

## Shabbos News

### Schedule of Services & Learning Opportunities this Shabbos

8:15 am *From The Source* ~ A Men's Shabbos Class.

8:50 am Shacharis

10:45 am Rabbi Wyne's Drusha

Mussaf Main Sanctuary

**Option** to Mussaf Service: *Intro to Prayer*, taught by Rabbi Davidowitz in the Educational Sanctuary.

4:50 pm Mincha followed by Seuda Shlishit sponsored the week by:

**Simon S. & Mazal Abraham**

Immediately after Seuda Shlishit, we daven Maariv, followed by Havdalah.

### Kiddush is sponsored by:

**Heather & Steve Baker**

Wishing Chaim and Aliza Sigler much success and happiness in Houston. We will miss you!

### Happy Birthday to:

Zachary Martel 2/13 Emily Novick 2/16  
Sarah Silverberg 2/14 Ruben Kusiner 2/16  
Bennet Warnick 2/15 Murray Roter 2/18

### Happy Anniversary to:

**Brandie & Michael Huskey 2/12**

### We Remember the following Yahrtzeits:

Rabbi Benyamin Zeev Barsily, father of Judy Berkovitz Shevat 28  
Abraham Newman father of Carol Newman Shevat 28  
Louis Mayers father of Gary Mayers Adar 1  
Sarah Stern mother of Cindy McCoy Adar 1  
Irving Herman father of Alan Herman Adar 2  
Jerome "Mickey" Goodman brother of David Goodman Adar 4  
Anna Bernstein mother of Sheldon Bernstein Adar 4  
Harriet Schwartz mother of Samuel Schwartz Adar 4  
Harriet Schwartz mother of Robin Sue Landsburg Adar 4

## Have you made RESERVATIONS, VOLUNTEERED and/or PLANNED TO COME

### Astrology, Judaism, and You

**A STAR-STUDED SHABBATON**

How the Zodiac Influences our lives

with Rabbi Eliyahu Kin

These are the **FINAL DAYS** to make reservations for an *out-of-this-world* Shabbat experience! **CALL 360-8909 by Tues., 2/23** to attend.

Meet and learn from Torah scholar in residence **Rabbi Eliyahu Kin**. Gain insight and inspiration, and find out if Shakespeare was right that "Our fate lies not in our stars but in ourselves." \$30/person includes Shabbos dinner & lecture on 2/19 & presentation & dessert 2/20.

### Fun! Fun! Fun!

Young Israel <sup>aish</sup> Las Vegas

# Kids PRE-PURIM CARNIVAL!

Date: Sunday, Feb. 21  
Time: 12:30-3:30 p.m.  
9590 West Sahara Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89117

Child (3 and up) \$8.00 each  
Families 4 or more \$32.00  
Kids (2 and under) and Adults are FREE!

Food! Games!

Arts & Crafts

Bounce House!

Prizes!

Cash Prize for the Adults!

Raffle for the Kids!

Good bye and all the best to Leslie & Gershon Wolf. You will be missed.

Shul member & friend Bill Fine is ill and home alone. Visitors will be appreciated w/call in advance.

Melissa & Steve Latrell thank everyone for their acts of chesed last week!

Mazel Tov to the Barshishat/Silverbergs on the birth of their new daughter!

Rashi, at the beginning of his famous commentary on the Torah, implies that the commandments are the most important part of the Five Books of Moses. Indeed, the Kabbalists say that the commands are like the body of Torah, and Kabbalah is the soul. Practically speaking, we can't ignore the body, and they are still the bottom line. We are bound to the commandments. This week's Torah portion, called Mishpatim, means "laws." It is filled with commandments and therefore possibly warrants more in-depth study than other sections. And if, through your study, you can get to the inner dimension of these laws, you will find a world of wisdom. What is a commandment? The simple definition is easy. A request is not a command, and does not usually imply consequences. Nor is it necessary for the requester to be in a position of power or authority. That's the difference between a request and a command. Authority and consequences. In the military, a command implies a threat or a punishment. But in the Torah, the consequences are more like a natural outcome. If you tell a child not to dare touch a lit candle or they will get burned, the burn is a natural consequence, not a punishment. Similarly, the commandments from G-d are more like instructions with natural consequences, which is why the Torah is sometimes referred to as "Instructions for Living." Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzatto (18th century Italy) describes a spiritual way of looking at the commandments. He says they are pipelines to Heaven. They are our way of turning toward the Infinite, and seeking closeness to Him. G-d established the commandments as the means to become attached to Him. Others describe the commandments as being our spiritual anatomy. Inside us we have 613 spiritual parts that connect to 613 physical parts. These are affected by how well we perform the 613 commandments. We see from here that it's not merely the physical performance of the acts stated in the Torah, because many of the commandments are not for everyone. Some are only for a kohen, some are only for those living in Israel, etc. It must be that there is a principle behind each and every command that anyone can access and do.

By: Rabbi Max Weinman

## FREE Weekly Classes ~ Everyone is encouraged to attend!

### Sunday

9:00 am The Life & Times of our Forefathers  
7:00 pm Navi Shiur

### Monday

7:30 pm Talmud 101 with Rabbi Kitainik

### Tuesday

7:00 pm Rabbi Wyne's Laws of Shabbos  
7:30 pm Rabbi Wyne's Ethics of Our Fathers

### Wednesday

6-8 pm NCSY Weekly Meeting  
7-9pm Community Bais Medrish for Women  
7:00 pm with Rebbetzin Kitainik  
8:00 pm with Rebbetzin Fromowitz

### Thursday

12 Noon Weekly Parsha Class

ASK NOT WHAT YOUR SHUL CAN DO FOR YOU,

"Dates to Remember"

### but what YOU can do for your shul!

**VOLUNTEERS** Jelly  
Tennis balls Vanilla  
Pipe Cleaners Orange Juice  
Construction Paper **VOLUNTEERS**  
All Purpose Flour cardboard  
**VOLUNTEERS** Parchment paper

Come join our Hammentashen Bake-a-thon THIS Sunday, 2/14 from 10 am—1 pm at the shul. See Brandie Huskey to volunteer. THANK YOU!

Invaluable Insights for Living from

Rav Noach Weinberg<sup>ztl</sup>

"I can't" is idolatry. With the Almighty's Help, we can change the world. It is only *without* His Help that we "*can't*" do anything.

Here's What's Happening on **Purim!**

**Sat. 2/27**

7:45 pm **1st Megilla Reading** followed by our world famous **Costume Party!**

**Sun. 2/28**

8:00am Shacharis & **2nd Megilla Reading**  
3:30 pm Mincha  
3:45 pm **3rd (last) Megilla Reading**  
4:15pm Purim Seuda (meal cost & details TBD)

Women's Book Club meets this Sunday Feb. 14 at 10:30 am at the Shul to discuss **Day After Night**, by Anita Diamant.

Have you become a CHAI SOCIETY MEMBER YET? Call the office and get INVOLVED!!