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About the Month of Cheshvan

This month is the anticlimax of the previous month of Tishrei. With so many holidays and spiritual experiences, it was a feast for the soul—a vacation of sorts. Now, as we enter the month of Cheshvan, real life begins, back to the daily “mundane” grind. This is the time to take the inspiration and all that we gained in the month of Tishrei and integrate it into our lives, learning how to balance the spiritual and the physical elements of our life in unison and harmony.



President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

It has been a trying year for those of us who are working to keep our synagogue and community going. With the cancellation of the sale of our building at 378 Maple Street the financial burden of maintaining that 19,000 square foot building and paying (even as reasonable as it is) for our rental space at 380 Dwight Street, we are unable to afford the \$40,000 a year salary of our beloved Rabbi of 20 years, Saul Perlmutter. We hope this is a temporary situation but are unable to give him a renewal of his contract when we cannot foresee how long it will take to sell the building.

With several lay leaders we will continue have Shabbat services either in person or on Zoom. In addition, there are some fun and interesting activities planned for the next few months including a meeting with the Western Mass. Jewish Genealogy Society, the Hanukkah candle lighting at Holyoke City Hall, and a children's Hanukkah event with a puppeteer and latkes.

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and hope to see you soon.

Joanne Saltman

**Tishrei/
Cheshvan 5785**

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 25 Tishrei Memorial Plaque Removal, 10 am to noon (378 Maple Street)	28 26 Tishrei	29 27 Tishrei	30 28 Tishrei Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	31 29 Tishrei	1 30 Tishrei Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 5:05 pm, Light Candles: 5:25 pm	2 1 Cheshvan ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: Joe Boucher Move clocks back tonight! Noach
3 2 Cheshvan Eastern Standard Time Begins	4 3 Cheshvan	5 4 Cheshvan Election Day VOTE!	6 5 Cheshvan Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	7 6 Cheshvan	8 7 Cheshvan Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:00 pm, Light Candles: 4:17 pm	9 8 Cheshvan Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD) Lech Lecha
10 9 Cheshvan	11 10 Cheshvan Veterans Day	12 11 Cheshvan	13 12 Cheshvan Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)	14 13 Cheshvan	15 14 Cheshvan Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 3:50 pm, Light Candles: 4:10 pm	16 15 Cheshvan Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD) Vayera
17 16 Cheshvan SOZ Book Club, 7:30 pm (Zoom)	18 17 Cheshvan	19 18 Cheshvan	20 19 Cheshvan Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	21 20 Cheshvan	22 21 Cheshvan Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 3:45 pm, Light Candles: 4:05 pm	23 22 Cheshvan Shabbat Service: 10 am (Hybrid), 380 Dwight Street, followed by a birthday Kiddush for Dr. Max Chorowski Chaye Sarah
24 23 Cheshvan	25 24 Cheshvan	26 25 Cheshvan	27 26 Cheshvan Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	28 27 Cheshvan Thanksgiving Day	29 28 Cheshvan Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 3:40 pm, Light Candles: 4:01 pm	30 29 Cheshvan Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD) Toledot

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, November 1, 2024

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
Gather at 5:15 pm, Light Candles at 5:25 pm

Saturday, November 2, 2024
ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN

Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom),
Service Leader: Joe Boucher

Move clocks back tonight!

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Eastern Standard Time Begins

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Election Day! VOTE!



Wednesday, November 6, 2024

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

Friday, November 8, 2024

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
Gather at 4:00 pm, Light Candles at 4:17 pm

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Details TBD)

Tuesday, November 11, 2024

Veterans Day



Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):
5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service
SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)

Friday, November 15, 2024

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
Gather at 3:50 pm, Light Candles at 4:10 pm

Saturday, November 16, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Details TBD)

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

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

Friday, November 22, 2024

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
Gather at 3:45 pm, Light Candles at 4:05 pm

Saturday, November 23, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Hybrid: 380
Dwight Street), Service Leader: Dr. Max
Chorowski, Service is followed by a Birthday
Celebration Kiddush for Dr. Max Chorowski

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

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

Thursday, November 28, 2024

Thanksgiving Day



Friday, November 29, 2024

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
Gather at 3:40 pm, Light Candles at 4:01 pm

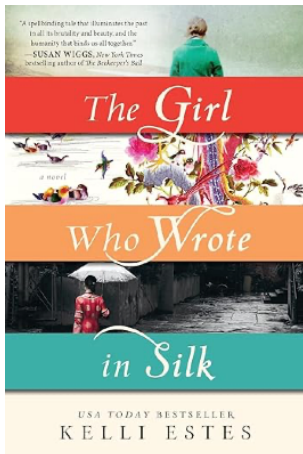
Saturday, November 30, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Details TBD)

SOZ Book Club

SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, November 17th 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 Lein. Through the stories Mei Lein 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.



JOIN US FOR
Dr. Max
Chorowski's
BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION
KIDDUSH!!!

Saturday,
November 23, 2024

SHABBAT SERVICE
BEGINS AT 10 AM.

KIDDUSH TO FOLLOW
THE SERVICE.

All are welcome!!

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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.

Local Events and More



Two exciting genealogy conversations going on simultaneously on one day!

The Western Massachusetts Jewish Genealogical Society presents a morning of genealogy: Sunday November 10th at Congregation Sons of Zion in Holyoke (10am-noon)

Choose the session that fits you:

Session 1: For those new to genealogy:

Why research my family history?

What might I discover?

Where to start?

Session 2: For those who have done some genealogy research already:

An opportunity to sit down with a mentor to explore one specific question you've been challenged by.

Join us at Congregation Sons of Zion in Holyoke (380 Dwight Street) on Sunday November 10th from 10am to noon. Please bring a laptop if you have one.

We request that you RSVP to research@www.wmjgs.org

Include your name, email, mobile phone #,

AND indicate which session(#1 or #2) you will be attending.

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Local Events and More (continued)

Some great things are happening with our friend, Lesléa Newman! Click on each picture for more details.



New Picture Book: [Hanukkah](#)

Though Chanukah isn't for a while—it actually begins on Christmas this year—it's never too early to start squirreling away holiday gifts. And I am very happy to announce my latest children's book, [Hanukkah](#), illustrated by Rotem Teplow and published by Quarto Books.

This is a promotional poster for 'BookFest 2024'. At the top, it says 'LANDER-GRINSPOON ACADEMY PRESENTS'. The main title 'BookFest 2024' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the date and time are 'SUNDAY, NOV. 10, 10AM-3PM'. Underneath, it says 'FEATURING AUTHORS' and lists three authors with circular portraits: Lesléa Newman, Adam Gidwitz, and Jeanne Birdsall. At the bottom left, it says 'FREE! ALL AGES INVITED!' and provides the address '257 PROSPECT ST. NORTHAMPTON, MA' and a link to reserve tickets: 'RESERVE TIX: bit.ly/BookFest2024'. On the bottom right, there are logos for 'presented with support from' including the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts, the Springfield JCC Library, and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. There is also a logo for 'book sales by High Five Books'.

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!



Donations: Thank you!

Cemetery Fund

- ◆ Fred and Elaine Clein: In memory of the yahrzeit of their mother, Esther Kaplinsky
- ◆ Joe Cohen: In appreciation of the memorial service and luncheon
- ◆ Diane Eskenasy: In memory of her grandparents, Jacob and Adeline Barowsky
- ◆ Ricki Kantrowitz: In memory of the Shapiro Family
- ◆ Steve and Ellen Kappel: In memory of the yahrzeit of their mother, Esther Kaplinsky
- ◆ Ellen and Aaron Kischel: In appreciation of the care that continues to be given to the cemetery
- ◆ Stephen and Joan Levine: In honor of Joanne Saltman!
- ◆ Margie and Buddy Resnic: In memory of Buddy's brother, Harold Resnic
- ◆ Richard Wilson: High Holiday donation in memory of his grandparents, Nathan and Gussie Wilson
- ◆ Andrea Zellan: In memory of her father, Robert L. Zellan
- ◆ Andrea Zellan: In memory of her grandfather, Abraham Zellan
- ◆ Larzer Ziff: In memory of his mother, Sara Ziff

General Fund

- ◆ Jarrett and Carley Austin: High Holiday Appeal
- ◆ Kathy Black: In appreciation for our special High Holiday Services and to those that worked diligently to make it special
- ◆ Kathy Black: In honor of Alfred Hutt on his 90th Birthday
- ◆ Aaron Falbel: In honor of Rabbi Saul Perlmutter's 50 years in the rabbinate
- ◆ Aaron Falbel: In loving memory of Randy Kehler (1944-2024), peace & anti-nuclear activist,, organizer, practitioner of nonviolence, and an exemplary human
- ◆ Andrea Fox: In memory of her best hiker friend, Chuck the dog. May he continue his adventuring over the rainbow bridge.
- ◆ Steve and Ellen Kappel: In memory of their mother, Esther Kaplinsky
- ◆ Judy Katz: In memory of her husband, Robert Katz
- ◆ Judy Katz: With thanks to Dr. Stephen Levine for his care and attention
- ◆ Judy Katz: In honor of those who led High Holiday services
- ◆ Ira Laby: To purchase 4 lulav and etrog sets for SOZ High Holidays as well as a cheesecake for kiddush (Simchat Torah)
- ◆ Stephen and Joan Levine: High Holiday Appeal
- ◆ Stephen and Joan Levine: In honor of Rabbi Saul Perlmutter
- ◆ Myra Orlen and Rich Goldman: In memory of Myra's parents, Rosa Orlen and Samuel Orlen
- ◆ Myra Orlen and Rich Goldman: In memory of Myra's stepmother, Libby Orlen
- ◆ Israel Schepps: High Holiday Appeal
- ◆ Carol Haplern Wernick: In memory of beloved mother, Ruth Epstein
- ◆ Andrea Zellan: In memory of her father, Robert L. Zellan
- ◆ Andrea Zellan: In memory of her grandfather, Abraham Zellan
- ◆ Jonathan Zellan: In memory of his father, Robert Zellan
- ◆ Jonathan Zellan: In memory of his grandfather, Abraham Zellan



November 2024 Yahrzeits

October 27-November 2: Steve Levin

Oct 29 *David Levin
 Oct 30 Ida Plesset
 Robert Zellan
 Nov 1 *A. William Epstein
 Bertha Fox

November 3-9: Stephen Levine

Nov 3 *Dorothy Bassell
 Nov 6 *Abraham Greenspan
 Fanny Gruszecki
 Michael J. Levine
 Nov 7 *Samuel Orlen
 Nov 8 *Ida E. Bernstein
 Dorothy Bussel
 *Jacob Katz

November 10-16: Myra Orlen

Nov 10 Max Speiser
 Nov 13* Hyman R. Bernstein
 *Myer Goldenberg
 Helen Weiner
 Nov 14 *Jacob L. Barowsky
 *Selma Weiss
 Nov 15 *Lillian Halpern
 Nov 16 *Armand Paperno

November 17-23: Joan Rosner

Nov 17 Katie Becker
 *Joseph Saltman
 Nov 18 Jeffrey Hirsch
 Nov 20 Kate Paul
 *Clara Weinstein
 Nov 23 Ethel Carlinsky

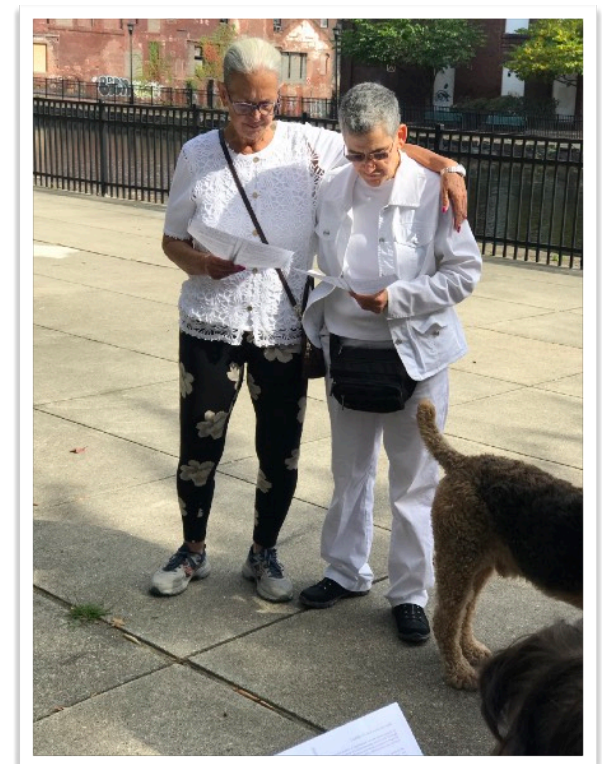
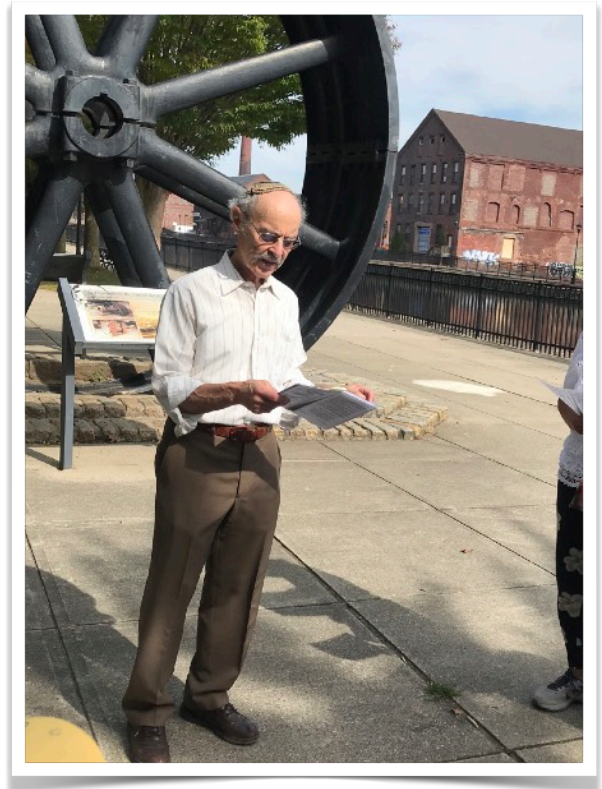
November 24-30: Michael Rosner

Nov 25 Samuel Cohen
 Nov 26 *Bess Kaplinsky
 *Nathan Wilson
 Nov 28 *Fannie Saex
 Robert Saex
 *Max Stein
 Nov 29 Sylvia Bloom
 Nov 30 *Constance K. Barowsky
 Beatrice Rose



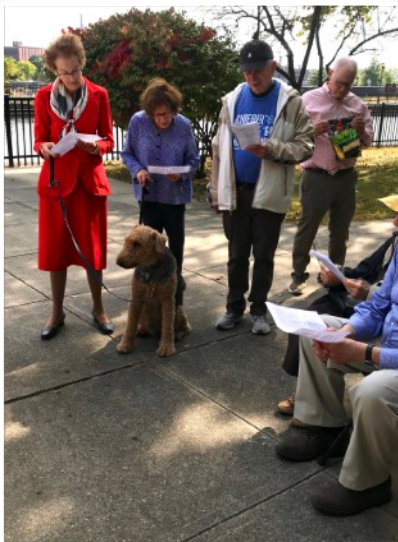
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2nd Day Rosh Hashana Pictures (continued)

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Thanks so much to our volunteers:

Steve, Lois and Heidi Levin, Steve Levine, Rabbi Kevin Hale, Linda Rosen and Leonard Yakir (who is documenting much of our leaving this once beautiful building)

Joanne



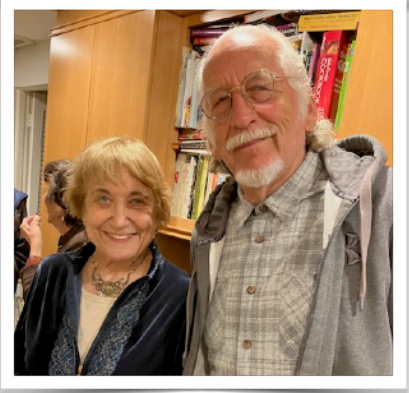
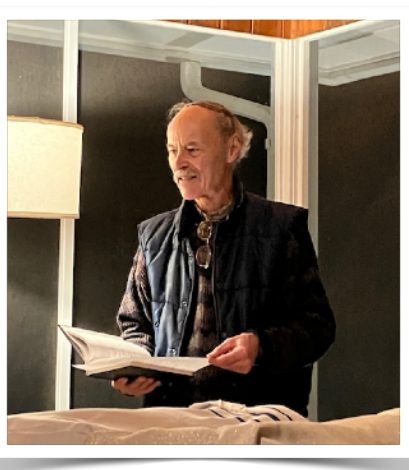
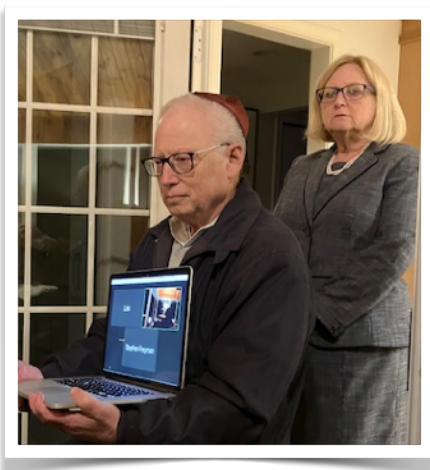
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