

BEIT CHAVERIM

Jewish Community of Greater Zion

January 2025



Upcoming Events:

Monday, January 6, 10:00am- Breakfast With the Rabbi. George's Corner, St. George Blvd. **RSVP:** secretary@beitchaverimutah.org

Friday, January 10, 7:00pm-8:30pm - in-person Shabbat service
Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. Educational bldg.

Online event 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

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2025

Renewals are now due for 2025 membership.

Interested in becoming a member?

Please see our website for details: www.beitchaverimutah.org

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

Welcome All!

IN PERSON
SHABBAT
SERVICE

2ND FRIDAY
OF EACH MONTH
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

BEITCHAVERIMUTAH.ORG

President's message... Marilyn Kanas

Welcome to 2025!

2024 was a tremendous year of growth for [Beit Chaverim](#), as our membership grew by 30%. We had new programs-- music, education, guest lecturer, and catered holiday events. We added a membership data base and registrations for events on our website.

We had our first annual congregational meeting with about a third of the congregation in attendance. It was gratifying to see so many people interested in our small but growing Jewish community.

What's next? Continued growth, continued special programs, research for future facilities, both for a potential more permanent location, and future holiday events as we may outgrow Brio.

Most synagogues will ask for money, and we appreciate your generosity, but now I am asking for your time and commitment to help manage Beit Chaverim. The Board of Directors and Rabbi Helene are all volunteers. As we have grown, so has our workload.

Many hands make light work. Do you have a skill that you can contribute? Help us take our local Jewish community to the next level. Please email president@beitchaverimutah.org if you can help.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2025!

Spotlight



We begin this new year with **Spotlight** on a new member, **Deborah Abner**.

“My name is Deborah Abner, and I am thrilled to be a new member of Beit Chaverim. I will try to keep this short, although if you’ve met me, you already know that I love to talk, so please bear with me!”

Although I was born in D.C., my family moved quite a bit when I grew up as my father, a physician, relocated for new positions in medical research. After D.C, we lived in LA, Charlottesville, VA, Davis, CA and Hampton, VA. I remained in Virginia for most of my adult life.

When I was four, my mother became a Christian; my dad was agnostic. I attended church until the late 1990s. My mother had an affinity for Jewish aspects of Christianity, and I was always fascinated by it. The only grandfather figure I knew was my grandmother’s Jewish partner of 40 yrs. When I took a ‘Hebrew Scriptures’ class in college we visited a local synagogue, and I was wholly enchanted. Over the next 10 years my faith evolved, and I began a journey of joyful observance of Shabbat, the feasts, study of Torah, etc. I listened to lectures by rabbis on YouTube and attended services in the many cities in which I lived. Jewish life felt like coming home. Interestingly, both my parents discovered they have Jewish ancestry via DNA testing; further confirmation that my soul has been longing for home. My love for the people and the land of Isreal is boundless. I’ve been to Israel twice and can’t wait to return.

I am now an empty nester in my 50’s. I raised six children and have six grandchildren (and counting!). I recently spent time in CA where my sister and three of my children live. I found CA to be spiritually ‘heavy’, so I moved to Utah and opened a solo homebirth midwifery practice in St. George in 2023. I have a close friend in Kanab, plus I love the weather and culture of the area. I was so happy to find this congregation on a google search so I could settle in this beautiful region and plug into the Jewish community and, hopefully, finally formally convert!

When I’m not working with pregnant mamas and babies, you’ll find me studying the Bible or discussing G-d with friends. I love taking road trips, Face Timing grandchildren and hiking in the Utah desert. Ok, to be honest, I also might be vegging in my recliner, eating chocolate and bingeing on a TV series. It’s a good life.

Thank you so much for the warm welcome, my Beit Chaverim mishpocha!!!



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A catholic priest has a broken church bell. The only person in the district who can fix it is an old Jewish man. He brings the bell to him to be fixed.

The Jew says, "Father, are you sure you want ME to fix your bell?"

The priest says there is no one else within 200 miles who can fix it. So the Jew says come back next Wednesday and it will be ready.

A week goes by and the priest returns and the Jew gives him the bell that is guaranteed to work.

The next week the Jew sees the priest on the street and asks him how he likes the bell. The priest replies, "It works very well. However, the congregations is used to the bell go 'Bong bong' and the bell now goes 'Goyim goyim'".

Mr. Foodie's Reviews *by Andy Margles*

On an 'eating out' hiatus January & February. Look for my next review in March newsletter... Happy New Year!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Katharina Schmidler

Hope Grabarnick

Linda Reinherz

Donations: many thanks!

Michael & Marilyn Kanas: General Fund

Michael & Claire Heyman: General Fund

Larry & Hope Grabarnick: General Fund

Lisa Bernath: general fund

Happy Anniversary

Evan & Carolyn Bagner
Katharina Schmidler Burk

Membership

Welcome new member:

Melissa Gerlach