



BEIT CHAVERIM

Jewish Community of Greater Zion

November 2025



Welcome All!

IN PERSON
SHABBAT
SERVICE
2ND FRIDAY
OF EACH MONTH
7:00PM
GOOD SHEPHERD
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SERVICES ALL
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Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, November 5, 7:00pm - Interfaith Choir "Simple Gifts" Gratitude Concert. St. George Tabernacle, 18 S. Main St. Reservations required. Please email arneen@infowest.com if you want to attend. Dinner at George's on St. George Blvd., before the event at 5:00pm

Thursday, November 6, 6:30pm - Torah Study Group. St. George Downtown Library. Downstairs.

Saturday, November 8, Registration from 9:30am, Walk starts at 10:00am - Crop Walk for Hunger. Larkspur Park at the corner of Ft. Pierce & Larkspur. Please contact secretary@beitchaverimutah.org for more info.

Wednesday, November 12, 3:00pm - Second Annual Congregational Meeting - Light refreshment will be served. Registration requested. Zions Bank Community Room, 2nd Floor, 40 E. St. George Blvd.

Thursday, November 13, 11:30am - Lunch with the Rabbi. Painted Pony in downtown St. George. Reservations are required. Please email arneen@infowest.com if you want to attend.

Friday, November 14, 7:00pm - In-person Shabbat Service. Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. Educational Building. Ellen Nathan will bring apples for everyone purchased from the Children's Justice Center.

Monday, November 17, 10:00am - Breakfast with the Rabbi. George's on St. George Blvd. Please email arneen@infowest.com if you want to attend.

Thursday, November 20, 6:30pm - Torah Study Group. St. George Downtown Library. Downstairs.

Friday, November 21, 3:00pm - Rosh Chodesh for the Month of Kislev. Please contact Deborah: aravahmidwife@yahoo.com

Thursday, December 4, 6:45pm - Interfaith Leader Appreciation Night. Tuacahn Center for the Arts. RSVP required. Please email arneen@infowest.com if you want to attend.



President's Message - Marilyn Kanas.

Vacation almost always includes something Jewish. I was very excited to learn that we could visit the Touro synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island. It is the oldest synagogue in the United States and remains an active center of Jewish worship today.



"The Touro Synagogue was dedicated in 1762, and serves an active congregation today. The congregation was founded in 1658 by Sephardim who fled the Inquisition in Spain and Portugal and were searching for a haven from religious persecution



in the Caribbean. Today, the synagogue celebrates not only their story, but serves to honor all who came to this shore seeking to worship freely." (Wikipedia)



Another Jewish experience was meeting Emma Osborn, our main contact at the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism). Emma is a Congregational Account Manager, helping the smallest URJ congregations with various types of congregational support and access to programs and resources through their URJ membership. Her help has been invaluable.

Lastly, I encourage you to attend our second annual congregational meeting on November 12th. If you have any thoughts on the future of Beit Chaverim that you would like

addressed please email president@beitchaverimutah.org by November 9th.



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from the desk of ... **Rabbi Helene Ainbinder**

The Jewish holidays have finished and on Simchat Torah, two years back on the Jewish calendar, was the October 7, 2023 terrorist attack. Our Hostages are home with their loved ones and while everyone is rejoicing, other families are waiting for their loved ones who died to have a ritual burial. On the Simchat Torah holiday, Jews around the world celebrate by dancing with the Torah in their synagogues with a special service and prayers. Each Jewish person who does *Tzedakah*/charity, *G'melut Chasidim*/acts of loving kindness, and *Tikkun Olam*/repairing the world is a Torah. Each person brings more light into the world and lessens the darkness and evil.

On Tuesday, October 14/22 Tishrei, our Jewish community and the St. George Interfaith Council held a special program in Ivins Park led by Marcus Kohl, Rabbi Helene, and other speakers to celebrate the Freedom of the Hostages. We all hope this will bring lasting peace to the region. This event brings awareness to our community that the Jewish people are One Nation, One Family, and ONE G-D.

The month of Cheshvan is known as the sad month of the Jewish calendar because it has no holidays. SO, the Jewish people made Cheshvan a happier month by creating the Jewish Book reading month! While many people belong to book clubs, our congregation may start a Jewish Book Club by reading a special book written by a Jewish author or subject matter about Israel and famous Jewish individuals. Sorry, I read too many Book Reports about Sandy Koufax, Hank Greenberg, and Shawn Green. Anne Frank's Diary used to be a main reading requirement for high school and Regents, SAT tests. There is numerous literature to choose from, even Jewish cooking books!

Cheshvan is one of my favorite Jewish months. Did you guess the month? Kislev of course because the 25th of Kislev Hanukkah is celebrated. Hanukkah is about a twenty five year war with the Greek and Assyrian army. The Jewish people fought against being Hellenized and losing their Jewish ways of life. Most importantly, is our Freedom to BE JEWISH OPENLY! Today, we now see how fragile our Jewish life may become, if we do not raise our voices and awareness that Judaism is a guideline for life's righteous behavior. Many of the world's people, too, are realizing that Israel and the Jewish people are for peace and living lives fully each day.

AM YSRAEL CHAI! Long Live ISRAEL!

SPOTLIGHT



We are pleased to "Spotlight" one of our members, Betty O'Harren. Please reacquaint yourself with her through this column and be sure to say "hi"!

Shalom Chaverim! Allow me to take you on a journey which began in Shanghai in 1941, when I was born to my parents Esther and Montague. In the late 1800s, my grandparents were homeless, stateless Russian Jews forced to flee the pogroms and seek safety in China. They traveled to Harbin, Hong Kong and settled in Shanghai, China.

In 1948-49 my Zionist grandfather David and our extended family were in the process of immigrating to Israel. At that time, the law of "aliyah" was granted to any Jew, their children and grandchildren. It was the perfect time for a new beginning in a new Jewish state. In 1949, upon arrival near Haifa, Israel, we were housed in tents and later in rustic cabins. Our beds were cots, topped with straw-filled mattresses. Poor sanitation and the rehabilitation of many other refugees from Yemen, North Africa and Iraq created a strain and hardship in the camps (Ma-Abara).



In 1950-52, cement houses were built and we were settling into our new homes where new beds, an ice box and kerosene "stoves" were provided. We were happy, dancing the hora and singing Hebrew songs. What a simcha! As young children, we were quick to learn Hebrew and were taught in makeshift indoor and outdoor classrooms. On Shabbat we picked oranges at an abandoned orchard (pardes) and for fun rode a tamed donkey named Chamor. Later in the day, Grandma Hannah prepared pickled herring, chopped liver and chicken soup with kneidlach for our main meal. Eventually, electricity reached us and we were tuned to the UK BBC radio for hourly news and music. A few years later, my father's hardship with unemployment and the premature death of my beloved mother at 39, opened a new opportunity in the US. With legal documents signed in Tel Aviv, my sister and father bid us shalom for a new life in America. My two year period serving in the IDF was coming to an end and I joined them on my first flight to Los Angeles.

The year was 1961 and good things were happening. I fell in love and married my American pilot. Pacific Bell Telephone Company was hiring with good benefits and a retirement plan. In a box marked "things I don't use" is an old push button telephone I received after 23 years.

Throughout the years we traveled the world from San Diego, where our two sons celebrated their Bar Mitzvah, to Utah. Always seeking a place to worship, a synagogue or Chavurah to belong to, St. George captivated our hearts. Our four grandchildren are tall now and join us frequently on hikes in Snow Canyon and Zion National Park.

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Andy Margles

THE RETURN OF MR. FOODIE (2025 edition)

Due to **overwhelming demand** (OK, only one person asked..OK, nobody really asked and a couple of people told me they were happy not to read it anymore..), Mr. Foodie has returned, later, better than never. To make up for my absence, I will give short reviews of not one, not two, but **THREE** new local restaurants, all of which I highly recommend.

The first, **POSITANO ITALIAN KITCHEN AND WINE BAR**, 1501 S. River Rd., is owned and run by two local chef-brothers who worked for Wolfgang Puck in Vegas. They also own/ed Hive 435 and The Twisted Noodle. The food is modern Italian and their excellent pasta is all house made. The full bar (try the lemon meringue pie martini) and wine list make for a loud and happy crowd, so I wouldn't suggest it for an intimate date night, unless you'd rather not hear what your companion is saying. Long wait times for now!!

Next, out of Vegas with great local reviews there, is **MERAKI GREEK GRILL**, 3478 Pioneer Pky., Santa Clara (next to Harmons). This place serves Greek/Mediterranean food and is part of a small chain which will soon expand again, locally near Target. They serve all the typical dishes you would expect, with spreads, apps, mezze, salads, bowls, main dishes, sweets and **gyros**. The proteins in these babies (lamb, beef, chicken) were perfectly prepared, tender, juicy and far superior to the local competition. Décor was new, cute and clean. The prices were fair and the service was satisfactory, though customers should be prepared for a longer wait than they might experience at most fast food places.

Last up is **OH MAI VIETNAMESE SANDWICH KITCHEN & CHAT BOBA**, 1480 S. River Rd., is a small restaurant serving only bahn mi sandwiches, pho and bubble tea, plus a couple of rice and salad dishes. If your reaction to those items is "huh?", you really don't know what you are missing. They serve 12 different types of bahn mi's, with different proteins and even sauces. They are just delicious! There is also a huge selection of different types of bubble teas and even types of boba. The pho is tasty as well. If you like this type of food, you owe it to yourself go. If you are unfamiliar with Vietnamese food, this is a great place to try it for not much more than the cost of a burger and fries.

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FUNNY SCHTICKS THANKS LEE MILLER



Two beggars are plying their trade outside the Vatican.

One has a basket with a Jewish star on it and a few pennies inside. The other has a basket with a cross on it; it's overflowing with cash.

A priest comes walking out of the Vatican. He looks at the two beggars and takes pity on the one with a few pennies in his basket. "You know," he tells the beggar, "Given where you are, maybe a basket with a Jewish star isn't the best way to collect money."

The beggar with the star turns to the beggar with the overflowing basket and says, "Moishe, look who's trying to teach us about marketing!"

Man goes to his rabbi and says "I have a problem, my son has disgraced me and become a Christian. What do I do?"

Rabbi says "Funny you should come to me! I also have a son that did the same thing. I gave him everything a nice Jewish boy could want. He also disgraced me and became a Christian."

Man says: "What did you do?"

Rabbi says: "I prayed to God."

Man says, "What happened?"

Rabbi says: "There was thunder and lightning...the clouds opened up and G-d appeared."

Man asks: "What did G-d say?"

Rabbi says "G-d said...."funny you should come to me.."

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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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Marilee Perkal
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