

# BEIT CHAVERIM

## Jewish Community of Greater Zion

July 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  
FRIDAYS @7:00PM.  
LINK WILL BE SENT A  
FEW DAYS BEFORE  
EACH SERVICE.

### What's coming up:

**Friday, July 8, 10:00am** -Breakfast with the Rabbi  
Denny's on Main Street, St. George  
RSVP: Ellen Nathan [secretary@beitchaverimutah.org](mailto:secretary@beitchaverimutah.org)

**Friday, July 12, 7:00pm** - In person Shabbat service.  
Oneg to follow. Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.  
Educational building, rear

**Sunday, August 4, 5:00 pm** - United Jewish Federation of  
Utah, Summer Party! <https://www.shalomutah.org>

**Friday, August 9, 7:00 pm** - In person Shabbat service  
led by Cantor Sam Cohen.  
Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. Educational bldg.

**Saturday, August 10, 10:00 am** - Shabbat morning  
brunch and learn with Cantor Sam Cohen.  
Location to be announced soon.  
RSVP: Lisa Bernath [membership@beitchaverimutah.org](mailto:membership@beitchaverimutah.org)



United Jewish Federation of Utah  
**Summer Party**  
Celebrating and Securing Our Community

Sunday, August 4, 2024  
5:00 PM - Cocktail Hour  
6:30 PM - Dinner & Program  
Promontory Club  
Park City, UT

**RSVP BY JULY 12**

\$150 per person  
Early Bird

\$175 per person  
after 7/12

Register online:  
Scan for tickets  
[shalomutah.org](http://shalomutah.org)



   
@jewishfedutah  
United Jewish Federation of Utah  
Together, we're building community!

Federation's biggest  
event of the year!

Let's get a table of  
10 together to  
represent the  
St. George Jewish  
Community!

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### From the desk of Rabbi Helene Ainbinder

Beit Chaverim congregation has seen changes with the new Machzor for the Jewish High Holidays, and our new Siddurim. Having Cantor Sam Cohen visiting and enhancing our services and learning sessions was wonderful.

So, I am writing on the changing or not changing of the Jewish people, you can choose. How the Jewish people and their ways of practicing, participating and the development of Judaism. An exploration of not ancient ways but just the last 100 years of change.

I just finished reading "To Be A Jew Today" by Noah Feldman. While I don't agree with many of his writings, a chapter spoke about Progressive, Traditional, Orthodox, and of course Conservative, Reform and Reconstruction Jews. Each Jewish person may fit into more than one sect or group of afflictions or may remain in one for their entire lifetime.

Progressive may be the new catch phrase, however, Judaism has survived for over three millennia. Each generation has its judges, prophets, rabbis, sages and scholars that interpret the Torah, Tanakh and Talmud (Jewish laws and ethical codes) to make Judaism relevant for that generation.

Louis Finkelstein (1940) stated, "Our interest in maintaining the tradition...does not free us from our responsibilities as citizens of the world." Mordecai M. Kaplan (1945) stated, "There is nothing more dangerous for our people than to react to the antagonism of the outside world by closing itself up in its own shell." Gerson D. Cohen (1966) said, "it is very much like a path which is beset on one side with freezing cold and on the other with consuming fire. Somehow each of us has to work their way to the middle and derive the benefits of both the coolness as well as warmth so that we can come close to those great resources which it purports to hold." The 1960's began a schism in the Jewish world when girls may become a Bat Mitzvah and women became rabbis of the Reform Movement.

Ismar Schorsch (1987) stated, "A stereophonic view of Judaism makes Conservatism a religious movement both inclusive and developmental. One dimensional tends to be narrow, rigid and exclusive, more suitable to reading out than bringing in. To exclude is so easy and so inimical to group survival. The challenge of an open and secular society where religious affiliation is purely a matter of personal choice requires of Judaism a framework with many access points. In an earlier era equally rife with change and choice, even the Mishnah was prepared to promise the Jew who observed but a single one of G-d's commandments a bevy of earthly blessings. As for our day, the constant threat of attrition must be met with a panoply of different emphases and a spectrum of diverse experiences. A protean Judaism not only constitutes a broad base for Jewish policy but also warrants a governing ethos of pluralism. There are a variety of legitimate ways to link the freedom and dignity of Judaism. A philosophy of polarities is authentically Jewish road to pluralism."

Today, the scholars and rabbis are addressing Jewish gender, ways of diverse lifestyles, and Judaism to be meaningful and spiritual, and welcoming for all. I lived through major changes of Judaism throughout my life, choices and challenges, too. Did you?



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## Letter from the President

*Marilyn Kanas*

“**We are Family..**”. A famous song written for Sister Sledge that went all the way to the #1 on the charts! And... was nominated for a Grammy Award for *Best Rhythm and Blues Vocal Performance*. So, what does that have to do with Beit Chaverim?

“We are Family” means supporting and caring for each other, being very, very close, just as if we were born into the same family. It is a statement meant to emphasize support and unity. Beit Chaverim is here for you.

And...just as family members help each other, we need to help Beit Chaverim. This past year has seen more religious activities and social events than in years past. These activities and events are only possible due to the many efforts of our all volunteer board and Rabbi. We have made tremendous strides and are also implementing new technology platforms to support our growth.

We could use your help! Is there any area of expertise you have that you might be willing to donate some of your time? If so, please contact me at: [president@beitchaverimutah.org](mailto:president@beitchaverimutah.org) and let me know what you might be interested in.

### Donation Opportunities

We sincerely appreciate any and all donations in addition to membership dues. They enable us to operate and bring exciting and meaningful programming. We’ve recently added ‘Social Action Fund’ which allows us to help people in the community in need.

Check it out:

<https://beitchaverimutah.org/donate-today/#!form/DonateGen>

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### JEWISH SCHTICKS



A handyman, who was working for a Synagogue, had asked for a raise and was turned down. He decided to quit and went out to look for work.

First he went to a Catholic church and was told that in order to work there he would have to answer one question. The priest asked, "Where was Jesus born?" The man answered, "Pittsburgh," and was thrown out on his ear.

He then went to a Baptist church. The minister told him that in order to get a job there he would have to answer a question. He was asked, "Where was Jesus born?" The man answered, "Philadelphia." He was promptly tossed out.

Walking away he met the rabbi who was looking for him. The rabbi exclaimed, "The board approved your raise. Please come back immediately."

The man said to the rabbi, "I will come back only if you answer a question. "Where was Jesus born?"

The rabbi says, "Bethlehem." "Of course!" cried the man. "I knew it was in Pennsylvania."



### *Mr. Foodie's Reviews by Andy Margles*

**Bundy's Brazillion Steak House**, opened in the Red Lion Inn mid-May and is owned and run by Arden, the son of the nationally known Clive Bundy. You can order a salad bar separately (\$20), or it's included in the \$44 dinner. After your salad, waiters come to your table with skewers of cooked meat for you to try. Two national chains already doing this concept, Fogo de Chao (\$75) and Texas de Brazil (\$60), where they call it 'churrasco' dining. I was interested to see how this place would be, especially at the lower price.

The decor is still basically the same as for the prior two occupants. It's spartan and lacks comfortable seating. The salad bar is large and includes extras, like smoked salmon. I tried to fill up as little as possible on the greens, waiting for the staff to start bringing out the 'good stuff.' However, when they began to bring out the skewers, it was the least expensive offerings, like fried chicken balls, gizzards, or sausages, presumably to get patrons to fill up before the 'good stuff' is brought. I passed on those, too. Then came a procession of inexpensive beef including rounds, flank steak, try-tip, etc. along with fries, cheese balls, chicken hearts and grilled pineapple. No lamb chops until I requested it.

Drinks and desserts were listed on a separate menu with no pricing, so we were unhappily surprised to get an \$8 charge for dessert and small non-alcoholic drink added to the bill.

**Verdict:** I now understand why Bundy's charges less. None of the beef was tender or flavorful. Lamb chops were okay but overdone, as was most all the beef. All you can eat...I'd rather pay more and go somewhere else. The three other couples we dined with pretty much felt the same.

Contact me, Andy Margles [andymargles@gmail.com](mailto:andymargles@gmail.com) with comments or suggestions.

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## Congregation Bulletin Board

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Linda Reinherz  
Lee Miller  
Debbie Ranck  
Janie Unger  
Russ Robinson  
Michael Kanas  
Julie Soncrant  
Andrea Trott

### **Mazel Tov**

Lisa Bernath is a new  
grandma to

*Eleanor Anne Antelyes!*

born: June 18th



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Barry & Linda Reinherz

Gary McDonald

Lee Miller & Roland Luthi

Trudy Sackey & Barry Scharf

### **Membership**

We are up to 64  
households!