

# TRAVEL TALES

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE JEWISH TRAVELLER

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**LAS VEGAS-** Dining out in Las Vegas (<https://www.visitlasvegas.com/ca>) is a real treat!

Ten kosher restaurants and two well-stocked markets make kosher food plentiful in the area. Across the valley, you can find nine orthodox synagogues in lovely neighborhoods. Two established Jewish day schools, pre-schools, and a new yeshiva high school

provide high quality Jewish education. Las Vegas is considered the fastest growing Jewish community in the United States. There are over 70,000 Jews and 19 synagogues in total, as well as many Jewish organizations in the area. Many larger markets feature kosher fresh meats and kosher food sections. Even the Mayor of Las Vegas, Carolyn Goodman, is Jewish. The 19th annual

Las Vegas Jewish Film Festival took place in January, providing insight into Jewish identity, history, and culture, as well as promoting solidarity with Israel and remembrance of the Holocaust.

**CATCH THIS GREAT MEAL:** Last fall, the Aria Resort & Casino (<https://www.aria.com/en.html>) welcomed Catch (<https://catchrestaurants.com>), the go-to dining desti-

nation for celebrities from Los Angeles to New York City. Known for attracting A-listers from around the world, this restaurant, with its Asian influence, debuted on The Strip, bringing with it a something-for-everyone dining experience.

Just arriving at Catch is a unique experience. The entryway is a truly picturesque 80-foot-long tunnel, filled with brightly colored flowers organized into beautiful patterns. It feels like stepping into a secret garden, or even a hidden world.

On the menu, you will find a host of seafood sharables. In addition to their Vegas-specific sushi rolls, Catch also offers a series of famed signatures. Their over-the-top desserts celebrate indulgence, featuring treats like the "Hit

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Me” Chocolate Cake that encourages guests to smash the liquid “Klondike” bar perched atop a brownie, devil’s food cake, and roasted white chocolate ice cream. New York based restauranteurs Eugene Remm and Mark Birnbaum have spent two decades building Catch Hospitality Group into one of the country’s most successful restaurant and nightlife management companies.

Catch is located within the main lobby of the Aria Resort & Casino. It is open for dinner Monday through Sunday from 5:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. The lounge is open Thursday through Saturday from 10 p.m. – 3 a.m. To make reservations, call the Aria Concierge at (702) 590-5757 or visit OpenTable.

**LUNCH AT SPAGO:**  
We had a delicious lunch at Wolfgang Puck’s legendary flagship restaurant Spago (<https://wolfgangpuck.com/dining/spago-lv>), located at the Bellagio (<https://www.bellagio.com/en/hotel.html>). Puck’s revolutionary restaurant debuted in this location last summer with an entirely new look and menu and the exceptional level of service for which the restaurant is best known.

The restaurant is situated in front of the beautiful Bellagio Fountains giving diners a fantastic view while they eat. Spago’s re-imagined menu features Puck’s signature California fare paired with modern technique and inspiration from his chef’s weekly trips to the Santa Monica Farmer’s Market. At lunch and dinner, the market-driven menus feature handmade pastas, wood-oven pizzas, fresh seafood, all-natural meats and prime

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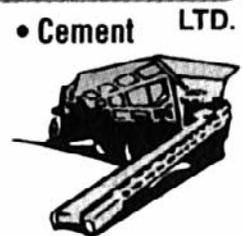
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steaks, alongside handcrafted cocktails and a robust wine list.

From popular Spago dishes to new dishes offered only at Bellagio, guests have a wealth of options from which to choose for lunch or dinner.

Similar to the menu, the wine list will be seasonally inspired, starting the summer months with a strong selection of Rosé wines. In addition, the list features nearly one dozen wines from Wolfgang Puck's private label, a collection of food-friendly wines that celebrate the spirit of food and life for which the chef is known.

Spago is located in Via Bellagio and is open for lunch daily from 11:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Dinner is from 5 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Sunday – Thursday and 5 p.m. – 11 p.m. Friday & Saturday. The bar menu is available from 2:45 p.m. until close. To make reservations, call the Bellagio Concierge at (702) 693-7111 or visit OpenTable.

The Nazi sympathizer told a TV audience in 1991 that “we vindicate Adolf Hitler” and before that he had led chants of “Death

to traitors, cowards and Jews” before an adoring crowd.

Biondini will not win  
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**WORLD IN REVIEW**

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Atwood as a “gift” who would provide guidance to the Orthodox gay community which currently is “underserved”.

**Neo Nazi Running for President**

Alejandro Biodini, a far right ultranationalist leader, is the presidential candidate for the Patriotic Front party in the October elections in Argentina. One of his first campaign promises after being nominated is to expel the Israel Ambassador (and the British one as well). “I define myself as a clear defender of the Palestinian State. I repudiate the colonialist genocidal Zionism. Argentina is not Israel”.

Biondini previous party New Triumph was banned by Argentina’s electoral court in 2009 but a federal judge in Buenos Aires granted approval to Biondini’s new party, Patriotic Front.

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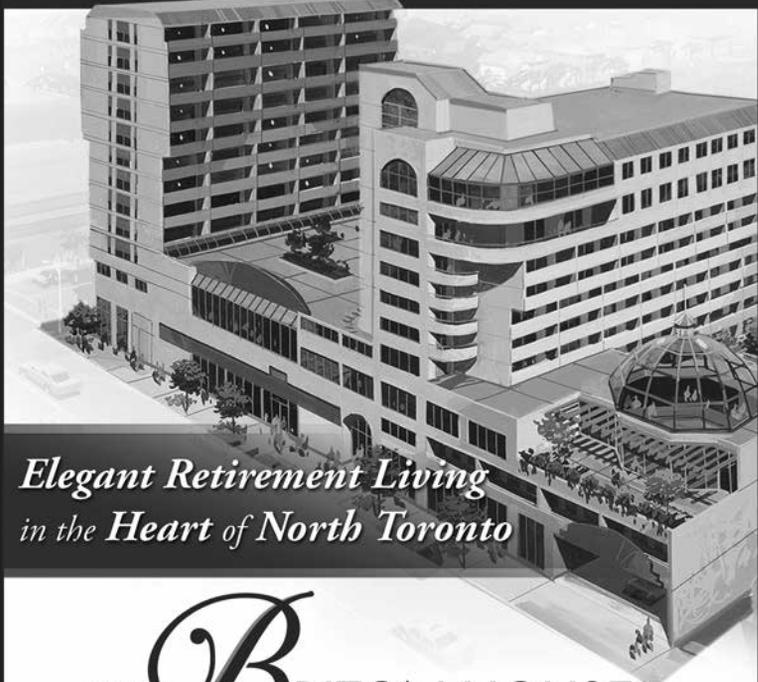
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