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Handel's Ice Cream Brings a Chill to the Desert

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People love a good backstory served alongside their food, and it doesn't get more classic than Handel's Homemade Ice Cream & Yogurt. The company launched more than 70 years ago, when Alice Handel began selling ice cream out of her husband's gas station in Ohio. It has since spread throughout the state and dots the nation, including a Las Vegas outpost. With their retro packaging and eccentric flavors, one might think Handel's is just kitsch, but the taste will convince even those who aren't big fans of the cold stuff.

Handel's boasts that they make their ice cream in-house daily with fresh ingredients, and the proof is in the scoop. The coffee chocolate chip carries the rich flavor of real coffee mixed in, not just a few drops of concentrate added per 1,000 gallons; the strawberry has the taste and texture of the berries in a luscious swirl of frozen strawberries and cream. Their salty caramel truffle is more like a high-end dessert than something a teenager hands you through a window, with a smooth, almost mousse-like texture and chunks of candy. For those triple-digit days, Handel's makes a sorbet that is chillier than Melania Trump swatting away her husband's hand, and the pink Champagne is a standout, with a rosy princessy color and a sweet-dry Champagne taste.

The Las Vegas Handel's is far west on Tropicana Avenue (*10170 W. Tropicana Ave., Suite. 150*, handelsicecream.com), but worth the haul. Need more convincing? On Tuesdays, there's a \$2 cone deal, although the four-flavor sampler is a bargain any day of the week at four bucks and change. No deciding between key lime pie and blueberry cobbler or cinnamon pecan and orange pineapple: Go ahead and have 'em all!

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10170 W. Tropicana Ave., 11 a.m.–10 p.m. daily, handelsicecream.com