



# CONGREGATION NER TAMID

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Congregation Ner Tamid To Honor  
*Sara Gordon*



Michael A. Cherry

*Tikkun Olam*

Community Service Award Recipient  
Champagne Brunch Presented by Lexy and Sam Lionel  
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8:45 a.m. – Torah Study

10:00 a.m. – Darius Naftaly's *Bar Mitzvah*

Morning *Shabbat*/ Minyan Service

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage



## **Friday, May 13, 2022**

6:15 p.m. – *Shabbat Service* with

The Shabbatones,

Confirmation, Teacher Appreciation,

All Religious Students *Shabbat*

Recognizing Graduating Seniors

## **Saturday, May 14, 2022**

8:45 a.m. – Torah Study

10:00 a.m. – Sam Coffee's *Bar Mitzvah*

Morning *Shabbat*/ Minyan Service

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage

## **Friday, May 20, 2022**

7:00 p.m. – *Shabbat Service*,  
*Birthday Shabbat*

## **Saturday, May 21, 2022**

8:45 a.m. – Torah Study

10:00 a.m. – Joshua Taradalsky's  
*Bar Mitzvah*

Morning *Shabbat*/ Minyan Service

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage



## **Friday, May 27, 2022**

7:00 p.m. – *Shabbat Service*  
in the Round

## **Saturday, May 28, 2022**

8:45 a.m. – Torah Study

10:00 a.m. – Sophia Newman's  
*Bat Mitzvah*

Morning *Shabbat*/ Minyan Service

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage

*All Torah Study  
will be held on Zoom in May.  
For Zoom links, go to our calendar  
at [www.lvnertamid.org](http://www.lvnertamid.org).*

ANNUAL CNT MEMBER



# BBQ

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

MENSCH CLUB TO BBQ AT END-OF-SCHOOL-YEAR PICNIC

FOOD, DRINKS, FUN FOR THE KIDS

CELEBRATE THE LAST DAY OF  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

ATTEND PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE  
10:30 A.M.

PARTICIPATE IN MITZVAH DAY  
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

COME HUNGRY   
AND READY TO PARTY

CNT PARKING LOT

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*Congregation Ner Tamid To Honor*

# *Sara Gordon*

*Interim Dean and  
William S. Boyd Professor of Law at  
UNLV's William S. Boyd School of Law,  
Recipient of the Justice Michael A. Cherry*

*Tikkun Olam*

*Community Service Award*

*Champagne Brunch  
Presented By Lexy and Sam Lionel*

**BOTTIGLIA  
RESTAURANT  
AT GVR**

**SUNDAY, MAY 22**

**11:30 A.M.  
TO  
1:00 P.M.**

**DRESS:  
BUSINESS  
CASUAL**

*Tickets: \$100*

*RSVP: [www.lvnertamid.org](http://www.lvnertamid.org)*

## Sara Gordon To Receive Michael A. Cherry Tikkun Olam Community Service Award At Annual CNT Fundraiser

Congregation Ner Tamid will honor Sara Gordon, Interim Dean and William S. Boyd Professor of Law at UNLV's William S. Boyd School of Law, with this year's Michael A. Cherry Tikkun Olam Community Service Award, at a Champagne Brunch celebration on Sunday, May 22, 2022, at Bottiglia, in Green Valley Ranch, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



This special honor is given at CNT's annual fundraising gala 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.

This award is given by Congregation Ner Tamid to recognize distinguished citizens who have made a difference in the Southern Nevada community and who pursue a vision of justice for all.

"CNT is honored to recognize Sara Gordon for her leadership and vision she has brought to the legal community, specifically to UNLV's William S. Boyd School of Law," Tikkun Olam Committee Co-Chair Julie Marcus said. "CNT holds the prestigious Tikkun Olam award in the highest regard. The commitment to 'repairing the world' is something to be celebrated."

Gordon has been on the front lines of drug and mental health law reform and has written several Law Review articles about those topics. She teaches courses in criminal law, mental health law, and evidence and is a member of Boyd's Health Law Program. Before joining the faculty at Boyd in 2006, Gordon practiced commercial litigation and employment law at Hale Lane, now Holland and Hart, in Las Vegas. Gordon was born and raised in Las Vegas, and starting at age five, attended Sunday School, Hebrew school, was a member of Ner Tamid Temple Youth (NTTY) and celebrated her Bat Mitzvah at Congregation Ner Tamid.

Previous Michael A. Cherry Tikkun Olam Community Service Award recipients include former Nevada Supreme Court Justice Michael A. Cherry, U.S. Senator for Nevada Jacky Rosen, and former Mayor of Las Vegas Jan Jones Blackhurst.

This year's Tikkun Olam Committee Co-Chairs include Julie Marcus, U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen, former U.S. Congresswoman Shelley Berkley, Nevada Supreme Court Justice Elissa F. Cadish, The Honorable Joanna S. Kishner, Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada, Lexy and Sam Lionel, and Colleen Freedman.

*CNT is counting on your support for sponsorship opportunities, VIP table sales, tribute book ads and to buy tickets to the event: [www.lvnertamid.org](http://www.lvnertamid.org), (702) 733-6292*

**Seating will be limited. Reserve your seats now.**



## All Are Invited To Celebrate Religious School Students' Confirmation Ceremony



All Congregation Ner Tamid Members and Religious School Students are invited to participate in CNT's Religious School Confirmation on Friday, May 13, 2022, at 6:15 p.m., in our Sanctuary.

During our Friday Night *Shabbat* Service with the Shabbatones, and a Religious School Teacher appreciation ceremony, we'll see (left to right) Ella Jacobson, Ryan Haggerty, Roma Green, Bradon Greenis, Mallory Kurtzman, and Wyatt Reece take part in this Reform-originated Jewish lifecycle ceremony for teens who affirm their commitment to the Jewish people.



## Rabbi Akselrad Thanks CNT For Ukrainian Refugee Fundraising Efforts

In a special *Shabbat* in the Round, on Friday, April 22, 2022, Rabbi Akselrad talked about his recent pre-Pesach rabbinic mission to Poland and the Ukrainian Border in support of the Jewish Community Center of Krakow's refugee relief efforts. Rabbi Akselrad joined a group of 27 rabbis in Krakow, Poland, from April 10-14, to bring supplies and funds and to bear witness.

"We raised nearly \$800,000 to support the Ukrainian refugees," Rabbi Akselrad said during his Friday sermon. "Our Congregation alone raised nearly \$75,000! I was hoping we would raise \$10,000. Boy, was I happily wrong. The outpouring of support was just incredible. Thank you. Thank you, everyone. But it was more than simply 'incredible.' It was a reflection of the desire of everyone, everyone to do 'something' to make a difference... We did not stop a war. We did not save every life. But for the people we touched, it has made all the difference in the world."

See a video about Rabbi's trip on CNT's YouTube Channel, accessed via [www.lvnertamid.org](http://www.lvnertamid.org).

## Yom HaShoah Observance, Holocaust Memorial Park Dedication

The newly-constructed Holocaust Memorial Plaza at King David Memorial Chapel & Cemetery, 2697 E. Eldorado Ln., was dedicated at The Board of Rabbis of Southern Nevada's Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, commemoration on Sunday, April 24, 2022. It will serve as a monument of perseverance and a timely history lesson.

"We study the Holocaust to learn not only about what happened to our people but to learn lessons," Rabbi Akselrad, Yom HaShoah Chair, said. "Through these lessons, we hope to prevent genocide from happening to any people."

U.S. Senator for Nevada, and CNT Member, Jacky Rosen was a featured speaker at the Holocaust Memorial Plaza dedication, and she said Yom HaShoah is "a time to turn pain into reflection and reflection into purpose and that purpose and that pain into promise and hope."

"Most of us do not know where our murdered loved ones' remains are," Esther Toporek Finder, president of the Holocaust Survivors Group of Southern Nevada and Generations of the Shoah – Nevada (GS-N), said. "This Memorial can serve as a symbolic resting place."

"This Holocaust Memorial Plaza will allow rabbis and educators and community members alike to be able to learn more about the Holocaust," Jay Poster, general manager of King David Memorial Chapel and Cemetery, said.

When Rabbi Akselrad was in Poland in April, he was able to collect six bags of soil from outside all six extermination camps (Chelmno, Belzec, Sobibor, Treblinka, Majdanek, and Auschwitz-Birkenau). He brought the bags of soil back with him to Las Vegas, and during the Holocaust Memorial Plaza dedication, several local Holocaust survivors installed the soil in the Plaza to be permanently preserved.

Both Rabbi Akselrad and Cantor Hutchings collaborated on the observance service, and Cantor Hutchings arranged the music and designed the ceremony's program using her photos of Holocaust memorials from around the world. CNT Junior Cantors also participated.

You can watch the community-wide Yom HaShoah observance service and Holocaust Memorial Plaza dedication on CNT's YouTube Channel, accessed via [www.lvnertamid.org](http://www.lvnertamid.org).







When Yvonne and I returned to Las Vegas after I graduated from law school, we joined Beth Sholom at which my family were members and where Yvonne and I were married. But when our daughter, Sara, was 4-years-old we joined Congregation Ner Tamid because it was where we wanted to educate our children as Jews. This is a decision that parents make. Where do we want our children to be exposed to institutional Judaism?

As part of their growing up, Sara (as did her brother, Jeffrey) attended Religious School, celebrated B'nai Mitzvah and Confirmation at CNT, and participated in youth activities and organizations at CNT. To state the obvious, we are proud of Sara and Jeff in their transition from childhood to adulthood and CNT's role in this.

As for Sara, she is being honored on Sunday, May 22, with the Michael A. Cherry Tikkun Olam Community Service Award for all she has accomplished as a Professor of Law, Associate Dean of Academics, and now Interim Dean at the UNLV Boyd School of Law. Previous recipients have included CNT past presidents, Justice Mike Cherry and Senator Jacky Rosen, and former Mayor of Las Vegas Jan Jones Blackhurst. Sara's selection to join this group of past recipients is an honor and an accomplishment. I hope that many of you will join Yvonne and me at the event.

In looking back on Sara and Jeff transitioning from childhood to adulthood, Yvonne and I know their experience at CNT had an impact, even though we cannot quantify it. But, we also know that our children's experience is not unique. CNT has been a part of Jewish life in this Valley since 1974, so we have all witnessed the impact that CNT has had and continues to have on our children.

As parents, we assume responsibility to make decisions that will impact the future of our children. The decision Yvonne and I made to raise Sara and Jeff at CNT was a good one.

**Jerry Gordon, President**





As I sit down to write this latest message, it has been one week since my return from Poland. Twenty-seven rabbis gathered in Krakow and together we raised nearly \$800,000 and brought more than two tons of supplies! I am so appreciative of everyone who donated to this cause. Visiting the JCC Krakow and the refugee hubs firsthand, I can tell you how badly these funds are needed. This is the greatest refugee crisis in Europe since World War II.



While it was difficult seeing so many refugees, knowing how much they lost, it was nonetheless heartwarming to see the hope that was given to them by the welcome of the Polish people and thousands of volunteers from around the world. Our Congregation can stand tall knowing that we made a difference in the lives of people, who, “there but for the grace of God, go I.” Indeed, many of us have ancestors who immigrated to America from the Pale of Settlement. My paternal grandfather for example was from Poland. My maternal grandmother was from Romania.

Often times when there is a tragedy people ask, “Where is God?” I would like to think that when there is a catastrophe such as an earthquake, a hurricane, or war, we find God in the people who are running towards the disaster; the people who do whatever they can to help those whose lives have been turned upside down. Each of us can be “that angel” who does his or her part to make a difference.

To be that angel, however, we have to move beyond our doubt and indifference. We have to believe that what we do matters. While we cannot change the world, we can change a part of the world. Even if we touch one life, that mitzvah will ripple through time in ways we can only imagine.

In the press, there was a moving story of Sharon Bass whose Jewish grandmother was sheltered and saved by a non-Jewish family. By a twist of fate, Sharon was able to return the favor and be “that angel” by bringing Ukrainian refugees Lesia Orshoko and Alona Chugai to safety in Israel. It was their grandmother, Maria Blyschchik, who 80 years ago saved Sharon’s grandmother Fania Rosenfeld Bass. Fate and luck both need a bit of help from people who refuse to turn away when injustice darkens our world.

One thing about “angels,” they don’t stay in place. Goodness can always find a home.

**B’shalom, Rabbi Sanford Akselrad**



When the world shifted, CNT did too. We were left without a Religious School Director, and our Board of Directors asked if I would step into the role in the interim. While I was hesitant to take on a heavier load, I was super excited at the potential. Even though the school had to be completely virtual and the student body had shrunk, we had a wonderful year... But I knew my work was not done. I wanted to rebuild our school, strengthen it, and measure the success and potential of our school. If you were to ask a CNT Religious School Student if they had fun at CNT... I am confident they would say, "I LOVE CNT."

Fun aside, it is not realistic for me to continue to run the school and function in my role as a Cantor. Over these past two years, I have been privileged to work with an incredible right-hand woman, Hayley Wizig. Week after week, even though running the Religious School was a second job for both of us, we managed to double the size of our student body, triple the size of our eighth - 12th grade classes, give our teachers well deserved raises, enact special interest chugim (activities), move all of our registration to an online platform, and open the doors of our school safely in the midst of a pandemic. Hayley was instrumental in making it all happen. She is a go-getter, creative mind, and knows her way around the Google platform.

For all of these reasons and so many more, beginning in August 2022, it is my pleasure and honor to pass the yad to Hayley as our new Director of the CNT Religious School!

Feel free to reach out to Hayley anytime at **hayley@cntschoool.org**. Not to worry, I'll still be very present in the Religious School, and I'll ALWAYS be there for any of your spiritual and community needs. Hayley comes to us from Kansas City, KS, where she was recruited as a Clark County School District teacher at a job fair. She picked up and moved across the country to Henderson, NV, and became our youngest adult congregant. Immediately, she got involved in our community and volunteered anytime she was asked. She began working at the CNT Religious School as a teacher a few years ago. Over the last five summers, Hayley has helped run Herzl Camp in Wisconsin as the Assistant Director of Cabin Life. She oversaw the programming curriculum for campers and worked with the staff to create a positive Jewish environment. Hayley cannot wait to impact many future generations of Jewish learning by joining the CNT team full-time in the fall!





## Darius Naftaly – Saturday, May 7, 2022

Darius is a seventh-grader at Mannion Middle School in Henderson where he is enrolled in accelerated classes. He was born in Guadalajara, Mexico, and moved to the United States in 2012 where he attended the Adelson Educational Campus from Pre-K through fifth grade. Darius is excited to be called to the bimah as a *Bar Mitzvah*, display his hard work, celebrate with his family and friends, and read Parshat Kedoshim from the Torah. Darius likes to mountain bike, camp, fish, run, play football, discuss sports with his dad, cook, and play video games. For his Mitzvah Project, Darius partnered with JD Smith Middle School, a Title 1 school in North Las Vegas with a brand new flag football program. Darius is collecting footballs, water bottles, flags, gloves, cleats, and mouth guards. If you would like to help, there is a donation box located in the CNT lobby. The link to his Target charity registry is [www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/dariusmitzvahproject](http://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/dariusmitzvahproject)

## Sam Coffee – Saturday, May 14, 2022

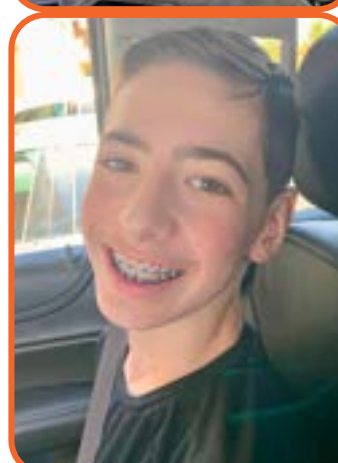
Sam Coffee is an eighth grader at the Las Vegas Day School. Sam plays flag football, basketball, track and field at his school, he also plays tackle football with Nevada Youth Sports, and played in a regional semifinal this year in El Paso, TX. Sam's favorite subjects are math and literature. Sam has an interest in helping a local pit bull rescue foundation and plans on seeking donations for that cause.

## Joshua Taradalsky – Saturday, May 21, 2022

Joshua will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, May 21. Joshua is a seventh-grader at Mannion Middle School in Henderson, and when not in school, he can be found on his PlayStation 5, playing basketball, or swimming. Josh loves sports and activities, so for his Mitzvah project he is raising money for the Boys and Girls Club of Las Vegas. He will be selling ice cream after Sunday School on Sunday, May 1, to raise money for this cause and hopes everyone can help support him.

## Sophia Newman – Saturday, May 28, 2022

Sophia's parents, Richard and Amanda, and her three younger sisters, Veronica, Isabella, and Alivia, are all looking forward to Sophia being called to the bimah for her *Bat Mitzvah*. Sophia is a seventh-grade student at Las Vegas Day School, and her extracurricular activities include playing tennis for the school tennis team and currently remains undefeated this season. She also loves animals and has convinced her family to take in a bearded dragon, a praying mantis, fish, and various bugs, in addition to their yellow Labrador Lucy, but she hasn't had any luck, yet, getting permission to get a pet tarantula. Sophia is a caring and generous older sister who wholeheartedly celebrates each of her younger sister's milestones. For her Mitzvah project, Sophia will collect gently used clothing and hygienic products to give to The Shade Tree of Las Vegas which provides safe shelter to women and children in crisis. Starting Sunday, May 1, at the CNT campus, Sophia asks that you please consider donating to this cause. She will personally deliver all donations.





## CNT Enjoys A Zissen Pesach 2022

Congregation Ner Tamid hosted a SOLD OUT traditional Passover Seder on Friday, April 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in its Social Hall. More than 160 attendees wished each other a “Chag Sameach” and joyfully feasted on charoset, chicken, gefilte fish, matzah ball soup, potato kugel, stuffed cabbage, vegetables, and delicious desserts prepared by Madeline Morris and her son David Shamah of Madelyn Morris Catering.





“This Passover Seder for Congregation Ner Tamid is the first big event we catered since the Covid pandemic,” caterer Morris said. “Getting back to normal is so wonderful, and it was great seeing people getting back together again and enjoying our food.”

The wine was flowing as Rabbi Akselrad and Cantor Hutchings led the Congregation through an abbreviated Haggadah, and all of CNT’s youngest members received \$2 bills for collectively going on the afikomen hunt.





## How Was This Seder Different From All Other Seders?

On Thursday, April 7, The Gary & Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center hosted a memorable (and adorable) model seder for its preschool students and families. Rabbi Akselrad and Glori Rosenberger acted out an abbreviated Haggadah, tables were laden with seder plates, matzah, nut-free charoset, hard boiled eggs, and grape juice symbolizing wine, and each preschool room got the chance to take center stage and participate in the animated retelling of the age-old Passover story.





The Gary & Lynn Kantor  
Early Childhood  
Education Center



Sunday, May 15, 2022  
10:30 a.m.

## Preschool Open House

Celebrate The End Of The School Year With Us!  
Bounce House, Games, And Activities Appropriate For  
6-Year-Olds And Younger In Our Courtyard  
Food Truck, Blood Drive, And A Lot More In  
CNT's Parking Lot

New, Past, and  
Prospective Families  
Welcome!!!






The Gary & Lynn Kantor  
Early Childhood  
Education Center



**Waitlists  
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**NOW ENROLLING  
2022 - 2023 SCHOOL YEAR  
AND SUMMER CAMP**

Play-based learning, focusing on developmentally appropriate  
practices so your child meets THEIR specific goals!  
And for Summer Camp, from May 31 – July 29, thematic learning  
through experiential and fun topics, combined with water play,  
special visitors and more!

**18 mos. – Pre-Kindergarten**  
**9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Before and After Care Available**  
**(702) 632-2250 [www.lvnertamid.org](http://www.lvnertamid.org)**

Enroll for the 2022 – 2023 School Year  
before June 1 for FREE registration!

Current preschool families,  
refer a new family  
and receive \$100 off  
next month's tuition!






Our Religious School had many great programs and memories over the course of the year. March was filled with Purim festivities and an amazing trip to L.A. for our teens. We also had fifth-graders put on a beautiful wedding for the Mann family. April saw impactful Holocaust and Israel education for our sixth- and seventh-grade students. Many students participated in our Temple's Passover Seder at the end of April. In May, the students in our yearbook chug (activity time) are working to make a memorable yearbook. Our teens in NTTY (youth group) are in the process of electing a new youth group board for the next school year. We hope you have an amazing summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone in August. Register for Religious School:

<https://lvnertamid.shulcloud.com/form/religious-school-registration-2022-2023.html>

Or contact Hayley at hayley@cntschoool.org. Early Bird pricing ends Friday, May 20.

## ADULT EDUCATION

Roberta Unger, runger@lvnertamid.org

### NEW VIDEOS ON CNT'S



Rabbi Akselrad's Trip  
to Poland and  
The Ukrainian Border  
April 10-14



Yom HaShoah Observance and  
Holocaust Memorial Plaza  
Dedication with Tali Nates'  
"Monuments and Memory:  
Understanding the Holocaust"



COMPELLING  
CONVERSATIONS  
WITH RABBI AKSELRAD

A program of  
CONGREGATION NER TAMID

with Tali Nates  
The Johannesburg Holocaust  
& Genocide Centre



### FAITH MATTERS

w/ Rabbi Akselrad  
and Reverend Doll

## Wrestling With God

Wednesday, May 18, May 25, and June 1  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Free and Open to the Public

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[www.lvnertamid.org](http://www.lvnertamid.org)

*If you have wondered what  
Judaism has to say about the  
role of God in this world, our  
partnership with God, and the  
nature of good and evil,  
then this course is for you!*  
— Rabbi Akselrad





## Jewish Community Convenes Downtown For Pop-Up Shabbat Featuring Neshama Carlebach

Pop-Up Shabbat was held Friday, April 29, 2022, outdoors at the Jackie Gaughan Plaza at El Cortez, right off the Las Vegas Strip, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. More than 300 people attended the innovative, introspective, all-ages prayer experience produced by Cantor Jessica Hutchings of Congregation Ner Tamid, Cantorial Soloist Heather Klein of Temple Sinai, and Congregation P'nai Tikvah and Temple Bet Emet. Award-winning singer-songwriter Neshama Carlebach flew in from New York City to headline the event. There were arts and crafts for the kids, a Tot Shabbat, and Baglemania sponsored the oneg of sprinkled sugar cookies. Additional sponsors included Jewish Nevada, the Jewish Community Center of Southern Nevada, J Vegas, El Cortez, King David Memorial Chapel & Cemetery, and Evel Pie that hosted a Young Adult Pizza and Beer Mixer.









## Chavurah Chazarai

CNT's Chavurahs are gaining momentum as group Leaders are organizing their members and planning events.

Michele Wertheimer and Joan Fine's **Mahjong Chavurah** meets weekly on Mondays at CNT; Joan Fine's **Book Chavurah** will hold a meeting at CNT the first week in May; Bob Dworkin's **Beethoven To The Beatles Chavurah** planned its first concert outing; Shirley and Tony Kouffman's **Chai Chavurah** got together for a lovely Passover Seder; Brian Kaseff's **Family Fun Chavurah** organized a Kickball game at Discovery Park; Renee and Steve Goldberg's **Glowing Older Chavurah** is planning its second meeting on May 22; Josh Wertheimer's **Pickleball Chavurah** has met up multiple times to play; Alec Sonenthal started a **Ukulele Chavurah** and is looking for members; and there's a hot rumor that Elaine Entin and Harvey Hirsch's **Fine Art of Liquor Chavurah** and Hillary Steinberg's **Wine Not? Chavurah** will soon get together to enjoy a boozy crawl through some of Las Vegas' finest watering holes.

Want to join the fun? CNT's Chavurah Program is open to all CNT members and you can register by going to: <https://lvnertamid.shulcloud.com/form/Chavurah>

All CNT members who have signed up to join a Chavurah have been contacted and e-introduced to their fellow group members, but group members are responsible for choosing a Leader, organizing and planning events, and sending event photos to Leslie Snadowsky, CNT's Programming and Communications Coordinator, and to CNT's Chavurah Matchmaker Wendy Roberts at: [cntchavurah@lvnertamid.org](mailto:cntchavurah@lvnertamid.org)

Wendy is available to help make your Chavurah a success and match you with a great group of new friends.

## CNT Member Spring Cleaning

Your new Membership Badges are ready!!!

Please come by CNT to pick them up, and please review your personal information on ShulCloud to make sure your address, email address, phone number, birthdays, yahrzeits and dues are up to date.

## Welcome New Members 2022

**Amy and Jarrad Katz**



## Chavurah Happenings

### Family Fun Chavurah's Kickball Game



### Chai Chavurah's Passover Seder

Pickleball  
Chavurah



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
OUR SISTERHOOD GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday, May 19, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

In CNT's Social Hall

(Date change from original Sisterhood calendar)

Come schmooze with your Sisterhood sisters.

Wine, Cheese, Dessert, and more!

**SISTERS SNEAK OUT**

Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar at Town Square

6509 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89119

We will be outside on their patio.

They have an extensive menu – good food

(Individual checks).

Please RSVP to Anita Moody

Cell: (702) 340-3826

Please leave a message with your name, phone #  
and how many will attend.

RSVP by Friday, May 6 – Hope you will join us!



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**Guest Speakers:**

Dr. Stacey Nagel, Vice President of  
Membership Pacific District

Tina Wolfe, Area Director Pacific District  
Southwest Area

Please RSVP by Friday, May 13, to our email  
**[cntsisterhoodlv@gmail.com](mailto:cntsisterhoodlv@gmail.com)**, or  
call Michelle Blank: (702) 460-0327

**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 (second Thursday of the month).

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

Questions or comments?

Please email: **[cntsisterhoodlv@gmail.com](mailto:cntsisterhoodlv@gmail.com)**

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events.



## Mark L. Fine and Family Gift Shop

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

Our Gift Shop is open 45 minutes before Friday Services.

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.

\* Please call Cathy to volunteer to help before Friday night services, one Friday every five to six weeks.



## Summer Borscht

This traditionally sweet and sour beet soup, served cold, was popular in Lithuania and is now considered a Jewish summer staple.

**Ingredients** – 1 cup sour cream to pass around, 6 peeled boiled potatoes (optional), Juice of 1 lemon, 2 Tablespoons sugar or to taste, 2 lbs. raw beets, a little salt and pepper

**Directions** – 1. Peel the beets and dice them. If they are young, that is easy to do. If they are old and too hard to dice, simply cut them in half and, when they have softened with boiling, lift them out, cut them up, and put them back in the pan. 2. Put the beets in a pan with 9 cups of water and salt and pepper and simmer for 1-1/2 hours. 3. Let the soup cool, then chill, covered, in the refrigerator. 4. Add the lemon and sugar to taste before serving (these could be added when the soup is hot, but it is more difficult to determine the intensity of the flavoring). 5. Remove some of the beet pieces with a slotted spoon if it seems like there are too many of them and keep them for a salad. 6. Serve, if you like, with a boiled potato, putting one in each plate. 7. Pass around the sour cream for all to help themselves.




**It's time for another CNT OurGen event!**

**Sunday, June 12, 2-5pm at the Hollywood Cars Museum**


**\$15 per person - cash only**

**...then on to an early dinner at 5:30pm at Brio Italian Grille in Town Square (215 and I-15)**

**RSVP to Mindy at [mindywadkins@me.com](mailto:mindywadkins@me.com) by June 10th so we can make reservations for the tour and dinner**




**OurGen is 40s and up for anyone who ranges from a little older than "young adult" to a little younger than "old fogey" !**



## ALL AGES...

# CNT TRIVIA TUESDAYS!

**Have you tried it yet? We love everyone!**

*For CNT members & non-members alike!*

**Tuesdays, May 31 and June 28 at 7pm**

**Mixed subjects - anything goes!**

*Virtual Trivia via Zoom from your computer\**

**\*RSVP to [mindywadkins@me.com](mailto:mindywadkins@me.com) for the zoom link and super easy instructions to play.**

## MENSCH CLUB

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### Steak and Spirits A Carnivore's Delight



More than two dozen CNT MENSches got together for a great meal, a stiff drink and a good time at The MENSch Club's Steak & Spirits dinner, on Saturday, April 2, at 5:00 p.m., at CNT's outdoor patio.

If you'd like to become a member of the MENSch Club, you need to be a CNT member, 18 or older, and game for fun outings like a night at TOPGOLF or catching a Las Vegas Aviators game at the Las Vegas Ballpark.

Email [menschprez@lvnertamid.org](mailto:menschprez@lvnertamid.org) to join all the action!





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.

To reserve or to purchase a Yahrzeit plaque please contact:  
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***"THE MOST IMPORTANT things in life  
are the connections you make with others." – Tom Ford***

Nevadans for the Common Good represents a force of thousands of Nevadans in the Las Vegas Valley and outlying areas who work on the most pressing social and economic issues facing our community to connect and bring diverse people and organizations together – both Jewish and others – in nonpartisan ways, to help strengthen families and communities. Recently, NCG has been focusing on the effects of the Covid pandemic on folks who experience food shortages and housing challenges. NCG supports increased protection for renters, preservation of existing affordable housing with the regulation of short-term rentals, and the creation of more affordable accessible housing in Southern Nevada. In this regard, NCG held a Community Action on Housing on Tuesday, April 26, at Green Valley United Methodist Church. This was a public meeting with Clark County Commissioner James Gibson to hear stories and to begin working on housing solutions. In addition, our NCG Addiction and Recovery Team, based at CNT, recently completed a four-part educational series forum for UNLV students. Our last event focused on the use of Narcan for the prevention of overdoses with a representative from the Campus police who spoke passionately about her experiences with UNLV students and the community. The Addiction & Recovery Team hopes to expand upon the forum and present it to various UNLV organizations and other interested groups – possibly here at CNT or at other religious institutions. The CNT NCG Steering Committee meets the third Thursday of the month at 5:15 p.m., and the Addiction & Recovery Team meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m., both via ZOOM. All are welcome to attend.

## Mitzvah Day Is Coming!

*Sunday, May 15, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

We are excited about combining our passion for Tikkun Olam with the joy of being with our families and community during our Annual CNT Member BBQ. There will be opportunities for everyone to repair our part of the world and participate in Mitzvah Day:



**Blood Drive:** Give the gift of life by donating much-needed blood to people in need in our community. Please register by contacting Carol Holdengraber at **(408) 772-8325** or email **choldengraber@gmail.com**.



**Red Rock Canyon:** Help protect the environment of this beautiful international destination. This excursion begins at 9:15 a.m. at Calico Basin and runs until 10:30 a.m., which will give you plenty of time to return to CNT for the BBQ and participate in more mitzvahs. Carmen Prater, our experienced Red Rock Guide, will lead this expedition.

The excursion will not be strenuous so most everyone will be able to participate. Provide the names and ages of those who will participate when you sign up by emailing Carmen at

**VegasHikeLife@outlook.com**. You will receive a confirmation email with complete information.



**Narcan Training:** The opioid epidemic is a national health crisis taking the lives of 100,306 Americans in only one year. Learn how to save someone's life through this critical training provided by the Nevadans for the Common Good Addiction & Recovery Committee which is chaired by Susie Sernoe.



**Three-Square Food Bank:** Help the food bank by preparing produce bags. This project is not only helpful but also a lot of fun and the perfect opportunity to visit with your family and friends while helping those in need.



**Memorial Stones:** Paint memorial stones to place as a symbol of remembrance and love. The stones will be given to our King David Memorial Garden and the King David Memorial Cemetery. Everyone will be able to participate in this loving project.



**Lap Blankets:** Join the Sisterhood in making lap blankets to comfort people of our community. Everyone will be able to participate in this mitzvah.



**Dog Toys:** Have fun making toys for dogs who give us so much joy and need comfort. Animal lovers of all ages will enjoy this project.

**Keep CNT Beautiful:** Show your love for our beautiful temple by helping clean and repair it.





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