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## Keshar Zion Synagogue



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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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religious, social, and  
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Conservative movement.*

*- Keshar Zion Synagogue*



**Keshar Zion's 2019 Annual meeting and lunch (May 5, 2019)**

We would like to thank past president Cindy Balchunas for all of her service and welcome new president, Dr. Jennifer Koosed.

Photo by: Debbie Goldberg.

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# Shavuot Celebration

Saturday Night, June 8, 2019 - 8:15 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Study Session One:	8:15-9:00
Maariv & Havdalah:	Food & Coffee: 9:00-9:30
Study Session Two:	9:30-10:15
A Second Food & Coffee Break:	10:15-10:30
Study Session Three:	10:30-11:15

*Sessions will be taught by Dr. John Incledon,  
Dr. Jennifer Koosed, Dr. Robert Seesengood*

**Study Session One:** "The Construction of Jewish-Israeli Identity: The Others Within Us" with Dr. John Incledon

**Study Session Two:** "A New Torah: Poetry After the Shoah" with Dr. Jennifer Koosed

**Study Session Three:** "It's a Bird! It's a Plane! It's ... Jews in Post-War American Comics and Graphic Novels: Representation and Cultural Contribution" with Dr. Robert Seesengood

<p><u><b>Sunday, June 9, 2019</b></u></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Shavuot Services</p> <p>Kiddush to follow</p>	<p><u><b>Monday, June 10, 2019</b></u></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Shavuot Services</p> <p>(including Yizkor)</p> <p>Kiddush to follow</p>
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There is no charge. Reservations are recommended and would be helpful in order to accommodate everyone who is attending. Thank you!

## Please Remember

Your call is very important to us!

If you reach our answering machine, we are either on the other line, at a meeting, or stepped out for a break.

Please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

If you have an emergency that can't wait, and you cannot reach us during or after business hours, call:  
KZ President  
Dr. Jennifer Koosed  
at: 484-651-0122



## CHEVRA KADISHA

### (Burial Society)

“The highest act of *gemilut chesed* (acts of loving kindness) is that which is done for the dead, for there can never be any question of repayment”. (Tanhuma Vayehi 107A)

Kesher Zion Synagogue has been providing Tahara (ritual washing ) services for the entire Berks County Jewish Community for many years. Participation in tahara is a mitzvah of the highest order. It is performed by Jews to honor a deceased person who is Jewish. Generally, women perform tahara on women and men for men. Kesher Zion has a women's group and a men's group with chair people for each.

There are two major elements to the service. First is the cleaning of the body and second is the ritual washing and dressing in a shroud. The entire process takes place at the funeral home and should be done a few hours before the funeral service. Because there is a need to physically move the body during both processes, at least 3 people (ideally 4) are needed.

It is critical that the chair people have a sufficient number of people on their lists to accommodate everyone's vacation/travel/ work schedules. The more people that are on the lists, the less frequently one is called. No one does this alone! It is a communal effort.

If you would like to learn more about chevra kadisha, either talking to the chair people or attending a washing, please call the Kesher Zion office (610.374.1763) or email [kzbookkeeper@entermail.net](mailto:kzbookkeeper@entermail.net).



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## KZ Calendars June-July-August 2019

<b><u>Sat June 1:</u></b>	<b>Morning Services:</b> 9:30am
<b><u>Thu. June 6:</u></b>	<b>Minyan:</b> 7:30pm
<b><u>Sat. June 8:</u></b>	<b>Morning Services:</b> 9:30am  Shavuot Evening Study Service: 8:15pm-12:00am
<b><u>Sun. June 9:</u></b>	Shavuot Service: 9:30 am
<b><u>Mon. June 10:</u></b>	Shavuot Service: 9:30 am (including Yizkor) Kiddush follow
<b><u>Thu. June 13:</u></b>	<b>Minyan:</b> 7:30pm
<b><u>Sat. June 15:</u></b>	<b>Morning Services:</b> 9:30am
<b><u>Thu. June 20:</u></b>	<b>Minyan:</b> 7:30pm
<b><u>Sat. June 22:</u></b>	<b>Morning Services:</b> 9:30am
<b><u>Thu. June 27:</u></b>	<b>KZ BOD meeting:</b> 7:00-9:00pm Break for Minyan: 7:30pm
<b><u>Sat. June 29:</u></b>	<b>Morning Services:</b> 9:30am
<b><u>Thu. July 4:</u></b>	KZ Office Closed <b>Minyan:</b> 7:30pm
<b><u>Sat. July 6:</u></b>	<b>Morning Services:</b> 9:30am
<b><u>Thu. July 11:</u></b>	<b>Minyan:</b> 7:30pm
<b><u>Sat. July 13:</u></b>	<b>Morning Services:</b> 9:30am
<b><u>Thu. July 18:</u></b>	<b>Minyan:</b> 7:30pm
<b><u>Sat. July 20:</u></b>	<b>Morning Services:</b> 9:30am
<b><u>Thu. July 25:</u></b>	<b>KZ BOD meeting:</b> 7:00-9:00pm Break for Minyan: 7:30pm
<b><u>Sat. July 27:</u></b>	<b>Morning Services:</b> 9:30am
<b><u>Thu. Aug 1:</u></b>	<b>Minyan:</b> 7:30pm
<b><u>Sat. Aug 3:</u></b>	<b>Morning Services:</b> 9:30am
<b><u>Thu. Aug 8:</u></b>	<b>Minyan:</b> 7:30pm
<b><u>Sat. Aug 10:</u></b>	<b>Morning Services:</b> 9:30am— <b>Tisha B'Av Services:</b> 8:30pm
<b><u>Thu. Aug 15:</u></b>	<b>Minyan:</b> 7:30pm
<b><u>Sat. Aug 17:</u></b>	<b>Morning Services:</b> 9:30am
<b><u>Thu. Aug 22:</u></b>	<b>KZ BOD meeting:</b> 7:00-9:00pm Break for Minyan: 7:30pm
<b><u>Sat. Aug 24:</u></b>	<b>Morning Services:</b> 9:30am
<b><u>Thu. Aug 29:</u></b>	<b>Minyan:</b> 7:30pm
<b><u>Sat. Aug 31:</u></b>	<b>Morning Services:</b> 9:30am



## Tisha B'Av 2019

### Sponsor a Kiddush



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please contact the Synagogue office at: (610) 374-1763 or email: [kzsecretary@entermail.net](mailto:kzsecretary@entermail.net)

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*Join Us As We Observe*

*Tisha B'Av*

*Kesher Zion Synagogue*

*555 Warwick Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610*

*Our observance will include:*

*Saturday, August 10, 2019*

*Seudah Mafseket—8:30 p.m.*

*The chanting of Eichä - (The Book of Lamentations)  
to follow Havdalah*

*Sunday, August 11, 2019 —No Service*



*Fast begins: Saturday, August 10 at 8:04 p.m.*

*Fast ends: Sunday, August 11 at 8:33 p.m.*

## THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you Robert Schneier for volunteering to help at the KZ Office. Your help is both necessary and greatly appreciated!

~ KZ Office

## MAZEL TOV

To Carol Greenberg on the birth of her grandson,

Cohen Max Greenberg

## CONDOLENCES

To Sari Incledon on the loss of her step-mother, Gloria Ferber

To the families of those killed at the  
Chabad of Poway, San Diego

### KZ Google Group



KZ uses Google groups to email weekly information, such as our weekly Shabbat Bulletin (Catch-Up Flier). We also use this platform to email updates, events, announcements, etc.

If you are currently *not* receiving emails from our group, please let me know if you would like to be added. You will need to provide me with your current email address. Once you do so, I will send you an invitation to join the KZ group. You must accept the invitation in order to receive group emails. The invitation will expire one week if you do not respond.

**KZ Website:** [www.keshertzion.org](http://www.keshertzion.org)

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**HELEN RUDOLPH MUSEUM FOUNDATION OF KESHER ZION SYNAGOGUE:** (Please make check payable to the Foundation.) Proceeds are used to support the museum collection. .... Minimum \$ 6.00

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## **TODAH RABAH**

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

### **General Fund:**

*In memory of Hilda Feldman  
 ~ Terrie & Eileen Pfeffer  
 ~ Robert A. Swoyer Jr. ~ Robert A. Swoyer Sr.  
 ~ Jennifer Scott*

*In Memory of Pauline Goldberg  
 ~ Richard, Susan & Melissa Goldberg*

*Mazel Tov to Carol Greenberg on the birth of her grandson, Cohen Max Greenberg  
 ~ Debbie & David Goldberg*

*In memory of Walter Brandt  
 ~ Gayle & Mike Kastenbaum*

### **Dr. Robert Greenberg Scholar-In-Residence Program Fund:**

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*The deadline for submission of articles for the  
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## UPCOMING KZ EVENTS

**KZ Trivia Sunday** September 15, 2019 -3-5:30pm

**Rosh Hashanah** September 29—October 1, 2019

**Yom Kippur** October 8-9, 2019

**Sukkot** October 13-20, 2019

**Shemini Atseret/Simchat Torah**

October 20-22, 2019

**KZ Tricky Tray** November 10, 2019—Doors open at Noon