



Keshar Zion Synagogue



Bulletin

Keshar Zion Mission Statement

Keshar Zion Synagogue seeks to encourage the involvement of its members and create a special sense of belonging, while stressing the joy within Judaism. Our egalitarian synagogue is committed to meeting the religious, social, educational, and cultural needs of its members within the framework of the Conservative Movement. Keshar Zion Synagogue also recognizes its responsibilities to provide a public place of worship, to observe Jewish life cycle events, and to support the local community and the State of Israel.



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Shana Tova

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September 2022**Elul 5782 - Tishrei 5783**



Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday, September 1 (5 Elul)	Minyan	7:30pm	Zoom
Saturday, September 3 (7 Elul)	Shabbat Services	9:30am	Kesher Zion or Zoom
Monday, September 5 (9 Elul)	Labor Day - Office Closed	-	-
Saturday, September 10 (15 Elul)	Shabbat Services	9:30am	Kesher Zion or Zoom
Thursday, September 15 (19 Elul)	Minyan	7:30pm	Zoom
Saturday, September 17 (21 Elul)	Shabbat Services	9:30am	Kesher Zion or Zoom
Saturday, September 24 (28 Elul)	Shabbat Services	9:30am	Kesher Zion or Zoom
Sunday, September 25 (29 Elul)	Erev Rosh Hashanah Services	6:30pm	Wyomissing Church of the Brethren or Zoom
Monday, September 26 (1 Tishrei)	Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Services	9:00am	Wyomissing Church of the Brethren or Zoom
Monday, September 26 (1 Tishrei)	Tashlich Mincha to follow	5:30pm	Reading Public Museum
Tuesday, September 27 (2 Tishrei)	Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Services	9:00am	Wyomissing Church of the Brethren or Zoom



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High Holidays 2022/5783

Services are again being held at:

Wyomissing Church of the Brethren

2200 State Hill Road

Wyomissing, PA 19610

In person and Zoom

Rosh Hashanah

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Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 25, 2022

- Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Monday, September 26, 2022

- Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
 - Kiddush to follow
- Tashlich 5:30 p.m.
 - *at Reading Public Museum*
 - Mincha to follow

Rosh Hashanah Day 2

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

- Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
 - Kiddush to follow

Yom Kippur

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Erev Yom Kippur

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

- Mincha 6:00 p.m.
- Kol Nidre 6:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

- Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
- Yizkor 11:30 a.m.
- Mincha 5:15 p.m.
- Neilah 6:15 p.m.
- Shofar/Yom Kippur ends 7:20 p.m.
 - Maariv & Havdalah to follow



Welcome, Cantor Ted Prosnitz!



Kesher Zion is excited to have Cantor Ted Prosnitz as its Spiritual Leader. He is dedicated to building a relationship with each member of our congregation. Meeting them where they are theologically and ritually, his goal is to support each person's connection to our faith and encourage taking a step up the ladder of holiness.

Hazzan Prosnitz was invested by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. In addition, JTS bestowed upon him a Master of Arts in Sacred Music. He was also awarded the Hazzan Israel Weiser Prize for Excellence in Nusach and the Sara and Samuel Katz Memorial Prize in Liturgy and Nusach. Hazzan Prosnitz has also earned Professional Development Certificates from Harvard University (Teaching the Ancient Near East) and the State of New Jersey (Holocaust Education).

His undergraduate degree, a Bachelor of Arts, is from the University of Rochester.

Born and raised in Hackensack, New Jersey, he attended public school and Hackensack Hebrew Institute; college (University of Rochester); and graduate school (University of Michigan). A life changing experience one High Holiday season led him to leave the family retail business (PROZYS ARMY NAVY) and pursue the cantorate-first at the Academy of Jewish Religion and then at The Jewish Theological Seminary. He expects to receive rabbinic ordination/smicha from Mesifita Adath Wolkowisk in June, 2023.

Cantor Prosnitz has served as Ba'al K'riah, Ba'al T'fillah, Cantor, and Kol Bo at congregations from New York to Ohio, Michigan to Missouri. He has worked as a chaplain, which he finds is a profound experience for all concerned, in hospitals and homes; and has loved teaching and tutoring in schools, shuls, and seminary. He has sung in performance at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. As Spiritual Leader, he is looking forward to bringing all his skills and energy to our part of Pennsylvania.

Our Spiritual Leader is passionate about making study of your prayer, and prayer of your study. When not occupying himself with text or t'fillah, Ted enjoys reading, watching movies, playing chess, and white-water rafting. Together with his wife Karen, a skating director and figure skating and hockey coach, they enjoy ballroom dancing. They have three adult (all still single!) children: Jared, Reyna, and Rachel.

Cantor Prosnitz is enthusiastic about being part of the Berks County community and enjoys getting to know everyone at Kesher Zion.

	
CAFÉ SWEET STREET	
(610) 929-0616 MONDAY-FRIDAY: 9-6 SATURDAY: 10-5	722 HIESTERS LANE READING PA 19605 CAFESWEETSTREET.COM
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UNIQUE OUTDOOR DINING!	

KZ Summer Recap

Thank you to The Jewish Federation of Reading, The Peanut Bar, Giant Food Stores, and Weis Markets for their generous contributions to our successful and fun Trivia Night!



The Keshet Zion Social Action Committee has completed its donation drive for Ukrainian relief. Lisa and Alan Levine have collected the supplies from the synagogue and dropped them off at Tower Health, who in turn will deliver them to Ukrainians in need.



We thank all who donated and pray for an end to this senseless war.

Tikkun olam (תיקון עולם)

is a concept in Judaism which refers to various forms of action intended to repair and improve the world.



**Cantor Ted Prosnitz
Spiritual Leader**



Shalom Aleichem,

Greetings, peace to you. That is my greeting to you, as I write to you this first time and that is how we greet the ministering angels when we welcome Shabbat. Part of the beauty of that event is that in anticipation, we spend time and effort in preparation. Seeing to it that there are candles for the candlesticks, wine for the kiddush cup, food for the meal; setting the table and other actions in advance add to our enjoyment of the blessings of Shabbat.

So it is with the upcoming High Holidays. Now we are in the Hebrew month of Elul. This month we can prepare to greet Rosh Hashanah on September 25. Even in the context of the secular calendar, we get ready to celebrate the New Year. How much more so should we get ready to celebrate the Hebrew calendar's New Year. Like most Jewish prayer services, the Rosh Hashanah liturgy is composed of praise, petition, and thanksgiving. On this occasion we especially praise and thank our Creator, boreinu, Avinu shebashamayim, on this Birthday of the World/hayom harat olam.

Beside the physical preparations, how do we prepare emotionally and spiritually? We are not merely mechanical devices that we can flip a switch and our hearts and souls are fully engaged. During this month we can

make the effort to occupy ourselves in heshbon hanefesh/an accounting of the soul. It is not an easy thing to review our lives and honestly acknowledge how we might have fallen short. But nothing worthwhile is ever easy. However, there are tools that help. The fundamental first step is mindfulness-awareness of the approach of the Yamim Noraim/Days of Awe. Take some time alone, allow yourself to reflect and consider ways you may choose to change. Dr. Deborah Lipstadt has heard people compare this to April 15th, yet they spend more time preparing their taxes than preparing their soul. Meditate on that!

You can surf the net for daily Elul encouragements, essays on repentance, or peer into a Machzor/High Holiday prayerbook for a preview. Consider coming to the joint KZ/RCOS S'lichot program on Saturday, September 17th to warm up your spirit. Of course, you can exercise and strengthen your prayer muscles by attending, either in person or via Zoom, our weekly hybrid Shabbat service every Saturday morning. Or find whatever works for you to equip yourself for this awesome season.

I am looking forward to meeting each of you and helping you enjoy the blessings of our heritage and our faith. My goal is to reach each Keshet Zion member individually. May each of you and your loved ones be blessed with shalom-peace and wholeness. May you be inscribed for a good year-L'shanah tovah tikateivu!

PLEASE JOIN
THE KESHER ZION SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE
IN SUPPORT OF
FITZY'S 5K RUN/WALK



OCTOBER 30TH, 2022 @ 10:15AM
STONE HOUSE PARK
1216 PARKSIDE DRIVE NORTH
WYOMISSING, PA 19610



TEAMS CONSIST OF 3-6 PEOPLE

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00/PER PERSON

FREE "KIDS RUN & TRICK OR TREAT DASH"
(a 2nd loop around the pond with stops for Halloween treats!)

Costume Contest
Kid's Zone Supervised Childcare (2 yrs +)
Silent Auction
Grillin', salads, fruit, bagels, desserts and more

**LET'S HELP SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY
BY JOINING IN ON THIS WONDERFUL CAUSE.
HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!**

To learn about Fitzzy's Run, visit <https://laurensfoundation.org/fitzys-run/>

To register, visit <https://www.pretzelcitysports.com/onlineform1.php?id=1194>

Please email kzsecretary@entermail.net for the current Keshet Zion team name!

For more information about KZ's participation, please contact Cindy Balchunas at
crbalchunas@comcast.net or 610.334.0653

ALL MONIES RAISED GO TO LAUREN'S FOUNDATION.

About Lauren's Foundation

Lauren's Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that was created by the family of Lauren Fitzgerald, a life-long Berks County, PA resident who died in 2005 from complications related to a brain tumor that was diagnosed in 2004. The Foundation honors Lauren's memory by supporting local families through a variety of charitable funds that support high school seniors, families with seriously ill children, brain tumor research and organ donation awareness. A quote from American poet Maya Angelou, adopted by Lauren following her diagnosis, serves as the guiding principle for much of the Foundation's work.



DONATIONS NEEDED



Keshher Zion Synagogue



HIAS Pennsylvania has been helping immigrants & refugees with social, legal, and citizenship needs since 1882.

Our Keshher Zion Social Action Committee is collecting donations of household goods to assist refugees settling in Philadelphia from the war in Ukraine, from Afghanistan, and from anywhere in the world where people come to the US in search of safety.

Examples of Accepted Items:

*for the entire list, please email kzsecretary@entermail.net
or visit www.keshherzion.org/hiasdonationdrive*

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|---|------------------------|
| ✓ Shower curtains, liners, hooks | ✓ Sauce and stock pots |
| ✓ Twin/full sheets | ✓ Fry pans |
| ✓ Twin/full comforters | ✓ Cooking utensils |
| ✓ Blankets | ✓ Mixing bowls |
| ✓ Twin/full mattress pads - NEW ONLY | ✓ Dish sets |
| ✓ Pillows - NEW ONLY | ✓ Flatware |

Please drop off donations at:

Keshher Zion Synagogue

555 Warwick Drive

Wyomissing, PA 19610

Monday-Friday 10am-3pm

Sept 1-Oct 31, 2022

*For after hours, call the synagogue at
610-374-1763 to make an appointment*

Online registry also available!

For registry link:

email

kzsecretary@entermail.net

or visit

www.keshherzion.org/hiasdonationdrive



Torah Fund Campaign

Five Wonderful Reasons To Support Torah Fund

by Arlene Ehrlich

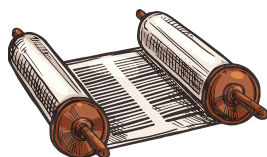
I have written about Torah Fund for many years. I have asked all of you to give whatever donations you could to support this facet of The Jewish Theological Society for Conservative Judaism. This year is no different in my request. The big difference is that Torah Fund is celebrating 80 Years!

The 2022-2023 Campaign is Chazak v'Ematz which is Be Strong and Courageous—in these challenging times. We must continue to support Torah Fund and strengthen Conservative Judaism for generations to come.

The Women's League for Conservative Judaism has sent me material to help in my solicitations. Since there is no point in changing their words I am unashamedly passing them along to you:

Reason #5: It's an opportunity to continue to demonstrate your commitment to our work in helping provide quality education, resources and scholarships at our Jewish institutions of higher education.

Reason #4: Your donation shows your gratitude for the ways our rabbis, cantors, educators, professors, social workers, Jewish professionals and camp staff continued to provide essential care, services, training and guidance to our Jewish communities throughout the pandemic.



Reason #3: The costs of quality education continue to rise and many academic institutions cut budgets and resources. Your gift will help to maintain excellence in Jewish education and in the development of our future leaders.

Reason #2: When you give to Torah Fund you are in sync with caring individuals who value knowledge and learning and recognize the importance of equipping our future generation with leadership skills.

And the #1 reason: Your contribution helps fortify the Jewish people and ensure our bright future.

So I am asking you to add a donation to The Torah Fund when your New Year dues statement to Keshet Zion arrives. Any donation will be appreciated. \$80 will honor the 80th anniversary. \$180 will earn a commemorative Chazak 80 pin. Please help by giving!

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy, COVID-free New Year.

Sponsor a Kiddush

Celebrate your special occasion with your congregational family.

For more information on sponsoring a Kiddush, please contact the Synagogue office at (610) 374-1763 or email

kzsecretary@entermail.net



Tzedakah

Contributions to support our Synagogue are deeply appreciated. Whenever you wish to remember friends and loved ones, in joy or in sorrow, please think of the following funds. An appropriate acknowledgement is sent.



Make your checks payable to the appropriate fund and send/bring to:

Kesher Zion Synagogue
555 Warwick Dr.
Wyomissing, PA 19610

KESHER ZION SYNAGOGUE GENERAL FUND MIN. \$6.00

DR. ROBERT N. GREENBERG SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM-FUND MIN. \$18.00

KIDDUSH FUND MIN. \$36.00

Contribute to the weekly Shabbat Kiddush Fund and your name will be listed in the Shabbat Bulletin. There will also be framed acknowledgment at the Kiddush in the Social Hall.

TORAH FUND

Cards available for all occasions. Funds are used to support the Jewish Theological Seminary's programs and scholarship fund. Call Arlene Ehrlich at (610) 373-6648 to have cards sent for \$5.00 each.

SIMCHA FUND

Cards available for all occasions. Call Sylvia Wenger at (610) 375-3422 to have cards sent for \$1.50 each or purchase for personal use for \$1.00 each.

Contributions can also be made through PayPal via
www.kesherzion.org/donations

Yahrzeit Fund

Each week, KZ sends out reminder cards concerning the yahrzeits of our beloved departed family members and accepts donations in their memory. All donations are announced in the weekly bulletin & announced at Shabbat services. Some members find it convenient to pay for all of their yahrzeits (\$5.00 minimum per name) at one time, only once per year. If you would like to take advantage of this convenient way to remember your loved ones and donate to KZ...

Please make your checks out to
Kesher Zion Synagogue
mail to:
Cynthia Balchunas,
511 Thomas Place
Sinking Spring, PA 19608



Keeping Up with KZ!



KZ uses Google groups to email weekly and time-sensitive information, such as our weekly Shabbat Bulletin (Catch-Up), updates, events, announcements, etc. If you are currently not receiving emails from the KZ Office, please let us know if you would like to be added at keshertzionoffice@gmail.com

Follow KZ on Facebook to see throwback photos from the 1930s to the present, learn about community happenings, and connect with congregants.

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"Thanks so much to everyone who sent anniversary leagrams. It made our day even more special & we appreciate your kind wishes."

- Jan & Jonathan Simon

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winter coats for
a coat drive later this
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More information to
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