

NUMBER 63 – MISHPATIM
20/21 February 2009 – 26/27 Shevat 5769

SHABBAT @ CHABAD

Shabbat begins	7: 44 pm
Mincha @ Chabad House	
Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv	6:30 pm
Shiur	9:00 am
Shacharit	10:00 am
Kiddush	12:00 pm
Mincha followed by *Seudah Shlishit	7:41 pm
Shabbat ends	8:41 pm

Sunday:

Minyan	8:00am
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Weekdays:

Shacharit	Mon – Fri at 6:20 am
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SHIURIM

Tuesdays

8:00 pm – “Attaining freedom”, a weekly shiur by Liba Lurie at Chabad House

BROCHA SPONSORSHIP

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by **Sara Green** in honour of her mother's, **Mazal Zaied Ben-Attar bat Esther**, Yahrzeit on 22 Shvat.

If you would like to sponsor a brocha, please contact nikki@starlightpublicity.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) – 15 February – 22 March 2009

The next JLI course, You be the Judge II, started last Sunday. Join us this week for the rest of the 6-week course, which ends on Sunday 22 March. The course is at 6:30 pm at Chabad House. The cost, which includes textbook, is \$100 / person and \$180 / couple. You can register at Chabad House before the class starts on Sunday evening.

Rosh Hodesh Adar

Ladies...make sure you start off the month of Adar off joyously by attending Chabad's Rosh Hodesh Adar evening on Monday, 23 February @ 8 pm, 6 Malba Crescent, Dianella.

Internationally renowned health expert, medical doctor, television personality and bestselling author Dr. Linda Friedland will inspire the audience with her talk, "The Healing Power of Joy".

This not-to-be-missed evening will also feature Sharon Shay's Haari Kabbalah Jewellery from Israel, Aviva Raiter's wide-selection of head-gear and Linda Rudman's delicious baked goods. In addition, Rebbitzen Odeya White will briefly talk about her inspiring trip to New York.

Purim in Shushan

Join Chabad WA on Monday, 9 March @ 7 pm. The Jewish Centre will be transformed into Shushan - the place and time that Purim originated. Make sure you bring your family and friends to what promises to be a fantastic evening for all! Everyone is encouraged to dress in their best Persian attire. There will be camel rides, Queen Esther's Jumping Castle, and Persian entertainment. \$30 family, \$15 adults, and \$5 kids. The cost includes Persian feast, drink and entertainment. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

If you have an old Persian carpet and/or cushions, please contact nikki@starlightpublicity.com ASAP!

Chabad WA Hebrew School

This unique after-school program for Jewish boys and girls is run by Odeya. We familiarise your child/ren with Jewish Holidays, Jewish Values and Biblical history in a fun learning environment. It's not too late to sign up. Classes are every Monday at Chabad House, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. It's an ideal programme for children who attend government school. For enrolments, please contact Odeya on 9375 3770. The cost is \$5 per child.

Bat Mitzvah Pizza

Bat Mitzvah aged girls are encouraged to meet at this monthly get-together for a fun, interactive learning experience, and of course...pizza. Each class will take the girls on a journey into mitzvoth reserved especially for women. Contact Odeya for more details on 0407 706 367. If you know someone bat mitzvah age, please encourage her to come along.

PARSHA INSIGHTS BY LIBA LURIE

Every Tuesday at Chabad House, Liba Lurie talks to women about the Pasha of the week. Here is a re-cap of what she discussed this week.

Parshat Mishpatim

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Bereishis Barah Elo-im (Genesis 1:1): From the first words of the opening verse of the entire Torah we can understand that G-d has actively concealed Himself in this world while providing us with the objective to uncover Him in the material realm. In this week's parsha we discover why G-d intentionally placed this week's parsha directly following the giving of the Torah.

The third word, Elo-im, one of G-d's many names, has the same numerical value as the Hebrew word for nature. Also, the word Elo-im can be broken down to the word Elam, meaning hidden, and the two letters Yud and Hei, which together form another name for G-d. And so with this new understanding of the meaning embedded in the words of the verse, we can interpret the opening line of the Torah to suggest, "In the beginning [it] created concealment", that is that G-d initially concealed Himself in the natural, material world.

Though Hashem cannot be seen, He can certainly be found. The cure (barah=healthy i.e. cure) for G-d's concealment is revelation. And so we can alternatively understand the same three words of the same verse to mean, "In the beginning, the first and foremost objective is to cure, to reveal the concealment of the Divine hidden in nature". This is where you and I come in.

In the previous parsha, G-d descended on Mount Sinai, endowed us with the Torah, and in addition, imbued the Jewish nation with an absolute faith in G-d. One that has filtered through the generations and remain imbedded within us today. Beyond this passive faith however, a Jew is moreover able to rise on high through their own service and reason and actively unite with, relate to and reveal G-d in this world.

We can understand why G-d presents us with the Torah in a momentous, earth shattering event in parshas Yisro and then without delay instructs us in the comprehensible, day-to-day civil and moral laws listed in this week's portion, Mishpatim. As a gift from Above, we were collectively instilled with an absolute faith in the Divine at the giving of the Torah. It is through our own endeavors, in our everyday thoughts, speech and interactions that we come to understand and experience G-d and unearth His presence in this world.

VICTORIA'S BUSHFIRE DISASTER

The following article, regarding Chabad and Victoria's Bushfire disaster is from Chabad.org.

http://www.chabad.org/news/article_cdo/aid/831532/jewish/Wildfires-Devastate-Australia.htm

PERSERVERENCE AFTER MUMBAI TRAGEDY

http://www.chabad.org/news/article_cdo/aid/836567/jewish/Emissaries-Persevere-After-Mumbai-Tragedy.htm

JEWISH WOMENS CONFERENCE

http://www.chabad.org/news/article_cdo/aid/834080/jewish/Womens-Conference-Begins.htm

RABBIS QUARTER CENTURY OF SERVICE

http://www.chabad.org/news/article_cdo/aid/837681/jewish/Australian-Community-Marks-Rabbis-Quarter-Century-of-Service.htm

JEWISH – NOT YET

http://www.chabad.org/parshah/article_cdo/aid/475281/jewish/Not-Yet.htm

LAMPLIGHTER

Read this week's Lamplighter on-line <http://www.chabadwa.org/media/lamplighter.html>

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Shabbat Shalom everyone!