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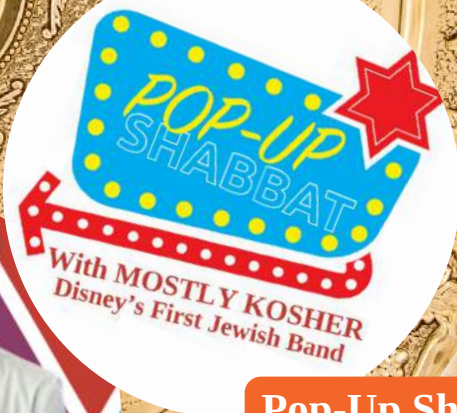
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## **Saturday, April 1, 2023**

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. –

*Torah* Study honoring Transgender Visibility Day  
with Rabbah Rona Matlow followed by  
a brief *Shabbat Minyon* Service  
12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage

## **Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. –

Passover *Seder* with  
Jewish Country Music Superstar Joe Buchanan



## **Friday, April 7, 2023**

7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. –

*Shabbat* Service with  
Jewish Country Music Superstar Joe Buchanan

## **Saturday, April 8, 2023**

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study

10:00 a.m. – *Shabbat Minyon* Service –  
*Tefillah*/ Prayer

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage



## **Friday, April 14, 2023**

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. –

Preschool's *Shabbat* Sing

5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. –

*Yizkor* Service in Memorial Garden

6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – *Shabbat* Service with  
The Shabbatones featuring Birthday Blessings  
7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – NTTY Lounge Night

*All Torah Study and Minyan Services  
will be held on Zoom  
unless noted otherwise above.  
For Zoom links, go to our calendar  
at [www.lvnertamid.org](http://www.lvnertamid.org).*

## **Saturday, April 15, 2023**

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. –

Cortland Familian's *Bar Mitzvah*  
10:00 a.m. – *Shabbat Minyon* Service –  
*Tefillah*/ Prayer  
12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage

## **Sunday, April 16, 2023**

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – *Yom HaShoah*  
Commemoration at Temple Beth Sholom



## **Friday, April 21, 2023**

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. –

Preschool's *Shabbat* Sing  
7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. – *Shabbat* Service

## **Saturday, April 22, 2023**

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. –  
Remi Clark's *Bat Mitzvah*  
10:00 a.m. – *Shabbat Minyon* Service –  
*Tefillah*/ Prayer

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage



## **Friday, April 28, 2023**

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. –

Preschool's *Shabbat* Sing  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – **Pop-Up Shabbat**  
with Mostly Kosher at El Cortez

## **Saturday, April 29, 2023**

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study

10:00 a.m. – *Shabbat Minyon* Service –  
*Tefillah*/ Prayer

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage

# PASSOVER SEDER

## Jewish Country Music Superstar Joe Buchanan To Host CNT's Passover Seder

Congregation Ner Tamid's Traditional Passover Seder, on **Wednesday, April 5**, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., will feature Jewish Country Music Superstar Joe Buchanan as Artist-in-Residence sponsored by The Alan H. Bachman and Judy L. Bachman Foundation.

"Passover in Las Vegas? You bet we're doing that!" Buchanan said. "The always amazing Cantor Jessica Hutchings and I will be leading the First Night Seder alongside the good folks at Congregation Ner Tamid on Wednesday and singing in Shabbat together that **Friday, April 7**. If you're nearby and looking for a table, it would be so good to see you."

Attendees will also enjoy a delicious meal by Madeline Morris Catering. CNT's menu will include gefilte fish, chopped liver, matzah ball soup, brisket of beef with tomato barbecue sauce, fried chicken with matzah crust, roast chicken, tricolor cole slaw, baked mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, seasonal green vegetables, baby green salad with vinaigrette dressing, and delicious desserts and wine.

"This year we remember the Exodus story and how we were freed from slavery out of Egypt," Congregation Ner Tamid's Cantor Hutchings said. "And we celebrate each year. We remember year after year with this beautiful Seder where we gather together to commemorate that time in our people's history. This year with a special twist, we're bringing in superstar country star, Joe Buchanan. He is a friend of Congregation Ner Tamid, and he's also a very talented country musician. It will be a very special Passover Seder, and we're excited to share it with our community. We welcome anyone who is looking for a Passover seder."

CNT's Passover Seder will take place at the Henderson synagogue, at 55 N. Valle Verde Dr. For pricing information and to register, go to [www.lvnertamid.org](http://www.lvnertamid.org).

Congregation Ner Tamid's  
**PASSOVER SEDER**  
Featuring Jewish Country Music Superstar  
**JOE BUCHANAN**

**WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 5, 2023**  
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
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In part, our lives operate in accordance with and are impacted by various calendars and cycles: the yearly calendar beginning on January 1st; the school calendar for many of our Congregants; the four seasons, though other than summer, not so much in Las Vegas; the Jewish calendar which seems to be a mystery to all of us given its lack of coordination with our other calendars; though not of much importance in our daily lives, various fiscal calendars. As for CNT, we operate on a combination of all of them. The Jewish calendar controls the timing of our religious services and related activities, the school calendar impacts our Religious and Hebrew School and our Preschool, our financial activities are tied to a July 1st to June 30th fiscal calendar, and our desert heat and winds impact much of our activities.

So, as I write this bulletin article while anticipating the cessation of much of our activities over the coming weeks, we have much to accomplish. We will plan for the next year's Religious School and Preschool as well as our religious services and other programming. Our affiliate organizations will do the same, and we need to continue to refurbish and improve our facilities.

Related to all of this is the development and adoption by the Board of a budget for the coming fiscal year. While we have performed consistent with this year's budget, given the uncertainty of our domestic and local economy and the growth of our Congregation, as usual, we will be challenged in equating our needs and aspirations with our resources. While the budget process seeks to balance expected expenses with projected revenues for the coming fiscal year, the Board will also consider our needs and aspirations for years to come. Last calendar year we added 44 families bringing our membership to more than 545 families. Since the beginning of this calendar year, our growth has continued at a record pace. As such, given all of this, both sides of the budget will increase.

In June we will be conducting our Annual Meeting. In addition to electing Congregants to open Board positions, we will report and discuss the past year as well as what we wish to accomplish in the future. Congregant feedback and participation are essential. Last year we were able to restart our in-person Annual Meeting, and attendance was better than we expected. I hope that this year many more of you will attend and participate.

**Jerry Gordon, President**

***The Alan H. Bachman and Judy L. Bachman Foundation  
is graciously donating funds to Congregation Ner Tamid Members  
in need of financial assistance for Jewish summer camps  
and synagogue membership dues.***

***Please contact CNT Executive Director Edward Simon for more information at  
[esimon@lvnertamid.org](mailto:esimon@lvnertamid.org) or (702) 733-6292.***



# TIKKUN OLAM LUNCHEON

## Former U.S. Congresswoman Shelley Berkley and Dr. Larry Lehrner To Be Honored By Congregation Ner Tamid

Former U.S. Congresswoman Shelley Berkley and Dr. Larry Lehrner will be the recipients of Congregation Ner Tamid's Michael A. Cherry Tikkun Olam Community Service Award. This special honor is given to those dedicated to "Tikkun Olam," which reflects the highest ideal of the Jewish people, namely to "repair the world," and demonstrates the same commitment to social justice as the award's namesake, former Nevada Supreme Court Justice Michael A. Cherry.

The Italian-themed awards brunch will take place on **Sunday, April 23**, at Bella Vita, 4965 Blue Diamond Rd., from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

"I am so excited to celebrate and honor Shelley Berkley and Dr. Larry Lehrner for this year's Tikkun Olam Service Award," Congregation Ner Tamid's Cantor Jessica Hutchings said. "There are no two better people in this city to exemplify what it means to give back, to do Tikkun Olam, to make the world a better place, and make our community a better place."

Berkley is Senior Vice President of the Touro University system and served the State of Nevada in the United States House of Representatives from 1998 to 2013. Berkley is married to Lehrner, a kidney specialist and Touro adjunct faculty member who is Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Nephrology. He is actively involved with local and national medical organizations that work to improve the quality of care for the population at large.

Berkley and Lehrner are both longtime Congregation Ner Tamid Members.

To celebrate this prestigious honor, and to find out more about sponsorship opportunities and inclusion in a digital tribute book, go to **[www.lvnertamid.org](http://www.lvnertamid.org)**.



*Congregation Ner Tamid's*  
***Tikkun Olam Luncheon***  
*honoring*  
*Former U.S. Congresswoman*  
***Shelley Berkley & Dr. Larry Lehrner***  
*Recipients of the Justice Michael A. Cherry*  
*Community Service Award*

**Sunday, April 23, 2023 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

***Bella Vita***

*4965 Blue Diamond Rd., Las Vegas, NV*

**Tikkun Olam Committee  
Co-Chairs**

Andrea Harris –  
VP of Ways & Means  
Elaine Entin  
Hillary Steinberg

**Honorary Committee  
Co-Chairs**

U.S. Senator for Nevada Jacky Rosen  
Nevada Supreme Court Justice  
Elissa F. Cadish  
Marla Letizia and Beth Molasky

***Dress: Business Casual***

***Tickets: \$100***

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As we walked through the Jewish tenements of the Lower East Side during our Teen Tribe Trip in New York City last month, I watched the eyes of 12 teens glaze over, wondering what their lives would have looked like in pre-World War(s) America... They wondered what it would be like to be immigrants, to learn a new language, have limited resources, and most importantly, be without iPhones, WiFi, or TikTok. They asked, “But where did they sleep?” “Where is the rest of the apartment?” “Where is the bathroom?” “Why is the baby’s crib next to the oven?” It seemed both fascinating and also unfathomable for people... their ancestors... to have lived in such a manner. For the first time in their young lives, they saw how life could have been if they would have been born in another time and place.

With only a walk down the narrow rickety stairs and back out onto the New York City streets, they transformed back into teens living in 2023, and their everyday comforts received a little more gratitude. The purpose of our journey was not only to equip the teens with a glimpse into history but also to give them a tangible reason to continue holding tight to traditions that have connected our people for thousands of years. As they watch their Bubbe make a secret recipe for matzo ball soup, maybe they will be inclined to jump in and learn how to make it themselves. When they gather around the Pesach table, the words of slavery to liberation will resonate more keenly and encourage them to continue retelling the story for generations to come.

As our students learned on their journey in March, when Jewish people arrived in this country they were in search of a diasporic homeland and they quickly made an effort to assimilate. For many, assimilation meant leaving Judaism at the door. The repercussions of blending in led to each generation becoming less Jewishly connected than the last. Thankfully, Judaism did not wash away along the way, and the importance of tradition, uniqueness, and oneness survived all of these years. Imagine if our ancestors assimilated so fully that this generation did not even know they were Jewish! Where would we be today? Would Judaism be lost forever? Joyously, it is not lost! The more experiences like this that we can give our students, the more we promise richly engaged generations to come.

At the end of March, we gave you Rainbow Shabbat to remind you that ALL PEOPLE are welcome at CNT, no matter who they are or how they love. On **Wednesday, April 5**, we bring you a first-night Passover seder with a tableside country music concert (with a special Shabbat on **Friday, April 7**). Later this month, on **Sunday, April 23**, we honor the righteous among us, Shelley Berkley and Dr. Larry Lehrner, at our Tikkun Olam luncheon. Then, on **Friday, April 28**, we welcome Disney’s first Jewish band, Mostly Kosher, for our annual Pop-Up Shabbat in Downtown Las Vegas. We do not bring our Congregation programs like this just because they are fun (I mean, they are SO



FUN!), but we also bring experiences to you because we know that engaging you means Judaism lives on with us and has the potential to live on for the generations who come after us... Therefore, we concur with our ancestors of tenement times that living secular lives assimilated in our wonderful community is a benefit of being alive in the beautiful melting pot that is America. However, if it were possible to go back in time and send them just one message, I think we would share how we have found the best of both worlds. We have found a way to also thrive by being outwardly and proudly Jewish.

B'shira,  
Cantor Jessica Hutchings

## POP-UP SHABBAT

### Pop-Up Shabbat To Feature Mostly Kosher, Disney's First Jewish Band

Pop-Up Shabbat takes place **Friday, April 28**, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., outdoors at the Jackie Gaughan Plaza at El Cortez, and will feature Disney's first Jewish band, Mostly Kosher, an acclaimed klezmer gypsy-rock band, that radically reconstructs Judaic and American cultural music through ravenous klezmer beats and arresting Yiddish refrains. From 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., early birds will enjoy a Falafel Vegas food truck and a family art activity. After Services, there will be a Young Adults After Party. Pop-Up Shabbat attendees are asked to bring school supplies for J-Cares' Back-To-School Supply Drive.

Congregation Ner Tamid's Cantor Jessica Hutchings and Temple Sinai's Cantorial soloist Heather Klein are co-organizers of the event.

"We're very excited about another annual Pop-Up Shabbat held at the El Cortez," Cantor Hutchings said. "It will be featuring Mostly Kosher, which is Disney's first Jewish band, and it's a very exciting thing to have them back here in Las Vegas."

Attendees can reserve seats on shuttles running from Temple Sinai and Congregation Ner Tamid, or park for free at El Cortez. For more information: [www.jewishnevada.org/popup](http://www.jewishnevada.org/popup)

**APRIL 28, 2023 7PM**  
Jackie Gaughan Plaza at El Cortez

6-7 PM • Falafel Vegas Food Truck  
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Bring school supplies for J-Cares  
Back to School Supply Drive

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## The Gary & Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center's Model Seder Brings Families Together For Passover

The Gary and Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center (Kantor ECEC) hosted its annual Passover Model Seder on Tuesday, March 28. Preschool families gathered in the Sanctuary, where they watched the children on the bima sing songs to tell the story of Passover. Cantor Jessica Hutchings, CNT's Musical Educator in Residence and Preschool teacher Glori Rosenberger, and Preschool Director Farrah Berlin-Tomaro narrated. After the animated performance, Preschool students and their families assembled in the Gary and Lynn Kantor Hall for a Seder snack. Tables were set with a Seder plate for a taste of Passover. More than 110 Preschool family members signed up to attend. They enjoyed charoset prepared by the Preschool classes, along with hard-boiled eggs and matzah. During the week of Passover, Preschool students will enjoy different matzah-based creations for snacks, including matzah pizza and matzah brie.

"Our incredible team of educators worked so hard to help our little ones get ready for their performance," Director Tomaro said. "The kids had a blast, and their families really seemed to enjoy themselves. We are so grateful for our parent volunteers and superstar staff that prepared food and got everything set up beautifully."





## The Gary & Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center's Annual Fundraiser And Summer Program

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## TELL AND KVELL

Roberta Unger, [runger@lvnertamid.org](mailto:runger@lvnertamid.org)

**Mazel Tov** to Christy and Alan Molasky on the engagement of their son Jess to Alyssa Caparelli.

**Mazel Tov** to Marlene and Eddie Birch on the engagement of their daughter Tracie to Andrew Salazar.

**Mazel Tov** to Isaac Henn on becoming a Deputy Chief for the Henderson Police Department on Monday, March 6, 2023.



## Congregation Ner Tamid Takes Teen Tribe To NYC



Congregation Ner Tamid's Cantor Jessica Hutchings and Family and Education Director Hayley Wizig chaperoned CNT's Teen Tribe Trip in the Big Apple from Thursday, March 16 – Sunday, March 19, 2023.

"The Jewish American experience truly is rooted in New York City," Cantor Hutchings said. "And our students who grew up in Las Vegas, they sometimes miss out on truly experiencing what our ancestors went through when they came to this country for the first time. And so it is a privilege and an honor to be able to take them on a journey to see with their own eyes the immigration process to this country at Ellis

Island and at the Tenement Museum to see how people lived and where they lived, and see the triumphs and tragedies of how this country became one that was accepting and welcoming and rich in Jewish culture."

A dozen CNT teens and six teens from Temple Emanuel Beverly Hills in Los Angeles got to see Ellis Island, Crown Heights, and the 9/11 Memorial Museum, they attended a Shabbat Service at Central Synagogue, visited the Tenement Museum, enjoyed a foodie tour on the Lower East Side, saw "Funny Girl" on Broadway, and noshed on authentic NYC bagels, bialys, Chinese dumplings, donuts, falafels, Jewish deli sandwiches, pickles and pizza.

"We had a very wonderful trip together, seeing both Jewish and secular history of New York and the United States," Cantor Hutchings said. "We also had some fun seeing Broadway shows and and visiting the Museum of Ice Cream. It was a trip for community building. It was a trip for diving deep into our history. It was a trip to connect our heartstrings with what is inherently Jewish, and we had a great time together and built long and lasting relationships."

**The CNT's Confirmation class visited Judaica World in Crown Heights on Kingston Avenue in Brooklyn, NY, on Thursday, March 16.**





# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Hayley Wizig, hayley@cntschoool.org



(Clockwise) On Friday, March 17, the CNT Confirmation class visited the 9/11 Memorial Museum and enjoyed Shabbat Service at Central Synagogue in Manhattan. On Saturday, March 18, the CNT group headed to the Great White Way to see “Funny Girl” at the August Wilson Theatre. This Broadway smash is about Fanny Brice, a girl from the Lower East Side who dreamed of a life on the stage. On Sunday, March 19, CNT's Teen Tribe visited the Museum of Ice Cream located in SoHo. They also got to ride on the NYC subway.



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## Cortland Familian – Saturday, April 15, 2023



Cortland Familian will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on **Saturday, April 15**. Cortland is a seventh grader at Las Vegas Day School where he is a star student committed to making the world a better place with his kindness and generosity. Outside of school he loves designing, building, and launching rockets. He is an avid snow skier and mountain biker and he loves playing hockey with his team at Lifeguard Arena. He will be reading Shmini from the Torah. Cortland's family is proud of his hard work. He is dearly loved by his parents Sarah and Bruce Familian, family, and good friends who support all his efforts to spread joy and connections of Judaism. For his Mitzvah project, Cortland is collecting new and gently used hats to be gifted to childhood cancer patients through the good work of the Tyler Robinson Foundation, <https://trf.org/donate>.

## Remi Clark – Saturday, April 22, 2023

Remi Clark is honored to be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on **Saturday, April 22**. She is a seventh grader at Thurman White Middle School. She is a caring person and makes people around her laugh, and tries her best to make sure everyone is included. Remi enjoys dancing, playing piano, and creative writing. She also loves traveling with her family and wishes to travel outside of the country soon. Remi tries her best to help others in any way she can. For her Mitzvah project, she is collecting cash contributions and new or gently used clothes, toys with all pieces, stuffed animals, action figures, arts and crafts, and games to donate to Peggy's Attic, a nonprofit organization that collects hygiene items, clothes, and toys for kids from the ages of newborn to 17 years old who have been removed from abusive and neglectful households.

Remi's goal is to donate at least 200 items to Peggy's Attic. Donated items can be dropped off at the Temple. After her Bat Mitzvah, Remi plans to continue with her religious education by joining Tribe and participating as a madriha. Her parents, Alison and Gary Clark, are extremely proud of Remi, her hard work in accomplishing anything she sets her mind to, and how connected she is to family, friends, and the CNT community.





## Rabbi Stephen Einstein Guest Scholar At Congregation Ner Tamid

Congregation Ner Tamid's Cantor Jessica Hutchings invited Rabbi Stephen Einstein to be a Special Guest Scholar at the temple for a Shir Shabbat with The Shabbatones featuring Birthday Blessings on Friday, March 10, 2023, and to preside over Torah Study and Shabbat Services on Saturday, March 11.

Rabbi Einstein officiated Cantor Hutchings' wedding ceremony to her husband Jeremy, and he is the first Rabbi that Cantor Hutchings shared the pulpit with in a Cantorial capacity.



"What a wonderful Shabbat at Congregation Ner Tamid,"

Rabbi Stephen Einstein said. "I was so warmly welcomed and was so excited to be on the bima with my dear friend Cantor Jessica Hutchings. My relationship with Jessica goes back to her college days. She had a talent I saw right away, which is how well she gets along with teenagers. She taught in our Religious School, and then in those days she was an opera student. I said we could use you on our bima doing music, and that was it. That led to her dream of becoming a Cantor. Thank you Cantor for inviting us and hosting us so graciously."

## AND YOU SHOULD CHOOSE LIFE A YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

*And You Chose Life*, a documentary about the partisan - Shraga Dgani (born Feivel Solomiansky) and about Jewish heroism during the Holocaust. Shraga managed to escape to the woods from his hometown Ilya in Belarus, when the Nazis occupied the town and massacred its Jews. He joined the partisans and in one of his actions, broke into the ghetto of Miadel, freed the Jews, who escaped to the woods, and thereby saved their lives.



Screening 4:00 PM  
Yom Hashoah Commemoration 4:40 PM

Orna Shuman, producer of *And You Chose Life* will speak about her father Shraga and the film.



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# PURIM SPIEL AND CARNIVAL

## Congregation Ner Tamid's Purim Spiel, Carnival Celebrated The 1990s



Congregation Ner Tamid Members were spinning gragers, dressed up in 1990s-themed costumes, and ate lots of Hamantaschen (courtesy of CNT's Sisterhood and MENSch Club) during CNT's "That's So 90s" Purim Spiel and Carnival on Sunday, March 5.

CNT's Religious School students gave a Broadway-worthy performance at their Purim Spiel, set to the music of popular 1990s bands including songs by Ace of Base, Backstreet Boys, Hootie and the Blowfish, Michael Jackson, Alanis Morissette, No Doubt, The Rembrandts, Britney Spears, and The Spice Girls. CNT Members Jeff Leibow and Colleen Freedman helped CNT's Cantor Jessica Hutchings produce the Spiel. Leibow is an actor and producer who starred in the internationally acclaimed musical "Jersey Boys" and Freedman is a choreographer who danced with the likes of Katy Perry, Lady Gaga, and Paula Abdul.

CNT's Purim Carnival attracted quite a big crowd and featured activity stations, bounce houses, a live DJ, a Gaga pit, a game truck, hair tinsel, food trucks, hot dogs and burgers, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, Kona Ice, an obstacle course, Paint the Cantor, a Preschool area, a raffle, and more.





# PURIM SPIEL AND CARNIVAL

Nevada H&C Distilling Co. distributed free samples of its award-winning Smoke Wagon Bourbon for the adults and there were also several Mitzvah opportunities presented by CNT's Social Action committee to help save lives.

**All Photos by David Weinstein.**





## Chavurah Chazarai

CNT's newest Chavurah, **Posh Noshers**, enjoyed its first dinner together at Smoke & Fire, 3315 E. Russell Rd., on Saturday, March 18. Eighteen members were treated to a family-style dinner. Hillary Steinberg said, "Tony, one of the owners, kept bringing out food. There were so many leftovers for people to take home and enjoy a second time around. Those chicken and blueberry sliders were AMAZING!"



Future **Posh Noshers** outings will take place on **April 30, May 20, July 15, September 30, and November 18**. If you'd like to join, contact Hillary at [HillaryBSteinbergLV@gmail.com](mailto:HillaryBSteinbergLV@gmail.com).

CNT's **Wine Not? Chavurah** is getting ready for its next outing to Valley Cheese & Wine, 1570 W. Horizon Ridge, Ste. 140, on **Thursday, April 29**, at 4:30 p.m. The Happy Hour Board & Bottle event will cost \$45 for two people and comes with a choice of 15 wines and a cheese board with duck, beef, or prosciutto. Karen and Bruce Harris arranged for a private room to eat, sip, and schmooze. Space is limited, so RSVP by **Monday, April 17**, to **Karen (949) 275-1630** or **Bruce (949) 275-1631**.

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

If you'd like to join a CNT Members Only Chavurah, email [cntchavurah@lvnertamid.org](mailto:cntchavurah@lvnertamid.org) or register at <https://lvnertamid.shulcloud.com/form/Chavurah>.

## Welcome New Members 2023

**Karen and Gary Ackerman**



**Stan Blander**



**Juel and Paul Rubin**



Congregation Ner Tamid's  
**Take Me Back To**  
**The**  
**Catskills**

With Comedian  
**Steven Pearl**

**Monday, April 17, 12:00 p.m.**  
**55 N. Valle Verde Dr., Henderson**

**Catskills Trivia And Games**  
**Stand Up Comedy Open Mic**  
**Lunch will be served.**

CNT Members attend for FREE.  
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## 'Record-Breaking' Attendance At Congregation Ner Tamid's Seniors Program



Our Congregation Ner Tamid Seniors Program keeps growing each month. It is so nice to see our “regulars” and to welcome new faces. We’ve been adding more tables all the time, and at our March event we welcomed nearly 80 people – it was a record and more than double the number we started out with at our first event in October.

Our “Solid Gold Motown” party on Monday, March 13, featured the amazing singer Dana Daye. All but one Michigander amongst us ate Jet’s Detroit-style pizza for the first time. There was lots of dancing and singing along to great Motown hits.

We’re switching it up a little for our **Monday, April 17**, luncheon. Our theme will be “Take Me Back To The Catskills,” and since so many famous comedians got their start in The Borscht Belt, it’s only fitting that we have a comedian to come entertain us. Steven Pearl will perform stand-up comedy, and we’ll have an open mic for any budding comedians in the crowd. We’ll do some Catskills trivia, reminisce a little about hotels and bungalow colonies, and play Simon Says (RIP Lou Goldstein).

We will have two lunches in May. On **Monday, May 8**, we’ll host a “Bored With Board Games” event where we’ll break into groups to play or learn different board games and also try a little karaoke and possibly a little bingo. The theme for our **Monday, May 22**, event will be “Love Me A Luau” with island entertainment and hula lessons. We will hear music and learn how to hula from Ka’ono’hi of Kala Productions. Come to the Luau-style lunch dressed in your best Hawaiian shirt or muumuu to win a prize.

CNT’s Seniors Program is open to the public for those aged 65 and older on select Mondays from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. CNT Members attend for FREE. Not-Yet Members pay \$10. Lunch is always served and the type of food we serve goes along with the theme of the event. We have a great group of Congregants coming each month. Why not stop by and meet new people to socialize with and spend a few hours eating good food and enjoying entertainment? The best part of CNT’s Seniors Program is seeing everyone talking, smiling, and enjoying each other’s company. Sometimes there is dancing and sometimes there is just listening to a speaker or an entertainer singing Broadway tunes.

Thank you to our volunteers Stacey Lewis, Rona Mendelson, Aydie Unger, and Nan Spector, and to our generous sponsor David Mizrahi in honor of his father Joseph Mizrahi.

And thank you to everyone for coming and making this such a fun thing for me to do.

To register to attend CNT’s Seniors Programs, go to [www.lvnertamid.org](http://www.lvnertamid.org).



## Vegas PBS Issues Special Offers; Jewish Programming

### ON VEGAS PBS IN APRIL

**Monday, April 10** – “Jews of the West”  
at 10:00 p.m., repeats on Sunday, April 16, at  
10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, April 16** – “Return to Auschwitz” at  
12:00 p.m.; “Escape from Treblinka: The Joseph  
Polonski Story” at 1:00 p.m.; “Great  
Performances Remember This (Holocaust Days  
of Remembrance) at 1:30 p.m.; “The U.S. and  
the Holocaust: Insight and Understanding”  
at 3:30 p.m., and repeats on Monday, April 17,  
at 10:00 p.m.



### TUACAHN AND UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL OVERNIGHT TRIP

**Tuesday, July 18 - Wednesday, July 19, 2023**

Departs Vegas PBS Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.

Returns Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Travel by deluxe motor coach to Tuacahn  
Center for the Arts for a private indoor dining  
experience, and an evening performance of  
“BEAUTIFUL The Carol King Musical” in the  
indoor Hafen Theatre. The next day, visit the  
Utah Shakespeare Festival for an outdoor box  
luncheon with a pre-show orientation in the  
Balcony Bards Seminar Grove followed by the  
performance of “Jane Austen’s Emma” in the  
Randall L. Jones Theatre. Donate \$389 per  
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per person, based on double occupancy.



*CNT Members should contact Vegas PBS  
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### PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS OVERNIGHT TRIP

**Monday, August 28, - Tuesday, August 29, 2023**

Departs Vegas PBS Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Returns Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Travel by deluxe motor coach for dinner in  
Dana Point, CA. Continue to Laguna Beach for the  
Festival of the Arts, “Pageant of the Masters” with  
an overnight stay at the Dana Point Marina Inn.  
The following day, enjoy a complimentary  
continental breakfast and a box lunch on a private  
boat for a whale and dolphin watching tour in Dana  
Point. Donate \$659 per person, based on single  
occupancy; Donate \$529 per person, based on  
double occupancy



### UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL DAY TRIP

**Friday, September 29, 2023**

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

Travel by deluxe motor coach to Cedar City  
to the Utah Shakespeare Festival. Enjoy an  
outdoor box luncheon. Then continue to the  
pre-show orientation in the Balcony Bards  
Seminar Grove followed by the performance of  
“The Play That Goes Wrong” in the Randall L.  
Jones Theatre. Donate \$149 per person.





WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM  
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Congregation Ner Tamid's Sisterhood offered its Members many opportunities to get together and have fun in the last few months and is planning more engaging events this spring.

On Sunday, February 26, 2023, CNT Sisterhood's Bingo and Nosh event attracted more than 40 ladies (with their daubers) who tried their luck and enjoyed delicious treat bags thanks to event organizers Carolyn Friedner and Shirley Kouffman. On Thursday, March 2, CNT Sisterhood started its MiSheberach Tapestry project. Joining this project is a fun way to perform a Mitzvah as the quilts made will be used at CNT's Healing Service on Yom Kippur. Participants receive pieces of fabric and detailed instructions on how to complete the piece for the final tapestry. Sisterhood gives Members all needed supplies including fabric, stencils, designs, markers, and more. Member Shirley Kouffman is coordinating this project and is organizing a second workshop on **Sunday, April 16**, at the temple. On Thursday, March 16, CNT Sisterhood's Literary and Lecture Society Series focused on its spring book review of The Color of Love by Marra B. Gad. It's a relevant and witty story about a girl of mixed race who is adopted by a Jewish family. Member Carol Holdengraber coordinated the event and reviewed this book for the group who engaged in a thoughtful discussion about the novel at the gathering.

## SAVE THE DATE – SISTERS SNEAK OUT

Thursday, May 18, 12:00 p.m. – Lunch

Please join us!

With Love, Michelle Blank, President, & Our CNT Sisterhood Board

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## MI SHEBEIRACH TAPESTRY PROJECT

Joining this project is a fun way to perform a mitzvah as the quilts made will be used on Yom Kippur at the Healing Service. Participants will receive a piece of fabric & detailed instructions to complete the piece for the final tapestry. You can be creative but you need not be artistic! If you plan to join the next workshop, fabric markers, stencils, & other supplies will be provided.

## WORKSHOP DATE

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 AT 12:00 PM  
GARY & LYNN KANTOR HALL



## CNT SISTERHOOD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Join us as we reflect on the past year & look forward to future Sisterhood activity!

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 | 1:00 PM  
GARY & LYNN KANTOR HALL



We warmly welcome our guest speaker Pamela Henderson, CNT Adult Educator to lead a presentation & discussion of *The Tribe*, an award winning short film discussing Jewish culture from ancient times to modern times through the eyes of Barbie.

**To help us plan accordingly, please RSVP by  
April 21 to [cntsisterhoodlv@gmail.com](mailto:cntsisterhoodlv@gmail.com)**



## Mark L. Fine and Family Gift Shop

Looking for the perfect gift to bring to Passover Seder?

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Or call for an appointment: Cheryl Cohen (702) 755-1737

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## CHESED

Shirley Kouffman, [skouffman@lvnertamid.org](mailto:skouffman@lvnertamid.org)

The Chesed Committee has kept busy.

We sent more than 60 Purim cards out to members who needed cheer. We are getting ready to take about 30 bags with some surprise foods for Pesach, and also send cards to some Congregants. Please remember that if you know of someone in the Congregation who might need a weekly phone call or visit, please let us know. Also, if you would like to be part of our wonderful committee, please contact us!

Shirley Kouffman

Chesed Committee chairperson

To leave message at Temple office:

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## CNT's MENSch Club Bakes Hamantaschen, Grills, Does Windows!



Congregation Ner Tamid's MENSch Club celebrated Purim by helping CNT's Sisterhood and Parent Connect make hamantaschen on Friday, February 24, for the Purim Carnival bake sale. MENSch master chefs showed off their baking skills, helping to roll out, cut, fill, and bake hamantaschen. Flavors included apricot, blueberry, cherry, poppyseed, prune, and raspberry. They also had 10 Members help cook and serve hot dogs and burgers for the Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 5.

CNT's MENSch Club employed some collective elbow grease on Sunday, March 26, by washing the front windows of the office building and classrooms at the temple. The manly group, including Ryan DeArkland, Rich Greenis, Dillon Martin, Brian Pence, Eric Polis, Paul Schiffman, Denny Wertheimer, and Josh Wertheimer, and Sunday school students Griffin Feiwell, Kael Frankl, Julien Guidry, and Bradley Starr, also picked up five giant bags of trash and landscaping waste as part of their temple beautification mitzvah.

The MENSch Club is looking forward to organizing a Potluck dinner and family game night at the temple on **Saturday, April 29**, and on **Sunday, April 30**, the MENSch Club will honor Judge Mark Stevens at the temple for his vision and hard work in creating the highly successful Veterans Treatment Court. It allows U.S. Veterans of military service that are accused of petty nonviolent crimes a second chance through counseling and sometimes drug treatment. The program boasts a very high success rate and has helped hundreds of Veterans steer clear of the criminal justice system.

## CNT'S TRIVIA TUESDAYS

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Have you looked at the CNT website lately? Our mission statement is on there, as are our goals. Of the four goals, the last one says, "To promote a positive relationship with members of other religious traditions." The NCG team at CNT is doing exactly that.

At this point in time, there are 37 institutions involved in NCG.

The churches encompass many denominations including the Catholic community, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, and others. The nonprofit organizations include Nevada HAND, Las Vegas Catholic Worker, and the Downtown Neighborhood Coalition to name a few. Because we are working together to make a difference in our community, religious traditions blend as we move forward to confront issues. One of these issues is mental health. Yes, it's a huge issue! Our Mental Health Team, which has 36 members from 13 different institutions, holds house meetings during which we listen to the experiences of others. That helps us learn about the problems and enables us to set priorities. We also hold research actions. Research actions are meetings with people who are working directly in the field. Most recently, we met with Mayor Romero of Henderson. The mayor brought three staff members with her and seemed genuinely interested in what NCG is doing. Conversations revolved around the available services in Henderson, education and mental health, funding, and legislative bills that are of concern to her. She agreed to attend an upcoming house meeting as well! We know our work is not done. We will continue to meet with others, learn as much as we can, and work to make changes as needed. The CNT Core Team meets on the third Thursday of the month at 5:15 p.m. via Zoom. The Mental Health Team meets on the fourth Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom. Join us. You, too, can make a difference through NCG!

## SOCIAL ACTION

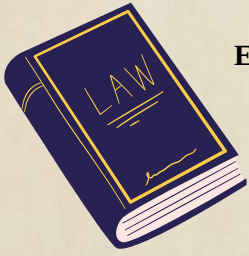
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### CNT's Social Action Committee Celebrated Purim By Saving Lives

Celebrating Purim was the perfect time to also celebrate life. Congregation Ner Tamid's Social Action Committee sponsored three projects during the temple's Purim Carnival that provided opportunities to celebrate life by taking action to save lives. The blood drive provided our community with the much-needed life force, blood. NARCAN training was provided which teaches us how to use the nasal spray to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose and save a life. NARCAN was provided to those undergoing the training. And, by the simple act of filling out a form and swabbing the mouth, participants joined a registry with The Gift of Life. Their action can result in providing someone with lifesaving blood stem cells or marrow to cure blood cancer, sickle cell disease, and 100 other conditions. We thank all who gave of themselves and took action to save lives.







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Prior to attending law school, Trevor served as a police officer for six years with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

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