

# CONGREGATION SONS OF ZION

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## About the Month of Shevat

Tu B'Shevat gets its name from the calendar- Tu is 15-thus, the 15th day of Shevat. We celebrate *the New Year of the Trees* with a seder featuring a feast of fruits and nuts and wine. Eating and drinking in a specific order while reciting blessings, singing and dancing. We celebrate ecological awareness!



## President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

Things are pretty quiet around Sons of Zion while we get through the darkest and coldest days of winter. We are still getting good attendance at our virtual Shabbat services but are looking forward to March when we will start meeting in person again.

Thanks to the generous donations of several members, we are managing to stay solvent while we still await finding a new buyer for our building. We have had some interest but no offers at present. Hopefully the warmer weather will bring better news.

There are many events happening in our community. For those interested in Torah study, our former rabbi, Marc Rudolph, is doing it at Temple Beth El in Springfield (details on page 5). Rabbi Amy Wallk at Beth El is offering a Melton class as well (details on page 7).

We will hold our Tu B'Shevat Seder (the festival of trees) on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 380 Dwight Street starting at 11:30 am. Mark your calendars for Purim celebration - Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, we will be reading the Megillah! Costumes are always welcome. Pick a section of the Megillah to read and join the fun!

The special event honoring Rabbi Saul Perlmutter for 20 years of service has been moved from March 2nd to March 30, 2025. More details will be forthcoming.

Wishing you all good health in the coming month-see you soon!

*Joanne Saltman*

# Shevat 5785

# February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 <b>ROSH CHODESH SHEVAT</b>	31 2 Shevat Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:25 pm, Light Candles: 4:46 pm	1 3 Shevat Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: Congregation Members  Bo
2 4 Shevat	3 5 Shevat	4 6 Shevat	5 7 Shevat Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	6 8 Shevat	7 9 Shevat Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:35 pm, Light Candles: 4:55 pm	8 10 Shevat Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: Led by our congregants!  Beshalach
9 11 Shevat Cuppa Joe and Torah: (Hybrid) at Temple Beth El with Rabbi Marc Rudolph, 9:30 am-10:30 am	10 12 Shevat	11 13 Shevat Federation Security Town Hall, (Temple Beth El), 7 pm - You must register	12 14 Shevat Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom) SOZ Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)	13 15 Shevat Tu B'Shevat Seder (380 Dwight Street), 11:30 am-1:00pm <b>TU B' SHEVAT</b>	14 16 Shevat Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:45 pm, Light Candles: 5:04 pm	15 17 Shevat Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: Dr. Max Chorowski  Yitro
16 18 Shevat	17 19 Shevat <b>Presidents' Day</b>	18 20 Shevat	19 21 Shevat Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	20 22 Shevat	21 23 Shevat Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 4:55 pm, Light Candles: 5:13 pm	22 24 Shevat Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: Randi Stein  Mishpatim
23 25 Shevat	24 26 Shevat	25 27 Shevat	26 28 Shevat Ma'ariv Minyan: Schmooze, 5 pm Service, 5:15 pm (Zoom)	27 29 Shevat	28 30 Shevat Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom): Gather: 5:00 pm, Light Candles: 5:21 pm	1 1 Adar Shabbat Service: 10 am (Zoom), Service Leader: TBD  Terumah

# DATES TO REMEMBER

**Saturday, February 1, 2025**

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom),  
Service Leader: Led by our congregants!

**Wednesday, February 5, 2025**

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

**Friday, February 7, 2025**

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):  
Gather at 4:35 pm, Light Candles at 4:55 pm

**Saturday, February 8, 2025**

Shabbat Service, 10 am (Zoom), Service  
Leader: Led by our congregants!

**Sunday, February 9, 2025**

Cuppa Joe and Torah: (Hybrid) at Temple  
Beth El with Rabbi Marc Rudolph,  
9:30 am to 10:30 am

**Tuesday, February 11, 2025**

Federation Security Town Hall,  
(Temple Beth El), 7 pm  
*You must register!*

**Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

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

**Thursday, February 13, 2025**

Tu B'Shevat Seder (380 Dwight Street),  
11:30 am to 1:00 pm

***TU B'SHEVAT***

**Friday, February 14, 2025**

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):  
Gather at 4:45 pm, Light Candles at 5:04 pm

**Saturday, February 15, 2025**

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

**Monday, February 17, 2025**

*Presidents' Day*

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

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

**Friday, February 21, 2025**

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):  
Gather at 4:55 pm, Light Candles at 5:13 pm

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

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

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

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

**Friday, February 28, 2025**

Welcome Shabbat Candle Lighting (Zoom):  
Gather at 5:00 pm, Light Candles at 5:21 pm

## Local Events



### **Cuppa Joe with Rabbi Marc Rudolph**

Sundays from  
9:30 - 10:30 AM

**Questions: 413-733-4149**

### Next Meeting:

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Location: Temple Beth El or Zoom

Topic: The World to Come": Do Jews believe in an afterlife?  
If so, what does it look like and how do we attain it? Are  
other people allowed in, or is it only for Jews?

The Zoom link is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82514817477?>

Time: This is a recurring meeting.

*There will be a break for vacation and it will resume in March.*

Go to:

<https://tbespringfield.org/adult-education/> for more information.

## Local Events



# Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts

## TOWN HALL MEETING

Learn about our new security partnership with Secure Community Network, share your concerns, and help shape a safer, stronger community.

February 11 | 7pm

Temple Beth El  
979 Dickinson Street #2  
Springfield, MA 01108

Speakers Include:

Grant Mendenhall  
SCN Director of Operations  
Served as the FBI Assistant Director of  
the Counterterrorism Division

Mike Butsch  
SCN Regional Director  
Served as Assistant Special Agent in  
Charge of the FBI's New Haven  
Division

Andrew Hoffman  
SCN Deputy Regional Security Advisor  
Served as a DEA special agent for 26  
years

[Register Here](#)



## Local Events

# Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning

Rabbi Wallk has been involved with the Melton School since 1996. The Melton School is a worldwide community of adult learners who are eager to explore Jewish texts, traditions and rituals. The Melton School offers world-class opportunities for learning, growth, and travel. Over 50,000 Melton learners say that learning with Melton has changed their lives by enriching conversations, influencing decisions, and strengthening community.

The Melton curriculum covers:

- The whys of Jewish living
- Jewish ethics to inform decision making
- Contemporary and ancient insights into the Bible
- Critical moments in Jewish history
- Modern Israeli and Jewish culture
- And much more...

To find out what Rabbi Wallk is teaching and to learn more about the Melton School in general, email [Rabbi Wallk](#).



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



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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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Stephen and Lois Levin  
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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

## **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              |
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| Irene Bernstein*               | Stephen & Joan Levine            |
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| James Eisenstock*              | William Robbins* & Mollie Blatt* |
| Andrea Fox                     | Ellen Saltman*                   |
| Richard & Ellen Freyman        | Paul Saltman                     |
| Albert Goldberg*               | William & Joanne Saltman         |
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| Rose Gorin*                    | Charles Weinstein                |
| Janet & Richard Greenfield     | Frances Welson & 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](mailto:office@sonsofzionholyoke.com) or (413)534-3369. Thank you very much.*





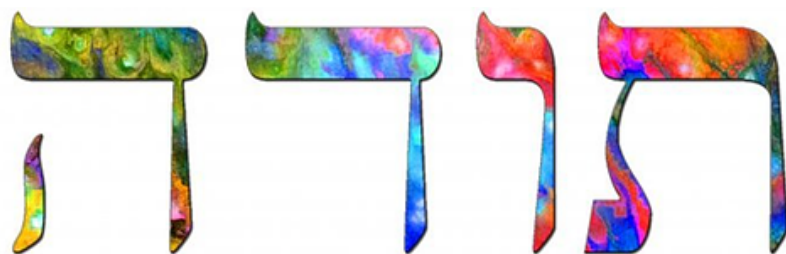
# Donations: Thank you!

## Cemetery Fund

- ✦ Ellen Kischel: In memory of her mother, Beatrice Palmer
- ✦ Ellen Kischel: In memory of her father, Milton Palmer
- ✦ Ellen Kischel: In memory of her brother-in-law, Phil Craig
- ✦ Dr. Stephen J. And Joan Levine: In honor of Joanne Saltman
- ✦ Gellya Shulman: In memory of her son, Michael Shulman
- ✦ Gellya Shulman: In memory of her husband, Arkady Shulman
- ✦ Gellya Shulman: In memory of her brother-in-law, Nyoma Sorkin

## General Fund

- ✦ Richard Behrman: May "Ozzie" Wernick's Z/L' memory be a blessing. Wishing the family much strength during this difficult time, from your friends in Cincinnati, OH
- ✦ Lee and Alfred Hutt: Year End donation in response to SOZ's appeal
- ✦ Lois and Steve Levin: Donation to help the SOZ Cemetery
- ✦ Elihu and Joan Schepps: Year End donation in response to SOZ's appeal
- ✦ Laura S. Weiss: In memory of her parents, Stanley G. Weiss and Selma A. Weiss



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*"Toda" Thank You*

## February 2025 Yahrzeits

### **January 26-February 1: Lois Levin**

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

### **February 2-8: Stephen Levin**

Feb 3        \*Rebecca R. Katz  
 Feb 4        \*Lenore Kingsberg  
               \*Elizabeth Orlen  
 Feb 6        Isidor Becker  
               Richard Wernick

### **February 9-15: Stephen Levine**

Feb 10      \*Samuel Karukin  
 Feb 13      \*Samuel Garber  
 Feb 14      Rebecca Wolfe  
 Feb 15      Doris Goldberg Selbie

### **February 16-22: Myra Orlen**

Feb 16      \*Frances Brams Evarts  
 Feb 18      Harris Cohan  
 Feb 20      \*Eda Solomon  
 Feb 21      \*Edwin A. Os  
               \*Rae Schepps  
               \*Michael Shulman

### **February 23-March 1: Joan Rosner**

Feb 23      \*Beatrice Kahan  
 Feb 24      Tzivia bat Marjeau  
 Feb 26      \*Sylvia G. Welson  
 Feb 28      \*Marcia Greenspan Friedman  
 Mar 1        Theodore Belsky  
               \*George Rose



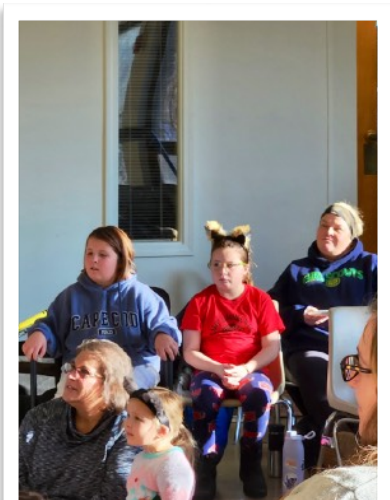
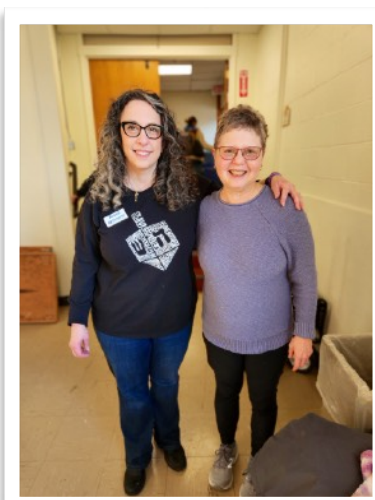
# Hanukkah Children's Program Pictures

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