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KESHER ZION MISSION

WE ARE A CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE SERVING BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA SINCE 1929. KESHER ZION IS PROUD OF OUR HISTORY AS A KIND, WELCOMING COMMUNITY, EAGER TO SHARE OUR LOVE OF JUDAISM THROUGHOUT OUR AREA. WE ARE AFFILIATED WITH THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM. WE STRIVE TO BRING A LOVE OF PRAYER, HALAKHAH, AND LEARNING THROUGH OUR SHABBAT & HOLIDAY SERVICES AND ADULT & YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS. WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE CLERGY, LAY LEADERS, AND STAFF, OUR CONGREGATION SHARES OUR JOYS AND SORROWS THROUGH LIFE CYCLE EVENTS, SERVICES AND OTHER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES. OUR CONGREGATION WARMLY WELCOMES JEWISH AND INTERFAITH FAMILIES, COUPLES AND SINGLES INTO OUR COMMUNITY. WE ARE EGALITARIAN IN ALL ASPECTS. TOGETHER WE STRIVE TO CONNECT WITH OUR LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY AND THOSE LIVING IN ISRAEL.

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הפי תוקסגייבינג

Cantor *Prosnitz*



How unusual! The first of November, on the Gregorian calendar, coincides with the first day of Heshvan, on the Jewish calendar. The formal name for the month is Marḥeshvan. While the name etymologically means “eighth month,” it is commonly called “bitter Heshvan,” because there are no holidays or fasts this month. But there is a particularly bitter day this month, and it is remembered according to its secular date: November 9th-Kristallnacht.

The Night of Broken Glass, organized by the National Socialist German Workers' Party in 1938 was preceded by a failed insurrection (Hitler was convicted for inciting this Beer Hall Putsch) and was shortly followed by the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939, which set the world aflame.

On Simchat Torah we completed reading from the end of the Torah and immediately began rereading from the beginning of the Torah. The very first sedra of the Torah does not begin with the story of the Exodus, the beginnings of the Israelite nation. Nor does it begin with the first man, the beginnings of human history. It begins with Creation, by God - who is beyond time and space.

The first of the Five Books of the Torah quickly accounts for the 10 generations from Adam to Noah. How precipitously has humanity's lot changed! From being given Eden, a Paradise, to being on the verge of destruction by their Creator. Twice the text says that God regretted what He had done: **וַיִּנָּחם ה' כִּי־עָשָׂה אֶת־הָאָדָם בָּאָרֶץ** / "And Hashem regretted having made humankind on earth" (Gen. 6:6); **כִּי־נָחַמְתִּי כִּי־עָשִׂיתֶם** / "I will blot out from the earth humankind whom I created...for I regret that I made them" (Gen. 6:7).

The text says that Enoch walked in God's ways. We can, too. If God changed His mind-wanting to undo a decision, then we also can change our mind.

How often, after a tragedy, do people ask : How could this have been prevented? What could have been done differently? In the 1930's the Lutheran pastor Martin Niemöller supported the policies of the Nazi party and admired Adolf Hitler. But he changed his mind. After World War II ended, he spoke and famously wrote:

- FIRST THEY CAME FOR THE SOCIALISTS, AND I DID NOT SPEAK OUT—BECAUSE I WAS NOT A SOCIALIST.
- THEN THEY CAME FOR THE TRADE UNIONISTS, AND I DID NOT SPEAK OUT—BECAUSE I WAS NOT A TRADE UNIONIST.
- THEN THEY CAME FOR THE JEWS, AND I DID NOT SPEAK OUT —BECAUSE I WAS NOT A JEW.
- THEN THEY CAME FOR ME—AND THERE WAS NO ONE LEFT TO SPEAK FOR ME.

In Washington, D.C., the very last thing you see as you leave the exhibition space in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is this quote.

Based on what was actually happening at the time, in 1933 Lev published a book entitled The German Quarter. In it, he told a tale of a scorpion and a frog.

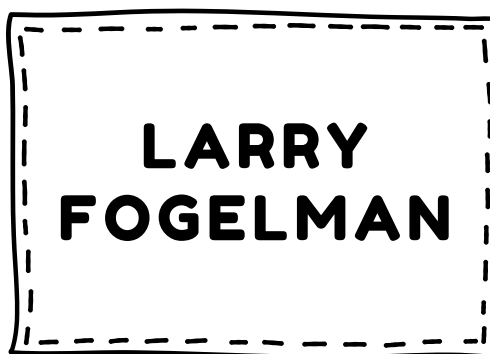
Wanting to cross a stream, but unable to do so himself, a scorpion asked a frog to carry him across. The frog demurred saying he was afraid the scorpion would sting and kill him. The scorpion promised he would not. So, the frog took the scorpion on his back. Halfway across, the scorpion stung the frog, dooming them both to drown.



People may ask how could God have allowed the Holocaust to happen. Hitler was elected in a democratic nation. God could ask, how could people have allowed the Holocaust to happen.

Serious people seek solutions to problems, not scapegoats. "Be careful with politicians for they do not befriend a person except for their own needs" (Ethics of the Fathers, 2:3). Prisoners who were liberated from the Buchenwald concentration camp cried out against fascism with the phrase, "Never Again." The anniversary of Kristallnacht will be commemorated with a community observance on November 7th. Election Day is November 5th.





We all made it through the High Holidays. Special thanks go out to the Ritual Committee, the Food Committee, and everyone who made the High Holidays great. Specials thanks to the Cantor for all his hard work during the High Holidays and services. For those of you who were not in attendance or on zoom my High Holiday appeal was for more **VOLUNTEERS AND YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF KZ**. These 2 are the most important issues going forward. If you are interested in volunteering please contact me.

Save the date for our next Junior Congregation will be on November 16. We hope to see many of our children at services. We are also planning a special Family Chanukah celebration on Saturday evening December 28. Time and details to follow. We are looking for Volunteers to make this event a wonderful evening of Celebration.

Hope to see you at services.

Larry



KESHER ZION'S



**NEXT
JUNIOR
CONGREGATION**

**NOVEMBER 16, 2024
10:30 AM**

THANK YOU SO MUCH
FOR ALL OF THE
BIRTHDAY WISHES

THEY REALLY MADE MY
DAY!

CAROL PERLMUTTER

THANK YOU FOR
THE KIND WISHES
ON OUR
ANNIVERSARY

DORIS AND
ELLIOT
LEISAWITZ

THANK YOU
FOR ALL OF THE
WARM
GREETINGS ON
MY BIRTHDAY

DORIS
LEISAWITZ



LEARN THE COLORS IN HEBREW AND WIN A PRIZE

See Morah Susan for Details

אדום (adj)	<i>adom</i>	RED
כתום (adj)	<i>katom</i>	ORANGE
צהוב (adj)	<i>tzahov</i>	YELLOW
ירוק (adj)	<i>yarok</i>	GREEN
כחול (adj)	<i>kachol</i>	BLUE
סגול (adj)	<i>sagol</i>	PURPLE
חום (adj)	<i>chum</i>	BROWN
שחור (adj)	<i>shachor</i>	BLACK
אפור (adj)	<i>afor</i>	GRAY
לבן (adj)	<i>lavan</i>	WHITE



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REGARDING KZ TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

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Youth Events

Synagogue Skills & Chinuch

**Ages 8-10 Meets Thursdays from 3:30 PM-4:30 PM
2 classes per month, approximately**

**Ages 11-13 Meets Tuesdays from 3:30 PM-4:30 PM
weekly**

Junior Congregation

**Held once a month, usually the 3rd Shabbat
(Sticker Board for attendance)**

**Family Service (for Adults and Youth)
Saturday, January 18, 2025**



Synagogue Skills

Ages 8-10

**11/7, 11/21, 12/5, 12/19,
12/28 KZ Congregational Chanukkah
Candle Lighting
1/18/2025 Family Service**

Ages 11-13

**11/5, 11/12, 11/29, 11/26
12/28 KZ Congregational Chanukkah
Candle Lighting
1/18/2025 Family Service**

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SAVE THE DATE

HANUKKAH PARTY



SATURDAY. EVENING

• **DECEMBER 28TH** •

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MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Shabbat

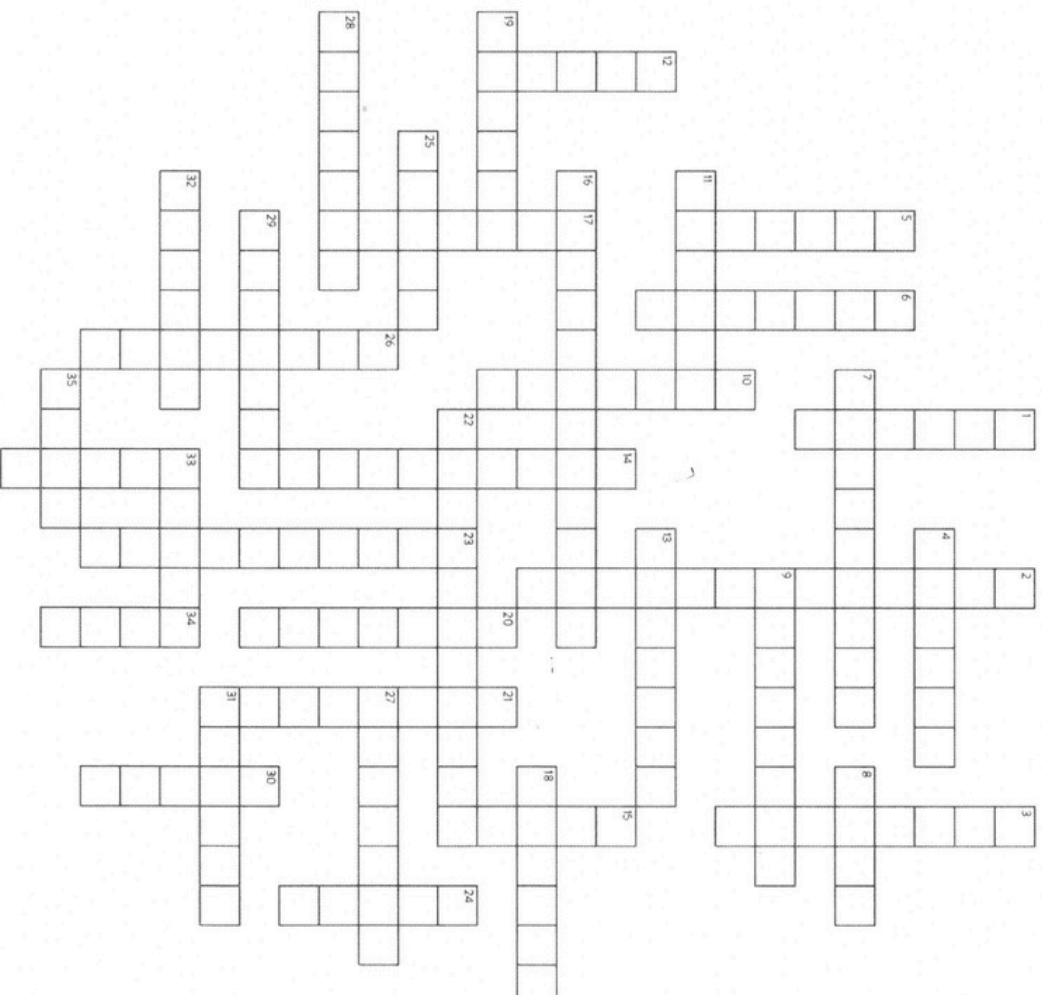
Crossword Puzzle

Down

- 1 Skullcap
- 2 Sabbath greeting
- 3 "Receiving," as in the Sabbath
- 5 Weekly Torah portion
- 6 Braided loaves of bread
- 10 Saturday's traditional stew
- 12 Baked noodle or potato casserole
- 14 When a boy comes of age
- 15 Three of these mean it's nightfall
- 17 What we do when we rest on Shabbat
- 20 Challah is _____ with at least three strands
- 21 Sewn satin or felt cap, Yiddish
- 23 Wine for kids
- 24 "Shalom"
- 26 "Separation"
- 30 Challah dipped in this is extra sweet
- 33 Omelet or kiddush lunch staple
- 34 Airline that doesn't schedule flights on Shabbat

Across

- 4 Meat, dairy and _____
- 7 Sink or float
- 8 Can be sprinkled over challah
- 9 Collected in a box
- 11 "Holy"
- 13 The blessing over bread
- 16 Collective members of a Jewish house of worship
- 18 Prayer shawl
- 19 Aromatic spices
- 22 See candlelight reflected in these
- 25 Hand-written parchment scroll
- 27 613 in the Torah
- 28 Traditional meat dinner
- 29 "Sanctification"
- 31 Book of Moses that first mentions Shabbat
- 32 Commonly used word to describe a Jewish house of worship
- 33 Shabbat is referred to as this woman in white
- 35 Social Shabbat gathering



A LITTLE LAUGHTER

A celebrated Orthodox rabbi gets to heaven and an angel takes him to a banquet that has been prepared in his honor. "We will serve you the most tender meat, the juiciest fish, and fragrant wine," the angel tells him.

"But who was the Mashgiach for this meal?" the rabbi asks.

Ah," says the angel. "In your honor, God was the Mashgiach."

"Thanks," says the rabbi. "But I'll just stick with the fish."



LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH

Little Moishie Rubin was caught by his teacher Mrs. Goldenberg using a bad word. "Moishie," Mrs. Goldenberg said, "you shouldn't use that kind of language. Where did you hear it?"

"My Abba said it," Moishie responded.

"Well, it doesn't matter," explained the teacher, "you don't even know what it means."

"I do, so!" Moishie corrected. "It means the car won't start."

Three young boys were walking on the sidewalk arguing over whose Daddy was the greatest.

David said, "My Dad is the greatest because he is rich stock broker on Wall Street."

Michael said, "That's nothing. My Daddy is a politician and he
".says he's the most powerful man around

Moishie said, "That's nothing, my Dad is a rabbi, and he owns hell."

"How can you own hell?" asked the other boys.

"Well my Dad came home last night and told my mom that the Shul Board gave it to him!"



TORAH FUND 2024-2025



Am Yisroel Chai

If you can translate this title (The People of Israel Live) you can thank a Hebrew school teacher, rabbi or lay leader.

I know we have been asked to donate to Israel in her hour of great need since the horrific attack by Hamas on October 7, 2023. We have seen protests world-wide against the state of Israel. And most unfortunately, some of our own Jewish people have rallied against Israel. Why? They are ignorant of history and the true struggles of the Jewish people. The Torah Fund of Conservative Judaism is also asking for your financial donations to help educate our future Jewish teachers and clergy. We must insure that future generations learn our history in order to work for Israel's survival!

“Am Yisroel Chai” is an expression of Jewish solidarity for the Jewish nation and the continuity of the Jewish people.

All contributions to the Torah Fund are welcome; a special donation of \$180 will be thanked with a pin saying, “Am Yisroel Chai”. Please include a Torah Fund donation with your Keshet Zion dues payment.

Remember Torah Fund all year with the purchase of cards for all occasions: Simchas, births, condolences and congratulation. The cost of a card is only \$5 and this includes the postage and mailing.

Call Arlene Ehrlich: 610-373-6648

**THESE ARE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS MADE
TO THE HIGH HOLIDAYS THAT WERE NOT
INCLUDED IN THE OCTOBER BULLETIN**
CAROL GREENBERG
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Prayer for Safe Return of Kidnapped Israelis

God of Israel,
 Beneficent sovereign of all Creation,
 enable us now
 to have true faith
 and to pray and to call out to You
 with plea after plea,
 so that our cry might rise
 to the very Gates of Mercy,
 to Mercy itself.
 And all reality shall be turned around
 so that relief, rescue, and life
 may be the lot of those young men,
 Ya'akov Naftali ben Rahel (Frenkel),
 Gil-ad Micha'el ben Bat-Galim (Shaar)
 and Eyal ben Iris Teshura (Yifrach).
 Act on their behalf, Lord,
 take up their cause without delay,
 and may You grant them life and blessing
 forevermore.
 So may it be Your will,
 and let us say: Amen.

אֵל אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
 מֶלֶךְ שְׂרָחֲמִיו עַל כָּל מַעֲשָׂיו
 תֵּן בָּנוּ בְּעֵת הַזֹּאת
 שְׁתִּהְיֶה בָנוּ מִדַּת אֱמוּנָה
 וְנִתְפַּלֵּל וְנִתְחַנֵּן אַחֲרֶיךָ
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 כְּדִי שְׁתַּעֲלֶה שׁוֹעֲתֵנוּ
 וְתָבֹא עַד מְקוֹם שַׁעַר הַחֶסֶד
 עַד נִקְדַּת הַחֶסֶד.
 וְתִהְיֶה אֶת הַכֹּל לְמַעַן יָבֹאוּ
 רוּחַ וְהַצֵּלָה וְחַיִּים לְנַעֲרִים
 יַעֲקֹב נַפְתָּלִי בֶן רַחֵל (פְּרִנְקֵל)
 גִּיל-עַד מִיכָאֵל בֶּן בֵּת גָּלִים (שַׁעַר)
 אֵיל בֶּן אִירִיס תֶּשׁוּרָה (יִפְרָח).
 עֲשֵׂה לְמַעַנָם אֱלֹהֵינוּ
 עֲשֵׂה וְאַל תִּאָּחֵר
 וְהוֹשִׁיעַם אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׁעֵנוּ
 וְאַתָּה תִּנְחִילֵם חַיִּים וּבִרְכָּה עַד הָעוֹלָם.
 וְכֵן יְהִי רָצוֹן וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן.

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צדקה

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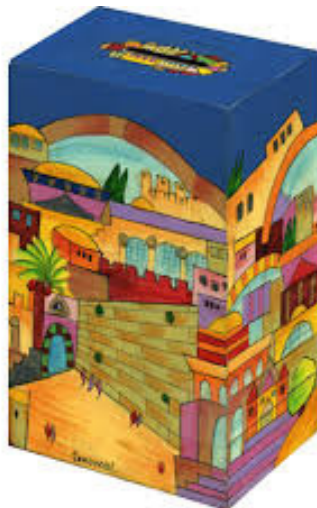
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FROM YOUR KESHER ZION FAMILY

