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About the Month of Tevet

This month begins with the last days of Hanukah. By internalizing the message of the ever-increasing lights of the menorah, we are able to reveal the good that is hidden in our lives and in the world around us.



President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year!

This past year has been challenging for our congregation. While we successfully transitioned to our new, affordable space at 380 Dwight Street from our old building at 378 Maple Street, the cancellation of the sale to the Lighthouse School was disheartening. The building is once again on the market, and though there has been interest, we have yet to receive any offers. We remain hopeful for positive news in the coming year.

We are thankful for the generosity of those who have contributed to our end-of-year appeal. Your support is crucial as we navigate this period until we can finalize the sale of our 19,000 square foot building on a city block. Priced at \$835,000, we are confident the right buyer will emerge.

On a brighter note, please save the date of March 2nd for a special event commemorating Rabbi Saul Perlmutter's twenty years of service and celebrating the 120th anniversary of Sons of Zion. The event will feature a concert by Mak'hela, the local choral group, and an elegant brunch.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year ahead.

Joanne Saltman

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January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 28 Kislev Light 5 Candles 4TH DAY OF HANUKKAH	30 29 Kislev Light 6 Candles 5TH DAY OF HANUKKAH	31 30 Kislev New Year's Eve Light 7 Candles 6TH DAY OF HANUKKAH	1 1 Tevet Mincha Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) 8th Night of Hanukkah at the Rosner's, 6 pm New Year's Day Light 8 Candles 7TH DAY OF HANUKKAH ROSH HODESH TEVET	2 2 Tevet 8TH DAY OF HANUKKAH	3 3 Tevet Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 3:50 pm, Light Candles: 4:13pm	4 4 Tevet Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: Randi Stein Vayigash
5 5 Tevet	6 6 Tevet	7 7 Tevet	8 8 Tevet Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)	9 9 Tevet	10 10 Tevet Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:00 pm, Light Candles: 4:20 pm FAST OF THE 10TH DAY OF TEVET	11 11 Tevet Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD) Vayechi
12 12 Tevet	13 13 Tevet	14 14 Tevet	15 15 Tevet Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	16 16 Tevet	17 17 Tevet Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:05 pm, Light Candles: 4:28 pm	18 18 Tevet Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD) Shemot
19 19 Tevet SOZ Book Club, 7:30 pm (Zoom)	20 20 Tevet Martin Luther King, JR Day	21 21 Tevet	22 22 Tevet Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	23 23 Tevet	24 24 Tevet Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:15 pm, Light Candles: 4:37 pm	25 25 Tevet Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD) Vaera
26 26 Tevet	27 27 Tevet	28 28 Tevet	29 29 Tevet Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	30 1 Shevat ROSH CHODESH SHEVAT	31 2 Shevat Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:25 pm, Light Candles: 4:46 pm	1 3 Shevat Shabbat Service: 10 am (Details TBD) Bo

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):
 5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service
 8th Night of Hanukkah at the Rosner's,
 6 pm (South Hadley)
 Light 8 Candles

*7TH DAY OF HANUKKAH
 ROSH HODESH TEVET*

Thursday, January 2, 2025

8TH DAY OF HANUKKAH

Friday, January 3, 2025

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
 Gather at 3:50 pm, Light Candles at 4:13 pm

Saturday, January 4, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom),
 Service Leader: Randi Stein

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

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

Friday, January 10, 2025

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
 Gather at 4:00 pm, Light Candles at 4:20 pm

FAST OF THE 10TH DAY OF TEVET

Saturday, January 11, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Details TBD)

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

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

Friday, January 17, 2025

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
 Gather at 4:05 pm, Light Candles at 4:28 pm

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Details TBD)

Sunday, January 19, 2025

SOZ Book Club, 7:30 pm (Zoom)

Monday, January 20, 2025

Martin Luther King, Jr Day

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

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

Friday, January 24, 2025

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
 Gather at 4:15 pm, Light Candles at 4:37 pm

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Details TBD)

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

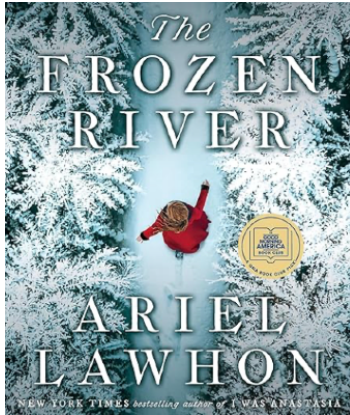
Ma'ariv Minyan (Zoom):
 5 pm Schmooze, 5:15 pm Service

Friday, January 31, 2025

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):
 Gather at 4:25 pm, Light Candles at 4:46 pm

SOZ Book Club

SOZ BOOK CLUB MEETING Sunday, January 19th at 7:30 pm via Zoom



***The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon**

Maine, 1789: When the Kennebec River freezes, entombing a man in the ice, Martha Ballard is summoned to examine the body and determine cause of death. As a midwife and healer, she is privy to much of what goes on behind closed doors in Hallowell. Her diary is a record of every birth and death, crime and debacle that unfolds in the close-knit

community. Months earlier, Martha documented the details of an alleged rape committed by two of the town's most respected gentlemen—one of whom has now been found dead in the ice. But when a local physician undermines her conclusion, declaring the death to be an accident, Martha is forced to investigate the shocking murder on her own.

Over the course of one winter, as the trial nears, and whispers and prejudices mount, Martha doggedly pursues the truth. Her diary soon lands at the center of the scandal, implicating those she loves, and compelling Martha to decide where her own loyalties lie.

Clever, layered, and subversive, Ariel Lawhon's newest offering introduces an unsung heroine who refused to accept anything less than justice at a time when women were considered best seen and not heard. *The Frozen River* is a thrilling, tense, and tender story about a remarkable woman who left an unparalleled legacy yet remains nearly forgotten to this day.



SAVE THE DATE

Let's Celebrate Rabbi Perlmutter's 20 Years of Service and 120 Years Since the Founding of Congregation Sons of Zion!

MARCH 2ND AT 11 AM



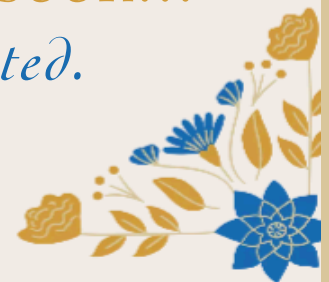
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More information coming soon!!!

Donations greatly appreciated.



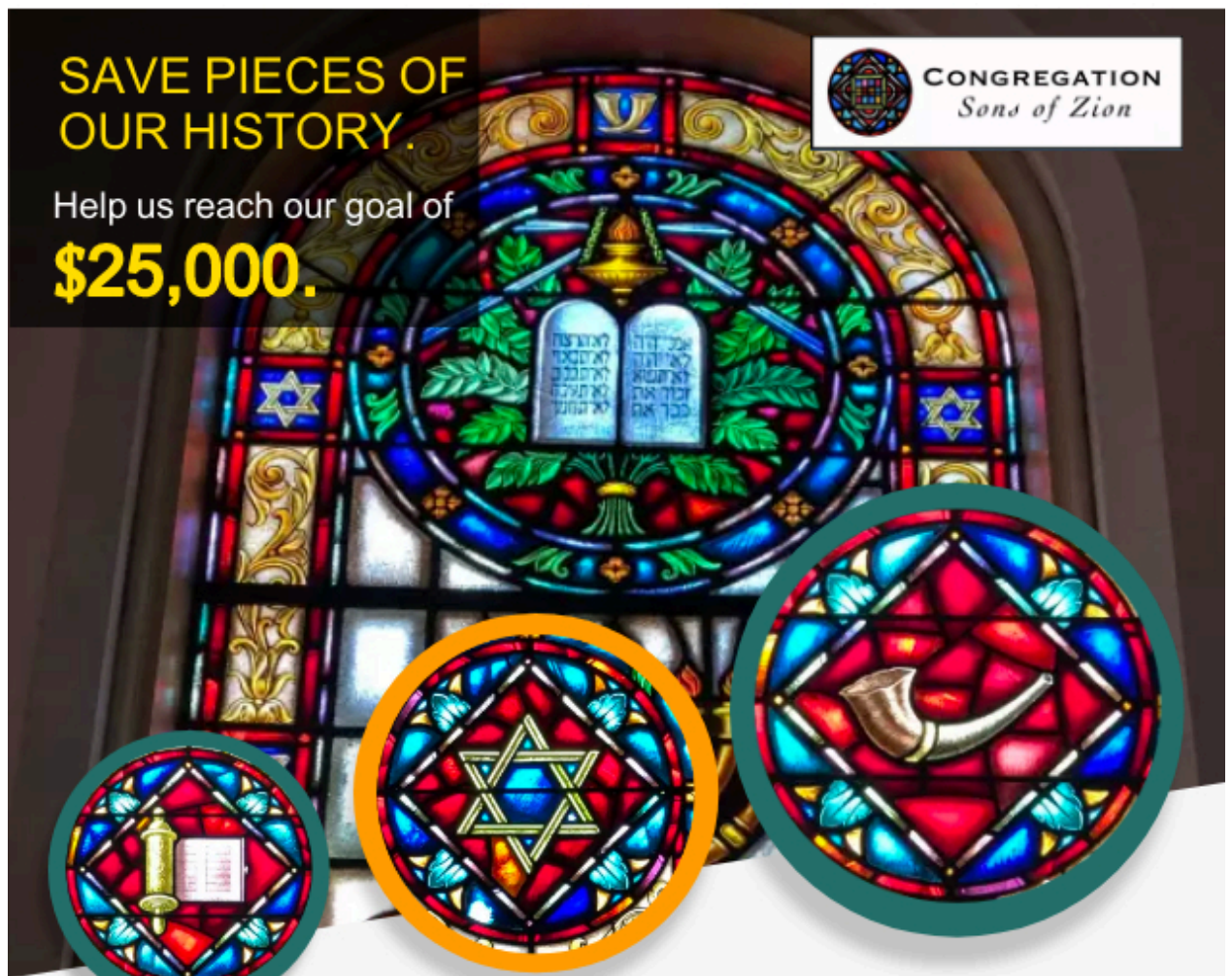
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Help us reach our goal of **\$25,000.**



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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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Michael and Joan Rosner
Bill and Joanne Saltman
Randi Stein
Richard Tessler

*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 |
| Irene Bernstein* | Stephen & Joan Levine |
| Joseph Boucher | Sidney* & Elizabeth* Paul |
| David & Nancy Carmen | Burton & Marjorie Resnic |
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| Albert Goldberg* | William & Joanne Saltman |
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| Debra Goldberg and Seth Waxman | Nitza Seaver |
| Rose Gorin* | Charles Weinstein |
| Janet & Richard Greenfield | Frances Welton & Thomas Osborn* |
| Rachel Henderson | Sherwin & Rhoda Wernick |
| Alfred & Lee Hutt | Thomas & Eleanor Wilson |
| 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

- ◆ Susan Craig: In memory of her husband, Phil Craig
- ◆ Susan Craig: In memory of her parents, Beatrice and Milton Palmer
- ◆ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her grandmother, Ida E. Bernstein
- ◆ Leslie O'Donnell: In memory of her grandfather, Hyman R. Bernstein

General Fund

- ◆ Kathy Black: To Paul Lambert for healing and a speedy recovery
- ◆ Kathy Black: To Bill Saltman for healing and a speedy recover
- ◆ Kathy Black: To Ira Laby for return to good health
- ◆ Kathy Black: To Judy Katz for return to good health
- ◆ Kathy Black: To Nitza Seaver for return to good health
- ◆ Dr. Max Chorowski: As a thank you for his 75th birthday celebration
- ◆ Elaine and Fred Clein: In response to SOZ's appeal
- ◆ Myra Efron: In response to SOZ's appeal, stating that she hopes that we are able to sell our building and move forward with our plans
- ◆ Rich and Ellen Freyman: In honor of Alfred Hutt's 90th birthday
- ◆ Rich and Ellen Freyman: Wishing Paul Lambert a continued steady recovery back to full strength
- ◆ Rich and Ellen Freyman: In recognition of Max Chorowski's special birthday and Shabbat Kiddush in December, and in appreciation of his continued strong and generous leadership of our services
- ◆ Rich and Ellen Freyman: In appreciation for all those - Nitza, Randi, Joe and Catherine - and all the others (you know who you are) who have been stepping forward during these unusual times to lead and assist with our services, as well as those who assist with our kiddush lunch preparation and clean up
- ◆ Rich and Ellen Freyman: Wishing Ira Laby a return to good health
- ◆ Rich and Ellen Freyman: In appreciation of Michael and Joan Rosner's hosting of our wonderful 8th day of Hanukkah celebration once again!
- ◆ Laura Hilf: In response to SOZ's appeal
- ◆ Alfred and Lee Hutt: High Holiday flowers
- ◆ Ellen and Steve Kappel: In response to SOZ's appeal
- ◆ Sheryl Kingsberg: In response to SOZ's appeal
- ◆ Aaron and Ellen Kischel: In response to SOZ's appeal
- ◆ Paul Lambert: In response to SOZ's appeal
- ◆ Myra Orlen and Rich Goldman: In response to SOZ's appeal
- ◆ Jayne Pearl: In response to SOZ's appeal
- ◆ Margie and Buddy Resnic: In memory of Buddy's father, Samuel Resnic
- ◆ Randi Stein: In response to SOZ's appeal, stating that SOZ has been warm and welcoming over the last two years and she is grateful

January 2025 Yahrzeits

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

January 5-11: David Carmen

Jan 5 Renee Gilbert
 Jan 7 *Shirley Eisenstock
 Daniel Jeremias
 Thomas Osborn
 *Isadore Ziff
 Jan 10 *Mischa Barowsky
 Sarah Lipnick
 Jan 11 Stephen Barowsky
 *MollieSchlosberg

January 12-18: Rich Freyman

Jan 12 Shirley Fortgang
 Harvey Elliot Goldberg
 Jan 13 Sue Ellen Panitch
 Sarah Reiner
 Jan 14 Bessie Jolles
 *Batya Segalovitch
 Jan 15 Pauline Jaffe
 *Sarah Kirte Stein
 *Elizabeth Zellan
 Jan 16 *Theresa "Babe" Resnic
 *Menachem Segalovitch
 *Arkady Shulman
 Jan 17 *Aaron Kingsberg
 Thomas Schwab
 Jan 18 Benjamin Messias

January 19-25: Ira Laby

Jan 19 Ruth Laskin
 Jan 20 Ida Gold
 *Ida Jaffe
 Leah Persoff
 Jan 23 *George Eisenstock
 Jan 24 *Martin Bassell
 *Bertha Wernick
 Jan 25 Benjamin Tenenbaum

January 26-February 1: Lois Levin

Jan 26 Lena Rubinwitch
 Jan 30 Adelaide R. Firestone
 *Jerome Jaffe
 Samuel Samel
 Feb 1 *Leopold Mausel



Pictures

Provided by Dr. Stephen Levine

We were happy to welcome our former Rabbi Marc Rudolph as our service leader on December 7th. His lovely wife Middy joined him and they enjoyed seeing our new synagogue space. They were impressed with the warmth and light of the affordable spaces.



Pictures

Provided by Dr. Stephen Levine

This is the book cover of a book that Dr. Stephen Levine made and donated to the synagogue. It includes many photos that Steve took of many items of beauty at our 378 Maple Street building. This book is on display at our 380 Dwight Street location.



A beautiful photo shared by Dr. Stephen Levine of Nitza Seaver and Joanne Saltman when Nitza was awarded a leadership award.



Pictures: Candle Lighting at Holyoke City Hall

Provided by Andrea Fox and Dr. Stephen Levine



Pictures: Candle Lighting at Holyoke City Hall

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