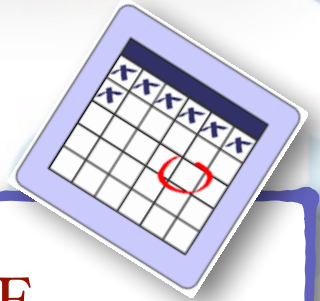




BEIT CHAVERIM

Jewish Community of Greater Zion

March. 2024



Welcome All!

IN PERSON
SHABBAT
SERVICE 2ND
FRIDAY
OF EACH MONTH
AT 7:00PM
GOOD SHEPHERD
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
611 N 2450 E.
ST. GEORGE.
(EDUCATIONAL BLDG. IN
REAR)

ZOOM SHABBAT
SERVICES ALL OTHER
FRIDAYS @7:00PM.
LINK WILL BE SENT A
FEW DAYS BEFORE
EACH SERVICE.

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, March 4, 10:00 am – Breakfast With The Rabbi. George's Corner [RSVP arneen@infowest.com](mailto:arneen@infowest.com)

Friday, March 8, 7:00 pm – **Special in-person Shabbat service & Oneg to inaugurate new Beit Chaverim Shabbat siddurs.** Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, educational bldg., rear.

Sunday, March 24, 11:00 am – Purim lunch and Megillah reading. Home of Rabbi Helene & Michael Ainbinder. [RSVP events@beitchaverimutah.org](mailto:events@beitchaverimutah.org) by 3/17/24 for location details.

Tuesday, April 23, 5:00 pm – Congregational Seder (2nd night).
Details next month newsletter.

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SPOTLIGHT

We welcome to Beit Chaverim David and Randi Kottler who recently joined our congregation.

Although David and Randi were both born in the Midwest, David in Cleveland, Ohio and Randi in Indiana, both lived in Utah since childhood. In fact, they met at a Jewish family picnic in Salt Lake City when David was just 13 and Randi was 12. Both David and Randi's families belonged to Congregation Kol Ami, a conservative synagogue in SLC. Although they attended different high schools, they grew close during those years and remained close during their college years at the University of Utah. After graduating from college, David moved to San Diego to attend law school at the University of San Diego School of Law.

David and Randi were married in Salt Lake City in 1994. Shortly after that, David began a two-year clerkship for the Chief Justice of the Utah Supreme Court. David initially focused his career on the field of criminal law, working first as a prosecutor at the Weber County Attorney's office and later as a public defender at the Salt Lake Legal Defenders Association. In 2000, David put his legal career on hold and went into business with Randi's successful real estate investment company which continues to operate today. Later, David returned to the practice of law – this time representing victims of skiing and snowboarding accidents. In 2001, David and Randi moved to Park City where they raised their two lucky kids, Sam and Tali. Randi was home mom.

In April 2022, David and Randi returned to Park City during the traveling in their motorhome. They recently joined Beit Chaverim and look forward to being involved in the St. George Jewish community.



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LET'S NOSH!



With Purim coming this
a recipe for the most

This recipe is brought to us by Rabbi
Haman's three-cornered hat or his ears, depending on which story you like to tell your children,
grandchildren and friends!

month, it's only fitting that we share
traditional Purim nosh, Hamantaschen.

Helene. The triangle shape of the pastry symbolizes

Ingredients

2 C flour

½ C sugar

¼ tsp salt

2 tsp baking powder

1 tsp vanilla

2 eggs, beaten

¼ lb butter @ room temperature (margarine for parve)

Filling: poppy seed, apricot jam, chocolate chips (dairy), prune or fig jams, or any other you would like

Mix dry ingredients. Cut in butter. Add eggs and vanilla. Mix dough until it forms a ball. Chill dough, then roll out onto a floured board.

Cut small circles, about 2 inches in diameter with glass rim or cookie cutter.

Place teaspoonful of filling into center of circle. Fold over and pinch corners to form 3-sided triangle shape.

Bake 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Might be less here due to elevation. Once the Hamantaschen looks golden, they are done.



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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Beit Chaverim Jewish Community of Greater Zion would like to acknowledge and give special thanks to all our members who took advantage of our new “Sponsor” member categories. We offered two Sponsor levels last year and have increased that to three levels this year. This new membership category was developed so that we could provide better and more programs, events and holiday celebrations for you to enjoy. We are very excited about the increased response to our Sponsor Memberships. As a result, we are currently busy planning special programs and improved holiday celebrations for this upcoming year.

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INAUGURAL SERVICE

Rabbi Helene and the Beit Chaverim Board of Directors invite you to join us for a special Shabbat service on Friday, March 8th at 7:00 pm. At this Shabbat service we will introduce everyone to our new siddur (Shabbat prayer book), "Mishkan T'filah. Thanks to your donations, we were able to purchase sufficient numbers of the new siddurs for our congregation. This in-person Shabbat will be a wonderful opportunity to become familiar with our new siddur and Shabbat service. The new siddur, like our recent, new High Holy Day prayer books is more contemporary in its language and use of gender references. It also has the transliteration of the Hebrew right alongside, making it more user friendly for those who would like to participate more but don't read Hebrew. We hope you come to celebrate another new milestone for our congregation. In honor of the Mishkan T'filah inaugural service, Beit Chaverim will provide a special oneg Shabbat. No need for members to bring oneg treats. This Shabbat service is at the usual location at the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. We hope to see many of you there for this joyous Shabbat Zoom will be available as usual.





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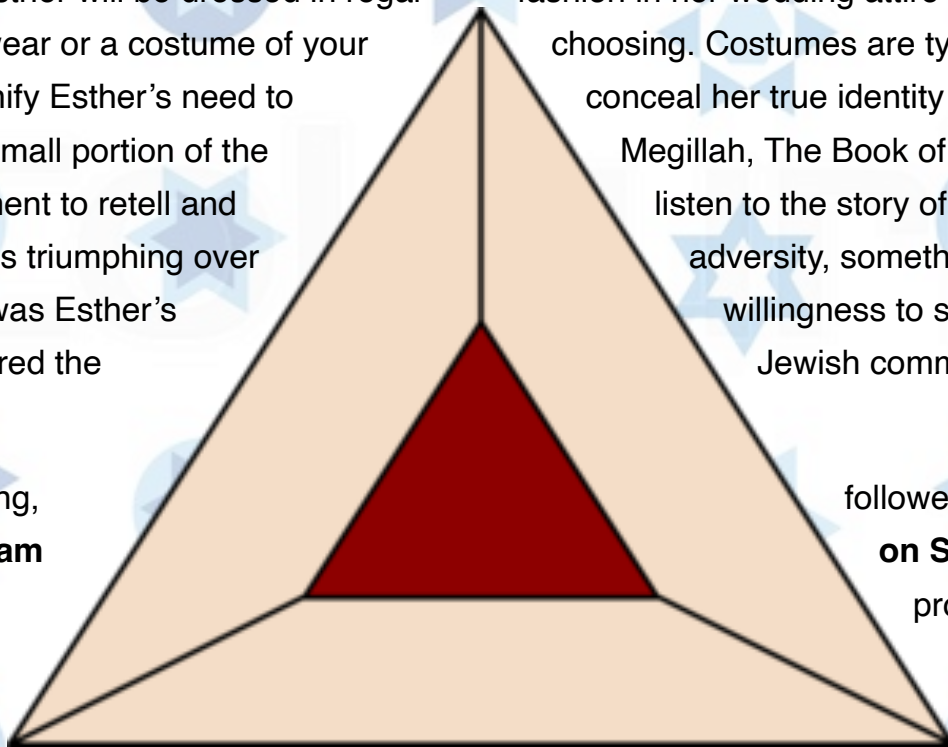
PURIM CELEBRATION WITH QUEEN ESTHER

Rabbi Helene and Michael Ainbinder have graciously agreed to loan out their home to their long lost relative, Queen Esther, so that she may share with you the wonderful story of Purim, as written in the Megillah. Queen Esther will be dressed in regal fashion in her wedding attire and invites you to come in wedding wear or a costume of your choosing. Costumes are typically worn at Purim celebrations to signify Esther's need to conceal her true identity as a Jew. Queen Esther will read a small portion of the Megillah, The Book of Esther, as there is a biblical commandment to retell and listen to the story of Purim. The saga of Purim is about Jews triumphing over adversity, something we continue to deal with today. It was Esther's willingness to stand up for the Jews of Persia that ensured the Jewish community would be saved.

The Megillah reading, will begin at **11:00 am**

The Rabbi will schmear, lox and provide bagels, hamantaschen. She would be happy to accept any additional dairy or parve lunch dishes, salads or desserts if you choose to contribute. Please [RSVP to events@beitchaverimutah.org](mailto:events@beitchaverimutah.org) by 3/17/24. Please note on the RSVP if you are planning to bring a dish. Plan to arrive at 11:00 am.

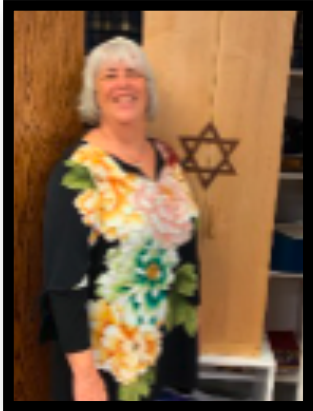
followed by a dairy lunch on **Sunday, March 24th**. We will provide bagels, hamantaschen. She would be happy to accept any additional dairy or parve lunch dishes, salads or desserts if you choose to contribute. Please [RSVP to events@beitchaverimutah.org](mailto:events@beitchaverimutah.org) by 3/17/24. Please note on the RSVP if you are planning to bring a dish. Plan to arrive at 11:00 am.



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Purim: The Feast of Lots



“And it was so, when King Ahasuerus saw Esther the queen...she obtained favor in his sight and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hands.” Megillah Esther 5:2

Most Jewish people know the Book of Esther (Megillah), however if you have forgotten their names and the place of the story, continue reading>>>>

There was a Jew who lived in Shushan, Persia named Mordecai who brought up his uncle's daughter Hadassah (Esther in Persian). Esther became the Queen to King Ahasuerus (pronounced like a sneeze!). Esther hid her Jewish identity. The King had an evil advisor, Haman (booo!!). Haman was ambitious and demanded that everyone bow down to him out of respect. As Jewish people only bow when praying to G-d, Mordecai (Maccabee rebel leader) refused. Seeking revenge, Haman convinced the king to issue a decree that all Jews in the Persian empire be killed. Haman threw dice to determine the day to kill all the Jewish people, hence the name Purim, which means “Lot” or “Lottery”. To foil Haman's plot, she asked the king to bring Haman to a feast. Haman thought it was to honor him. Instead, Esther told the king that an evil man wanted to kill her people and she pointed to Haman! Spoiler alert! A Jewish woman saved the Jews of Persia! Not being able to rescind his edict, the king, instead, allowed the Jewish people to have weapons to protect themselves. Haman and his ten sons were then executed by a hangman's noose.

Purim is the Jewish people's most festive holiday. Esther gave her people gifts with two portions of food and two pennies (so even the poor could donate to their synagogues). The story of Megillah Esther does NOT contain the name of G-d. However, through the actions of Mordecai, Esther and even King Ahasuerus, G-d was present throughout. The tradition of sending gifts was a surprise to all the Jews of Persia. Today, Jews throughout the world exchange a surprise gift of food and, of course, Hamantaschen. Italian Jews dressed in costumes to copy the Italian Christians celebrating their Carnivale. Rabbis agreed to dressing in costumes because Esther hid her Jewish identity and celebrated!

So drink merrily because throughout the centuries, and even today, the Jewish people suffer from Anti-Semitism. Thus, we have a need to survive and thrive and become happy!

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Andy Margles

MR. FOODIE HAS A SWEET TOOTH!

BEST BAKED GOODS

The French Bakery: *Mouthwatering* pastries such as tarts, eclairs, bear claws, baklava and more are featured at this small, all-purpose bakery off Red Cliffs in Washington. Makes his own croissants and bread, too.

Farmstead Bakery: Sit on their expansive, covered patio and enjoy a latte with your sweet croissant at this SG downtown gem. Nice selection of breads, also.

Mary's Cheesecakes: "Almost" tastes like you're in a New York deli with these thick, luscious, cream-cheesy babies! Lots of different flavors.

Croshaw's Pies: As Utah's "best pie" award winners multiple times, Croshaw's lives up to its' reputation. Sold by the slice or whole pie, with a huge selection.

BEST FROZEN TREATS

Harmon's Gelato: A premium product with a price to match. Harmon's gelato, imported from Italy, is as good as any you can get there. REALLY!

Nielsen's Frozen Custard: National award winning and loved by the locals, this longtime SG mainstay even has a flavor-of-the-day custard.

Handel's Homemade Ice Cream: 45 flavors, filled with so many nuts and fruits, you'll think you're eating a Sunday! Black cherry and butter pecan rule!

Alumni Creamery: Out of BYU, from where its' product is shipped, AC serves up original flavors of *premium* ice cream. Try the "Graham Canyon".

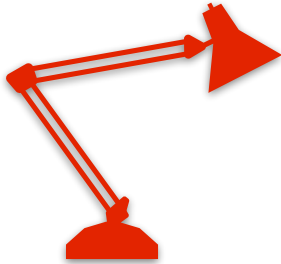
Snelgrove Creamery: A relatively small number of flavor choices but small batch process makes for an incredibly smooth, delicious ice cream.

VERDICT: Considering how many healthy activities are featured locally, we sure have a lot of wonderful, fattening temptations to distract us. You really can't go wrong with any of these choices.

Contact me, Andy Margles andymargles@gmail.com with comments or suggestions.

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JEWISH SCHTICKS

Dug into my old files of Lee Miller jokes that I saved for future use. Hope they bring a smile to your face.

Little Shoshanna, five years old, was usually driven to school each day by her Zayde. One day he came down with a bad cold, so Bubbe took her to school. That night Shoshanna told her parents that the ride to school with Bubbe was very different.

“What made it different?” asked her parents. “Well”, she replied.....”Bubbe and I didn’t see a single Alta cocker, not one Farshtunkener, no chazers, no dumkopfs and not one Meshuggeneh.

What is the difference between a janitor and a Jewish janitor? The Jewish janitor owns the building.

Yeshiva University decided to field a rowing team. Unfortunately, they lost race after race. Even though they practiced and practiced for hours every day, they never managed to come in any better than dead last.

Finally, the team decided to send Morris Fishbein, its captain, to spy on Harvard, the perennial championship team.

So, Morris schlepped off to Cambridge, Mass., and hid in the bushes next to the Charles River, where he carefully watched the Harvard team at its daily practice. After a week, Morris returned to Yeshiva.

“Well, I figured out their secret” he announced.

“What? Tell us! Tell us!” his teammates shouted.

“We should have only one guy yelling. The other eight should row.”

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