

# CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION

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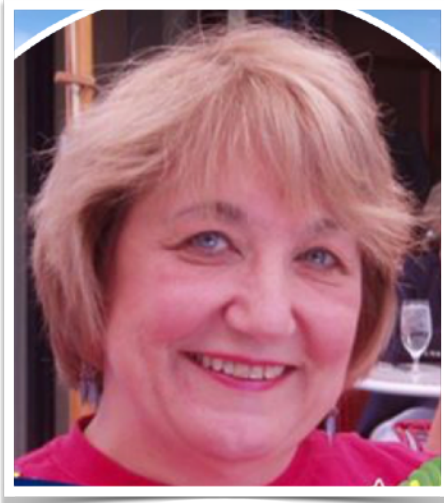
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## About the Month of Tishrei

Tishrei is the first month of the Jewish year. It is a month full of celebration. Beginning with the High Holidays, we celebrate Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. Each of these holidays is filled with meaningful customs and traditions.

Throughout this month, there are plenty of opportunities to connect, to be inspired and become more fulfilled and in tune with our true inner selves. Tishrei is considered the “head” of the year and the source from which we draw our strength and inspiration throughout the upcoming year.



## President's Message

L'Shana Tova,

As we enter another year of High Holiday services, we look forward to seeing many of you one more time in our beautiful sanctuary at 378 Maple Street. Please enter by the side door on Cabot Street only as the front steps need repair and to avoid what may be an expensive project, they are closed. Our aging building is still on the market but hopefully the right buyer will be found soon.

In the meantime, we are maintaining the building as best we can but please consider being as generous as possible with our High Holiday Appeal.

Fortunately, our new space at 380 Dwight Street is working out well and easily affordable. Because of our unstable financial position, we have asked Rabbi Saul Perlmutter to take a layoff for what we hope will be a short time.

Keep us in your prayers that the future will bring us a buyer for our building and a secure outlook.

*Joanne Saltman*

L' Shanah Tovah  
Have a sweet year!



**Elul 5784/  
Tishrei 5785**

*October 2024*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 26 Elul Ride to Provide: 9 am to 2 pm Hosted by Sinai Temple in Springfield	30 27 Elul SOZ Clean Up Day, 10 am to 1 pm (378 Maple Street)	1 28 Elul SOZ Clean Up Day, 10 am to 1 pm (378 Maple Street)	2 29 Elul <b>EREV ROSH HASHANA</b>  No Mincha Minyan at SOZ	3 1 Tishrei <b>FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANA 5785:</b> 10 am (378 Maple), light kiddush to follow	4 2 Tishrei <b>SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANA:</b> 10 am Service and Study(378 Maple), <b>TASHLICH to follow</b> (Heritage Park)  Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 6 pm, Light Candles: 6:08 pm	5 3 Tishrei <b>SHABBATSHUVAH :</b> 10 am (Zoom)  Haazinu
6 4 Tishrei Memorial Service: 11 am (SOZ Cemetery) Luncheon: 1 pm (380 Dwight) RSVP Required Planning for the Future Care of the SOZ Cemetery: 1 pm (380 Dwight)	7 5 Tishrei	8 6 Tishrei	9 7 Tishrei Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)  SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)	10 8 Tishrei	11 9 Tishrei <b>EREVYOM KIPPUR:</b> Kol Nidre: 6 pm (378 Maple Street)  Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting will NOT be on Zoom (5:59 pm)	12 10 Tishrei <b>YOM KIPPUR:</b> 9:30 am: Service begins (378 Maple Street) 4 pm: Book of Jonah 5:30 pm: Mincha/ Neilah 7:20 pm: closing shofar blast (approx) 7:30 pm: Break-the-Fast
13 11 Tishrei	14 12 Tishrei <b>Columbus Day (Indigenous Peoples' Day)</b>	15 13 Tishrei	16 14 Tishrei <b>EREV SUKKOT</b>  No Mincha Minyan at SOZ	17 15 Tishrei <b>FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT</b> Service: 10 am (378 Maple Street) Followed by Kiddush	18 16 Tishrei <b>SECOND DAY OF SUKKOT</b> Potluck Dinner in Sukkah (Details TBD)	19 17 Tishrei <b>FIRST DAY CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT</b>  Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD)
20 18 Tishrei <b>SECOND DAY CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT</b>  SOZ Book Club, 7:30 pm (Zoom)	21 19 Tishrei <b>THIRD DAY CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT</b>	22 20 Tishrei <b>FOURTH DAY CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT</b>	23 21 Tishrei <b>HASHANA RABBA</b>  No Mincha Minyan at SOZ	24 22 Tishrei <b>SHEMINI ATZERET</b> Service: 10 am (Zoom)  <b>EREV SIMCHAT TORAH</b> Service Leader: Rabbi Perlmutter (Details TBD)	25 23 Tishrei <b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b> No Service at SOZ	26 24 Tishrei Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD)  Bereshit
27 25 Tishrei	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	2 1 Cheshvan <b>ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN</b>  Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD)  Noach

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

SOZ Clean Up Day, 10 am to 1pm (378 Maple Street)

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

**EREV ROSH HASHANA**

No Mincha Minyan at SOZ

Thursday, October 3, 2024

**FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANA 5785:**

10 am (378 Maple Street), Light Kiddush to Follow

Friday, October 4, 2024

**SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANA: 10 am**

Service and Study (378 Maple Street), Tashlich to follow (Heritage Park)

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom),  
Gather: 6 pm, Light Candles: 6:08 pm

Saturday, October 5, 2024

**SHABBAT SHUVAH: 10 am (Zoom)**

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Memorial Service, 11 am (SOZ Cemetery)

Light Luncheon: 12 pm, Meeting: 1 pm (380 Dwight Street)

Sukkot Program for Families with Young Children, 1 pm to 3 pm (Eastworks Building)

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)

Friday, October 11, 2024

**EREV YOM KIPPUR: Kol Nidre, 6 pm (378 Maple Street)**

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (5:59 pm), Will NOT be on Zoom

Saturday, October 12, 2024

**YOM KIPPUR (378 Maple Street):**

9:30 am: Service, 4 pm: Book of Jonah, 5:30 pm: Mincha/Neilah, 7:20 pm: closing shofar blast, 7:30 pm: Break-the-Fast

Monday, October 14, 2024

**Columbus Day (Indigenous Peoples' Day)**

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

**EREV SUKKOT**

No Mincha Minyan at SOZ

Thursday, October 17, 2024

**FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT:**

Service: 10 am (378 Maple Street), Followed by Kiddush

Friday, October 18, 2024

**SECOND DAY OF SUKKOT:**

Potluck dinner in Sukkah (Details TBD)

Saturday, October 19, 2024

**FIRST DAY CHOL HAMOED**

Shabbat Service, Details TBD

Sunday, October 20, 2024

**SECOND DAY CHOL HAMOED**

SOZ Book Club, 7:30 pm (Zoom)

Monday, October 21, 2024

**THIRD DAY CHOL HAMOED**

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

**FOURTH DAY CHOL HAMOED**

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

**HASHANA RABBA**

No Mincha Minyan at SOZ

Thursday, October 24, 2024

**SHEMINI ATZERET: 10 am Service (Zoom)**

**EREV SIMCHAT TORAH:**

Service leader: Rabbi Perlmutter (Details TBD)

Friday, October 25, 2024

**SIMCHAT TORAH: No Service at SOZ**

Saturday, October 26, 2024

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Details TBD)

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Mincha Minyan (Zoom):

5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service





# High Holiday Schedule 5785/2024

**Wednesday, October 2, 2024: Erev Rosh Hashana**

*Celebrate at home*

**Thursday, October 3, 2024: 1st Day Rosh Hashana (In-person at 378 Maple Street)**

10:00 am First Day Rosh Hashana service  
Light Kiddush follows service

**Friday, October 4, 2024: 2nd Day Rosh Hashana (In-person at 378 Maple Street)**

10:00 am Service/Study  
Light Kiddush follows service  
Tashlich at Heritage Park  
(221 Appleton Street, Holyoke, MA 01040)

6:00 pm Gather for Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom)  
(Zoom link will be sent at 5:45 pm)

6:08 pm Light Candles (Zoom)

**Saturday, October 5, 2024: Shabbat Shuvah (Zoom)**

10:00 am Shabbat between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur

**Sunday, October 6, 2024: SOZ Memorial Service (In-person)**

11:00 am Memorial Service at the SOZ Cemetery  
(72 Ludlow Road, Chicopee, MA 01020)

**Friday, October 11, 2024: Erev Yom Kippur (In-person at 378 Maple Street)**

6:00 pm Kol Nidre

**Saturday, October 12, 2024: Yom Kippur (In-person at 378 Maple Street)**

9:30 am Services begin  
4:00 pm Book of Jonah study with Rabbi Perlmutter  
5:30 pm Mincha/Neilah  
7:20 pm Closing shofar blast (approximate time)  
7:30 pm Break-the-fast

*Please use the accessible Cabot Street entrance. The Maple Street entrance is closed.*

# October 7<sup>th</sup> Marking One Year

**PLEASE JOIN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY ON  
OCTOBER 7, 2024 AT 7:00 PM**

## NORTHAMPTON

**Congregation B'nai Israel**

**Reading of the victims' names at 6:00 p.m.**

Join us to mark one year since the October 7th Hamas attack on Israel. The Jewish community and allies will solemnly pay tribute and mourn together for those cherished Israeli lives lost on and since October 7th and pray for the return of the remaining hostages. Through shared moments of contemplation and reflection we will come together in peace and create space for grief.

## SPRINGFIELD

**Temple Beth El**

Join us on October 7, 2024 — one year later. We will gather to stand in solidarity with Israel, to honor the memory of those who were murdered, and to bear witness to the painful realities so many Israelis are facing today. Our gathering will feature a documentary about the Gad family from Be'eri.

### **Beyond October 7th: The Story of the Gad Family from Be'eri**

Three generations of the Gad family physically survived the devastating October 7th massacre. This intimate documentation starting two days after their rescue, captures the family's painful struggle with shock, trauma, and grief at both personal and communal levels.



## **Registration required.**

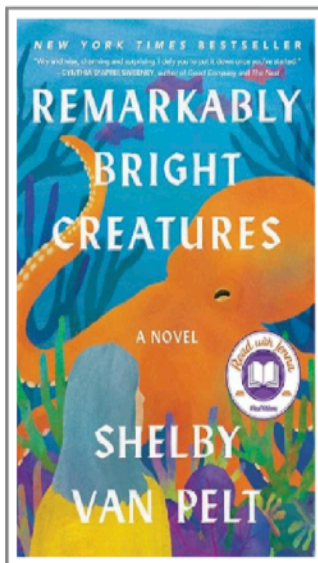
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## SOZ Book Club

# SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm via Zoom



### ***Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt**

After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago.

Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors—until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova.

Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late.

Shelby Van Pelt's debut novel is a gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible.



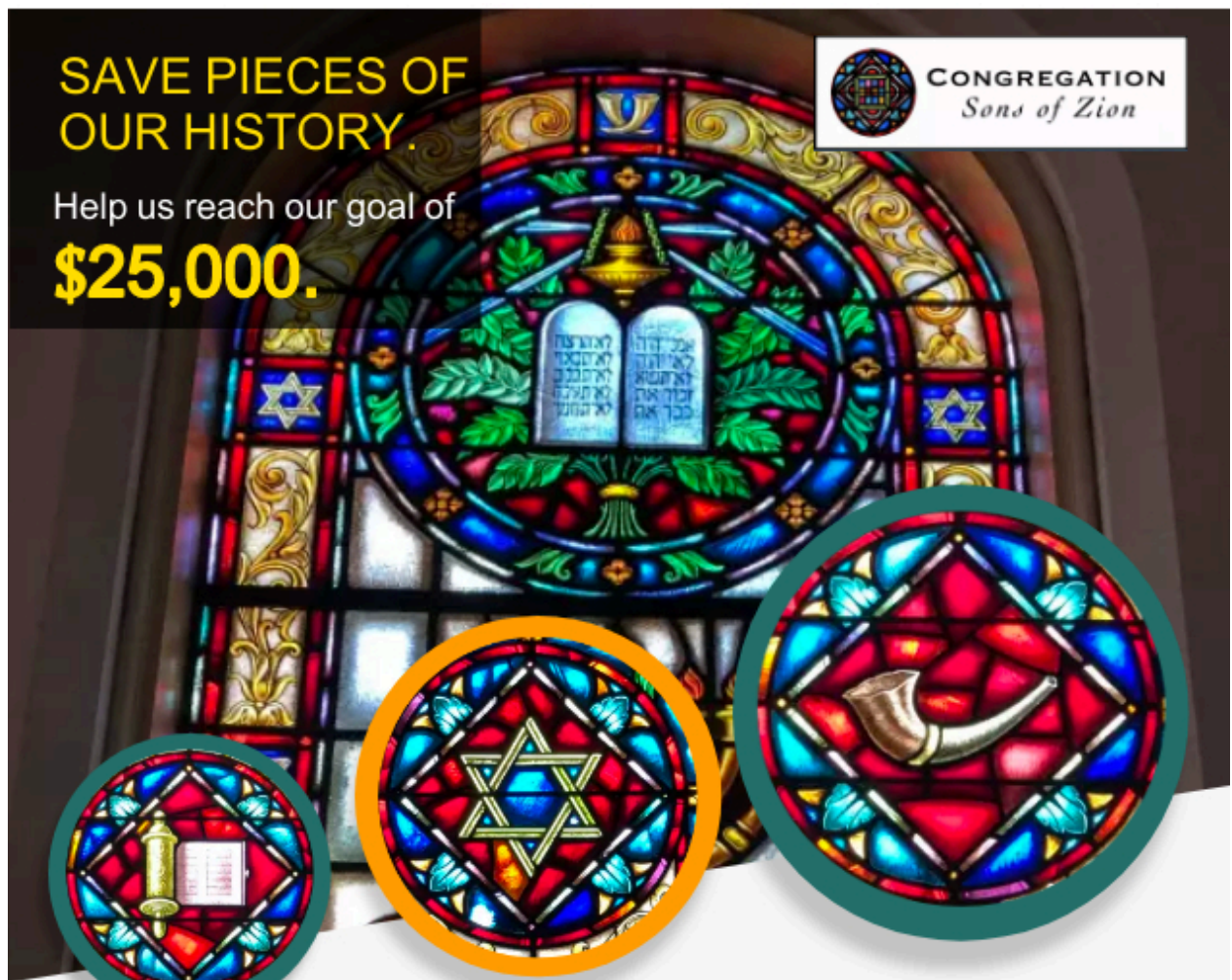
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## ABOUT OUR FUNDRAISER

**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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*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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| 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](mailto:office@sonsofzionholyoke.com) or (413)534-3369. Thank you very much.*





# Donations: Thank you!

## Cemetery Fund

- ✦ Francis and Marcia Burke: In memory of Marcia's mother, Gladys Slotnick
- ✦ Charles Weinstein: In memory of his wife, Sandra Weinstein

## General Fund

- ✦ Laura Hilf: In memory of her husband, Morris M. Hilf
- ✦ Jayne Pearl: In honor of our congregation's excellent leadership
- ✦ Jayne Pearl: In honor of Rabbi Saul Perlmutter
- ✦ Jayne Pearl: In memory of her father, Mortimer B. Pearl on his 14th yahrzeit



*sdavis*

*"Toda" Thank You*

## October 2024 Yahrzeits

### **September 29- October 5: Rich Freyman**

Sept 29 Edith Wieder Garber  
 Sept 30 \*Manuel Goldblatt  
 Marc Levine  
 Oct 1 Mortimer B. Pearl  
 \*Pearl Goldenberg  
 Oct 3 Arthur Glasser  
 Oct 4 Nathan Falk  
 Oct 5 \*David Barowsky

### **October 6-12: Maggie Gruszecki**

Oct 6 David B. Kagan  
 Alice Kornetsky  
 Joseph Margolis  
 Oct 7 \*Gussie Wilson  
 Oct 8 Rose Paul  
 Oct 9 \*Myer Falk  
 \*Elinor Blumenthal Katz  
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 Oct 10 \*Abraham Os  
 Oct 11 Ilsa May  
 Oct 12 Robert Katz

### **October 13-19: Ira Laby**

Oct 13 Muriel Barowsky  
 \*Abraham Zellan  
 Oct 14 Harold Adelson  
 Oct 16 \*Morris Leitzen  
 Oct 17 Jacob Messias

### **October 20-26: Lois Levin**

Oct 21 \*Esther Firestone  
 Holly Haberman  
 \*Esther S. Kaplinsky  
 \*Louis Rothchild  
 Oct 22 \*Lillian C. Stone  
 Oct 23 \*Abraham Goodstein  
 Oct 25 Bernie Soltz  
 Oct 26 \*Adeline Barowsky  
 \*Robert Firestone  
 Betty Suher

### **October 27-November 2: Steve Levin**

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





# SOZ Picnic Pictures

Provided by Shoshana Zonderman





## Vigil at Holyoke City Hall



Many of our members and friends attended a vigil at Holyoke City Hall on September 5, 2024. Our community came together in mourning and solidarity to honor the victims of the October 7th attacks.

Thank you to Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts for helping to organize the event and Mayor Joshua Garcia for offering to hold the vigil at Holyoke City Hall.

The picture below is of two of our members, Cindy Vieu and Laura Marks, from an interview with 22 News at the vigil.



# Ride to Provide Update

Provided by Andrea Fox

## A Message From Andrea to Team SOZ:

You can feel very proud of our community for showing up, moving our bodies, having fun, schmoozing, eating, and raising funds for our Jewish Community of Western Mass. We were blessed with great spirits and great weather.

For a relatively small congregation, we possessed incredible enthusiasm and had the most number of members on a team-a whopping 17! Our team consisted of some as young as stroller age, to retired folks and in between. We even attracted three participants on our team who rode on trikes who are not members of the synagogue, (yet) but with some connection to the group.

In addition, our team raised the most amount of money- \$1,155!!! Many thanks to Rich Parr for your amazing work!

I want to thank each and every one of you for your part in making this a very successful and joyous event.

It's a wonderful mitzvah and great way to prepare to enter into the New Year!

With much gratitude, Your Team Captain, Andrea.





# Ride to Provide Pictures

Provided by Andrea Fox





# Ride to Provide Pictures

Provided by Steve Levine and Ron Lemelin





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