

Young Israel Synagogue Of Las Vegas News

By Jessica Stockman

So what are your plans? Where are you going to hear the reading of the Megillah? What food gifts are you planning to give what friend? What needy person are you going to give money or a meal to? With whom and where will you eat a festive meal and get drunk? Why all these unusual questions?

Purim is fast approaching. The Jewish holiday commemorating the survival of the Jewish people. During the Hebrew calendar date "Adar 13" (sundown, Mar. 4 through sundown, Mar. 5), Jews all over the world will remember an historical incident recorded in

the book of Esther more than two thousand, five hundred years ago.

One of the things I've learned in Rabbi Wyne's Sunday night class is that there are four Mitzvahs (blessings) called upon Jews during Purim: 1) Hear the story of Purim read in synagogue (the Megillah reading) at night and again during the day; 2) Send a gift of at least two different, ready to eat foods to one friend; 3) Give the gift of a meal or money to a needy person and 4) Eat a meal and get drunk during

the day of Purim.

Sunday nights at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 and mar. 3 is an in-depth discussion and learning with Rabbi Wyne. Please join us. This special Purim series is \$5 per class and is held at the shul.

Are you ready for some fun? It's a party ... a Purim Party! Monday, Mar. 4, 6:30 p.m. at Young Israel Synagogue of Las Vegas, located at 5712 Joshua Point (near Pecos and Russell). Megillah reading, costume contests, food, fun and frolic.

Here's a date to save: Sunday, Mar. 24 is the Aish Ha Torah Discovery Seminar at the Clark County Library. This is a unique and dynamic course, devoted to exploring the basis for belief in Judaism ... a fascinating experience.

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