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About the Month of Kislev

Kislev the ninth month of the year, counting from Nisan, brings the celebration of Hanukkah! Hanukkah celebrates the miracle of one day's holy oil lasting for eight days; allowing time to prepare more oil. As the candles of the hanukkiyah shine through our windows at the darkest time of the year, our thoughts turn to the hard won freedom of the Maccabees. We celebrate freedom and light.

Happy Hanukkah!!!



President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

As we approach the end of another year, we are grateful for the support of our dedicated members who have helped us continue our mission. While we have received some generous donations in response to our recent plea, we still need additional funds to sustain our operations until we find a new buyer for our building at 378 Maple Street.

We kindly ask for your consideration in making a donation to our general fund this holiday season. Your support is crucial in ensuring that we can continue serving our community.

In more festive news, we are excited to announce a special children's event co-sponsored with the PJ Library on December 22nd at the Jewish Community Center in Springfield (Details can be found on page 8).

Join us on December 26th at 5:30 pm as we come together to light the menorah in front of city hall in Holyoke. We invite you to join us in celebrating the holiday season with delicious latkes and the spirit of unity with our neighbors (Details can be found on page 7).

Here's to a brighter and more prosperous New Year for all of us. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Joanne Saltman

**Cheshvan/
Kislev 5785**

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 30 Cheshvan	2 1 Kislev ROSH CHODESH KISLEV	3 2 Kislev	4 3 Kislev Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)	5 4 Kislev Fiesta de la Simcha sponsored by Federation, 7 pm at Bombyx, Florence	6 5 Kislev Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 3:40 pm, Light Candles: 4:00 pm	7 6 Kislev Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid at 380 Dwight Street), Service Leader: Rabbi Marc Rudolph, followed by a kiddush Vayetze
8 7 Kislev SOZ Book Club, 7:30 pm (Zoom)	9 8 Kislev	10 9 Kislev	11 10 Kislev Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	12 11 Kislev	13 12 Kislev Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 3:40 pm, Light Candles: 4:00 pm	14 13 Kislev Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD) Vayishlach
15 14 Kislev	16 15 Kislev	17 16 Kislev	18 17 Kislev Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	19 18 Kislev	20 19 Kislev Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 3:40 pm, Light Candles: 4:03 pm	21 20 Kislev Shabbat Service: 10 am (Format TBD), Service Leader: Dr. Max Chorowski Vayeshev
22 21 Kislev Hanukkah Children's Program, 1-3 pm at the Jewish Community Center, Springfield (Neal Webber Building), Registration Required	23 22 Kislev	24 23 Kislev	25 24 Kislev Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) Light First Hanukkah Candle EREV HANUKKAH	26 25 Kislev 9th Annual Hanukkah Candle Lighting at Holyoke City Hall, 5:30 pm Light 2 Candles FIRST DAY HANUKKAH	27 26 Kislev Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 3:45 pm, Light Candles: 4:07 pm Light 3 Candles SECOND DAY HANUKKAH	28 27 Kislev Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leaders: Joe and Catherine Light 4 Candles THIRD DAY HANUKKAH Miketz
29 28 Kislev Light 5 Candles FOURTH DAY HANUKKAH	30 29 Kislev Light 6 Candles FIFTH DAY HANUKKAH	31 30 Kislev <i>New Year's Eve</i> Light 7 Candles SIXTH DAY HANUKKAH	1 1 Tevet Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) <i>New Year's Day</i> Light 8 Candles SEVENTH DAY HANUKKAH ROSH HODESH TEVET	2 2 Tevet EIGHTH DAY HANUKKAH	3 3 Tevet Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 3:50 pm, Light Candles: 4:13 pm	4 4 Tevet Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD) Vayigash

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, December 2, 2024

ROSH CHODESH KISLEV

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)

Thursday, December 5, 2024

Fiesta de la Simcha sponsored by Federation,
7 pm at Bombyx, Florence

Friday, December 6, 2024

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):

Gather at 3:40 pm, Light Candles at 4:00 pm

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Hybrid at 380
Dwight Street), Service Leader: Rabbi Marc
Rudolph, followed by a kiddush

Sunday, December 8, 2024

SOZ Book Club, 7:30 pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Friday, December 13, 2024

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):

Gather at 3:40 pm, Light Candles at 4:00 pm

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Details TBD)

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Friday, December 20, 2024

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):

Gather at 3:40 pm, Light Candles at 4:03 pm

Saturday, December 21, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Format TBD),
Service Leader: Dr. Max Chorowski

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Hanukkah Children's Program: 1-3 pm at the
Jewish Community Center, Springfield
(Neal Webber Building),
Registration Required

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Light First Hanukkah Candle

EREV HANUKKAH

Thursday, December 26, 2024

9th Annual Hannukah Candle Lighting at
Holyoke City Hall, 5:30 pm

Light 2 Candles

FIRST DAY HANUKKAH

Friday, December 27, 2024

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):

Gather at 3:40 pm, Light Candles at 4:01 pm

Light 3 Candles

SECOND DAY HANUKKAH

Saturday, December 28, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom), Service

Leaders: Joe and Catherine

Light 4 Candles

THIRD DAY HANUKKAH

Sunday, December 29, 2024

Light 5 Candles

FOURTH DAY HANUKKAH

Monday, December 30, 2024

Light 6 Candles

FIFTH DAY HANUKKAH

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

Light 7 Candles

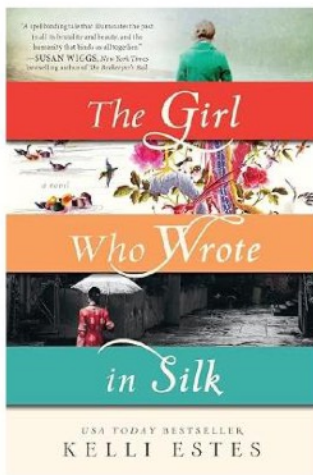
SIXTH DAY HANUKKAH

New Year's Eve

SOZ Book Club

SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, December 8th at 7:30 pm via Zoom



***The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes**

While exploring her aunt's island estate, Inara Erickson is captivated by an elaborately stitched piece of fabric hidden in the house. The truth behind the silk sleeve dated back to 1886, when Mei Lien, the lone survivor of a cruel purge of the Chinese in Seattle found refuge on Orcas Island and shared her tragic experience by embroidering it.

As Inara peels back layer upon layer of the centuries of secrets the sleeve holds, her life becomes interwoven with that of Mei Lien. Through the stories Mei Lien tells in silk, Inara uncovers a tragic truth that will shake her family to its core—and force her to make an impossible choice. Should she bring shame to her family and risk everything by telling the truth, or tell no one and dishonor Mei Lien's memory?

A touching and tender book for fans of Marie Benedict, Susanna Kearsley, and Duncan Jepson, *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* is a dual-time period novel that explores how a delicate piece of silk interweaves the past and the present, reminding us that today's actions have far reaching implications.

Local Events



Featuring:
Fabiola Mendez Trio
Ezekiel's Wheel
Klezmer Band
Prof. Ilan Stavans

Fiesta de la Simcha: A Joyous Celebrations of Diversity

Wednesday December 4 @ 7:00 pm
Springfield Conservatory of the Arts
339 State Street
Springfield, MA

Thursday December 5
5:30 Preconcert Cafe and Dessert Tasting with Ilan Stavans
7PM Concert
BOMBYX Center for Arts & Equity
130 Pine Street
Florence, MA

9TH ANNUAL

Hanukkah

Candle Lighting at
Holyoke City Hall

Thursday, December 26, 2024
5:30 PM

**LIGHT THE CANDLES
SONGS
DREIDELS**

Followed by holiday refreshments
in City Hall

Festivities brought to you by:
Congregation Sons of Zion
Congregation Rodphey Sholom
Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department
Holyoke Mayor's Office

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HANUKKAH PROGRAM

for Families with Young Children
in the Greater Holyoke Area

Sunday, December 22, 2024
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Location: Jewish Community Center, Neal Webber
Building, 1160 Dickinson Street, Springfield, MA

Congregation Sons of Zion (SOZ)
PJ Library

Springfield Jewish Community Center

*are delighted to support this fun and educational program for children
(ages 4 to age 9) in Holyoke, Springfield, and nearby towns.*



This program will involve:

- Anna Sobel and her "Hanukkats" puppet show!
- Listening to the reading of a PJ Library Hanukkah book (each family will receive a copy!)
- Bring your appetite for latkes and applesauce!

Registration Info
Will Be Available
Soon

*We intend that this and future programs will help foster Jewish identity
with programs about Jewish heritage, holidays, history and values.*

No commitment, fees or dues.

No requirement to join SOZ, JCC or PJ Library.

Blended and families of all types welcome!

Please register by Sunday, December 15th.

BARUCH DAYAN ha-EMET

We recently learned of the passing of a long-time loyal supporter of Congregation Sons of Zion, Sanford Katz.

"May Sanford's memory be a source of blessing and comfort to all who knew and loved him."

Joanne

SANFORD KATZ Obituary

KATZ, Sanford Sanford Katz of Newton, a world-renowned law professor passed away on February 10, 2024. Beloved by his colleagues and students, Professor Katz taught family law and contracts at Boston College Law School for 47 years. Professor Katz was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts on December 23, 1933, the son of Jacob and Rebecca Katz, and one of seven children. He graduated from Boston University and the University of Chicago Law School, then joined the Air Force Judge Advocate General Division and served at the Pentagon. After a fellowship at Yale Law School, he began his illustrious teaching career at Catholic University Law School and then to the University of Florida, before Dean, Robert Drinan, S.J., brought him to Boston College Law School. Professor Katz's impact in the field of family law has been enormous. The author of numerous foundational books and scholarly articles, he lectured throughout the world. For many years, he served as Editor of the prestigious Family Law Quarterly, Chair of the American Bar Association's Family Law Section, and was one of the founders of the International Society of Family Law. In recognition of his prolific and most distinguished scholarship, Professor Katz was invited as a Fellow at All Souls College at Oxford, where he and his beloved wife Joan (a devotee of Oxford crime mysteries) spent some of their happiest times together. In 2016, nineteen eminent scholars from Great Britain and America published a volume of legal essays in his honor. Sanford Katz is survived by his dear wife of over sixty-five years, Joan, his sons Daniel and his wife Meg Parsont and Andrew and his wife Denise Padilla; his grandchildren Lucia and Salvador Katz, whom he adored; his sister Eleanor Shrier and several extended family members. Professor Katz also leaves behind several generations of devoted students, who will fondly remember his absolute commitment to their success in the legal profession, as well as countless colleagues, scholars and practitioners who he inspired.

SAVE PIECES OF OUR HISTORY.

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




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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*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 |
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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

- ◆ Anne Daniels: In memory of her parents, Harry and Lillian Wolfe
- ◆ Gerry Glasser: In memory of his father, Arthur Glasser
- ◆ Elizabeth Bassell Goodman: In memory of her mother, Dorothy Bassell
- ◆ Barry Hirsch: In memory of his brother, Jeffrey Hirsch
- ◆ Nitza Seaver: In appreciation of Joanne Saltman for always being there for her
- ◆ Nitza Seaver: In appreciation of Jayne Pearl for her visit and for bringing the delicious challah and soup

General Fund

- ◆ Rosaline Barron: To be used wherever it is needed most
- ◆ Kathy Black: In honor of Dr. Max Chorowski's birthday
- ◆ Kathy Black: In honor of Rabbi Saul Perlmutter
- ◆ Andrea Fox: In memory of her dear friend, Leah Kunkel. Rest in Power sister.
- ◆ Megan Gross: High Holiday donation in memory of her father, Jacob (Jack) Gross
- ◆ Steve and Lois Levin: In honor of those who participated in the High Holiday services, with a special Thank You to all of the service leaders, and to offer their love and support to the SOZ community throughout 5785.
- ◆ Gordon Palley: High Holiday donation in honor of Lois and Steve Levin
- ◆ Buddy and Margie Resnic: High Holiday donation
- ◆ Bill and Joanne Saltman: High Holiday donation
- ◆ Barry Sparkes: In response to Joanne Saltman's appeal to support the synagogue
- ◆ Margo Stein and Kathie Stein, John and Susan Stein Black: In memory of Ruth Epstein
- ◆ Pinky Stein: In memory of Ruth Epstein
- ◆ Rachel Telushkin: In response to Joanne Saltman's appeal to support the synagogue, with thanks for all of her hard work. CSZ is a special shul.



December 2024 Yahrzeits

December 1-7: Joanne Saltman

Dec 1 *Isaac Eskenasy
 *Beatrice Palmer
 Dec 2 Ruth Breslow-Young
 Dec 4 Jay Posnik
 Dec 5 *Stanley Saex
 Dec 6 Samuel Cohen

December 8-14: Mady Schorsch

Dec 8 *Rose Alperin
 Dec 9 Philip G. Craig
 Dec 11 Benjamin Paul
 Roberta Shefrin
 Dec 13 *Murray Horn

December 15-21: Barry Sparkes

Dec 15 Jacob Paul
 Lena Seamon
 *Nathan Solomon
 Dec 16 *Arthur Jay Berenson
 *Meyer M. Rubin
 Dec 17 *John Gaylor
 Sherman Marks
 Milton Palmer
 *Samuel Resnic
 Anne Wiener
 Dec 18 *Sonia R. (Baker) Greenspan
 Dec 20 *Leslie Kahan
 Dec 21 *Aaron Blatt
 Ellen Connington
 *Yetta Gaylor
 *Anne Kaplinsky
 Sophie Paul
 *Louis Saex

December 22-28: Cindy Vieu

Dec 23 *David A. Weber
 Dec 25 Dolores Stein
 Dec 26 *Russell Bernstein
 Dec 27 Shirley Brawer
 *Louis H. Schlosberg
 Dec 28 Harold Gerstein
 *Matilda Goldberg
 *Mildred Kaplinsky
 *Philip Rubin

December 29-January 4: Kathy Black

Dec 30 Dr. Ira Daniel Gilbert
 *Joseph Welson
 Jan 1 *Milton Jerome Laufer
 Adele Robbins
 Jan 2 Marcelle Freyman
 Jan 3 *Ethel Haley
 Paul Meyer
 Jan 4 *Ida Laskin
 Rose Rubin



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