

## CONGREGATION **NER TAMID**

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#### Friday, April 1, 2022

6:15 p.m. – Shabbatones, *Shir* and Birthday *Shabbat* Service

#### Saturday, April 2, 2022

8:45 a.m. – Torah Study
10:00 a.m. – Morning *Shabbat/* Minyan Service
(Zoom only)
11:00 a.m. – Our Jewish Heritage



#### Friday, April 8, 2022

7:00 p.m. – *Shabbat* Service

#### Saturday, April 9, 2022

8:45 a.m. – Torah Study
10:00 a.m. – Morning *Shabbat/* Minyan Service
(Zoom only)
11:00 a.m. – Our Jewish Heritage



#### Friday, April 15, 2022

5:30 p.m. – *Shabbat* Service 6:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Temple Passover Seder in the Social Hall

#### Saturday, April 16, 2022

8:45 a.m. – Torah Study
10:00 a.m. – Morning *Shabbat*/ Minyan Service
(Zoom only)
11:00 a.m. – Our Jewish Heritage

#### Friday, April 22, 2022

6:15 p.m. – *Yizkor* Service 7:00 p.m. – *Shabbat* Service in the Round/ Rabbi's Reflections on Rabbinic Mission To Poland/ Ukrainian Border Sixth – 12th Grade NTTY Lounge Night

#### Saturday, April 23, 2022

8:45 a.m. – Torah Study
10:00 a.m. – Morning *Shabbat/* Minyan Service
(Zoom only)
11:00 a.m. – Our Jewish Heritage



## Friday, April 29, 2022 Pop-Up *Shabbat* Service with Neshama Carlebach at El Cortez

5:30 p.m. – Shuttle from CNT, \$10
6:00 p.m. – Tot *Shabbat* crafts
6:30 p.m. – Tot *Shabbat* Service
7:00 p.m. – Main *Shabbat* Service
8:00 p.m. – Menorah Level Donor Mixer
Young Adult Pizza and Beer Mixer
Treats Sponsored by Bagelmania
Free Parking at El Cortez

#### Saturday, April 30, 2022

8:45 a.m. – Torah Study
10:00 a.m. – Morning *Shabbat/* Minyan Service
(Zoom only)
11:00 a.m. – Our Jewish Heritage

All Torah Study and Minyan Services will be held on Zoom in April. For Zoom links, go to our calendar at www.lvnertamid.org.

## NYC-Trained Culinary Talent To Cater CNT's Passover Seder

Charoset, chicken, gefilte fish, matzah ball soup, potato kugel, stuffed cabbage, vegetables, delicious desserts and wine catered by Madeline Morris and her son David Shamah are what you'll find at Congregation Ner Tamid's Passover Seder on Friday, April 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are now available for a seat in CNT's Social Hall for a traditional Passover Seder.

"I've catered for Congregation Ner Tamid for quite a few years, but had to stop during Covid," caterer Morris said. "This will be the first big event I've catered since Covid, and getting back to normal feels just wonderful."

Morris earned her catering cred from Peter Kump's New York Cooking School in New York City, now called The Institute of Culinary Education (ICE). Kump also co-founded the James Beard Foundation with renowned chef Julia Child. "We're looking forward to a big turnout at Congregation Ner Tamid this year because I know people want to meet up with each other again and enjoy a really good Passover Seder," Morris said.

Morris' son David, who was educated at ICE and had two restaurants in Brooklyn, NY is now a partner in his mom's catering company. Morris said David's partnership is the icing on the cake. "We're really excited to cater for Congregation Ner Tamid again because we love all the people there, and Rabbi Akselrad and Cantor Hutchings do such a beautiful job with the children at the Seder," she said. "And this year, we're adding stuffed cabbage to the menu for the first time. We thought people would enjoy that 'home cooking' flavor."

"After two years of holding virtual Passover Seders it will be wonderful to gather again in

person for Passover," Rabbi Akselrad said.
"Whether you come alone or with your family,
we're preparing a 'home away from home'
experience and an exciting and spiritually
uplifting Seder for the entire community."

"We hope our Passover Seder pleases everybody," Morris said, "and our biggest reward will be seeing people happy when they eat our food."

A seat at the table costs \$55 for CNT Members, \$75 for non-members, \$125 for a Family Pass (family of four), \$18 for children aged five – 12, and children four and younger dine for free. Seating will be limited, so make your reservations now at www.lvnertamid.org.



## CNT NEWS

## 'Little Mermaid' Purim Spiel, 'Under The Sea' Purim Carnival



Make Big Splash At CNT



Two bounce houses, an obstacle course, a gaga pit, a kiddie train, a WeGoGamez video game truck, balloon art, face painting and glitter hair, food trucks, a Ready Set Gig! live DJ, a Vegas Golden Knights Ticket Raffle, and a Dunk the Rabbi booth... Congregation Ner Tamid's "Under the Sea" Purim Carnival attracted more than 250 costumed members and attendees on Sunday, March 13, 2022, and made a big splash celebrating the holiday.

The morning started in the Joyce and Jerome Mack Sanctuary with a Religious School Teen Talent Show and CNT Cantor Hutchings' production of "The Little Mermaid" Purim Spiel, where the age-old good vs. evil story of Queen Esther vs. Haman and the survival of the Jewish people was told through the narrative of Disney's "The Little Mermaid."

"Almost two years to the date that we shut our doors for the pandemic, we came back better than ever with a 'Little Mermaid' Spiel and 'Under the Sea' Carnival," Cantor Hutchings said. "From our talented students to our dedicated volunteers and staff, we, at CNT, shook our groggers to blot out Haman, celebrated the heroes Esther and Mordechai, and retold Megillat Esther in a most meaningful and creative way. We hope to continue inspiring the Jewish community from one generation to the next."



















When the fins stopped flipping and flapping after a Spiel standing ovation, attendees waded outdoors to enjoy a Carnival that offered onshore delights from Hamantaschen, freshly baked by CNT's Sisterhood and Religious School parents, to Nevada H&C Distilling Co.'s Smoke Wagon Bourbon and Silver Dollar Vodka (for the adults only).

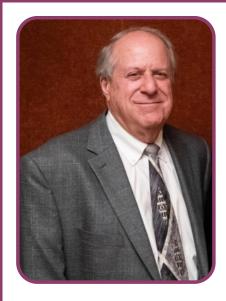
The biggest lines were formed to buy wristbands for unlimited play for the kids, to feast on burgers and pastrami sandwiches from the Sandwich Brothers Deli food truck, to cool off with a Jamba Juice and a Kona Ice, and to get a chance to dunk CNT's Rabbi Akselrad in the Dunk the Rabbi booth that raised money and earned member Benton Josephs bragging rights for life for soaking Rabbi Akselrad with one powerful pitch.

"It was so exciting to be back in person again to celebrate Purim," Rabbi Akselrad said after toweling off. "Agreeing to be 'dunked' at the Carnival added an extra bit of fun allowing us to raise even more money for our Religious School."

The CNT Sisterhood Gift Shop was also open during the Carnival, and many members and visitors were able to shop for quality Judaica items in time for Passover.

Everyone who left the CNT campus was treated to a take-home gift and a free suntan courtesy of favorable weather that shone on CNT's first big outdoor celebration since the Covid pandemic subsided.

## PRESIDENTIAL PERSPECTIVES



I never cease to be surprised when my non-Jewish friends and acquaintances (and some Jewish friends and acquaintances) assume that CNT is part of a hierarchical institution; that CNT is answerable to and dependent upon a higher authority. There are other religions that are similar to the Jewish model, but it still surprises some when I explain that CNT is a stand-alone, nonprofit corporation with a Board of Trustees elected by and answerable to its congregants, solely responsible for its financial affairs, and reliant upon its

congregants for its well being and existence.

This June we will again have the opportunity to attend our Annual Meeting, explore what we have accomplished (or not) and wish to accomplish in the future, ask questions, and exercise self-governance. We are proud of what we have accomplished over the past two years and look forward to the meeting. And, in anticipation that the pandemic will not again rear its ugly head again, it will be in person.

During the past two years, despite the lockdown and social distancing, we have experienced a significant increase in member involvement in activities and leadership; not only at the Board level but in committees, social organizations, and sponsored activities. The Membership, Education, Social Action, newly formed Finance and Ways and Means Committees, Sisterhood, MENSch Club, Preschool and Religious School attendance and volunteers, OurGen, and Chavurahs are examples of greater lay participation. And we need more.

So, if you and/ or members of your family are interested in greater involvement and participation, please let us know. Call Ed, Roberta, or Leslie in the office. If you know a Board member, speak to them. Or speak to Rabbi or Cantor.

Jerry Gordon, President

## My Hineni Moment

In the book of Genesis, Adam is asked Man's first question by God, "Where Art Thou?" Sadly, Adam has no answer. Ashamed, he thinks he can hide from God. It would take a great deal of time, and even tragedy (think The Flood) before a person arose who found the answer to this question in one simple word: "Hineni." Thus, spoke Abraham in response to God's call. This word was the beginning of Judaism and means simply, "Here I am."



Being a Jew means listening for our "Hineni Moments" when we feel called to be a partner with God in making a difference. For me, this moment is now.

I will be flying to Krakow, Poland on April 9 on a special rabbinic mission with a few of my colleagues from the Reform movement.

Together we will provide moral, humanitarian, and pastoral support for the countless refugees from the Ukrainian war. As I write this column in the midst of March, it is possible that by the time this Bulletin is published, a ceasefire will have transpired; please God. But it seems unlikely at this moment. Moreover, with sadness, it is clear that due to the onslaught by the Russians, the need to help refugees will be with us for a long time to come.

As the trip approaches, I will know more about my itinerary and what we will be asked to do specifically. But one thing is certain, the first matter at hand is to show up; to bear witness. In times like this, when we all feel a bit helpless to act, I have found a way that will work for me to do something that I hope will make a difference.

Upon return, I will share the stories of my journey at a special Shabbat Service on Friday, April 22, and speak of the people I met, and the lives that have been changed forever. I suspect, one of those lives will be my own.

#### B'shalom, Rabbi Sanford Akselrad

We are collecting funds through Congregation Ner Tamid where 100% of those funds will go directly to the refugee efforts through the JCC of Krakow at:

https://lvnertamid.shulcloud.com/ukraine#

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## CANTOR'S CORNER

As we take a big exhale from an amazing Purim, let's not get too comfortable in the post chag glow because Passover is here!!! If you have never been to a CNT seder, this is your chance. We gather with friends and family and experience the four cups of wine and a little too much fun. What is better than singing about liberation and freedom amongst your community???

When we say shalom to Pesach, we say shalom to an innovative prayer experience that we had to put on hold not once, not twice, but three times. Pop-Up Shabbat is back, for REAL!

Neshama Carlebach is our guest artist. This queen of Jewish music is an award-winning singer, songwriter, and educator who has performed and taught in cities around the world. A winner and four-time nominee in the



Independent Music Awards for her most current release, "Believe," and winner of the Global Music Awards Silver Award for Outstanding Performance by a female vocalist for the album, Carlebach has sold more than one million records, making her one of today's best-selling Jewish artists in the world. Carlebach is coming from New York with her bandmates to give us an unforgettable service filled with soulful music and prose.

Never been to Pop-Up Shabbat? A few years ago, while meeting with my colleague and friend, Heather Klein, the Cantorial Soloist at Temple Sinai in Summerlin, we were trying to come up with a diverse, innovative, and meaningful experience for both of our communities to share in, together, in one neutral spot in the city. Her Rabbi, Rabbi Cohen, had been hosting small pop-up prayer and question booths around town at random times, which gave us the idea to take it to the next level and involve as much of the Las Vegas/ Henderson Jewish community as possible. With the help of Jewish Nevada, local sponsors, many volunteers, and renowned Jewish musicians, we created a Shabbat like never before. We have had two Pop-Up Shabbatot with Noah Aronson and Nefesh Mountain, and a Pop-Up Chanukah with Beit Tefillah Israeli.

This year, we Pop-Up Shabbat on Friday, April 29, 2022, with Neshama Carlebach back in Downtown Las Vegas outside of the El Cortez (a space graciously sponsored by the Epstein family). You can reserve your spot today! It's free and parking is free at El Cortez or you can skip the drive and take the bus from CNT for \$10.

We will have Tot Shabbat crafts at 6:00 p.m., a Tot Shabbat at 6:30 p.m., the Main Service at 7:00 p.m., and a Menorah-Level Donor Mixer, and a Young Adult Pizza and Beer Mixer at 8:00 p.m. We'll have treats sponsored by Bagelmania and many more surprises and fun. Let's gather and show how very proud we are to be Jewish.

We look forward to embracing the liberation of Passover and dancing proudly and freely Jewish as we bring in a most epic Shabbat.

May we all experience a Passover where all who are hungry have enough to eat, when all who suffer experience freedom, and where we all remember where we have been as a peoplehood and continue to strive for where we are going. AMEN

## CNT's Kantor Early Childhood Education Center Hosts Purim Parade, Extends Summer Camp Session

CNT's Gary & Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center staged a Purim Parade on Thursday, March 17, where costumed cuties completed a lap around our Greenspun Campus for Jewish life, learning, and spiritual renewal and celebrated in grand style – groggers in hand!

CNT's Kantor ECEC also announced it is extending its summer camp session, for 18-month to 5-year-olds, from Tuesday, May 31, through Friday, July 29, 2022, adding an additional two weeks to the program.

"Our children will enjoy thematic learning through experiential and fun topics combined with water play, special visitors, and more," Farrah Berlin-Tomaro, CNT's Kantor ECEC's new Preschool Director, said.

Enrolled families who refer a new family that enrolls will receive \$100 off next month's tuition; CNT members will receive a 10 percent discount, and; families who enroll more than one child will receive a 10 percent discount off of the lowest tuition.

CNT's Kantor ECEC is also enrolling children from 18-months through Pre-K for Preschool for the next school year. Director Tomaro said a child's earliest educational experiences set the stage for all learning throughout life, and she wants The Kantor ECEC to be a place where those enrolled acquire social, emotional, and academic skills.

While all-inclusive, The Kantor ECEC is a gateway to the Reform synagogue where Jewish learning comes to life on a daily basis.

To learn more: (702) 632-2250, ext. 211, www.lvnertamid.org, @KantorEarlyChildhood – Facebook, @Kantor\_ECEC – Instagram

\* Check out CNT's Preschool Purim Parade video on Facebook and Instagram



## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

## Religious School Students' Trip To LA, Talent Show, Purim Spiel



From Purim Shabbat at Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills to Shabbat in the Sand at Manhattan Beach to 'Hamilton' at the Hollywood Pantages Theatre to the Museum of Tolerance and everything in between... CNT's **TEEN TRIBE** Trip to Los Angeles, CA, was a precious, meaningful, and bonding experience for all.

This semester has continued to be great fun for our **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**. Students had the opportunity to participate in the Purim Spiel, which took place on Sunday, March 13. Along with a Talent Show and a Carnival, Purim was a huge hit for everyone. The fifth grade students have continued to learn about life cycles, and the Fifth Grade Wedding celebrating the vow renewals/wedding ceremony of Dena and Alan Mann was a beautiful event on Sunday, March 27.

Join us for Shabbat Services each week and send your selfies to Cantor Hutchings or Hayley Wizig. The second Shabbat of each month is Shir Shabbat at 6:15 p.m. and is geared towards Pre-K through fifth grade students. The fourth Shabbat of each month is Shabbat in the Round at 7:00 p.m. and is geared towards our sixth to 12th grade students.

CNT encourages all of its students to participate in **YOUTH GROUP** events. These events allow for students to bond and get to know each other in a fun, safe, and Jewish setting. Overseen by Hayley Wizig, our third to 12th graders have many opportunities throughout the year to participate in events. We have NTTY (Ner Tamid Temple Youth) events for our eighth to 12th graders, TNT (Tweens of Ner Tamid) events for our sixth and seventh graders, and IBN (Itty Bitty NTTY) for our third to fifth graders.

Our final IBN/ TNT event of the year will be on Sunday, April 24, after Religious School, with IBN being run by Ilana Cohen and TNT being run by Isaac Roachford-Gould.

NTTY Teens have lounge nights each month after Shabbat in the Round services, led by Hayley Wizig.

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## Yom HaShoah Observance Holocaust Memorial Plaza Dedication

Sunday, April 24, 2022

King David Memorial Chapel & Cemetery 2697 E. Eldorado Ln., Las Vegas

Indoor Service Begins At 3:30 P.M.

Featuring A Virtual Appearance By Tali Nates
Of The Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre
"Monuments And Memory; Understanding The Holocaust"

Outdoor Dedication To Follow

Open To The Public \* Services Available Via Livestream https://webcasting.cashmanpro.com/pm/watchliveevent.cfm? eventID=208833











## **ADULT EDUCATION**

### A Holocaust Memorial, A History Lesson

The Board of Rabbis of Southern Nevada will lead this year's Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, commemoration on Sunday, April 24, 2022, at King David Memorial Chapel & Cemetery, 2697 E. Eldorado Ln., Las Vegas, and dedicate King David's newly-constructed Holocaust Memorial Plaza.

Services will begin in-person and via live stream at 3:30 p.m. inside King David's Chapel, and the dedication will follow outdoors at the Memorial.

Tali Nates, founder and executive director of The Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre, will be featured virtually at the Service and present "Monuments and Memory; Understanding the Holocaust."

"I think it's amazing that King David is making this contribution to the Las Vegas Jewish community by setting aside sacred space where survivors and their descendants can pay their respects," Rabbi Akselrad, Yom HaShoah Chair, said. "It will also become a very special place where children can come learn about the Shoah, about what happened, what lessons were learned, and the importance of being vigilant and being proud of Jewish heritage."

"For most survivors, there is no place to go to mourn their family members who were murdered in the Shoah," Esther Toporek Finder, president of the Holocaust Survivors Group of Southern Nevada and Generations of the Shoah – Nevada (GS-N), said. "This Memorial may give comfort to those who want a physical place to say Kaddish."

"We're very proud to be a part of the Jewish community and felt this was an amazing way to give back to it," Jay Poster, general manager of King David Memorial Chapel and Cemetery, said.



#### **FAITH MATTERS**

w/ Rabbi Akselrad and Reverand Doll



Wednesday, April 13, 2022 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Dr. Adrian N. Doll Questions & Connections Passover/ Easter







Wednesday, April 20, 2022 7:00 p.m. with Tali Nates

The Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre



### **CHAVURAH CHAZERAI**

HURRAH FOR CHAVURAH! Thanks to all who attended our Chavurah Shabbat on Friday, March 4. About 80 CNT Chavurah Leaders, members and new members (2020/ 2021) mixed and mingled, enjoyed the Membership Committee's Wine and Cheese reception (thanks to Illisa and Eric Polis and Barney Tabach) and signed up to join multiple Chavurah groups. Some started their own including Elaine Entin and Harvey Hirsch who will lead the Fine Art of Liquor Chavurah. There was interest expressed in starting a Film Chavurah by new member Anthony Saenz, a Hebrew Language Study Group Chavurah, and CNT member Denny Wertheimer showed off his Pickleball groundstroke right in the middle of our Social Hall!

Plus, the Book, Mahjong, and Pickleball Chavurahs have been meeting regularly. See them in action on CNT's Facebook and Instagram social media posts.

"The heart and soul of synagogue life is community," Rabbi Akselrad said. "And the Chavurah program is a wonderful way to find people who are like-minded, have similar interests, and develop friendships. It's yet another special connection to synagogue life. We're so grateful to see so many people anxious to get involved again!"

"Introducing the Chavurah program has been a breath of fresh air," Membership Committee cochair Barney Tabach said. "After two years of separation, creating a process for us to gather together and share similar interests is invigorating."

All CNT members who have signed up to join a Chavurah have been contacted and e-introduced to their fellow group members.



CNT Chavurah Matchmaker Wendy Roberts is available to help all our groups pick a leader, hold their first meeting and start having fun.

"People meet each other more easily in smaller groups apart from the large group," Roberts said. "The Chavarot accomplishes this beautifully."

To join a Chavurah, go to Ivnertamid.org (702) 733-6292, ext. 205 CNTChavurah@Ivnertamid.org

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS 2022**

Eileen Blakemore Amy Greene Anthony Saenz



## **MEMBERSHIP**

ADVENTURE CLUB \* ART AND PAINTING \* B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS 2022-2023 \* BEETHOVEN TO Chavurah Shabbat, Friday, March 4\* CAREGIVERS CARING FOR EACH OTHER \* CHAI CHAVURAH \* CLASSICAL MUSIC JUNKIES







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# PLEASE JOIN US Monday, April 18, 2022 Our Annual Women's Seder Led by our Cantor Jessica Hutchings

Please see the flyer insert in the Bulletin to make your reservation! We are looking forward to celebrating Passover together.

## SAVE THE DATE Our Sisterhood General Meeting Thursday, May 19, 2022

(Date change from original Sisterhood calendar)
6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall
Come schmooze with your Sisterhood sisters.
Wine, Cheese, Dessert, and more!

#### **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.

April Meeting – Thursday, April 7, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. via Zoom If you would like to attend, please email and let us know.

Questions or comments?

Please email: cntsisterhoodlv@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events.

Michelle Blank - President

## **SISTERHOOD**

## Mark L. Fine and Family Gift Shop

We have a beautiful selection of Judaica merchandise for all Holidays and any special occasion – Mezuzahs, Jewelry, Tallit, and more...

Our Gift Shop is open 45 minutes before Friday Services.

Passover begins Friday, April 15, and we have beautiful Seder plates.

Need help with all the Matzah crumbs? We have a hand Matzah sweeper!

We are also open by appointment.

Please call:

Cathy Linefsky ~ Cell (702) 521-8651 Cheryl Cohen ~ Cell (702) 755-1737

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

\* Look out for our CNT Sisterhood Gift Shop video commercial on Facebook and Instagram in April



COME VISIT FOR PASSOVER!

## Passover Bread Pudding



**Ingredients** − (Serves 6) − 4 matzos (broken into pieces), 1 tbsp. apple (peeled cored and grated), 3 ounces raisins, 1½ ounces dried apricots, 2 ounces chopped and toasted almonds (or walnuts), 2½ ounces sugar, 1 tsp. cinnamon, ½ tsp. grated nutmeg, 1 tbsp. honey, 1 lemon (zest and juice), 3 medium eggs, 3 tbsp. matzah meal, 3 ounces margarine, 1 tbsp. sugar, 2 tbsp. marmalade (optional)

**Instructions** – 1. Put broken matzos in a bowl, cover with cold water, and steep for 10 minutes. Drain and mash with a fork. 2. Preheat oven to 350 F. 3. Grease an 8- or 9-inch square baking dish. 4. To mashed matzos add apple, raisins, apricots, nuts. Mix well. 5. Then add half the sugar and cinnamon, nutmeg, honey, lemon zest, and juice. Mix again. 6. Beat eggs with remaining sugar for a few minutes until creamy and sugar is dissolved. 7. Stir in melted margarine and scrape into baking dish. 8. Level out and scatter 1 tbs. of sugar. 9. Bake until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean and top is browned and slightly puffed (about 1 hour). 10. Once baked melt marmalade or jam in a pan and brush over pudding (optional) to glaze and leave to cool. 11. Serve hot with cream, room temp with tea, or cold as a midnight snack!

## Steak & Spirits – Saturday, April 2

Calling all MENSches.... If you are a male member of Congregation Ner Tamid and over the age of 18, the CNT MENSch Club is looking for more than just a few good men who strive to embody the definition of a mensch – a person of integrity and honor.

Most recently, our group helped set up and break down the Purim Carnival and generally helped around the CNT campus where and when help was needed.

Socially, we have planned our second Steak & Spirits event on Saturday, April 2, and are in the process of planning a golf night at TOPGOLF. With spring and summer around the corner, we are also arranging to attend a Las Vegas Aviator game at the Las Vegas Ballpark.

We look forward to meeting those of you who are new to the Temple and reconnecting with those of you whom we have not seen recently.

Please watch your email for further correspondence regarding our upcoming events. If you are currently not enrolled in MENSch Club and would like to get involved, please contact us for information on how to become a member of this great group of men.

Rich Greenis – MENSch Club President



## KING DAVID MEMORIAL GARDEN

When a loved one passes away, Jewish tradition teaches us to remember them annually by lighting a candle on the date of their passing, or Yahrzeit. We honor and show our love for the departed and remember that those who have passed away never truly leave us as long as we hold them in our hearts and adopt their life lessons into our own daily lives. If you'd like to pay homage to a loved one, add their name to our Rows of Remembrance.

Join us for our *Yizkor* Service in the Garden Friday, April 22, 2022, 6:15 p.m.

To reserve or to purchase a Yahrzeit plaque please contact: Roberta Unger (702) 733-6292 runger@lvnertamid.org





### NEVADANS FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Dorie Kirtman, dbdb2@hotmail.com Susan Sernoe, sus830@centurylink.net

"OUR LIVES are fashioned by our choices. First we make our choices. Then our choices make us." – Anne Frank

So goes Nevadans for the Common Good with its choices and selection of projects that are meaningful to all of us in the Jewish and Southern Nevada Community.

Since the advent of the coronavirus, NCG has been focusing on helping folks with their difficulties in dealing with the pandemic. Loss of income, food shortages, housing evictions, and other challenges occupy the work of our Henderson and NCG Strategy Teams. They are now focused on gathering information and identifying priority issues to present to community leaders and policymakers in the next few months.

ALSO, our NCG Addiction and Recovery team, based at CNT, has been busy holding a weekly four-part educational forum for students at UNLV. The series focuses on (1) Addiction: Impact and Advocacy; (2) Addiction in Context; (3) Advocating for Health: NCG Successful Legislative Advocacy; and (4) Introduction to the Use of Narcan/ Prevention of Overdose.

Alcohol, marijuana, stimulants, psychedelic/ hallucinogenic drugs, tranquilizers, painkillers, and opioids are prominently in use today on college campuses. Participants in the UNLV educational sessions have been learning about the challenging issues surrounding addiction, as well as some of the community organizing tools employed by NCG in fighting for systemic change.

The CNT NCG Steering Committee meets on the third Thursday of the month at 5:15 p.m., and the Addiction & Recovery Team meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. – both via Zoom.

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## Mitzvah Day at CNT

The Social Action committee is busy planning its Mitzvah Day activities in conjunction with CNT's Annual BBQ on Sunday, May 15.

Mitzvah projects will start at 9:00 a.m., in CNT's Social Hall, and include a blood drive, decorating memorial rocks, putting together produce bags for Three Square, and more.

As CNT's BBQ gets fired up at 11:00 a.m., and CNT's Religious School wraps up its last day at 12:00 p.m., the Social Action will be hosting its Mitzvah Day booths until 1:00 p.m.

"We are excited about combining the joy of being with our families and community with the joy of helping others," Cindy Jensen, Social Action Committee Chair, said. "What better way to practice tikkun olam!"

### A TASTE OF JUDAISM: ARE YOU CURIOUS?

Join us for three FREE sessions exploring a **modern** Jewish take on spirituality, values, and community

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. May 4, 11, and 18, 2022

Open To The Community
For The Beginner... Jewish Or Not

At Congregation Ner Tamid
55 N. Valle Verde Dr., Henderson

Taught By Rabbi Sanford Akselrad
Cantor Jessica Hutchings, Pam Henderson

**REGISTER: (702) 632-2204** 



## We're building to better serve the Jewish community.

THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL PLAZA

To honor our heritage, we've begun construction on The Holocaust Memorial Plaza in remembrance of the historic events and conditions our ancestors faced during the Holocaust.

To learn more or schedule a tour, call 702-464-8570.



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Every Detail Remembered



**Todah rabah!** Thank you to the following who provided contributions to Congregation Ner Tamid between Feb. 9 and March 8, 2022.

We appreciate all donations, but in order for a Yahrzeit donation to be listed in the Bulletin, your donation must be a minimum of \$18.

#### Rabbi Akselrad's Discretionary Fund In Memory Of:

Joe Wexler by:
Joanne and Elliot Harris
Mark Jermon by:
Suzanne Jermon
Teressa Gogel by:
Margaret Parnas



Cantor Hutchings'
Discretionary Fund
Susan and Adam Godorov



## **Chesed Fund In Memory Of:**

Ellen Sonenthal by: Shirley and Tony Kouffman Sylvia Ruth Hayman by: Shirley and Tony Kouffman



Early Childhood Education Fund In Memory of:

Ellen Sonenthal by: Nanette and Ira Spector

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