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The Shabbatones

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(In Person)

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(In Person)

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(Zoom only)



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10:00 a.m. – Morning *Shabbat*/

Minyan Service

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage

*All Torah Study and Minyan Services will be held
on Zoom in August unless noted otherwise above.*

*For Zoom links, go to our calendar
at www.lvnertamid.org.*

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**CONGREGATION
NER TAMID**

**Featuring
The
Shabbatonies**

**PIZZA
ICE
CREAM
BOUNCE
HOUSE**

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBER
SHABBAT**

Friday, August 19, 2022

6:15 p.m.

**55 N. Valle Verde Dr.
Henderson, NV**

Congregation Ner Tamid is inviting those who are new to the area, and interested in joining the largest Reform Jewish synagogue in Nevada, to roll the dice and attend its Vegas-themed Prospective Member Shabbat on Friday, August 19, from 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

The Shabbat Service will feature Rabbi Sanford Akselrad and Cantor Jessica Hutchings, CNT's Member musical group The Shabbatonies, a pizza and "crazy" ice cream oneg, and a bounce house for the kids.

CNT Members who bring a new friend to the Shabbat Service will receive surprise gifts for themselves and their guests.



Thank you to the many congregants who attended our Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 26, the first in-person meeting in three years. In addition to the election of officers and trustees, we discussed our finances, the 2022-2023 budget, Preschool, Religious and Hebrew school, membership, and answered questions about security, priorities, projects, and goals for the coming fiscal year. And, regarding projects, Rabbi spoke about the commissioning of a new Torah, a gift from Jack and Elaine Chernikoff in memory of their son, Harvey. The Chernikoff Torah will be the first one that CNT has commissioned since our founding in 1974. As such, it will be very special and meaningful, and we are grateful to Jack and Elaine for making this possible.

As I write this, the Chernikoff Torah is being inscribed in Israel and will be delivered to us before High Holydays, but it will be unfinished. The Chernikoff family will kick off the Chernikoff Torah Project at High Holydays with the inscription of several of the remaining letters with the final letters to be inscribed by Tu BiShvat on February 5, 2023.

The Chernikoff Torah Project will allow each of us to participate in the inscription of letters and naming opportunities for the 5 Books of the Torah, special passages, significant verses, weekly portions, and more. Information regarding the Chernikoff Torah Project will be forthcoming.

On a personal note, thank you for all that you have done over the last two years in not only assuring that CNT survived the pandemic with all its challenges and uncertainty, but all that we have accomplished despite the challenges. Retiring from the Board were Rhonda Mushkin, Alison Clark, Julie Marcus, and Illisa Polis. To guide CNT going forward in addition to continuing Board Members, welcome to our new Members Andrea Harris (VP Ways and Means), Dani McLaughlin (VP Programming), Shannon Martin (Trustee), Brian Pence (Trustee), and Jeff Leibow (Trustee), and to present Board Members who have taken on new and different tasks, Jim Mason (Executive VP), Michael Levy (Treasurer), and Jolie Brislin (Secretary). And a special thank you to Ira Spector (Trustee), who over the past two years as Executive Vice-President, has given and accomplished so much and literally rewrote the job description for Executive Vice-President.

Jerry Gordon, President

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		Ira Spector	Trustee		

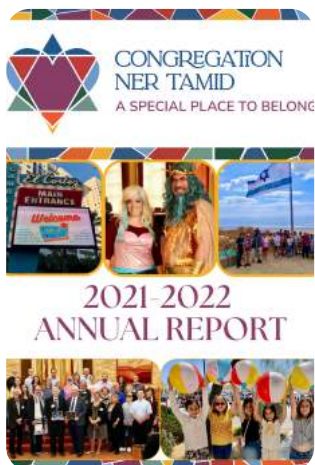


New Board Of Trustees Installed At CNT's Annual Meeting

Congregation Ner Tamid held its Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 26, 2022, and CNT Member U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen installed CNT's new Board of Trustees. CNT President Jerry Gordon, Rabbi Sanford Akselrad, Cantor Jessica Hutchings and Executive Director Eddie Simon all gave reports and talked about the many events and opportunities to look forward to in 2022-2023. CNT Members in attendance noshed on bagels, cream cheese, lox and desserts, reviewed our Annual Report and watched our Annual Video.



PHOTO BY DAVID WEINSTEIN



Annual Report:
<https://bit.ly/3yiUizC>



Annual Video:
<https://bit.ly/3opJ73o>



The end of August is the start of the Hebrew month of Elul. Friday, August 26, begins that period of time leading up to the High Holydays which are “late” this year falling at the end of September.

How we measure time is more important than we realize. Some of us are always in a hurry and rush to be on time. Others take their time and are more casual about arriving at a designated time. Athletes, who have the ability to win and become “champions” in a particular sport such as track or swimming, measures success in tenths of a second. Those who have miraculously escaped a car accident often find that the crucial second made all the difference. In short, time is something we need to pay attention to.

Living in a secular world, our calendar reminds us of important things in the secular world such as when school starts or when to pay our taxes. The calendar reminds us of important meetings or family gatherings. But what of the Jewish calendar? The fact that we assign the notion that the High Holydays are “early or late” this year (note: they are never on time!) is a reflection of the dominance of our secular calendar vis-à-vis the Jewish calendar. It is doubtful in today’s society to reverse this. And yet, we cannot, should not, discount the Jewish calendar altogether in our lives.

What about the importance of Shabbat? Or a Yahrzeit? Or the observance of an important Jewish holiday? Too many fail to mark these on their calendars, and they go by unobserved and unnoticed. Yizkor services on the Shalosh Regalim for example barely attract a couple of dozen people. The majority of folks fail to light Yahrzeit candles. It is time to reclaim our time!

To live our lives more Jewishly we need to pay attention to the rhyme and rhythm of the Jewish calendar. We hand these calendars out each year at the temple office (courtesy of King David Memorial Chapel) and of course, there is an “app for that” as well.

We spend much of our time living in the secular world. Perhaps it is time to make a shift, no matter how small, to spending our time in our Jewish world. It begins with how we measure, count, and observe time.

Elul, for example, begins that month-long period before the High Holydays start. As such it is a month where we are asked to prepare for these awe-filled days. We begin the process of internal reflection and taking an account of our lives. We seek out those we have wronged and begin the process of reconciliation. And we find ways to reconnect with our faith and its tradition.

It’s never too late to change our ways, but it begins with changing our thinking, and the orientation of our lives. Take a moment. A second. And see that this mindset can make all the difference in the world. Perhaps it is time, to make time, for your Jewish world. After all, there is no time like the present.

Rabbi Sanford Akselrad

Monsoon season is my favorite. It is a brief respite from the scorching temps and blinding sunshine that feels endless right about now. It reminds us that there is something bigger than us, looking out for us, orchestrating and conducting the grand plan. If you're not used to a Vegas summer monsoon, the experience might catch you off guard.

Last week, we were standing in our kitchen and watched through the window as our outdoor heaters toppled over and patio furniture was swept away from one end of the yard to the other. We ran up to the door to watch the commotion, and my young son Emmett began to cry in fear. "My car! My chair! My toys!" We consoled him and told him everything would be okay.

That moment Emmett experienced when the chaos came down from the sky... I feel like we have been living in that panic for almost two months. My husband's cancer diagnosis feels like a monsoon... the world darkens to uncontrollable torrential downpours and you just stand there and hold on tight to what matters most. The monsoon is all about how you experience it.

As I study the parsha this week, I see the Israelites wandering the desert, perhaps experiencing a monsoon of their own... They camp in Rephidim where they have no water... but then experience a miracle when they get water from a rock. Then they find Iye Haavarim, a land full of waste and rubbish. They experience frigid cold, and some fall ill. Through all of the muck and madness, God is their constant companion and reminds them that they are on their way to the Promised Land. Most importantly, The Creator reassures them that no matter how difficult the wilderness feels, they are not alone.

We are not alone.

Whether it be the wilderness for the Israelites or the monsoonal moment you, like us, may be experiencing... The Holy One does not leave us alone. The rock spouting water... we were not alone... The water falling from the sky on a blazing hot day... we were not alone. With the love and concern of others... we are not alone. A return from illness to health... we are not alone. When seeking our promised land, it is all in how we look at life. If we dwell on the storm, the drought, the endless wandering, we will not be able to see that this is just the journey.

As we enter into the season of t'shuvah (return/ repentance), we focus inward, check ourselves, find our gratitude, and prepare to do the work to be the best version of ourselves. Take stock of your journey. Whether you had a wonderful year or a wickedly difficult one, how will you step forward into the next? How will you find your promised land?



Cantor Hutchings Shares Personal Health Story In Temple, On TV

In response to the recent Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, CNT's Cantor Jessica Hutchings wanted to share her story about her medical abortion experience and how it saved her life when she was struggling to conceive a baby via IVF. Her Friday, July 1, 2022, Shabbat Sermon "Abortion IS a Jewish Value" was the subject of two TV news segments. Both Alicia Pattillo with Las Vegas' ABC affiliate KTNV Channel 13 Action News and Brett Forrest with Las Vegas' NBC affiliate KSNV News 3 interviewed Cantor Hutchings for TV news stories.

When struggling to conceive a child with her husband, Cantor Hutchings turned to IVF and successfully got pregnant, but heartbreak was soon to follow. "At my six-week check-up, there was no heartbeat," Cantor Hutchings said. "The Jewish High Holy Days were two days away, and I was needed to lead my congregation so I chose to wait for the fetus to pass naturally. In total devastation, I carried myself through Rosh Hashanah and returned to the doctor between the Holy Days only to find out that my body was not releasing the remains, and I would need a D&C (dilation and curettage) operation, which is also known as a missed abortion. The day after Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year, I was admitted, and the fetus was aborted. It was the worst day of my life, but I was grateful because if I were not permitted to abort that fetus, I could have died."

When a second embryo didn't prove viable, Cantor's doctor recommended disposing of it. "If I lived in a state that banned abortion, the disposal of that embryo with a zero percent chance of survival could have been considered a felony offense," Cantor Hutchings said.

"We moved on to the third embryo, our last chance, and that embryo became a fetus that became our amazing miracle rainbow baby, Emmett, who is now 2.5-year-old," Cantor Hutchings said.

Cantor Hutchings said "rodef" pregnancies, or pregnancies that pursue the health of the person growing the fetus, include anything from ectopic to disrupting the mental health of a pregnant person. "Not only is the right to abortion a Jewish value because the life of the pregnant person takes precedence, but also because Judaism teaches that life does not begin at conception, it begins at birth," Cantor Hutchings said. "Moreover, the right to an abortion is also a Jewish value because human dignity and body autonomy is a Jewish value."



"We do believe in abortion" Southern Nevada Jewish leader speaks out following Roe v Wade

By Brett Forrest | Sunday, July 3rd 2022



The Chernikoff Family Commissions New Torah For CNT, In Honor Of Son Harvey

Harvey Alan Chernikoff was born with learning disabilities and tragically passed away in 2011, at the age of 51. His parents, Jack and Elaine Chernikoff, recall Harvey was happiest when attending synagogue.

“We wanted to join Congregation Ner Tamid because we felt it would be good for Harvey to join a congregation that was warm and welcoming,” Jack Chernikoff said.

“We’re commissioning a new Torah not only for the congregation to enjoy, but to keep Harvey’s memory alive,” Elaine Chernikoff said.

“I am thrilled that the Chernikoff family has decided to commission a Torah in memory of their beloved son Harvey,” Congregation Ner Tamid’s Rabbi Sanford Akselrad said. “This Torah will keep his memory alive, and will touch the lives of hundreds of students in the years to come.

Writing a new Torah or commissioning the writing of a scroll is the fulfillment of Mitzvah No. 613 – the very last Mitzvah in the Torah. And Sofer on Site International, the organization creating the new Torah for CNT, proclaims it is “cherished as one of the highest levels of Jewish giving.”

The Chernikoff Family entrusted Sofer On Site International to take on the labor-intensive project that spans the globe – a group that adheres to the highest Halachic standards while bringing the Torah’s timeless lessons to congregations inspiring generations to come.

Rabbi Binyamin Flaxer is the sofer, or scribe, who has been working to complete the new Torah scroll. He lives in Israel, is devout, and takes a mikvah (a Jewish ritual bath) before he goes to work every morning because sofers must be pure and clearheaded when handling such holy matters as writing Torah text. Rabbi Flaxer is yareh shomayim and certified.

On his parchment, which measures 19 inches tall and 75 yards long (about $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of a football field) he employs a certain sequence of Calligraphic strokes, in an Ashkenaz font, to write each letter in black ink. Some letters are embellished with curls and crowns.

When Sofer on Site International arrives in September, reps will also repair existing Torahs at the temple.



Jack and Elaine Chernikoff stand behind their sons Harvey (deceased) to the left and Neil seated to the right.

CNT, Vegas PBS Partner To Enhance Member Benefits



Margaret Ann Schneweis
Vegas PBS Member Services Manager

Congregation Ner Tamid, in partnership with Vegas PBS, is now offering its temple Members opportunities to attend local concerts and shows, day trips, and overnight excursions to area festivals and attractions.

Vegas PBS has a proven reputation for providing its members with quality programming and tickets to the best shows in town. Through its Member Services Department, Vegas PBS is extending an invitation to CNT Members to take part in their events as a group and, in some cases, even secure their tickets in advance of them being sold to the public at large. And, when CNT Members donate to Vegas PBS to secure their seats, they simultaneously become members of Vegas PBS and get to enjoy its benefits.

“We’re very excited to invite the Members of Congregation Ner Tamid to join our community of more than 20,000 members,” Margaret Ann Schneweis, Vegas PBS Member Services Manager, said. “Our ticket offers provide fun options for everyone. Whether you like setting out for adventures on day trips or making a grand evening with a show on or off The Strip, we look forward to providing you with experiences you’ll never forget.”

From a day trip to Death Valley to Andrea Bocelli in concert at the MGM Grand Garden Arena, CNT Members will now get advanced notice about entertainment events and recreational activities and be able to donate for tickets and take part in these excursions with other CNT Members.

In addition, CNT will be planning several screenings of Jewish-centric TV programs and documentaries being aired on Vegas PBS, including the upcoming “The U.S. and the Holocaust” by filmmaker Ken Burns that will air in September. CNT will invite Vegas PBS reps to introduce the programs at the synagogue, the largest Reform Jewish temple in all of Nevada.

With Vegas PBS as a partner, Congregation Ner Tamid will be able to deliver enviable opportunities to its Members while simultaneously introducing them to all the benefits Vegas PBS has to offer.

Vegas PBS is a member-supported public television service providing educational content for more than 50 years. They build community through television, education services, and unique experiences.

CNT Members should call Vegas PBS Event Specialist Christina Wood at (702) 799-1010 x 5375 or email cwood@vegaspbs.org to reserve tickets and indicate you are with CNT. Donations to Vegas PBS are tax deductible.

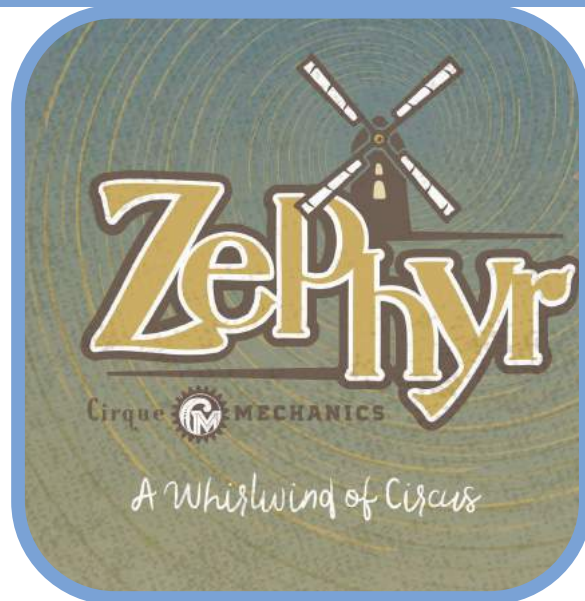
Cirque Mechanics: Zephyr - A Whirlwind Of Circus

Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall, UNLV Performing Arts Center

Join us for Vegas PBS night at the UNLV Performing Arts Center as the local Cirque Mechanics launch their brand new production. Witness the unrelenting tug of war between man and nature in the name of progress as the artists of Cirque Mechanics harness human power to generate a unique acrobatic experience.

Donate \$65 per ticket for a main floor seat including a beverage in a souvenir cup.



Andrea Bocelli Concert

Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 8:00 p.m.

MGM Grand Garden Arena

Vegas PBS secured Andrea Bocelli concert tickets before they went on sale to the public! Don't miss your chance to hear the beautiful, soothing voice of this international idol when he returns to Las Vegas.

Donate \$109 per ticket for upper-level seats.

Donate \$239 per ticket for lower-level seats.

Donate \$459 per ticket for floor seats.

Death Valley Day Trip

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Departs Vegas PBS at 8:00 a.m., Returns at 8:00 p.m.

Travel by deluxe motor coach to Death Valley National Park. Enjoy a box luncheon at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center. The park tour includes Badwater, Harmony Borax, Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes, and Zabriskie Point.

Donate \$119 per person.



Nisa Dias – Saturday, August 20, 2022



Nisa Dias will be called to the bimah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, August 20, 2022. Nisa and her parents will be traveling from her home state of New Hampshire. Nisa has been participating online at CNT's Religious School, and it was important for her and her parents, Paola and Michael Dias, that her Bat Mitzvah ceremony be held at her family's temple. She will be reading Parashat Eikev from the Torah.

The Dias family is looking forward to celebrating Nisa's achievements surrounded by friends and family. Nisa will be happy to see her great-grandmother Susan Molasky seated in the front row along with her grandmother Beth Molasky and all her uncles and cousins.

In her free time, Nisa enjoys playing lacrosse, practicing circus arts, and playing the harp and the piano.

She loves to go to Fenway Park to root for the Boston Red Sox, bake for her family and friends, knit, craft, and read.

Nisa also loves the outdoors. She is an avid skier, hikes in the forest, swims in the local lake, and camps in the desert.

Nisa is especially passionate about the environment. For her Bat Mitzvah project, she is working with her cousin Jess Molasky, who's the founder of the Carbon Cactus Foundation. The group works to find more efficient ways to offset carbon footprints by farming cactus which not only permanently captures CO2 but uses the least amount of water to do so.

To learn more and to donate please visit: www.carboncactusproject.com



- 1 – Congregants and parents Amy and Ryan Crighton and siblings Sloan and Atlas welcomed Harlow Madeline Crighton on July 16, 2022, 6 lbs., 4 oz., 18” long.
- 2 – Congregants and grandparents Valerie and Anthony Saenz welcomed Liam Hunter Saenz on July 2, 2022.
- 3 – Congregant and grandmother Carol Holdengraber welcomed Lola Reyes.
- 4 – Congregants and grandparents Arlene and Fred Toffel welcomed Emma Rae Salzman on June 27, 2022, 7 lbs., 7 oz., 19.5” long.
- 5 – CNT Preschool Director Farrah Tomaro and her husband Sean welcomed Judah Grey Tomaro on June 15, 2022, 9:57 a.m., 7 lbs., 1 oz., 18.75” long.

CNT's Summer Camp Ends On High Note, Preschool Starts Aug. 8



Congregation Ner Tamid's Gary & Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center Summer Camp enjoyed multiple theme weeks this summer including Carnival, Under The Sea, A Bug's Life, Party In The USA, Safari, Dinosaurs, Colors Of The Rainbow, and Sports Extravaganza. And each week was complemented by music.

Rinat Shapiro, a local music educator who is called "Ms. Rinat" in classrooms, visited the Summer Camp kids, aged 18 months to Pre-K, once a week. She brought props, including flags for Party In The USA Week, and puppets to sing animated songs with the kids that also reflected the themes. Ms. Rinat also helped preside over Friday Shabbat services for the kids.

The Summer Camp welcomed reps from My Gym to excite the kids with physical exercise and tumbling. And, during Safari Week, reps with The Lion Habitat Ranch brought photos of the lions they protect at the Habitat to see and eggs, nests, and feathers for the little learners to touch.

The twice-a-week water days helped keep the pint-size campers cool on splash pads and sprinklers, and indoor bounce houses had the kids riding high. In the Toddler Room, the children created friendship books with photos.

There is still time to enroll in The Gary & Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center Preschool. The 2022-2023 school year starts Monday, August 8.

With play-based learning, focusing on developmentally appropriate practices, the Preschool is geared to enable every child to meet their specific goals. All CNT Members receive a 10 percent discount and current Preschool families will receive \$100 off next month's tuition when they refer a new family who enrolls. Remember to inquire about sibling discounts. For more information, call **(702) 632-2250**, www.lvnertamid.org.

CNT's Religious School Director Wizig Now Enrolling, Classes Start Sunday, August 28

Congregation Ner Tamid's new Religious School Director Hayley Wizig is enrolling students for the 2022-2023 school year.

"Our enrollment has bounced back post-pandemic," said Director Wizig, "and was up from pre-pandemic years as well during our successful 2021-2022 Religious School year. We had more than 150 students enrolled from Pre-K – 12th grade, participating on both Sundays and Tuesdays, virtually and in person. Our younger students built on their foundational Hebrew skills and knowledge of Judaism and our older students' curriculum was filled with Jewish life cycle events, Holocaust education, and Social Justice issues."

Providing quality Jewish education for CNT Members, CNT's Religious School offers students amazing teachers, a varied curriculum, and a great community.

"The Religious School students at CNT joyfully enter our walls ready to learn, grow, do, and have fun with Judaism," CNT's Cantor Jessica Hutchings, and Interim Religious School Director, said. "Last year was perhaps our best yet, and we hope it will continue to blossom and thrive in the years to come. It is my pleasure and honor to pass the yad to Hayley as our new Director of the CNT Religious School."

Wizig is from Kansas City, KS, where she was recruited as a Clark County School District teacher at a job fair. She moved to Henderson, NV, became CNT's youngest adult congregant, and began working at the CNT Religious School as a teacher.

"Looking forward to this fall, I am so excited to be stepping up into the principal role and continuing to make CNT 'a special place to belong,'" Wizig said.

To register for the CNT Religious School's 2022-2023 school year:

<https://bit.ly/rsreg22-23>



CNT Religious School
REGISTRATION 2022-2023

- Jewish Education
- Pre-K to 12th Grade
- Amazing Teachers
- Varied Curriculum
- Great Community

REGISTER NOW

<https://bit.ly/rsreg22-23>

CNT Class 'From Age-ing to Sage-ing...' To Help Elders Excel



Longtime Congregation Ner Tamid Member and certified Spiritual Director Jen Wulff will be offering a four-part class called “From Age-ing to Sage-ing...” on Zoom from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Sundays August 21 and 28, and September 11 and 18, 2022.

“From Age-ing to Sage-ing...” is based on the teachings of Reb Zalman Schachter Shalomi z”l and will be an interactive class through group and individual exercises, journaling, readings, and group discussions. Participants will look at their wisdom and create tools to transmit as a legacy to future generations; examine the myths of aging and feel comfortable and at peace with being an elder; look at the past as a ‘life review’ and ‘life repair’ with the

wisdom of what they know now and understand that they can use forgiveness as a gift to themselves; face their own mortality and create peace of mind and prepare for life completion, and; identify ways for elders to serve as mentors and healers in society.

“I want to show class participants how they can become wise elders, mentor younger generations, and share their wisdom,” Wulff said. “To fully live the winter of life, you need to prepare to complete life in peace. I believe people will learn how to do just that taking my classes.”

Register now for all four “From Age-ing to Sage-ing...” classes, and a portion of the \$120 registration fee will be donated to Congregation Ner Tamid.

To register and for more information: www.spiritualdirectionwithjen.com

ELUL BY THE POOL

Every Wednesday In The Month Of Elul...

**We'll Gather Around To Set Our Intentions For The Year To Come
Using Mindful Meditation, Thoughtful Song, And The Call Of The Shofar.**

August 31, September 7, And September 14

7:00 P.M.

Space Limited, Reservations Required

Address Upon RSVP:

<https://lvnertamid.shulcloud.com/form/elul-by-the-pool2022.html>

CNT's Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Students To Help The Homeless With Charity Drive

Congregation Ner Tamid's B'Nai Mitzvah students are collecting donations for the homeless through Thursday, August 18 – men's shoes, bottles of water, take-out containers, and cash.

"I have always felt a great deal of empathy and concern for the homeless, who on their life's journey have come to become homeless; in need of food, shelter, shoes, clothing, medical attention, but most of all, compassion," Demetra McGowen, one of the CNT organizers said.

McGowen and fellow B'Nai Mitzvah students Sonya Haggerty, Lauren Vogel, and Mindy Bachrach have placed a large donation box inside the lobby of Congregation Ner Tamid. Haggerty is also actively picking up donations from contributors and collecting funds through her Venmo account. Physical supplies collected will be delivered to Friends of the Desert. Funds collected will go towards purchasing meals prepared by Greens and Proteins, which will be packaged and distributed by the B'Nai Mitzvah group. Greens and Proteins is one of the affiliates of Friends of the Desert that cooks and delivers healthy meals to the organization to be placed in containers and handed out to the homeless on the third Friday of every month.

"We ask members of Congregation Ner Tamid and anyone in our community who can help to light the pathway to Hope," McGowen said. "Hope for a drink of water. Hope for relief from hunger. Hope for protection against the hot asphalt. Hope that when they look ahead they see the hand of

humanity, and the reflection of Our Creator to guide their way."

To donate supplies and funds to the CNT B'Nai Mitzvah group, contact Sonya Haggerty at (702) 373-8303 or AtoZRealEstateLV@gmail.com.



INTRO TO HEBREW

WEDNESDAYS: AUGUST 10 - NOVEMBER 16
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

CLASSES TAUGHT BY PAMELA HENDERSON

CNT MEMBERS - \$50
NOT YET-MEMBERS - \$75

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Chavurah Chazarai



Derek Abdekalmi's **Hiking Chavurah** trekked to the Historic Railroad Trail on Sunday, June 5, at 7:00 a.m., and enjoyed a hike along a former railroad grade that provides panoramic views of Lake Mead overlooking the Boulder Basin area. It's one of Lake Mead's most popular trails. The intrepid group plans to schedule future hikes in the Mt. Charleston area.

Hillary Steinberg's **Wine Not? Chavurah** celebrated Independence Day in style, thanks to Marcy and Jack Simon who graciously hosted the CNT connoisseurs for a "Red, Wine & Blue" wine tasting in their lovely MacDonald Highlands home on

Monday, July 4. Their expansive view of the Las Vegas Strip and all of the city's fireworks celebrations served as the perfect backdrop for the oenophiles who enjoyed wine and appetizers including sandwiches, vegetables, stuffed mushrooms, cheeses and fruits. The Simon's delicious desserts and patriotic decorations provided the perfect finishing touches for this night to remember.

The **Wine Not? Chavurah** will be hosting its next dinner and wine tasting event at Marché Bacchus Restaurant in Desert Shores, 2620 Regatta Dr., in Las Vegas, on Saturday, August 20, at 7:00 p.m. It's Lakeside dining in the desert with amazing atmosphere, wonderful food and a large selection of wine. With tax and gratuity, the cost per person



would be approximately \$130, and that will include a wine tasting program (\$25) with hors d'oeuvres, a three-course meal, and dessert (\$79). If interested, RSVP ASAP to Jay Poster at: jayhposter@gmail.com

Renee and Stephen Goldberg's **Glowing Older Chavurah** met on Wednesday, July 6, to watch Rabbi Akselrad's class "Wrestling With God – Part Two" on Zoom. The evening of learning, conversation, desserts, and beverages was held at the Goldberg's home. If you would like to join the **Glowing Older Chavurah**, the Goldbergs said they have room for new members.



MEMBERSHIP

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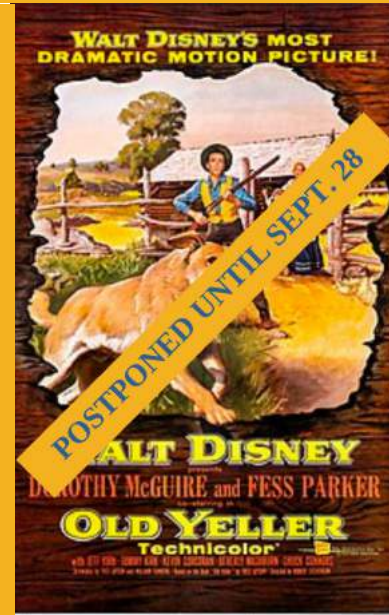
Bob Dworkin's **Beethoven to The Beatles Chavurah** is planning to catch a performance of "Sister Act: The Musical!" at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park. Reach out to Bob at dspaing@gmail.com for updated information.

CNT's **Film Chavurah** will shake, rattle, and roll on Wednesday, August 31, when it presents a screening of Elvis' 1964 musical comedy "Kissin' Cousins," with film actress, and Henderson, NV, resident, Cynthia Pepper in attendance. She will share stories about working with The King! There will be a pre-film Happy Hour with food, drinks, and conversation beginning at 6:00 p.m., with the film beginning at 7:00 p.m. The location will be provided later.

CNT Members can RSVP by calling and/ or emailing Barney at (702) 303-5649, barney@tabach.com, or by calling Film Chavurah Leader Anthony Saenz at (818) 606-1912.

Joan Fine's **Book Club Chavurah** will meet on Monday September 19, at 4:30 p.m., to discuss The French Baker's War by Michael Whatling. Joan said they have room for a few more members.

And Michele Wertheimer's **Mahjong Chavurah** continues to meet in CNT's main lobby every Monday at 1:00 p.m.



CNT's Film Chavurah Presents "Kissin' Cousins"
Wednesday, August 31, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Featuring actress, and Henderson resident,
Cynthia Pepper, who will talk about acting with
Elvis Presley!

RACK 'EM UP!

CNT staffers Leslie and Regina are starting a new Pool Chavurah. If you'd like to join us, email lsnadowsky@lvnertamid.org. We'll be playing at Griff's Bar & Billiards at 3650 S. Decatur St.

To join a CNT Members Only Chavurah, go to:
<https://lvnertamid.shulcloud.com/form/Chavurah>.
Or email us at cntchavurah@lvnertamid.org.

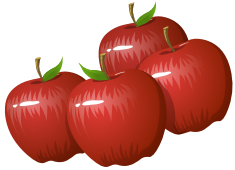
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Norma and Richard Muller
Carmen Prater
Stephanie Rapel
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 1st EVENT

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Apple and Honey Bags & Schmooze with Sisterhood

10:00 a.m. – Social Hall



We'll be putting together Apple and Honey Bags (our annual tradition) to be given out at Rosh Hashanah services. Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to **CNTSisterhoodlv@gmail.com** or call Michelle Blank **(702) 460-0327**.

Let us know if you will join us. Hope to see you there.

By now, all CNT Women should have received a CNT Sisterhood Membership Application for 2022-2023 and an Events Calendar in the U.S. Mail in a pink envelope.

We hope you will join us at the many interesting and fun events we have planned!

All CNT Sisterhood Members who join or renew their membership will be invited to our annual Appreciation Luncheon, this year on Sunday, September 18, 2022, held in the Kantor Social Hall, and at no cost to Sisterhood Members. We hope to have you join us at this event and all year!

If you have questions, please email us at **cntsisterhoodlv@gmail.com** or leave a message for us at the temple at **(702) 733-6292**, and we will call you!

SAVE THE DATE

Our Annual Holiday Bazaar will be on Sunday, December 4, 2022.
If you want to be a vendor, or know someone that does, please email us.

PLEASE JOIN US

Our Sisterhood is warm and welcoming. We would love to see you at our many events!

Looking to be involved?

We invite you to be on one of our many committees.

Our Board meetings are open to all Sisterhood Members.

(2nd Thursday of the month)

If you would like to attend, please email and let us know.

Questions or comments please email: **cntsisterhoodlv@gmail.com**

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Proceeds support our Fay Schoenfeld Fund 4 Youth scholarships for our CNT Religious School students.



URJ Henry S. Jacobs Summer Camp's Banana Pudding

Ingredients – 1 #10 can vanilla pudding, 3 cups milk, 1 can condensed milk, 2 cups whipped cream, 2 tsps. vanilla extract, 2 cups sugar, 2 boxes Nilla Wafers, 12 to 14 bananas

Directions – 1. Mix pudding in a bowl 2. Add milk, sugar, vanilla, condensed milk, and whipped cream 3. Stir together 4. Once mixed well, get a bowl or pan 5. Put the wafers in a pan, place bananas on top of the wafers, then layer with pudding 6. Repeat step four until the container is full



The Ritual Committee will hold its next meeting at Congregation Ner Tamid's Board Room on Tuesday, August 9, at 5:00 p.m.



This very special committee works with Rabbi and Cantor to make the religious aspect of temple life welcoming, inclusive and inspiring for all. It meets periodically to discuss the ritual functioning of the temple, review policies and procedures and plan ritual events. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Friedner at friedner1948@gmail.com.

The High Holydays are coming and longtime CNT Congregant Alan Mann, Chair of this year's **Kol Nidre** appeal, will soon be sending CNT Members a letter.



This **Kol Nidre** campaign is vital to the financial health of the synagogue – especially now, during the current economic condition. The temple needs your help more than ever...

Register For MENSch Club First Day Of Religious School



Now that the MENSch Club year has come to a close it is time to look ahead to the new year. We are looking forward to new events and of course, our yearly annual social and philanthropic events. In the new year, we are excited to be getting back to regular in-person meetings for planning and comradery. We look forward to not only significantly growing our membership in this new year, but also to an increased volume of active members. It seems like yesterday that we were erecting the sukkah, but that time is coming around the corner soon and we'll be setting it up once again (in record time we hope). To qualify to join the MENSch club, you must be a member in good standing at CNT, at least 18 years of age, and game for fun outings like a night at TOPGOLF or catching a Las Vegas Aviators game at the Las Vegas Ballpark.

We will be setting up a MENSch Club table at CNT during the first day of Religious School, on Sunday, August 28. For all of you fathers of children enrolled, we encourage you to stop by and register for the 2022-2023 year. We would love for any other interested temple Members to stop by and see us as well.

If you are interested in joining this great group of men and would like more information please contact us via email at menschprez@lvnertamid.org.

Rich Greenis – MENSch Club President

ALL AGES...

CNT'S TRIVIA TUESDAYS

FOR CNT MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS ALIKE...

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 7:00 P.M.

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A MITZVAH FOR ROSH HASHANAH

Start the year right...

Help the CNT Chessed (Caring) Committee!



We bring 35 bags to congregants who are homebound or in hospitals and nursing homes.

Each bag contains a round challah, apples, and honey.

Please help with a donation. We would be happy to receive any donation to bring cheer at this time of year!

Please contact us if your child or grandchild is in college.

We send wishes and a surprise to them four holiday times a year.

L'Shanah Tovah!

From the Chessed Committee

Shirley Kouffman, Chairperson, skouffman@lvnertamid.org



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If you'd like to pay homage to a loved one, add their name to our Rows of Remembrance.

To reserve or to purchase a Yahrzeit plaque, please contact Roberta Unger, (702) 733-6292, runger@lvnertamid.org, before Friday, August 20, to ensure your loved one's name is etched in stone by the High Holydays!



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Nevadans for the
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*“IN SPIRITUALITY, the searching is the finding, and
the pursuit is the ACHIEVEMENT”*

– Dr. Abraham J. Twerski

Rabbi Twerski was a descendent of a Hasidic dynasty comprised of rabbinical leaders and scholars. He was both a Rabbi and a medical doctor whose clinical career specialized in alcoholism and addiction. Dorie Kirtman, co-leader of CNT's Nevadans for the Common Good team, had the honor of working with Dr. Twerski several years ago in New York City. His legacy and passion to assist those of the Jewish faith and others with alcohol and substance abuse challenges have been an inspiration for us on the CNT NCG Addiction & Recovery Team. After the Team's weekly four-part education series was held at UNLV several months ago on Addiction, Legislative Advocacy, and the use of Narcan, the University has continued its interest and will be holding a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, September 13, on the topic of MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION. As well, our Addiction & Recovery Team is in the process of formulating an NCG MENTAL HEALTH TEAM. We will be hosting Listening Sessions, with dates to be decided, for congregants regarding mental health and other issues of concern in the community. This is in conjunction with the NCG Henderson Cluster – comprised of CNT, Green Valley United Methodist Church, and St. Thomas More Catholic Community. Everyone is encouraged to attend. In addition, our CNT team recently got together with the Henderson Cluster group at St. Thomas More for the first time in over two years. It was agreed that our institutions will do more projects together and that we need to expand the group and bring in other local NCG religious institutions. On Tuesday, June 28, NCG finally had its first IN-PERSON Delegate's Assembly since the advent of the Pandemic. Financial matters and future NCG agenda issues were discussed. At the end of the gathering, our Rabbi Akselrad offered a prayer and a rousing CALL FOR ACTION which inspired us all! The CNT NCG Steering Committee meets on the third Thursday of the month at 5:15 p.m. The Addiction & Recovery Team meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m., both currently via ZOOM. All are welcome to attend.

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Todah rabah!

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