



JEWISH COMMUNITY OF THE HILL COUNTRY

March – April, 2024



Passover

The Jewish Community of the Hill Country is happy to announce the celebration of its annual Passover Seder will take place on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Crockett Room of the YO Ranch Hotel and Conference Center, 2033 Sidney Baker Street, Kerrville, Texas.

Dinner will be the hotel's buffet; according with our agreement, ordering off menu is not possible. The weekend buffet is all-inclusive and offers multiple entrees

(beef, chicken and fish) with several side dishes, salads, soups and desserts, with coffee and tea—enough variety to please everyone. The price will be about \$40.00, including tip and tax. Most Shuls charge more than the cost of food and service but we do not.

More information will be forthcoming and will be shared with you as we get closer to the event. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Shabbat Services

Friday, March 8, 2024 at 6:30pm

Friday, March 22, 2024 at 6:30pm (Purim)

Friday April 12, 2024 at 6:30pm

Friday April 26, 2024 No services



Torah Study

Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 11:30am to 1:00pm

Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 11:30am to 1:00pm

Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 11:30am to 1:00pm

Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 11:30am to 1:00pm

Getting to Know You

From time to time we will publish short articles spotlighting our members. In this issue, we feature our newest Board member, Dr. Dawn Elmore, and her husband, Matt Kordelski.

Dawn and Matt joined JCHC in September 2022 and come to us from San Antonio. Dawn is the Humanities Coordinator and a full professor at San Antonio College. She also co-owns a concert and event promotion company, Texas Revolution, LLC. Matt is the owner of Kordelski Productions, a video, motion graphics, animation, and photography company. He's also a videographer/marketer for Glass Geeks in Bulverde.

They got married in 2019. They enjoy playing on their trivia team, watching movies, caring for their pets, and traveling together

in their spare time. Dawn is passionate about music, reading, and cooking. Matt's hobbies include drawing, Photoshop editing, and filmmaking.

They chose JCHC because of the size and genuine sense of family and community present. They love the opportunities for learning together, participation at services, and people-first orientation. "The feeling of being accepted for who you are and appreciated for what you have to offer is priceless," Dawn says. Matt agrees: "Everyone goes out of their way to be friendly and welcoming."



And So It Goes . . .

It's no secret that anti-Semitism has been with our people since the inception of Judaism; at least, it seems that way. Throughout the ages, we have had to answer these accusations. And since the beginning of the Israeli-Hamas conflict, we again have the need for answers.

On February 5th, I received an email from Board member, Michael Goldstein. Here's what he had to say:

"I think everyone ought to read this..."

This article was written in 1899 when anti-Semitism was widespread in the United States. Large companies did not hire Jews. Universities either didn't admit Jews or limited their numbers with strict quotas. "Respectable" people like Ford and Edison expressed their anti-Jewish feelings openly. Mark Twain had an answer for them: "

If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one percent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of stardust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way.

Properly the Jew ought hardly to be heard of, but he is heard of, has always been heard of.

He is as prominent on the planet as any other people and his commercial importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk.

His contributions to the literature, science, art, music, learning are also way out of his numbers.

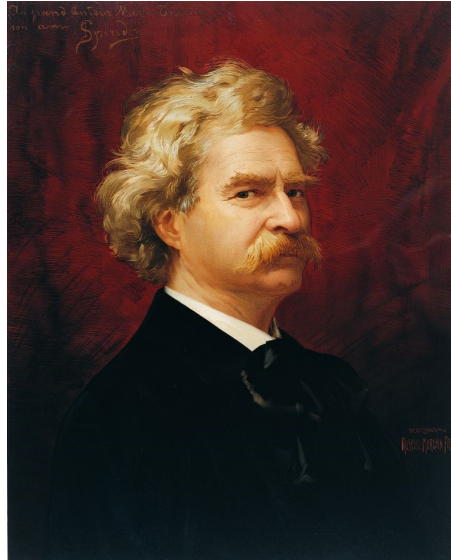
He has made a marvelous ages and has done it with his

He could be vain of himself Egyptians, the Babylonians the planet with sound and stuff and passed away.

The Greeks and the Romans noise and they are gone.

Other peoples have sprung up and held their torch high for a time. But it burned out, and they sit in twilight now or have vanished.

The Jew saw them all. Beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew. All other forces pass, but he remains.



world's list of great names in finance, medicine, and obtuse proportion to the weakness of

fight in this world in all the hands tied behind him.

and be excused for it. The and the Persians rose, filled splendor, and faded to dream

followed and made a vast