



# BEIT CHAVERIM

## Jewish Community of Greater Zion

June 2024!



## Welcome All!

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

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

## SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday, June 11, 5:30 pm** – Shavuot Celebration with Cantor Sam Cohen at home of Ellen/Andy Margles. Details below

**Friday, June 14, 7:00 pm** – In person Shabbat service and Oneg. Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. Educational bldg., rear.

**Monday, June 17, 10:00 am** – Breakfast With the Rabbi. \*Dennys, 1215 S Main. RSVP [arneen@infowest.com](mailto:arneen@infowest.com). **\*NEW LOCATION**

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

**Saturday, August 10, 10:00 am** – Shabbat morning . Learning with Cantor Sam Cohen.

## RSVP FOR SHAVUOT POTLUCK

A reminder to **RSVP** [ewmargles@gmail.com](mailto:ewmargles@gmail.com) for the special Shavuot celebration led by Cantor Sam at the home of Andy and Ellen Margles on **Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm**. We look forward to an enjoyable evening starting with cocktails and appetizers, followed by inspirational words and songs from Cantor Sam; ending with a potluck dairy/parve dinner and desserts. Please include with the RSVP your potluck contribution of an appetizer, main or side dish (not meat) or dessert. The address will be sent after the RSVP is received. Look forward to seeing you there.

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### SPOTLIGHT

***Varda Klabanoff and her daughter Indigo joined our Beit Chaverim family in January of this year. We welcome them and invite you to greet them next time you see them at a Beit Chaverim event or service.***

***Varda has lived in Puerto Rico, Tacoma Washington and Phoenix Az before coming to St. George. She grew up in a home, celebrating Varda graduated from the Massachusetts with a Communications.***

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### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

### “MUSIC FOR THE SOUL”



Growing up, I heard Yiddish music sung and played on vinyl before I ever heard Rock and Roll. Songs by the Barry Sisters singing “Chiribi, Chiribom”. Moishe Oysher singing “Belz, Mayn Shtetele Belz” and “Tumbalalaika”. Connie Frances singing “My Yiddishe Momme”. The Malavsky Family singing songs of the synagogue, like Avinu Malkeinu. And, of course, camp songs such as Zum Gali Gali (Hebrew) and many more.

Folklore generally reflects the life and customs of a people. Yiddish folk music reflects Jewish life in lyrical form. Music is poetry conveying personal attitudes, daily experiences and conflicts. Yiddish songs tell of family, traditions, and love. We can hear children and mothers singing lullabies, wedding songs, songs of celebration, as well as songs of struggles against oppression and exploitation.

For me songs like “My Yiddish Momme” always bring me to tears. It is the heart and soul of a Jewish Mother. “Patshe, Patshe Kikhelekeh” was a hand clap game my mom played with me and I played with my babies. My memories awaken when I hear songs like “Oyfn Pripetshik”, “Ofen Veg Shteyt a Boym”, “Rozhinkes Mit Mandlen”, “Tum Balalaika”, and “The Rebe Elimelekh”. How amazingly fortunate for those of us who grew up with this treasure trove of music.

Songs record history, representing a vast, rich treasure of our Jewish culture. Whether we learn songs in summer camp, or were sung to by grandparents or parents who brought these lyrical treasures with them from Europe, they will forever light my memory of a long ago joyful time.

**Marilyn Kanas, President Beit Chaverim Board of Directors**

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### PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

May 5, 2024, is the national observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah), also known as Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day. In Israel it is a very solemn day beginning at sunset on the 27<sup>th</sup> of the month of Nisan and ending the following evening, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Places of entertainment are closed and memorial ceremonies are held throughout the country. On the morning of May 6<sup>th</sup>, a siren will sound across all of Israel for two minutes. For the duration of the sounding work is halted, people walking in the streets stop, cars pull off the side of the road and everybody stands at silent attention in reverence of the victims of the Holocaust. This year will also be in remembrance of the 1200 who were brutally killed on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Being an avid reader, I will choose to observe the Day by lighting a yizkor candle for both sets of my grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins whom I lost in the Holocaust. I will also read a book related to the Holocaust. There are so many books out there on the subject; the book I want to share with you is "Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust", by Doreen Rappaport.

Each and every book on the Holocaust adds to the documentation of that unimaginable period and is of infinite importance. This book brings to light the lesser known fully deserving acts of remembrance. This non-fiction writing describes the courage of Marianne Cohn who was caught leading 28 children across the border of France to safety. It tells of a 12-year-old boy, an orphan partisan in occupied Ukraine, who masqueraded as a violin playing beggar in front of a church to watch for suspicious happenings. His playing was so good that a German officer, after hearing his music, had him perform in a German restaurant popular with German soldiers where he was able to provide partisans with information. Hitler and his ruthless cohorts destroyed a Jewish world of learning, of culture, of dreams and of courage. This book plays its part in memorializing those we lost. NEVER FORGET!

**\*Let me know what you think of this book or if you have books you would recommend and whether you are interested in more book recommendations: [pennylea22@gmail.com](mailto:pennylea22@gmail.com)**

Ellen: As a side note, I was in Israel one year during Yom HaShoah. The sounding of the siren and the immediate halt of activity and silence was awe inspiring and tear producing.





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### **PERFORM A MITZVAH**

As Beit Chaverim's "congregational family" grows, we are finding more circumstances where members could use some "family" help. Sending in food for shiva or during an illness, helping to find transportation to Beit Chaverim services and events or to doctor's appointments, or just making a phone call to check in on a member who is homebound are a few ways we, as Jews, can perform a "mitzvah" (good deed). The **Social Service Committee** serves to provide these "mitzvahs". Liza Ness has volunteered to help organize this committee. She can use a little of your time to help fulfill these mitzvahs. Please contact Liza, [leezans@aol.com](mailto:leezans@aol.com), to let her know you are willing to join her in this important work.

### **TURN SPRING CLEANING INTO A MITZVAH!**

#### **Household Items Needed**

If you're like me, you have plenty of items in your home for which you no longer have need or use. To fulfill the mitzvah of taking care of our community, the Beit Chaverim Social Service Committee is asking for donations of any household items, furniture, linens, kitchen items and equipment to help new congregants who will soon be moving into an apartment and are in need of any and all of these items. Please email Liza Ness, [leezans@aol.com](mailto:leezans@aol.com) and let her know what you have available to donate. We thank you in advance for anything you can provide.

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### From the Desk Of Rabbi Helene

The secular world sees the month of June as the month for Father's Day, graduations, weddings, school ending and summer beginning. For Jews, June includes two Jewish months, Iyar and Sivan. The Omer is still counted as we wait to celebrate Shavuot, the second of the three major festivals (Passover & Sukkot the other two). Shavuah means "week" while Shavuot is plural (weeks). Why do Jews count the days from Passover to Shavuot (Omer)? Because we are preparing to receive the Torah. Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

#### An Aggadah (story)

Did you ever wonder why Mount Sinai was chosen? When all the mountains heard that G-d was to present the Torah to the Children of Israel, they began to fight. Each one wanted G-d to choose them. Mount Tabor believed he deserved the honor because he was the tallest mountain. Mount Hermon wanted the honor because he was the mountain that helped separate the waters of the Red Sea for the Israelites to cross. Mount Carmel believed he should have the honor as he was the most beautiful mountain. Mount Sinai did not join the quarreling as it was the smallest mountain. So, G-d gave the Torah from Mount Sinai because he was modest and did not quarrel.

Today, Jews commemorate Yom Yerushalayim, when Israel fought to reunify Jerusalem in 1967. Many Israelis lost their lives so that Jews can pray at our holiest site, the Kotel in Jerusalem.

Today the word is REMEMBER! Jews have a long memory. Our observance is important in the lives of our people and ourselves and has sustained and helped us survive long dark periods of oppression.

Today we are witnessing Anti-Semitism here and around the world. Yet, we face our future with the confidence that our people will not vanish from the face of the earth. We remember many horrific events such as: being Hellenized by the Greek Empire (Hanukkah), the story of Queen Esther (Purim) as she saved the Persian Empire's Jewish population, slavery in Egypt (Passover) and the Holocaust.

Today, we have the State of Israel. The Jews of the diaspora must stand with Israel. Our diverse Jewish sects must stand together against evil and barbarians like Hamas and Hezbollah, which are NOT COUNTRIES but terrorist organizations. In the Adon Olam the last phrase, "Into Your hands I entrust my spirit, when I sleep and when I wake, and with my spirit my body also; Adonai is with me, and I shall not fear." We must not fear, we must not remain silent, and we can take various actions by donating and supporting Jewish agencies like UJFU (United Jewish Federation of Utah).

**NEVER REMAIN SILENT! NEVER FORGET!**

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Andy Margles

## Mr. Foodie

### THE PIG'S EAR BISTRO

If you've ever been to a restaurant that's so good you don't want to tell anyone else about it for fear you won't ever get a reservation in the future, that's Pig's Ear Bistro, my favorite local eatery. Located at 75 2000 West Hurricane, PE is owned by a husband-wife team, with the former as head chef and the latter running front of house. Despite its large size, its popularity makes reservations on weekends often necessary. High ceilings and hard surfaces along with music playing in the restaurant's full bar, PE is more of a swinging party than an intimate bistro.

The substantial menu is contemporary American and includes choices of pork, beef, fish and shrimp. I've tried almost everything, except the steaks and have never been disappointed. However, there are a few dishes that are so good, I now order them almost every time I go. For an appetizer, try the New Orleans Style BBQ Prawns. Five large, succulent prawns, swimming in an incredibly flavorful, zesty Cajun sauce, served with toasted bread for dipping. It makes for one of my favorite appetizers. Besides serving one of the best hamburgers in SW Utah, PE also makes, without a doubt, the best baby back ribs in the area. These ribs are so meaty, tender and delicious, coated with a sweet-spicy tomato-based BBQ sauce, that I just can't resist them. Coming from the Midwest, I've had my share of great ribs, but PE beats them all! You can order either a half or full rack of ribs. I'm a big eater and can barely finish the half rack. It's served with a vinegar-based slaw and their uniquely flavored, sensational mac & cheese. Yum! Mrs. Foodie regularly enjoys the delicious king salmon as well as the roasted prawns on pilaf and the juicy burgers.

PE is also open for brunch Tu-Sat at 11:30 am. That menu has a combination of breakfast items, sandwiches, burgers and Mexican dishes. Everything I've tried has been tasty; I'll surely eat brunch there again. Sadly, the ribs are not on the brunch menu.

**VERDICT:** Put on your feedbag and head out to Hurricane for the best baby back ribs you have ever had! If you're not a rib aficionado, try the burgers or almost anything else on the large, diverse menu. You can thank me later!

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



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### JEWISH SHTICKS



Some Yiddish essentials... Now ess dreck gonovim...

Keeping with the Yiddish theme of “Penny For Your Thoughts”, Lee Miller provides some basic (but funny) Yiddish definitions.

1. **Drek** – garbage or substandard junk. You can eat something and pronounce it “drek,” or you can buy something shoddily made and declare it “drek.” This one comes in handy.
2. **Potchke** – fussing with or messing with inexpertly. After being served this drek, you try to potchke it into something delicious but just end up making a mess of it. [poch-key]
3. **Goniff** – The jerk who sold you the drek – literally, a thief. A person who steals you blind. A pronouncement on his soul for being a thief. [gah-niff]
4. **Ongeblozen** – full of him/herself, conceited. You try to get your money back from the ongeblozen goniff for the drek he sold you when you’re unable to potchke it into something edible. [ung-eh-bluh-zen]
5. **Schlmozel** – You for being a hopeless dupe who got swindled by the ongeblozen goniff who sold you the drek. [shl-mah-zle]
6. **Schpilkes** – How you feel inside now with your guts churning after you were such a schlmozel for buying such drek from that ongeblozen goniff. [shpill-kiss]
7. **Meshuganah** – crazy, insane. How you feel when you think about the ongeblozen goniff who gave you such schpilkes when he sold you the drek and made you into such a schlmozel. [mesh-u-gah-nah]

**Now you can all speak Yiddish!!**



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## Temple Bulletin Board

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**Ben Farb**



**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

**Judy & Kim  
Blackman (55)**

**Claire & Michael  
Heyman**

**Andrea & Robert**

**Mazel Tov**

**Liza Ness on birth of  
great niece, Ayala  
Sarah Chaya in  
Israel**

**New Members**

**Jeffrey & Julie  
Soncrant**