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## Kesher Zion Synagogue



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*Kesher Zion Mission Statement:* Kesher 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. Kesher 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 Prez Sez– Sue Wilson

As I begin this journey as the newly appointed president of Keshet Zion Synagogue, my mind is taking it all in. I look on the faces of those who I have held such high esteem and respect for so long. Am I truly worthy of this position? Will I be able to follow in the footsteps of those who were before me? Will I disappoint everyone who has put their faith in me? And then I think, no – because I am not doing this alone.

I have questioned myself so many times in my life. Will I be able to succeed in school – in a new job – and most importantly, as a mother? But whenever I doubted myself, I realized I was not alone. I was blessed to have people around me who were there to cheer me on and lend a hand. I realized the importance of having supportive family and friends. And as I look back now, I cherish each and every one of them.

The same holds true of my Keshet Zion family. We are as one, whose goal is to nurture the love of Conservative Judaism through services, education and support for one another. I am blessed to be surrounded by congregants who are not only knowledgeable in Judaic law and customs, but in life itself. People who are truly caring about one another and want those around them to succeed. I know that whatever apprehensions I may have or if I stumble along the way, my KZ family will be there to pick me up and help guide me so we may all succeed together.

I look forward to serving as your president for this 2 year term. I only hope I can bring the honor and respect to this position that you deserve and that I feel for all of you.



## Honey from the Heart

Send honey to your family and friends with your Rosh Hashanah greetings and support Keshet Zion Synagogue. Look for your Honey from the Heart order form in the mail soon!

## Minyan —Prayer in place of Mourner's Kaddish

### *Prayer in Place of Mourner's Kaddish*

*When a Minyan Cannot Gather (to be used in exigent circumstances only)*

רְבוּנוֹ שֶׁל עוֹלָם,

אֱלֹהֵי הַרְרוּחוֹת לְכָל-בָּשָׂר

Ribbono shel olam,  
elohei ha-ruhot l'khol basar —

Master of the world, God of the spirit of all flesh, it is revealed and known before You that it is my fervent desire to praise Your name, and to remember and honor my beloved:

*father/mother/son/daughter/ husband/wife/partner/brother/sister/\_\_\_\_\_*  
*[the name and relation of the person may be inserted]*

by reciting the Mourner's Kaddish in the company of a *minyan*. Though circumstances prevent me from doing so, may my yearning and prayers find favor in Your eyes, and be accepted and received before You as if I had prayed that Kaddish.

May you grant hope and healing to all who suffer, and may we soon be able to once again safely gather in holiness and joy.

May Your name, Adonai, be elevated and sanctified everywhere on earth and may peace reign everywhere.



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[www.kesherzion.org](http://www.kesherzion.org)**

## Services — Adult Education

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### KZ ADULT EDUCATION 2020-2021

with Dr. Robert Seesengood

כְּתוּבִים

#### Reading the Writings: The Ketuvim in Scholarship and Popular Culture

You know, very well, the stories of Ruth and Esther. You've read Qohelet often. But how far into Psalms have you gone? Are Jewish proverbs the source of both Jewish wisdom and Jewish comedy? Are Job and Shir Hashirim dramas (or the inspiration for modern movies)? And what about Chronicles? Or the weird and mysterious book of Daniel? The Ketuvim are a fascinating collection, tucked into the back of the Bible, that is brimming with strange and interesting content. They've been a regular interest to scholars; they tell us a great deal about how ancient Jews thought and lived, and about how the Bible came together. The Ketuvim have staying power; they show up in a great deal in popular culture, and their stories brim with witty language and with characters – Esther, Ruth, David, Solomon – who are integral to Jewish imagination. This class, over the winter and spring of 2020-2021, is an opportunity to read through the Ketuvim together and discover again these wonderful Writings.

This class will be held online on the second Thursday of the month: 6:30-7:30 pm, so that those who wish to attend minyan will have adequate travel time to come to the shul.

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*You must register for the course or for an individual class in order to receive the Zoom link.*

*You can contact us at: [kesherzionoffice@gmail.com](mailto:kesherzionoffice@gmail.com)*

Dr. Robert Seesengood (Th.M., Princeton Theological Seminary; Ph.D., Drew University) is Professor of Religious Studies and Associate Dean at Albright College, Reading, PA. He is the author of numerous articles and five books, all on the subject of biblical studies. He's currently at work on *American Standard: The Bible in U.S. Popular Media and Culture* (Blackwell).



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## June 2021 Calendar

# JUNE 2021

## SIVAN–TAMMUZ 5781

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		21 Sivan 1	22 Sivan 2	23 Sivan 3	24 Sivan 4	25 Sivan 5 Services 9:30am In-person & Virtual
				Minyan 7:30pm Led by Cantor Wartell		
26 Sivan 6	27 Sivan 7	28 Sivan 8	29 Sivan 9	30 Sivan 10	1 Tammuz 11	2 Tammuz 12 Services 9:30am In-person & Virtual
				Adult Ed 6:30pm		
3 Tammuz 13	4 Tammuz 14	5 Tammuz 15	6 Tammuz 16	7 Tammuz 17	8 Tammuz 18	9 Tammuz 19 Services 9:30am In-person & Virtual
				Minyan 7:30pm Led by Cantor Wartell		
10 Tammuz 20	11 Tammuz 21	12 Tammuz 22	13 Tammuz 23	14 Tammuz 24	15 Tammuz 25	16 Tammuz 26 Services 9:30am In-person & Virtual
Father's Day						
17 Tammuz 27	18 Tammuz 28	19 Tammuz 29	20 Tammuz 30			

## Notes from: Cantor Kevin Wartell



As we approach the summer months this year, we also are blessed to be appreciating the evolving opening of our society from a global pandemic.

I hope and pray that you are well and are able to enjoy the warmth of the summer sun on your face, even as we reflect on the distance we have had to endure between each other since last spring.

As you know, Shabbat Services are now open to you in person in addition to zoom.

We will continue to zoom Minyan every first and third Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

I am in the midst of meeting with our synagogue leadership to discuss programs and ideas to enhance our rejoining each other, both in person and also utilizing what we have learned as the result of the pandemic by using modern technology, so “stay tuned”!

Please feel free to reach out to me with your ideas and feel free to touch base with me to simply schmooze or have a discussion at any time. I am in the synagogue office weekly and you can always reach me on my cell (484-239-3414)

May the summer sun bring warmth and renewal to your soul and may G-d’s presence in our lives serve as a reminder of just how precious each and every season we experience together as a sacred community is in our Keshet Zion “k”hillah”.

Cantor Kevin Wartell

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*Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 8:30 p.m.*



*Our observance will include:*

*The chanting of Eicha -  
(The Book of Lamentations)*

*Zoom link:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88288467104?pwd=UU5IbW5NeitlenhMV3VqSkJWdU1lUT09>

Meeting ID: 882 8846 7104

Passcode: 356378

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*Sunday July 18, 2021 (No Service)*

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*Keshar Zion Synagogue*

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*Fast begins:*

*Saturday, July 17 at 8:45 p.m.*

*Fast ends: Sunday, July 18 at 8:45 p.m.*

**This & That**

**Address, phone number,  
and email updates**

**Have you moved recently, purchased a new phone and have a new number, or changed your email address?**

**If so, don't forget to notify us with your new information so that we may update our records.**

**CONDOLENCES**

**To Mike Kastenbaum  
on the loss of his son,  
Joshua Kastenbaum**



**KEEP ME  
in the  
LOOP**

Attention KZ congregants who do not receive email notices.

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*Mail or bring your check with complete information to the synagogue office.*

*You may also donate via PayPal on our website: [www.kesherzion.org](http://www.kesherzion.org)*

**Donations to KZ can now be made online.**

**Visit our website at:**

**<https://www.kesherzion.org/donations>**

**and click on the donation button.**



**Kesher Zion Synagogue**



## TODAH RABAH

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

**General Fund:**

*In honor of Cantor Wartell*

*~Linda & Ted Schwartz*

*In memory of  
Joshua Kastenbaum*

*~Debbie & David Goldberg*

*~Jan & Jonathan Simon*

*~Robert Schneier*

*~Betsy & Al Katz*



**Stay connected with KZ.**

If you are currently not a member of KZ’s Google Group and would like to be added to receive current updates and information.

Please email [kesherzionoffice@gamil.com](mailto:kesherzionoffice@gamil.com) to request an invitation to our group



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Note: Regular office hours are 9am-3pm Monday-Friday

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