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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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Notes from Cantor Kevin D. Wartell

MARHESHVAN...THE "BITTER" MONTH OF HESHVAN

Synagogue bulletins articles can be at times difficult prose to compose.

Imagine the dilemma...just as we conclude the most Holy of our holidays, we come upon a new Hebrew month totally devoid of not one Jewish holiday to celebrate.



In fact, the month of Heshvan , which begins at sundown, October 5th, is the only Hebrew month without a holiday included in it, hence the tag **MAR**, which means bitter.

However, let us not forget that we do have a holiday to celebrate indeed!

It comes every Friday evening and concludes every Saturday evening...**SHABBAT!!!**

I hope you will join us every Saturday morning for services beginning at 9:30am, either live in our synagogue or on zoom!

Also, October marks the beginning of our virtual adult educational partnership with The Jewish Theological Seminary. Information on class offerings and how to sign up and attend are enclosed in this edition of our bulletin. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either at the synagogue office or by email at kzcantor@gmail.com.

I also want to bring to your attention a very exciting opportunity coming to our community beginning November 1st.

Violins of Hope is coming to The Reading Jewish Community and specifically to our KZ/RCOS community.

A stirring testament to the strength of the human spirit and the power of music, Violins of Hope comprise a collection of instruments that tell remarkable stories of the defiance, resilience, and legacy of Jewish musicians during the Holocaust, and of the Israeli violinmaker dedicated to bringing these inspirational Strings of the Holocaust back to life.

Violins from the collection will be on exhibit at three locations in Greater Reading; they will be played in concert; and their stories will be shared in lectures and various educational programs. This collection of over 50 string instruments has been restored by Israeli violin maker Amnon Weinstein and his son, Avshi who will be traveling with the exhibit. This will be the first time the exhibit will be shown in Pennsylvania, making this an extremely unique opportunity.

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Notes from Cantor Kevin D. Wartell continued

The mission of Violins of Hope is to promote unity and understanding in our community, utilizing instruments rescued from the Holocaust.

Violins of Hope have toured many cities around the world and will now come to Reading from November 1-14, 2021. Organized by lead partners, the Jewish Federation of Reading/Berks and the Reading Symphony Orchestra, a steering committee of local professionals has been formed to work with area partners on a community-wide series of events focusing on these instruments. The sound, presence, and stories of Violins of Hope Reading will drive the creation of music, educational programs, public conversation, interfaith dialogue, and films throughout Berks County. Most importantly, Reading Symphony Orchestra musicians will bring to life the humanity and stories of those who owned these precious instruments through performances on the instruments.

Later this month, you will receive information on a joint Erev Shabbat Service in our building that is being jointly coordinated by KZ and RCOS clergy and leadership.

At that service, the Violins of Hope will be played and on display. The date will be forthcoming so stay tuned!

So, while we may not have any specific holidays to celebrate, let us celebrate the peace that Shabbat can be in our lives every week and the joy of being able to study that is afforded to us by being a member of the Conservative movement.

Finally, let us invigorate our collective community souls with the sound of music that will give us hope and strength even as we await the somewhat darker days of fall and winter.

See you in Shul!

Cantor Kevin



WINTER WEATHER

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OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2021

TISHREI – CHESHVAN – KISLEV 5782

KZ will be holding In-person and Virtual services on Saturday mornings at 9:30 You can still attend services via Zoom. Minyan led by Cantor Wartell will continue on Zoom the first and third Thursday of every month at 7:30pm via Zoom Adult education and committee meetings will also continue over Zoom for now.

Check your weekly Google Group emails and the KZ Website for Zoom links and updates. www.keshertzion.org

DATE	HEBREW DATE	SERVICE	TIME
Saturday, October 2	26 Tishrei	KZ morning services	9:30 AM
Thursday, October 7	1 Cheshvan	Minyan	7:30 PM
Saturday, October 9	3 Cheshvan	KZ morning services	9:30 AM
Saturday, October 16	10 Cheshvan	KZ morning services	9:30 AM
Thursday, October 21	15 Cheshvan	Minyan	7:30 PM
Saturday, October 23	17 Cheshvan	KZ morning services	9:30 AM
Saturday, October 30	24 Cheshvan	KZ morning services	9:30 AM
Thursday, November 4	29 Cheshvan	Minyan	7:30 PM
Saturday, November 6	2 Kislev	KZ morning services	9:30 AM
Saturday, November 13	9 Kislev	KZ morning services	9:30 AM
Thursday, November 18	14 Kislev	BOD Meeting Minyan	7:00 pm 7:30 PM
Saturday, November 20	16 Kislev	KZ morning services	9:30 AM
Thursday, November 25	21 Kislev	Thanksgiving Day	KZ Office Closed
Friday, November 26	22 Kislev	Thanksgiving	KZ Office Closed
Saturday, November 27	23 Kislev	KZ morning services	9:30 AM
Monday, November 29- Monday, December 6	25 Kislev 2 Tevet	Hanukkah	

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EVENTS & LEARNING



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please contact the Synagogue office at: (610) 374-1763 or email:

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. The only difference is that COVID-19 has changed the way we look at the world and life. Torah Fund Campaigning has taken a pause and will not have a new theme or a gift pin. They are continuing the B'Yachad (together) Campaign as we are all still "in this together" and our goals and needs have not changed.

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.

Please help by giving!

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



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THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the Anniversary Leagrams.

~ Karen & Myron Kabakoff

Thank you for the birthday Leagrams.

~Karen Kabakoff

Thank you for all of your birthday cards and Leagrams wishing me a happy birthday.

~Bob Kauffman

Thank you for the birthday Leagrams. I appreciate your thinking of me.

~Jonathan Simon

My fondest thanks to all for my 80th birthday wishes.

~Fred Knoblauch-Wagner

Thank you Barbara Paul for your High Holiday donation.

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Thank you Gary Mintz for your High Holiday donation.

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Thank you Cantor Kevin D. Wartell for donating the September kiddush in honor of your birthday.

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If you are currently **not** receiving emails from our group, please let us know if you would like to be added. Email: keshetzionoffice@gmail.com

KZ Website: www.keshetzion.org **Facebook Page:**

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Contributions to support our Synagogue and Sisterhood are deeply appreciated. Whenever you wish to remember friends and loved ones, in joy or sorrow, please think of the following funds. An appropriate acknowledgment is sent. Make your check payable to the appropriate fund and send to the office.

KESHER ZION SYNAGOGUE GENERAL FUND: Minimum \$ 6.00
 Windows of Kesher Zion cards Minimum \$10.00

MORRIS HASSEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS:
 Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund Minimum \$ 6.00
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DR. ROBERT N. GREENBERG SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM FUND: Minimum \$18.00

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 Contribute to the weekly Shabbat kiddush and your name will be listed in the Shabbat bulletin. There will also be a framed acknowledgement at the kiddush in Sisterhood Hall Minimum \$36.00

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

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

Contributions to the Synagogue and the Sisterhood funds must be paid before cards are processed. Mail or bring your check with complete information to the synagogue office. If you have an account or wish to start one, please contact the office. Money should be added when the account gets low. This will eliminate writing numerous checks.



TODAH RABAH

Our warmest thanks are extended to those who have contributed to the following funds:

General Fund:

In honor of Roberta & Harvey Goldstein's 50th Anniversary

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In memory of Alan Strauss

~Carol & Bernie Gerber

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Yahrzeit Fund 5782

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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. Please send your checks made out to **Kesher Zion Synagogue to Cynthia Balchunas, 511 Thomas Place Sinking Spring PA 19608** if you would like to take advantage of this convenient way to remember your loved ones and donate to KZ.



Minyan will be held only on the first and third Thursday of every month at 7:30pm via Zoom
Check weekly emails and website for updates
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