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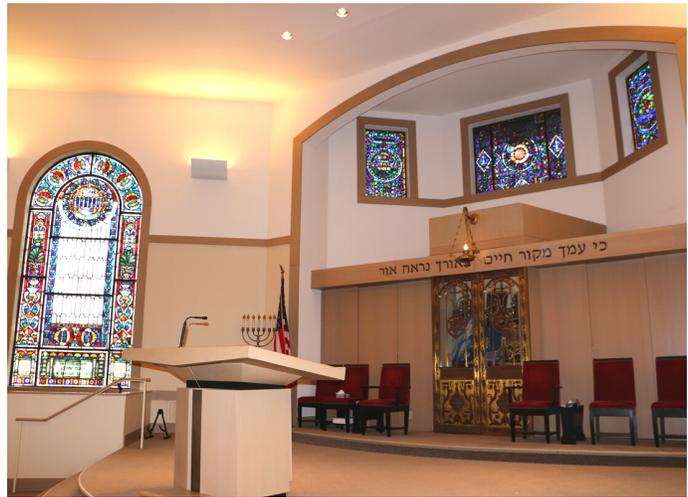
Keshher Zion Synagogue



Bulletin

Keshher Zion Mission Statement

Keshher 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. Keshher 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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"The heat of autumn is different from the heat of summer. One ripens the apple, the other turns them to cider."

Jewish Poet
Jane Hirshfield,
The Heat of Autumn

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Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday, November 3 (9 Cheshvan)	Minyan	7:30pm	Kesher Zion
Saturday, November 5 (11 Cheshvan)	Shabbat Service	9:30am	Kesher Zion or Zoom
Thursday, November 10 (16 Cheshvan)	Berks History Center Talk about Moe Berg	7:00pm	Kesher Zion
Saturday, November 12 (18 Cheshvan)	Shabbat Service	9:30am	Kesher Zion or Zoom
Thursday, November 17 (23 Cheshvan)	Minyan	7:30pm	Kesher Zion
Saturday, November 19 (25 Cheshvan)	Shabbat Service	9:30am	Kesher Zion or Zoom
Thursday, November 24 (30 Cheshvan)	KZ Office Closed (Thanksgiving)		
Friday, November 25 (1 Kislev)	KZ Office Closed (Thanksgiving)		
Saturday, November 26 (2 Kislev)	Shabbat Service	9:30am	Kesher Zion or Zoom





*Cantor Ted Prosnitz
Spiritual Leader
Keshar Zion Synagogue*

How Strongly is Thanksgiving Tied to Sukkot?

Before setting off for the New World, the Puritans lived among the Sephardic Jews in Holland. The Jews had come to Holland after being expelled from Spain in 1492 and Portugal in 1496. The Puritans fled England in 1608 to escape religious intolerance. Having crossed the ocean, as the Children of Israel had crossed Yam Suf, the British Pilgrims saw themselves as the New Israelites. They were well-versed in the Old Testament and familiar with the joyful Jewish Fall harvest festival. In our liturgy, Sukkot is termed z'man simchateinu/the season of our rejoicing, based on Lev. 23:40, וְשִׂמְחֶתֶם and Deut. 16:14 וְשִׂמְחֶתֶת בְּחַגְּךָ.

Based on a letter written by Edward Winslow, the first Thanksgiving is identified as happening in 1621. Like the Jewish holiday, it was celebrated by giving thanks for several days (either three or seven days, historians are unsure). Another similarity between these Puritans and Jews is that they did not always all agree. The historian Diana Muir Applebaum writes

that some Puritans rejected the Catholic concept of fixed holidays, feeling they desensitized the flock to God's special beneficence. Jewish practice combines both regular prayers, like the Shema which is said (twice) every day, and special occasion prayers such as when a rainbow is seen.

Here is that b'racha:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה י-ה-ו-ה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם זוֹכֵר
הַבְּרִית וְנֹאמֵן בְּבְרִיתוֹ וְקִיָּם בְּמִצְוָתוֹ.

*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
zocher habrit v'ne'eman biv'reetoh v'kayam
b'ma'amarav.*

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who remembers the covenant, and is faithful to His covenant, and keeps His promise.

Although the first Thanksgiving was reportedly in December 1621, and President George Washington had proclaimed a Thanksgiving Day in 1789, it was not a regular annual observance until President Ulysses S. Grant signed the bill making it a federal holiday in 1870.

It is always timely to thank Hashem for all our blessings. Thanksgiving Day this year will be the last day of the month of Heshvan—a month in which there are no Jewish holidays (other than Shabbat). It will be an especially good time to gather together and observe the commandment in Deuteronomy 8:10:

וְאָכַלְתָּ, וְשָׂבַעְתָּ--וּבְרַכְתָּ אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ,

And thou shalt eat and be satisfied, and bless the LORD thy God...

From the Cantor

By Cantor Ted Prosnitz

You may also use the following Thanksgiving Prayer by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi:

Hebrew	English
	<p>For all the boons in our lives we offer our thanks to you YHVH our God and in blessing your Name we hope that all of life will bless You too and especially today because:</p>
<p>בִּימֵי הַמְהַגְרִים נִקְיִי הַדַּעַתְכָּשֶׁהִגְעוּ לְאֶרֶץ מִקְלָטָם וְסָבְלוּ רָעַב וְקוֹרְנֵי שָׂאוֹ רִנָּה וְתִפִּילָה לְצוּר יִשׁוּעָתָם אֲזַעְמַדְתָּ לָהֶם בְּעַת צָרָתָם וְעוֹרְרָתָהּ חַמְלַת הַתּוֹשְׁבִים הָאֵינְדִּיאָנִים עֲלֵיהֶם וְהָאֶכִילִם מִזֶּן, בְּרִבּוֹרִים וְתִירְזוֹן כָּל מַעֲדָנֵיהֶם הַצֵּלְתָּם מִרָעַב וְיָגוֹן וְהִרְאֵתָ לָהֶם דְּרָכֵי שְׁלוֹמָעַם תּוֹשְׁבֵי הָאֶרֶץ – עַל כֵּן, בְּרַגְשֵׁי תּוֹדָה קִבְעוּ יוֹם הַוּדְאָה שָׁנָה וְשָׁנָה לְזִכֹּר לְדוֹרוֹת וּמֵאֲכִילִים סְעוּדוֹת הַוּדְיָה לְאוֹמְלָלִים:</p>	<p>In the days of the Pilgrims, the Puritans, when they arrived at these safe shores, suffered hunger and cold. They sang and prayed to the Rock of their Salvation. And You, standing by them, roused the caring of the Natives for them: who fed them, turkey and corn and other delights. Thus saved You them from starvation, and they learned the ways of peace with the inhabitants of the land. Therefore, feeling grateful, they dedicated a day of Thanksgiving each year as a remembrance for future generations, feeding unfortunates feasts of thanks.</p>
<p>לְכֵן גַּם אֲנִי מוֹדִים לְרַעַל הַטּוֹבוֹת בְּחַיֵּינוּ – אֵל הַוּדְאוֹת אֲדוֹן הַשְּׁלוֹם. מוֹדִים אֲמַחֲנוּ לָךְ:</p>	<p>Thus do we thank You for all the good in our lives, God of kindness, Lord of Peace; thus do we thank You.</p>

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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**During Shabbat services November 26th,
Athena Jane Gable will have her baby naming.**

**Athena is the daughter of Sarena Kabakoff Gable and
Max Gable and granddaughter of Karen and Myron Kabakoff
and Angie and Frank Gable.**

The Kiddush will be sponsored by Karen and Myron.

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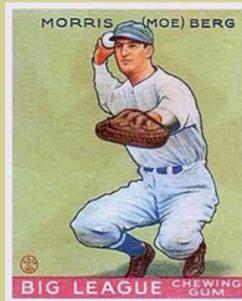
Upcoming Events at KZ

HISTORIAN BRIAN ENGELHARDT PRESENTS

BEFORE HE WAS A CATCHER OR A SPY: MOE BERG'S YEAR WITH THE 1925 READING KEYS

On behalf of the Berks History Center, Brian Engelhardt will present a program on Berg's career, focusing in particular on the 1925 season when Berg played shortstop for the Reading Keys of the International League—before he was either a catcher, or a spy.

NOTE: Berg is the only former ballplayer whose baseball card is on display at CIA Headquarters.



RSVP NOT REQUIRED,
BUT APPRECIATED

TO RSVP, VISIT
WWW.KESHERZION.ORG/MOEBERG

THIS IS A FREE EVENT

10 NOVEMBER 7:00pm
2022

Kesher Zion Synagogue
555 Warwick Drive Wyomissing, PA 19610

It is recommended to view the film "The Catcher Was a Spy" before attending.
Film is available for free via Tubi, and on Amazon Prime Video and YouTube for a small fee.
Visit www.kesherzion.org/MoeBerg for more information on viewing the film.



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Robert R. Nye, Supervisor

The Kesher Zion Cemetery Board announces that beginning March 1, 2023, there will be an increase in the cost of plots and perpetual care. Both are currently at \$750 each and will increase to \$800 each.

If you wish to take advantage of the current pricing payment must be made prior to March 1 2023.

If you are interested in taking advantage before the price increases, please contact Bob Caster.

Upcoming Events at KZ



The Cantors Assembly
in association with the National Center for Jewish Film
presents

A MOISHE OYSHER

VIRTUAL FILM FESTIVAL

October 2-3



OVERTURE TO GLORY

Based on the true story that inspired The Jazz Singer

November



THE SINGING BLACKSMITH

A young blacksmith is tempted to stray from his marriage vows.

December



A DREAM OF MY PEOPLE

Featuring the one and only Josef "Yossele" Rosenblatt.

Festival Sponsors

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Yiddish Artists and Friends Actors Club
Rabbi Michael Wolk & Cantor Shira Lissek of Temple Israel of Charlotte
Cantor David Lipp of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Louisville, KY

All films are restored versions with complete new English subtitles by the National Center for Jewish Film.



Hosted by
Cantor Murray Simon

Each film will be available online for 36 hours followed by group discussion on Mondays at 8:00 PM ET.

Registration available at:
cantors.org/oysher

Suggested Donation:
\$36
contact: support@cantors.org





Keep an eye on your email for information about the November watch party!



to
Rebecca Balchunas & Tyler Stack
on their recent engagement!

Sponsor a Kiddush

Celebrate your special occasion with your congregational family.

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

Kesher Zion Synagogue
555 Warwick Dr.
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KESHER ZION SYNAGOGUE GENERAL FUND MIN. \$6.00

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

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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

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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:

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511 Thomas Place
Sinking Spring, PA 19608





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