



# CONGREGATION NER TAMID

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In The Sukkah**



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## Friday, October 6, 2023

6:15 p.m. – Friday Night *Shabbat* in the *Sukkah*

7:15 p.m. – *Sukkot* Family Dairy Dinner

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

## Saturday, October 7, 2023

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study in the *Sukkah* (Zoom)

10:00 a.m. – *Sukkot* Morning Service in the *Sukkah*,  
*Tefillah* / Prayer (In Person)

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage (Zoom)

## Sunday, October 8, 2023

5:30 p.m. – *Yizkor* Service

6:00 p.m. – *Simchat Torah* Service,  
Celebration with The Shabbatoners in the Social Hall



## Friday, October 13, 2023

7:00 p.m. – *Serenity Shabbat*

## Saturday, October 14, 2023

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study (In Person)

10:00 a.m. – Mason Schwartz' *Bar Mitzvah*

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage (Zoom)

## Friday, October 27, 2023

7:00 p.m. – *Shabbat* in the Round

8:00 p.m. – NTTY Lounge Night

## Saturday, October 28, 2023

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study (In Person)

10:00 a.m. – Allegra Weir's *Bat Mitzvah*

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage (Zoom)

*For Zoom links, go to our calendar  
at [www.lvnertamid.org](http://www.lvnertamid.org).*



## Congregation Ner Tamid Celebrates Rosh Hashanah, Observes Yom Kippur







As I look out the window, fall has arrived. The days have become shorter and cooler. As I think back growing up, there would be dew on the ground, the leaves would be changing color, and the mornings would be brisk. That was in Upstate New York, not like what we see here in Las Vegas.

The High Holidays are now behind us, and the year is quickly moving on. Before we know it Thanksgiving, Hannukah, and New Year will be here.

As I reflect on the first few months as your Board President, I see important things happening within our community. The Preschool is bustling as we have more than 50 students enrolled. What an improvement from the COVID days when the Preschool closed.

The Religious School is up and running with more than 150 students, it is nice to see the future of our Congregation growing before our eyes.

The Synagogue during Services is attracting more Congregants, which gives us a feeling of social connection which is difficult to attain from our homes. The Clergy has a spring in their step, as having more Congregants brings an energy to the Synagogue which cannot be attained through Zoom or an empty building. We are also seeing more events added to the monthly calendar, and the Temple's facilities continue to get more use.

Our expectations are that we will continue to see this uptick of activity in our Synagogue into the next year when Congregation Ner Tamid will celebrate its 50th anniversary. This is and will be a huge milestone, and even though life has picked up within our walls, we have not seen anything like we will see in the coming year. Next year we can expect many events in celebration of our milestone.

I finally want to thank all of you for your patience as we have transitioned back to normalcy. I have met many of you and I hope to meet you all throughout my term. I also want to thank you for making my transition seamless. You have all been very generous in your giving, be it through volunteering, working on one of our committees, being a part of our Board, socializing after Services, being a part of our Service, working with our educators, or being a part of our community. It should be no surprise with all of this support that our Congregation is "A Special Place To Belong."

Have a wonderful fall and bless you all.

Shalom and L'chaim, Michael Levy – 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 (702) 733-6292 or [esimon@lvnertamid.org](mailto:esimon@lvnertamid.org).***



As the Bulletin is put together several weeks before its publication date, I am writing this article in the midst of my health challenge which caused me to miss High Holydays this year. It was the first time I have missed the Holydays since I began attending as a little boy. Being on the sidelines this year was difficult on many levels. I did not want to disappoint my community being one. Facing my ego – not being on the bimah during the most significant time of the Jewish year. Thirdly, I am not used to being the focus of concern, but rather prefer to be in the position of “pastor” ministering to my Congregation and providing comfort to all of you during your times of need. These reasons though pale in consideration to facing the fact that I, like all of us, are mortal and must deal with the challenges of the body. I have been spared any surgeries or major scares for my entire life. In talking with folks this is rather rare, but not uncommon.



It goes without saying, how appreciative I am of Cantor Hutchings who rose to the occasion and led beautiful Services. There are a lot of moving parts and she did a fantastic job in making sure that the needs of our community were met and that Services were especially meaningful. I am grateful too for our staff, our Temple Board, and all of the many volunteers who stepped up to make sure that Cantor received all the support she needed. The power of community is “being a community.” Stepping up and supporting one another. The outpouring of personal support was amazing and touched me deeply.

A word of Torah... soon it will be Simchat Torah. One of the primary meanings of Simchat Torah is not just the celebration of the Torah itself, but in understanding that life is cyclical. We read from the end of the Torah and then immediately read from the beginning. With every ending there is a new beginning. Having completed a task, we realize there is more to be done. With death, comes new life. Every stage of existence is connected one to the other. It is a powerful metaphor and one that we should not take lightly.

But life is often taken for granted. Perhaps, that is how it should be. We could not live our lives if we spent it worrying each day about the next. Just as we take for granted that the sun will rise each day, so do we live with the faith that we will rise up each morning.

Tradition teaches us to live in gratitude. That is our compromise. To live simply without appreciating our lives would risk leading our lives hedonistically at worst or ignoring the needs of the body at best. Gratitude gives us perspective and balance. Modeh Ani are the words we say each morning... “Thank you God for...” I greet the New Year with gratitude and pray that the year to come will be one of health and joy for us all.

**Rabbi Sanford Akselrad**

***We invite you to buy a copy of Rabbi Akselrad's new book  
“Love in the Time of Corona” at CNT Sisterhood's Mark L. Fine  
and Family Gift Shop and on Amazon (bit.ly/42Hd1BO).***





## From Cantor Hutchings' Erev Rosh Hashanah Sermon 5784

Here we are. New Year. Blank Slate. We've returned.... To love, to truth, and to You, God. But this begs the big question. The question most of us grappled with while thinking about attending these Services, and while we were picking out our special attire, while we drove here, as we entered these doors, and as we sit here right now... What is God? Who is God? Where is God? Is there God?

So tell me... How do *YOU* view God?

Thanks to learning Biblical text not in its ancient Hebrew and Aramaic forms but in a shaky version of English translation, many of us were raised to believe that God was a gray-bearded man in the sky. Even if it wasn't explicitly taught this way in Religious School, it was the only tangible way young minds could grasp the concept. The problem is, that never really changed for many of us, and that is why many have turned away to think, that's a character in a story, and there is no God at all...

I remember being 12 years old at one of my first Services at CNT. It was Rabbi Akselrad's sermon at a Family Service. He said, "You can see God however you want to. However God makes sense to you."

Wait, what? Excuse me? I thought one God meant one visual interpretation! (I know, I know... but I was 12, and my mom had spent my life telling me that God would catch all of the balloons we let go of into the sky.)

But that was it. **THE MOMENT** I began to struggle to understand who God is in my life. Would it surprise you to know, that even as a Cantor almost Rabbi, I still struggle today? My guess is you do, too. That's not a problem. Why? Because Our Jewish text constantly reminds us that we are supposed to be digging, questioning, and interpreting. That's why we are encouraged to study every day and never stop until the moment we die. Even if we think we "know" all there is, there is **STILL** more to be discovered in the white spaces that surround the black text....

There is a midrash that teaches that when we say we cannot see God's face, it's because we can see God's back. Now, think about it... if we were to embrace God from behind and our eyes see through the Compassionate One's eyes and feel with those hands, what would our world look like? Perhaps if we cared that much and were that cognizant of our connection with The Vastness, we would build a better humanity. We would work harder and smarter. We would be kinder. We would be more thoughtful. We wouldn't treat prayers like wishes, but instead as motivations to achieve our deepest desires.

Perhaps, through the All-Knowing One's eyes, we could realize that we are only going to be our best selves if we reflect on our own actions, show deeper gratitude, and love deeper than we believed we could.



B'shira, Cantor Jessica Hutchings





CALLING ALL CNT  
MEMBERS IN THEIR  
20S AND 30S



Trivia Night

WEDNESDAY  
November 8

SHAKESPEARE'S  
PUB & GRILLE  
790 Coronado Center Dr  
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

FREE ENTRY

RSVP using the QR code below!



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Bereavement Support Group



Have you experienced loss?  
Are you in your 20s, 30s, 40s?  
Are you looking to begin healing?

Email: [cantore@lvnertamid.org](mailto:cantore@lvnertamid.org)



## Join CNT's Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class Of 2025!

Classes begin Tuesday, January 9, 2024.  
Hybrid classes meet on Tuesday evenings from  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Content features Hebrew and Jewish history and culture.  
A basic knowledge of Hebrew is highly recommended.  
Assignments include short weekly readings assignments  
as well as a summer mitzvah project and book report.

B'nai Mitzvah Service tentatively planned for  
Saturday, January 25, 2025.

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

Contact Roberta at  
CNT (702) 733-6292  
for more information.

## CNT's Clergy Reads To Kantor ECEC Preschool Kids

The Gary & Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center's Preschool kids enjoyed story time with Congregation Ner Tamid's Clergy on Thursday, August 31, with Rabbi Sanford Akselrad and on Wednesday, September 6, with Cantor Jessica Hutchings.

The Kantor ECEC offers play-based learning, focusing on developmentally appropriate practices so that children meet their specific goals.

With full- and half-day Preschool schedules, The Kantor ECEC also offers weekly enrichment programs, as well as before and after care from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Friday.

Its experienced and highly-trained staff encourages intellectual, social, emotional, physical, and spiritual growth through hands-on, child-directed activities in a warm and nurturing environment. Family relationships and community building are fundamental in the program. The Kantor ECEC's open-door policy and family programs encourage comfort and socialization between families, teachers, and the Synagogue.

For more information about The Kantor ECEC or to arrange a tour, complete an Interest Form online at [www.lvnertamid.org](http://www.lvnertamid.org) or call (702) 632-2250 or email [preschool@lvnertamid.org](mailto:preschool@lvnertamid.org).

## NOAH SHABBAT

at Congregation Ner Tamid  
55 N. Valle Verde Dr., Henderson, NV

**Saturday, October 21, 2023**

**9:00 a.m. - Tot Shabbat Services**

**10:30 a.m. - Petting Zoo**





## Religious School Students Participate In High Holy Days Events

Congregation Ner Tamid's Religious School students enjoyed a Rosh Hashanah Family Day on Sunday, September 17. After an apples and honey schmooze, older students participated in CNT's Rosh Hashanah Traditional Service while younger students participated in art, music, and story activities. Everyone came together at the end of the day for Tashlich with Cantor Jessica Hutchings. On **Sunday, October 1**, the Religious School kids will decorate the Temple's Sukkah, celebrate Sukkot, and participate in kickoff events for ITTY BITTY NTTY (third, fourth, and fifth graders) with a T-shirt decorating party and for TNT (sixth, seventh, and eighth graders) with a bowling party. Simchat Torah Family Day takes place **Sunday, October 8**, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., and will precede CNT's Simchat Torah Service and Celebration with The Shabbatoners in the Social Hall, starting at 6:00 p.m. On **Sunday, October 15**, ITTY BITTY NTTY will pick pumpkins at Halloweentown from 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., and TNT students will go play Laser Tag at Lost World from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. On **Sunday, October 22**, NTTY will enjoy a lunch outing.





CNT Religious School  
3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade

## Upcoming IBN Events

Oct 1	Oct 15	Nov 19
T-shirt decorating, lunch, and games 12:00 - 1:00 PM \$10, lunch included	Pumpkin Patch Fun at Halloweentown 12:30 - 1:30 PM \$10 entry fee	Ice Skating at Las Vegas Ice Center 12:30 - 3:00 PM \$10 entry fee

RSVP to hayley@cntschoool.org



CNT Religious School  
6th, 7th, & 8th Grade

## Upcoming TNT Events

Oct 1	Oct 15	Nov 19
Bowling at Wildfire Sunset Lanes 12:30 - 2:00 PM \$20, lunch included	Laser Tag at Lost World - Stephanie and Horizon Ridge 12:30 - 2:00 PM \$18, lunch included	Ice Skating at Las Vegas Ice Center 12:30 - 3:00 PM \$10 entry fee

RSVP to hayley@cntschoool.org

## Mason Schwartz – Saturday, October 14, 2023



Mason Schwartz will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on **Saturday, October 14**. Mason is an eighth grader at The Adelson School. Outside of school, Mason has a passion for chess, flag football, basketball, gaming, and other activities that involve strategic thinking and camaraderie. Mason has shown dedication and commitment in preparing for the privileges and responsibilities that come with becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

For his Bar Mitzvah project, Mason chose to raise money to support The Anti-Defamation League (ADL). Formed in September 1913, the ADL's mission is to “stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all.” ADL educates the public about anti-Semitism and other

forms of hate, and it develops programs to prevent hate crimes and bullying. The Hebrew term for fighting anti-Semitism is מלחמה באנטישמיות (pronounced “milchama ba'antishemiyut”). It literally means “war on anti-Semitism.” The fight against anti-Semitism is essential to protect the rights and safety of Jews around the world, and it is also important for promoting tolerance and understanding between people of all faiths and backgrounds.

## Sawyer Goldon – Saturday, October 21, 2023



Sawyer is a seventh-grader at Del Webb Middle School in Henderson and loves playing Pokemon and chess, watching YouTube, and running around with his many dogs. He currently participates in the Junior Varsity Quiz team and is interested in robotics, while maintaining good grades in all accelerated classes.

He is so excited to be called to the bimah as a Bar Mitzvah on **Saturday, October 21**, and to celebrate his accomplishment while continuing his family tradition of reading the Noah Torah portion.

For his Bar Mitzvah project, Sawyer has been collecting and making hats and scarves to support local homeless shelters in assisting those less fortunate as the winter is approaching.

For more information, or to donate to the cause, please

drop off new or gently used wool hats, gloves, and/or scarves in the Mitzvah Project box outside of the sanctuary.





## Allegra Weir – Saturday, October 28, 2023

Allegra Weir will be called to the bimah on **Saturday, October 28**, as a Bat Mitzvah to read from the Torah portion Lech Le'cha.

Allegra is a seventh-grader at The Adelson School. She has been a member of Congregation Ner Tamid from the time Rabbi Akselrad gave Allegra her Hebrew name, Ester. Outside of school, Allegra is an avid tennis player. She started lessons at 3 years old and hasn't stopped since. She loves practicing every day with her Coach Dario and participating in tournaments whenever possible. Allegra also has a creative side in her love of art. Whether it's watercolors, oil painting, or learning the fundamentals of art itself she thrives every Saturday taking her art classes. After trying to figure out what musical instrument best suited her (piano, guitar) she finally settled on the most portable instrument of them all, her voice. She loves going to her vocal coach, Lauren, every week and just singing around the house. In fact, for her Mitzvah project, she is hoping to work together with the Temple's Choir and Delmar Gardens to arrange a Chanukah Musical Celebration for the nursing home residents to enjoy.

Allegra's family is proud of all her hard work in preparing for her Bat Mitzvah and truly looks forward to celebrating this joyous day.



## TELL AND KVELL

Roberta Unger,  
runger@lvnertamid.org

Mazel Tov to Grandparents  
Laura and Jerry Grau.  
They are elated to welcome  
their first grandchild Avery.



## Chavurah Chazarai

Michele and Denny Wertheimer will host CNT's Posh Noshers Chavurah on **Sunday, October 1**, at 4:00 p.m. They are making a big batch of chili and would like everyone to bring foods and beverages that accompany chili. If you are not a fan of chili, please feel free to bring something yummy that you like. It's all about the community. Please bring chairs or blankets as this will be an outdoor event. You will need to RSVP to Michele and Denny so they can tell the guard gate attendant in advance. Posh Noshers will meet again on **Sunday, October 29**, at 5:00 p.m., at Lindo Michoacan on Horizon and Carnegie.

On **Wednesday, October 11**, CNT's Film Chavurah will present "Tiger Within" starring Ed Asner in his final film role. The screening starts at 6:00 p.m. at CNT.

Elaine Entin and Harvey Hirsch will host CNT's next Art of Fine Liqueur Chavurah event on **Saturday, October 14**, at 5:00 p.m. Leisa Tracey from Sips in the Desert will host a mixology class. Everyone will get the ingredients to make three different fall cocktails. Yummy food will be provided as well. Charge is \$50 per person in advance. Please call or text if you have any questions: Elaine (702) 501-0314, Harvey (310) 936-9620.

Ann Kershner and Bruce Smith are hosting CNT's next Wine Not Chavurah gathering on **Tuesday, October 17**, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. There is no specific theme – bring your favorite wine and a hearty appetizer to share (nothing with nuts please). RSVP to Paul at [pscea@yahoo.com](mailto:pscea@yahoo.com).

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

THE VEGAS VOICE PRESENTS  
**An Afternoon Affair**  
Hosted By Jonny Bird  
as Joan Rivers  
Barbara Brighton  
Your Favorite Songs!  
Greatest Hits! **Motown Soul Rock n' Roll**  
Renee Hale  
Pete Peterkin  
**Congregation Ner Tamid**  
Tuesday, October 10, 2023  
2:30 p.m. (Doors open at 2:00 p.m.)  
55 N. Valle Verde Dr., Henderson  
Seating Is Limited... Two Seats Per Person  
Bring Your Photo I.D.  
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CNT'S FILM CHAVURAH  
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Wednesday,  
October 11, 2023  
6:00 p.m. at CNT  
ED ASNER  
MARGOT JOSEFSOHN  
**TIGER WITHIN**  
A FILM BY RAFAL ZIELINSKI





### **Straight No Chaser Concert**

**Friday, October 27, 2023, 7:30 p.m.**

*Reynolds Hall in The Smith Center*

Vegas PBS welcomes the phenomenon that is Straight No Chaser, the captivating sound of nine unadulterated human voices coming together to make extraordinary music that is moving people in a fundamental sense... and with a sense of humor.

Donate \$89 per person for an orchestra seat including a pre-show soundcheck.

[www.vegaspbs.org/tickets/#straight](http://www.vegaspbs.org/tickets/#straight)



### **Matteo Bocelli Concert**

**Saturday, November 25, 2023, 7:30 p.m.**

*Reynolds Hall in The Smith Center*

Matteo Bocelli is an Italian singer and songwriter and son of world-renowned Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli. He is currently working on his first record and is considered one of the most promising emerging vocalists on the international pop scene.

Donate \$129 per person for an orchestra seat including a pre-show meet and greet.

Donate \$109 per person for an orchestra seat.

[www.vegaspbs.org/tickets/#matteo](http://www.vegaspbs.org/tickets/#matteo)

## Annual Tea

### **VEGAS PBS Annual Tea**

**Saturday, December 16, 2023, 1:00 p.m.**

*Four Seasons Hotel Las Vegas*

It's time for the Vegas PBS Annual Tea. Enjoy tea, sweets, savories, and entertainment plus take home a souvenir teacup and saucer.

Donate \$165 per person.

[www.vegaspbs.org/tickets/#tea](http://www.vegaspbs.org/tickets/#tea)



### **Frankie Valli And The Four Seasons**

**Friday, January 12, 2024, 7:30 p.m. or**

**Saturday, January 13, 2024, 7:30 p.m.**

*The International Theater at Westgate*

Vegas PBS welcomes Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons for their return to Las Vegas! Don't miss your chance to see this legendary musician perform classics like "Walk like a Man," "Big Girls Don't Cry," and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You."

Donate \$130 per person for a rear orchestra seat. Donate \$1,200 for two front orchestra seats, a one night hotel stay and a \$250 resort credit.

[www.vegaspbs.org/tickets/#frankie](http://www.vegaspbs.org/tickets/#frankie)

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*CNT Members should contact*

*Vegas PBS Event Specialist Christina Wood*

*at (702) 799-1010, ext. 5375,*

*cwood@vegaspbs.org to reserve,*

*and say you are with CNT. Page 13*



# MEMBERSHIP

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Ellen and David Bloom**



**Vanessa Beltran and  
Jason Mariasis**



**Michael Brinkenhoff**



**Claudia Kneiting**



**Loni and Mike Burda**



**Melita Costoso**



**Gretchen Pohaski and  
Christopher Harris**



**Yvonne and  
Warren Peskin**



**Crystal Thurman**



**Pattie and Harold Roberts**



**Jill Zinner**



# THE CHAGIM (HOLIDAYS) CONTINUE...

**AT CONGREGATION NER TAMID 2023/5784**

Now that Cantor Jessica Hutchings has ushered in the New Year during Rosh Hashanah and led our meaningful Yom Kippur observances, CNT is ready to host multiple events in its outdoor Sukkah on the Patio during Sukkot.

We'll commemorate our ancestral journey in the depths of the desert to connect to the harvest season. Along with eating meals in the Sukkah, we'll lift and shake the Lulav (a bouquet made up of a palm branch, three branches of myrtle, and two willow branches) with an Etrog (a fragrant, yellow or green bumpy citrus fruit also known as a citron).

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

9:00 a.m. – Religious School Students Decorate the Sukkah

## **MONDAY, OCTOBER 2**

6:00 p.m. – Sisterhood's Sisters in the Sukkah

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3**

6:00 p.m. – Intro to Torah and Hebrew 1A Classes in the Sukkah

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5**

6:00 p.m. – Sisterhood's Flour Power in the Sukkah

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6**

6:15 p.m. – Friday Night Shabbat in the Sukkah

7:15 p.m. – Sukkot Family Dairy Dinner in the Sukkah

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

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7**

8:45 a.m. – Torah Study in the Sukkah

10:00 a.m. – Sukkot Morning Service in the Sukkah

6:00 p.m. – MENSch Club in the Sukkah

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

7:00 a.m. – MENSch Club Takes Down the Sukkah (Volunteers Welcome)

4:00 p.m. – Religious School's Simchat Torah Family Learning Day

5:30 p.m. – Yizkor Service

6:00 p.m. – Simchat Torah Service, Celebration with The Shabbatoness in the Social Hall

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**

7:00 p.m. – Serenity Shabbat Service, Joyce & Jerome Mack Sanctuary



## PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, October 2 – 6:00 p.m.**

Sisters in the Sukkah



**Thursday, October 5 – 6:00 p.m.**

Flour Power | Challah in the Sukkah



**Sunday, October 22 – 1:00 p.m.**

Sisterhood Appreciation Luncheon for all our members who have paid their dues for this year.

If you have not paid your dues, please do so!

## SAVE THE DATE

### OUR ANNUAL HANUKKAH & HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**Sunday, November 5 – 9:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

All your shopping for the holidays in one place, our famous homemade Cookie Court, delicious Kugel and Latkes, Fund 4 Youth Raffle, and more! We are looking for vendors.

If you are interested or know someone who might be, please let us know. See Flyer insert for more information.

### JOIN THE HANNUKAH & HOLIDAY BAZAAR COOKIE COURT

Our Cookie Court needs your cookies!

All kinds wanted including Gluten Free and Sugar Free. With nuts or without. If you would like to participate, please bring your cookies in disposable bags of three (all the same cookie) and label bags “with or without nuts.”

Please bring to the Bazaar on **Sunday, November 5**, by 9:00 a.m., and let us know you’re participating.

Contact Anita Moody (702) 340-3826 or Marilyn Goldstein (702) 769-4749

### KUGEL WANTED!

Show off your baking skills as we sell Kugel at the Hanukkah & Holiday Bazaar.

If you would like to participate, we will provide the recipe and you will bring it baked in disposable dishes on **Sunday, November 5**, at 9:00 a.m. Let us know you’re participating and to get the recipe.

Email: [lindagoldstein66@gmail.com](mailto:lindagoldstein66@gmail.com) or text (702) 219-4816

### SISTERS SNEAK OUT

**Wednesday, November 15, at 6:00 p.m.**

Padrino’s Latin Cuisine, 2645 Saint Rose Parkway, #120, Henderson NV

We will order off the menu and separate checks will be provided.

Please RSVP by **Friday, November 10**, to Anita Moody

(702) 340-3826 or email [cntsisterhoodlv@gmail.com](mailto:cntsisterhoodlv@gmail.com). We hope you will join us!

**With love – Michelle Blank, President & Our CNT Sisterhood Board**

**Questions? Email us [CNTSisterhoodlv@gmail.com](mailto:CNTSisterhoodlv@gmail.com)**

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## Mark L. Fine And Family Gift Shop

**30% OFF ALL TALLITOT THROUGH  
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HANUKKAH & HOLIDAY BAZAAR!!!**

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## CHESED

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## Chesed Meets, Fills Rosh Hashanah Bags

Most members of our wonderful CNT Chesed Committee were able to meet to fill 36 Rosh Hashanah bags, and address additional cards to send to Congregants and college students.

We are happiest when we can bring cheer, and a perfect time to do that is at the New Year, and as needed throughout the year! Many thanks for the donations to help our projects be successful. If you have a little extra time to make a phone call or a short visit, please let me know. We'd be happy to have you join us!

**Shirley Kouffman, Chesed Committee Chairperson**

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## MENSch Club Builds CNT's Sukkah For Sukkot Celebrations



On Sunday, September 10, when most of us were still asleep, members of CNT's MENSch Club were up and out at 7:00 a.m., busy constructing CNT's Sukkah in the Patio. In October, CNT Congregants will enjoy many events in and around the Sukkah and on **Saturday, October 7**, the MENSch Club will hold theirs before taking it down on **Sunday, October 8**, at 7:00 a.m. Volunteers are welcome. The MENSch Club will hold its next Board meeting on **Sunday, October 15**, at 9:15 a.m., and relax and unwind after a busy High Holiday season (thanks again to all the ushers) on **Saturday, October 21**, for its Steaks & Spirits dinner at 5:30 p.m. Sign up now!

For more information: [www.lvnertamid.org/community/community-groups/mensch-club](http://www.lvnertamid.org/community/community-groups/mensch-club)





## Senior Schmoozers To Celebrate 1st Anniversary With Disco Dance Party



On Monday, September 11, the Senior Schmoozers gathered together for an afternoon of Red, White, Blue, and You. Brad Sternhill entertained us with patriotic music and many favorite sing-along songs. We celebrated our August and September birthdays and honored our veterans. A lot of people dressed in flag shirts and red, white, and blue, but as soon as Barbara and Marshall Bernstein walked in with their matching outfits, they were the obvious prize winners for best dressed.

Let's see who can beat them for best dressed at the next Senior Schmoozers luncheon on **Monday, October 23**. Dress in your best Disco Duds for a special



One Year Anniversary Party with a Disco theme. Leon Gilliam, formerly of the Buck Ram's Platters, will be the entertainer and his goal is to get everyone out of their seats and up on the dance floor. Make sure to register early for every Senior Schmoozers luncheon on the Temple's website: **www.lvnertamid.org**.

Can you believe we started a year ago with only 35 people at our "Kick Off" lunch? Some Schmoozers have been with us since day one and others have only missed once or twice during the year. We'll be giving out a lot of prizes in different areas to celebrate our First Anniversary. We love how the program has grown and enjoy seeing both our "regulars" and "first timers" each month.

After our One Year Anniversary Party, we'll be finishing out 2023 with our Pre-Thanksgiving Turkey Bash on **Monday, November 20**, with cooking, flowers, games, and Thanksgiving favorites. At our Party Chanukah Style lunch, on **Monday, December 11**, Glori Rosenberger and the CNT ECC Preschoolers will stop by to visit. Stacey Lewis promised her famous kugel for a second year to complement latkes, jelly donuts, and other holiday treats.

Our sincere thank you to Temple member David Mizrahi who has made our Senior Program possible. Mr. Mizrahi sponsors the senior events in honor of his father Joseph Mizrahi. Thank you to everyone who has participated in Senior Schmoozers as we enter our second year. Thank you to volunteers Stacey Lewis, Nan Spector, Aydie Unger, and Rona Mendelson for their hard work and dedication as members of Karen's Dream Team. Welcome to Donna Miller our newest volunteer and thank you to Bob and Aydie Unger for donating our pizza stands. All lunches are open to anyone 65 and older and free to CNT members. Not-yet members pay \$18 which includes food and entertainment.



Any questions, comments, or suggestions can be sent to me at **seniors@lvnertamid.org**. Page 19

## Rabbi Akselrad, Cantor Hutchings To Be Featured Speakers At 36th Annual Interfaith Forum

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36<sup>th</sup> Season

At this year's Interfaith Council's Interfaith Forums, Cantor Jessica Hutchings will be a featured speaker at Session One that takes place on **Sunday, October 22**, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., at Congregation Ner Tamid. The session is called "Spiritual – Not Religious: Youth – Consider Whether Religion Has Lost Its Appeal."

Rabbi Sanford Akselrad will be featured in the third session of the Forum, that takes place on **Sunday, November 5**, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., at the Church of Jesus Christs of Latter-day Saints. His session is called "Life and Death: I'm Dying To Tell You What's It's All About."

The Forums are designed to gain a greater understanding and awareness of the diverse belief traditions represented in Southern Nevada. We hope you attend and support your Clergy at these events.

This year's Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will take place at All Saints Episcopal Church on **Sunday, November 19**, at 4:30 p.m.

## FAITH MATTERS



A WEEKLY PODCAST KEEPING  
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[www.lvnertamid.org/faith-matters](http://www.lvnertamid.org/faith-matters)

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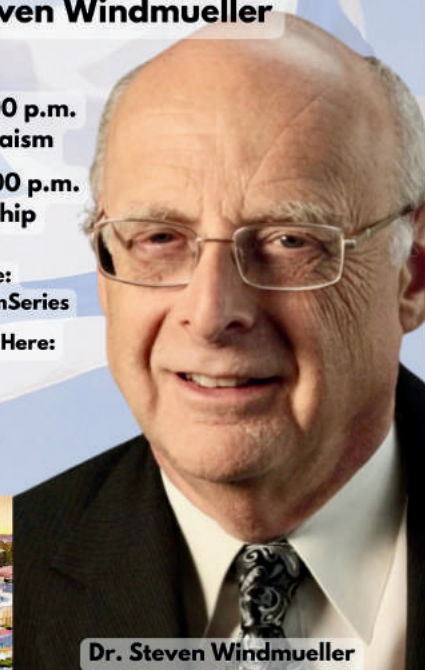
Wednesday, October 25, 7:00 p.m.  
21st Century American Judaism

Wednesday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.  
Diaspora-Israel Relationship

Register Through CNT Here:  
<https://bit.ly/WindmuellerZoomSeries>

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Dr. Steven Windmueller



# ADULT EDUCATION

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## Summer - Fall 2023 Adult Ed. Classes

Tuesday evenings with Morah Pam

July 11 - Aug. 22, 6:00 pm



Intro to  
Judaism

(No class on July 25)

Aug. 29 - Oct. 17, 6:00 pm



Intro to  
Torah (a)

(No class on Sep. 19 or 26)

Oct. 24 - Dec. 12, 6:00 pm



Intro to  
Torah (b)

(No class on Oct. 31)

July 11 - Aug. 22, 7:00 pm



Intro to  
Hebrew

(No class on July 25)

Aug. 29 - Oct. 17, 7:00 pm



Hebrew  
1a

(No class on Sep. 19 or 26)

Oct. 24 - Dec. 12, 7:00 pm



Hebrew  
1b

(No class on Oct. 31)

Register now for the last session of Congregation Ner Tamid's 2023 Adult Education classes. Sign up on our website or calendar.

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daughters

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Rebecca,  
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12/3

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Rachel,  
and Jacob

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## REGISTER NOW FOR A TRIP OF A LIFETIME...

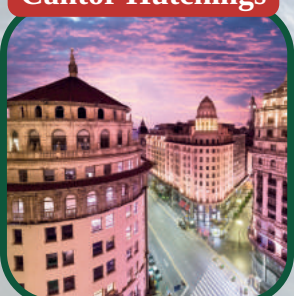
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Rabbi Akselrad  
Cantor Hutchings



Cantor Pablo Duek





## Nevadans for the Common Good

“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.” –Muhammad Ali

This Muhammad Ali quote is so true.

And we take this seriously at Nevadans for the Common Good.

Recently, here with CNT’s NCG Core Team, we have been focusing on the issue of Mental Health in our Jewish and general community. An NCG Mental Health Team, spearheaded by CNT’s Susie Sernoe, was established to focus on this issue. The team has been active and meeting regularly conducting research on mental health issues, available services and facilities as well as holding house meetings on the topic of depression. It’s also been making connections with Assemblywoman Lesley Cohen (future meeting speaker), attending a UNLV panel on homelessness and connecting with NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness – the nation’s largest grassroots MH organization in the country.

NCG has also been conducting a series of organization trainings for our members. Head Organizer Anna Eng spoke at CNT on Yom Kippur during a presentation by the Social Action/ Justice, Chesed and NCG committees in the afternoon. Cindy Jensen, Shirley Kouffman and Dorie Kirtman spoke at our Friday, August 25, Social Action Shabbat about the work being done by these three service groups and also provided information tables at two Friday night Shabbat evenings.

We look forward to continuing our service and work during the New Year.

We welcome congregation input and the interest of new members.



## CNT’s Trivia Tuesdays

**For CNT Members and Non-Members Alike...**

**Mixed subjects – anything goes!**

**Tuesday, October 31, 2023**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**



**Virtual Trivia via Zoom on your computer.**

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



## Social Action's Food Drive, Meet & Greet, Mitzvah Menorah

Our Congregation once again showed their generosity and compassion as they responded to our High Holy Days Food Drive. The donations of food and personal care items will be given to Jewish Family Services for distribution. People throughout our community will benefit from your action and Tzedakah. What a beautiful way to begin the new year. THANK YOU!

Members of the Social Action/ Justice, Nevadans for the Common Good, and Chesed Committees invite you to an informal meet and greet on **Tuesday, October 3**, at 5:00 pm. We will enjoy refreshments as we get to know each other, exchange ideas, talk about our goals for our congregation and community and enjoy each other's company. We look forward to seeing you!

Chanukah is coming soon and so is Mitzvah Menorah! Through the Mitzvah Menorah project, you can sponsor a child for Chanukah by purchasing age and gender appropriate gifts for your sponsored child. You will be able to select a child to sponsor in person by stopping by the giant menorah at the Sisterhood Holiday Bazaar on **Sunday, November 5**. You will also be able to select a child to sponsor via the internet. Watch for more information and a link to the Mitzvah Menorah event on Eventbrite.

LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

### MEET & GREET

MEMBERS OF SOCIAL ACTION,  
NEVADANS FOR THE COMMON GOOD AND  
CHESED COMMITTEES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023  
5:00–6:30 PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LIGHT  
REFRESHMENTS AND TO TALK!

CONGREGATION NER TAMID  
SOCIAL HALL





## Congregation Ner Tamid's 50th Anniversary Celebration Dates And Events Will Be Announced Soon...



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## *When a loved one passes away...*

Jewish tradition teaches us to remember them annually  
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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  
for future engraving, please contact*

**Roberta Unger, (702) 733-6292, [runger@lvnertamid.org](mailto:runger@lvnertamid.org),  
to ensure your loved one's name is etched in stone.**



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**Todah rabah!** Thank you to the following who provided contributions to Congregation Ner Tamid  
between August 9, and September 8, 2023. 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.

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NOV. 9 – DESERT WINDS CONCERT

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NOV. 20 – SENIOR SCHMOOZERS

NOV. 21 – PRESCHOOL'S THANKSGIVING FEAST

NOV. 28 – TRIVIA TUESDAY