (Zoom) 52 Omer	20 9 Sivan 53 Omer	21 10 Sivan 54 Omer	22 11 Sivan Shabbat Service, 10am (Zoom) 55 Omer Nasso
23 12 Sivan SOZ Book Club Meeting, 10:30am (Zoom) 30 19 Sivan	24 13 Sivan Minyan Cancelled 31 20 Sivan Memorial Day Minyan Cancelled	25 14 Sivan 56 Omer	26 15 Sivan Mincha Minyan Schmooze, 5pm Service, 5:15pm (Zoom) 57 Omer	27 16 Sivan 58 Omer	28 17 Sivan 59 Omer	29 18 Sivan Shabbat Service, 10am (Zoom) 60 Omer Be-Ha'alotcha

*(Zoom) and cancelled Monday minyanim assume that COVID-19 restrictions continue.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Shabbat Service, 10am (Zoom)

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Help us Create a Plan to Reopen
our Synagogue, 4-6pm (Zoom)

Monday, May 3, 2021

Chesed Schmooze, 7pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

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

Saturday, May 8, 2021

Shabbat Service, 10am (Zoom)

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Mother's Day

Monday, May 10, 2021

Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day)

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

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

SOZ Board Meeting,
6:30pm (Zoom)

Rosh Hodesh Sivan

Saturday, May 15, 2021

Shabbat Service, 10am (Zoom)

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Erev Shavuot

Tikkun Leil Shavuot, 8pm (Zoom)

Monday, May 17, 2021

Shavuot

Chesed Schmooze, 7pm (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

2nd Day Shavuot

(SOZ will not have a yizkor service)

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

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

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Shabbat Service, 10am (Zoom)

Sunday, May 23, 2021

SOZ Book Club Meeting,
10:30am (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

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

Saturday, May 29, 2021

Shabbat Service, 10am (Zoom)

Monday, May 31, 2021

Memorial Day

Save the Date: SOZ 117th Annual Meeting

Wednesday evening, June 23, 2021

Time to be determined



CHESED SCHMOOZE

May 3rd and 17th @ 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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Tikkun Leil Shavuot



Celebrate Receiving the Torah
by studying with us on Zoom!

Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 8pm

- Choose a section of Tanach (the Bible). In the Tanach, please choose from (Neviim) Prophets or (Ketuvim) Writings since we study Torah every week. You may also choose Talmud or any other sacred text and tell us how the section relates to you.
- Choose a couple of sentences to a whole book.
- Copies of the Tanach are available in the office to borrow or purchase. Call the office at (413) 534-3369 or Joan at (413) 535-8679.
- We will help if you want to explore other texts. Expand your world!

Or.....simply enjoy the discussion!!

Everyone is welcome!!

**Followed by...Make your own ice cream
sundae at home...or have a slice of
cheesecake!!**

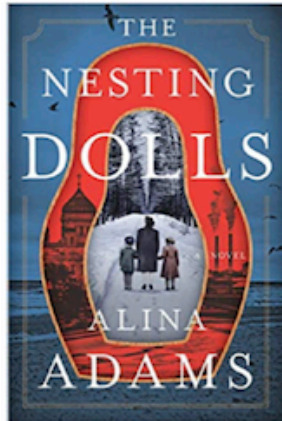


To reserve your passage, contact the office at
office@sonsofzionholyokey.org or (413)534-3369.

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SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, May 23rd at 10:30am



Spanning nearly a century, from 1930s Siberia to contemporary Brighton Beach, a page turning, epic family saga centering on three generations of women in one Russian Jewish family—each striving to break free of fate and history, each yearning for love and personal fulfillment—and how the consequences of their choices ripple through time.

Odessa, 1931. Marrying the handsome, wealthy Edward Gordon, Daria—born Dvora Kaganovitch—has fulfilled her mother’s dreams. But a woman’s plans are no match for the crushing power of Stalin’s repressive Soviet state. To survive, Daria is forced to rely on the kindness of a man who takes pride in his own coarseness.

Odessa, 1970. Brilliant young Natasha Crystal is determined to study mathematics. But the Soviets do not allow Jewish students—even those as brilliant as Natasha—to attend an institute as prestigious as Odessa University. With her hopes for the future dashed, Natasha must find a new purpose—one that leads her into the path of a dangerous young man.
Brighton Beach, 2019. Zoe Venakovsky, known to her family as Zoya, has worked hard to leave the suffocating streets and small minds of Brighton Beach behind her—only to find that what she’s tried to outrun might just hold her true happiness.

Moving from a Siberian gulag to the underground world of Soviet refuseniks to oceanside Brooklyn, *The Nesting Dolls* is a heartbreaking yet ultimately redemptive story of circumstance, choice, and consequence—and three dynamic unforgettable women, all who will face hardships that force them to compromise their dreams as they fight to fulfill their destinies.

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!



What's Cooking @ SOZ???

Will be put on ice for the summer

We will be back in touch in late August with a survey to choose a day and time to start cooking again.

Enjoy the summer!!!!

Tayavon Tov!!! Good Appetite!!!

Rich and Joan



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 Opportunitees

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@sonsofzionholioke.com or (413)534-3369. Thank you very much.





Donations: Thank you!



Cemetery Fund

- ✦ Amy Bernstein: In memory of her mother, Shorrie Bernstein
- ✦ Marcia and Francis Burke: In memory of Irene Bernstein
- ✦ Michael and Mary Karukin: In memory of Michael's mother, Frances Karukin
- ✦ Nitza Seaver: In memory of Dr. Robert Seaver, husband to Nitza and father to Jeremy and Michelle

Garden Fund

- ✦ Jordan Marks: In memory of his mom, Susan Marks

General Fund

- ✦ Rich and Ellen Freyman: In memory of Suzanne Chorowski
- ✦ Andrea Fox: In honor of the birth of the first grandchild for Saul Perlmutter and Shoshana Zonderman
- ✦ Andrea Fox: In memory of Dr. GED Deering, the kindest man with a huge heart
- ✦ Andrea Fox: In loving memory of Suzanne Chorowski, beloved and beautiful member of our SOZ family
- ✦ Andrea Fox: In memory of Roger Pritzker, beloved father of Ben Pritzker and Betsy & Steve Sanderson, grandpa to Kiera Sanderson
- ✦ Jacob and Lucy Greenburg: In appreciation of Saul Perlmutter and the community for the Zoom Passover Seder
- ✦ Robert and Judy Katz: Mazel Tov to Saul and Shoshana, for the birth of their new granddaughter!
- ✦ Gloria and Jordan Koltz: In memory of their dear friend, Irene Bernstein
- ✦ Arlene Fox and Paul Triber: In memory of beloved Suzanne Chorowski
- ✦ Lois and Steve Levin: In memory of Suzanne Halberstadt-Chorowski
- ✦ Lois and Steve Levin: To Dave and Nancy Carmen, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Lauren Carmen
- ✦ Lois and Steve Levin: To Saul Perlmutter and Shoshana Zonderman in honor of the birth of their first granddaughter
- ✦ Ann and Ben Marcus: In memory of Irene Bernstein
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: Mazel Tov to Kevlling grandparents, Saul and Shoshana on the birth of their new granddaughter
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: To Max Chorowski and family, in memory of Suzanne Chorowski, a very special person
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: A special thank you to Ken Vieu for caring for our building
- ✦ Joan and Michael Rosner: To the Karlin family, in memory of Robert Karlin

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ✦ Bonnie and Maggie Gruszecki: In memory of Suzanne Chorowski
- ✦ Dr. Morton Laby: In memory of his father, George Laby

May 2021 Yahrzeits

April 25 – May 1: Lois Levin

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

May 2 – 8: Steve Levin

May 2 *Francis Karukin
 May 3 William Shirley
 May 4 *Sheila Halpern
 Anna Goodman Samel
 May 5 *Rachel Saltman
 May 6 *Lloyd Everett Stein
 May 7 *Harold Haley

May 9 – 15: Deb Levine

May 9 Russell Bernstein
 May 12 Jacob Orlen
 May 13 *Annie Welson

May 16 – 22: Laura Marks

May 18 Theodore Freyman
 *Harry Hirsch
 Nathan Kahan
 *Lois Marks
 May 20 Leo Halpern
 May 21 *Sophie Mekler

May 23 – 29: Buddy Resnic

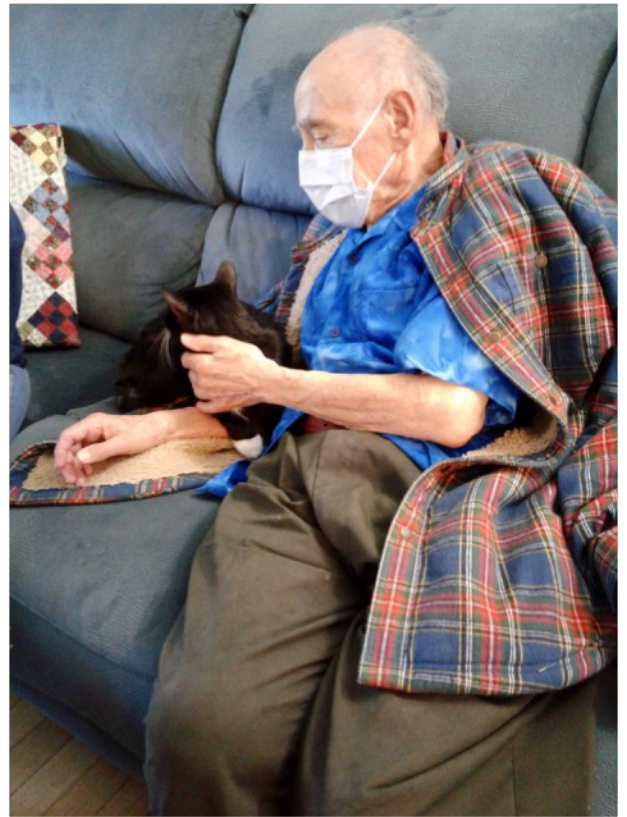
May 23 *Etta Goldberg
 May 26 *Mary Garber
 Harry Pincus
 May 27 Arthur Levine
 May 29 Gladys Gruszecki
 *Isadore Schepps

May 30 – June 5: Margie Resnic

May 30 Isadore Barwosky
 *Abraham Hirsch
 Israel Seamon
 May 31 Harold David Fox
 June 1 *James Samuel Hirshon
 Sadie Rothchild
 *Stanley G. Weiss
 June 3 *Milton Bernstein
 June 4 *Sidney Radner
 Louis Weiner
 June 5 *Solomon Harmetz
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Mazel Tov to Ira Laby on his new family member, Bootsie



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