

BEIT CHAVERIM

Jewish Community of Greater Zion

December 2024

Welcome All!

IN PERSON
SHABBAT
SERVICE
2ND FRIDAY
OF EACH MONTH
7:00PM
GOOD SHEPHERD
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
611 N 2450 E.
ST. GEORGE.
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ZOOM SHABBAT
SERVICES ALL
FRIDAYS @7:00PM.
LINK WILL BE SENT A
FEW DAYS BEFORE
EACH SERVICE

BEITCHAVERIMUTAH.ORG

Upcoming Events:

Friday, December 13, 7:00pm-8:30pm - in-person Shabbat service
Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. Educational bldg.

Monday, December 9, 10:00am- Breakfast With the Rabbi. George's Corner,
St. George Blvd. **RSVP:** secretary@beitchaverimutah.org

Saturday, December 28, 5:00pm - 8:00pm - Chanukah musical celebration
with Rabbi/Cantor Sam Cohen ...

The Escape at Brio, 230 W Brio Clubhouse Drive, Washington, UT
Please REGISTER online: www.beitchaverimutah.org

Online REGISTRATION *instructions:* www.beitchaverimutah.org,
select Calendar and Events, then choose the event. Voila!

Volunteers WANTED!

Hospitality Committee: Ellen Margles ewmargles@gmail.com

Membership Committee: Lisa Bernath membership@beitchaverimutah.org

Board Member, marketing experience, accounting skills: Marilyn Kanas
president@beitchaverimutah.org

Tech skills: Mike Satter mssatter@gmail.com

Social Action Committee - performing MITZVOT

Jewish tradition, being of service to those in need is a 'mitzvah', a good deed, visiting the sick, sending in food for shiva or during an illness, helping to find transportation to services or events, or to a doctors appointment.

If we can be of service to you or do you know of someone in need?

Are you able to volunteer? or willing to join the committee?

Contact Liza Ness: leezans@aol.com

HANUKKAH MUSICAL CELEBRATION with RABBI-CANTOR SAM COHEN



Join us for a fun filled musical night with Cantor Sam and his band of Merry Maccabee musicians.

Saturday, December 28th at The Escape at Brio from 5:00pm-8:00pm.

The Cantor will lead us in traditional Hanukkah songs as well as singing some of his personal favorites.

In Beit Chaverim Hanukkah tradition, please bring your personal menorah, (5)candles and matches so that we can light our Hanukkah candles and sing the blessings together as a Jewish community.

Turkey breast, salmon and sufganiyot (donuts) will be provided by Beit Chaverim. We can use some home cooks to bring latkes (1-2 doz), side dishes (non-dairy), salads and desserts.

This event will be BYOW (Bring Your Own Wine).

Please register at: beitchverimutah.org, under Calendar and Events.

Add to notes any dish you plan on bringing or email ewmargles@gmail.com with your planned dish.

Look forward to seeing you there!





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from the desk of ... Rabbi Helene Ainbinder

“None is poorer than he who lacks knowledge” (Babylonian Talmud Nedarim 41a)

The extraordinary lecture by Faye Lincoln discussed her book, “Values That Shape the World” by illustrating ancient values and concepts to how Judaism and Jewish people viewed values and key concepts throughout millennia to Modern times. As I listened, I was reminded of a study on Peoplehood in a northern university in Israel in 2009. From ancient idol worship, to the connection to One G-d, and then early forming of the Jewish people. The essence of the Jewish people to start a faith in a belief in that One G-d, the cause of everything, its own language, the belief in a land(Canaan) given to them by their G-d, with millions of followers that practice in a range of styles, with the same holy books known as the Tanakh! Amazing!

What is this strong connection with each Jew staying together through very challenging and horrific times, to very wondrous moments of success in all fields of study and work, and yet still the most persecuted people? Yet, the Jewish people do stay connected to their traditions and culture, and most important to their Sabbath! Or is it the Sabbath that keeps the Jews together as a people?

Throughout time, the Jewish people educated their children (first boys), had professions that were needed in the countries they dwelled, and spoke many languages, thus being an intricate part of society. The Jewish people through wars, pogroms, and persecutions were forced to make choices to either move into the diaspora (areas of the world outside Israel), convert, or be killed if they stayed. Yet, the Jewish people survived and thrived.

So, “Peoplehood”... is it that the Jews live together in certain areas where there are large amounts of their own? Does the Jewish family make choices to remain near the area of their rabbi and synagogue? Do the children going off to college or university lose their connection to Judaism and never return to the faith or the community? Has modern technology and the constant viewing on their phones or computers changed the Jewish person’s perspective on their life, G-d, tradition, culture, and Shabbat?

I believe that our people are creating and evolving and going forward. Yes, through intermarriage we lose some of our people. Yet, many people are converting to Judaism! Yes, many think why practice a 3,000 year old faith/religion and lose them in the abyss. Yet, they will come to High Holidays, celebrate Hanukkah, and Passover as they may remember their heritage and traditions.

Okay, the modern secular world calls to them. Yes, as a rabbi the challenges going forward become a myriad of colors to choose from to make Judaism a tapestry of eclectic, impressionistic, or a sanctuary for meditation, and peace. How do you paint a new way of practicing Judaism is by making it touch the *Neshama*/Soul and the *Lav*/Heart and at the same time making it meaningful to reach all the diversity of the Jewish “Peoplehood”.



1st Annual Congregational Meeting, recognizing Rabbi Ainbinder's volunteer leader work, Ellen Nathan's 20 years as secretary, and Ellen Margles's 6 years on the board.



Yom Kippur Break the Fast, catered by Katering Koncepts, plus homemade goodies by congregation members! Thank you to our sponsors!



Tashlich ritual at Fire Lake Park.

HISTORY of BEIT CHAVERIM Jewish Community of Greater Zion

from the desk of: *ELLEN NATHAN, our board secretary*

We moved to Ivins in the summer of 1999.

My husband and his father went to a service that was lead by Rise Bausch at the Episcopal Church on River Road in St George.

We had our first Passover there around 2003, where the church did most of the cooking. We were probably 5 or 6 people by then.

Over the years we had holiday services, one year at Kolob Canyon in Zion National Park. One year at the Ramada Inn off River Road around 2007. By then we were around 20 people and maybe a few more. One year we did Passover at my home and had 25 people.

Around this time we were offered the space at the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church and we still meet there to this day. Elliott Foote purchased 30 books for our services.

Chanukah in December 2012 we were at the home of Jay and Toby Rosenblum and we had 30 people there.

In 2013 Rise Bausch left the area and moved to Florida and Rabbi Helene took over the group and now we had maybe 25 and maybe a few more. Passover in 2013 was held at the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church where we held many Passover Seders over the next several years. Including people from the church we had grown over years to where we had as many as 60 people at Passover.

July 2014 David & Nadine Barish were in Israel and brought back a Small Torah for our group, our first Torah for Beit Chaverim.

December 2015 Chanukah Party was in the Education Building of the Church where we had around 50 people attend. We held many parties there over the years.

Rabbi Helene got involved with the St George Inter-Faith Council and it helped our small Jewish Community grow.

Our first full size Torah came from a congregation in Ohio that was closing and congregant, Debbie Berger offered to pick it up and deliver it to us in St George, driving cross country. The cost for the Torah was \$5,000, using a grant we received from Schwab.

Our second full size Torah was gifted from Penny Lindenbaum's Mothers' congregation in New Jersey. It got to St George over a year ago but we had no place to put it. This past year, an anonymous donor offered to purchase an Ark that could hold the two Torahs, and this year for the High Holy Holidays we had both Torah's for the first time at our services.

We now have 69 families (about 110 congregants) and still growing every year.

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FUNNY SCHTICKS THANKS TO LEE MILLER



Wisdom of the ages . . .

One year, Rivkah decreed that she was no longer going to remind her children of their thank-you note duties. As a result, their Bubbie never received acknowledgments of the generous checks she had given for their birthdays.

The next year things were different, however.

"The children came over in person to thank me," the Bubbie told a friend triumphantly.

"How wonderful!" the friend exclaimed. "What do you think caused the change in behavior?"

"Oh, that's easy," the Grandmother replied. "I haven't signed the checks yet."

Anyone else ever had this problem??

Mr. Foodie's Reviews by Andy Margles

SANDTOWN PIZZA

Sandtown Pizza, 195 S. Bluff, (435)-922-0545, is open 11-9 Tu-Sat, but closed Su-Mon. The interior is cute, with a black and white checkerboard tile floor. The menu is short and simple, with six pizza choices including a white pie, pepperoni and some interesting vegetarian concoctions. There are also some salads, a charcuterie board, chicken wings with a choice of sauces, and even a wood-fired ribeye steak. I ordered a pepperoni pizza, while my wife ordered the wings with a Korean BBQ sauce. The pizzas are cooked in one of those high temperature ovens so common in Italy, so service is pretty quick. The pizzas have a thin crust which is floppy, not crispy, and could probably be folded. All pizzas are the same size and cost from \$15-\$18.

VERDICT:

The wings were large, meaty and delicious, and went great with the tangy Korean bbq sauce. Our table mates got the parmesan coating, which they loved. They also enjoyed their margherita pizza, which tasted fresh with high quality ingredients. While I enjoyed my pizza, which had dozens of small pepperonis on it, I generally enjoy a thicker crust. In fact, I love a deep-dish pizza, which is hard to find locally. (I did, however, manage to finish the entire pizza myself) Therefore, despite the nice atmosphere, very friendly service and quality ingredients, I'll probably still get my fix at Hive 435, where the mushroom- truffle pizza calls to me.

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Congregation Bulletin Board

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Larry Grabarnick
Sheree Marcus
Evan Sanders

Mazel Tov

Do you have something to announce?

email me:
membership@beitchaverimutah.org

Membership

Welcome NEW student member:

Markus Kohl

Donations: many thanks! July - Oct

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