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CALENDAR OF SERVICES

Friday, August 4, 2023

7:00 p.m. – Friday Night Shabbat

Saturday, August 5, 2023

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study
10:00 a.m. – *Shabbat Minyon* Service – *Tefillah*/ Prayer
12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage
5:00 p.m. – Splish Splash *Havdalah* at
Cantor Hutchings' House



Friday, August 11, 2023

7:00 p.m. – Back To Shul Prospective Member *Shabbat*, Birthday Blessings, Crazy Ice Cream *Oneg*

Saturday, August 12, 2023

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study 10:00 a.m. – *Shabbat Minyon* Service – *Tefillah*/ Prayer 12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage

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.

Friday, August 18, 2023

6:15 p.m. – Greatest Hits Prospective Member *Shabbat* with The Shabbatones (Family-Friendly) and NTTY Lounge Night until 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 19, 2023

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study
10:00 a.m. – *Shabbat Minyon* Service – *Tefillah*/ Prayer
12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage
5:30 p.m. – Mason Dannin's *Bar Mitzvah*/ *Havdalah*



Friday, August 25, 2023

7:00 p.m. – Social Action/ Justice Perspective Member *Shabbat* in the Round

Saturday, August 26, 2023

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study (in person) 10:00 a.m. – Sydney Molitz' *Bat Mitzvah* 10:00 a.m. – *Shabbat Minyon* Service – *Tefillah*/ Prayer 12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage

Please come to the Temple to pick up your new Membership badges. Our security officers and ushers need to know who our Members are during our High Holy Days Services and events.

SPECIAL SHABBAT SERVICES

August Celebratory Shabbats To Welcome Prospective Members To CNT

Congregation Ner Tamid welcomes its Members, and all Prospective Members new to the area, to a Back To Shul Shabbat on **Friday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m.**, with Birthday Blessings and a "crazy" ice cream oneg. CNT will welcome all Preschool and Religious School students and their parents to celebrate the kick-off of the new school year.

Wear your favorite concert T-shirt or dress up like a member of your favorite musical group at Greatest Hits Shabbat, featuring The Shabbatones, on **Friday, August 18, at 6:15 p.m.** Last year, CNT introduced the family-friendly Greatest Hits Shabbat to showcase the music of high-profile bands with new high-energy arrangements. CNT invites Members and Not Yet-Members alike to attend this encore Shabbat and find out if their favorite hit songs have been paired with their favorite prayers. There will be a NTTY Lounge Night until 10:00 p.m.

On **Friday, August 25, at 7:00 p.m.,** CNT is proud to present a Social Action/ Justice Shabbat in the Round. At the center of CNT's Tikkun Olam programs is its Social Action/ Justice, Chesed, and Nevadans for the Common Good Committees which provide central resources for social action to both Temple organizations and individuals. Group representatives will be in attendance to talk about their projects and initiatives and offer membership to their committees.

CNT Members are encouraged to bring friends, family and Prospective Members to these three special Shabbats to help enlarge *our* family and to showcase CNT as a special place to belong.



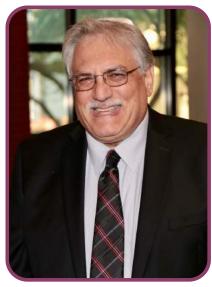




The Alan H. Bachman and Judy L. Bachman Foundation is graciously donating funds to Congregation Ner Tamid Members in need of financial assistance for Jewish summer camps and Synagogue Membership dues.

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

PRESIDENTIAL PERSPECTIVES



My first Presidential Perspective! Wow, what a whirlwind this has been, and I am extremely happy to be your new President of the Congregation Ner Tamid Board.

I'd like to begin by letting everyone know a little bit about myself. I was born to Jewish parents in Upstate New York in 1963. For the first few years of my schooling, I attended Hillel Academy, a Jewish private school. One day in fourth grade, I came home convinced I would become a Rabbi. My mother pulled me out of private school and sent me to public school the following year. Telling her I wanted to be a Rabbi probably wasn't the best thing in fourth grade, and she obviously wanted me to get exposure to other career options.

After graduating high school, I went on to Syracuse University where I received a degree in accounting and followed that up with an MBA. I started my career in New York City and Northern New Jersey straight out of college (what a culture shock after growing up in the farmlands of Upstate New York), and then moved to Northern California with the company I worked for at the time in 2009.

I met my beautiful wife Bonnie in NorCal and was married in 1992. We had our daughter Megan while living in NorCal then moved to Henderson in 2000 where both our parents lived at the time. We went on to have two additional children, Jonathan and Brandon, after moving to Nevada.

I have been a member of our Temple for 20-plus years, and all my children celebrated their Bar/ Bat Mitzvahs in our Synagogue. My daughter, who is now married, had her wedding officiated by our clergy, and my only grandchild was named by our clergy.

There are a number of things I have a passion for in life, one being my grandson, but I am also a huge Vegas Golden Knights fan, as I attend almost every home game, and watch all the road games on TV. So, come up to me and talk about anything VGK related, and I will be more than happy to do so.

As for becoming your President of the Board, I would love to meet every one of you, so if you see me in the hall, or at one of our events please don't hesitate to come up and introduce yourself. It is important to me that our Synagogue remains a very inviting community, where we welcome all with open arms, and we are very approachable. The space we share should not only be a place of worship, but a place we can call community and home. We have a lot of exciting events coming up over the next couple of years, as our Congregation will be celebrating its 50th anniversary, and as we continue to add additional programs as we revert to normalcy from the Covid days.

Once again, I look forward to meeting you all.

RABBI'S REFLECTIONS

One of the highlights of our summer took place in mid-July when we hosted Reverend Adrian Doll from Green Valley Presbyterian Church. After Shabbat services, we had a wonderful interfaith discussion that reflected our enduring friendship and the desire to model civic discourse in a country too often framed by its differences than common values. In turn, we continued the dialogue on Sunday at his Church.

As many of you know, I have been active and a founding member of the Interfaith Council of Southern Nevada which represents a very broad umbrella of world religions. The concept of "inter-faith" is not readily accepted by all religious traditions, including the more orthodox traditions of Judaism. But, I find it imperative that we build friendships among different faith traditions because we need to not only learn from each other



but stand up for each other. Several years ago, when the Muslim community was attacked, (their mortuary was burned to the ground and arson was suspected), I was there to stand with them in solidarity. I decried the bigotry and possible hatred that had ensued. Their profuse gratitude that I was there to stand in solidarity with them is still with me. Likewise, several years ago, when the Tree of Life shooting took place, I organized a community gathering which was held at Temple Beth Sholom and attended by more than 1,000 people. Among those in attendance were members of our interfaith community. After the solidarity service, we sang "Oseh Shalom" and I will never forget that a leader of the Israeli community and a leader of the Muslim community stood there singing the words together!

Not to paper over our differences, we should realize that religion at its core seeks to bring people together. Our differences may be many in how we practice our faith, but in a perfect aspirational world, when we seek to find our common humanity, we become stronger when we work together.

Toward this goal, I will once again be attending the Parliament of the World's Religions. This organization was started in 1893 in an attempt to create a global dialogue of faiths. This was the first interfaith gathering of its kind. Over the last century, the organization has met in different parts of the world, every few years, and now every two years. In 2015, I attended the gathering held in Salt Lake City which attracted nearly 10,000 people from all over 73 countries! This year's gathering will take place in mid-August in Chicago, the birthplace of this idea. Reform Judaism's own Rabbi David Saperstein will be one of the keynote speakers. Over the years the convention has hosted the Dalai Lama, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Dr. Michael Beckwith, and Dr. Mary Morrissey to name a few scholars and religious leaders.

I am excited and appreciative of the opportunity to attend this gathering. While we are prone to point out the differences in our world, I believe we live in a pivotal moment. Climate change, wide disparity in wealth between countries, water scarcity, and the challenges of overpopulation impact all of us regardless of religious beliefs. Gatherings such as this emphasize our common humanity and get us thinking about what we can do within our faith traditions, our communities, and our own individual families to change the world for the better. It may be aspirational, but I believe, that dreams need to start somewhere. And who are bigger dreamers than Jews? It was Theodore Herzl who said, "If you will it, it is no dream."

Together we will find the way; that is our hope, that is our strength, and that must indeed be our path forward.

CANTOR'S CORNER



One of my favorite summer activities used to be watching the Olympics. I know we have another year before the next summer games, but I find myself reminiscing. Sure, the gymnasts, swimmers, and volleyball players are fun to watch, but perhaps the most exciting part is watching the faces of the athletes right after they give one hundred percent and waiting anxiously for the results to appear on the screen.

Waiting for an outcome after giving of ourselves is one of the most stress-inducing moments we can have. We have all been there, probably multiple times. Have you ever taken a test (medical or educational), interviewed for a job, auditioned for a part, or competed in a challenge? Then you probably know the feeling of that moment in time when you are waiting for the results.

At the beginning of August, we begin to prepare for Yamim HaNoraim, the days of awe, introspection, soul accounting, and t'shuvah (repentance). The first parsha that brings this into focus is Eikev, which translates to "As a result." It is a parsha filled with a problematic line or three because it lays out the idea of crime and punishment. It is a part of our text that teaches us that our outcomes are a result of our doings or wrongdoings. As scholars have studied this text, year after year, century after century, we have come to understand that this is not literal. It is not one hundred and fire degrees outside because you disobey a commandment. You did not get cancer because you were disrespectful to your parents during your childhood. A loved one did not die because you have been wasting water. Unfortunate circumstances are not a direct result of our actions, but when those rough times hit, we can reach inward and access the best parts of ourselves to seek strength and comfort for ourselves and the people around us.

Parashat Eikev does, quite literally, say that if you act in one way, the result will follow. But Rabbi Stan Levy, of blessed memory, reframed Deuteronomy 11:13 so that we can derive meaning that makes better sense of the lessons of Eikev (As a result...).

If we can hear the words from Sinai/ then love will flow from us/ and we shall serve all that is holy/ with all our intellect and all our passion/ and all our life. If we can serve all that is holy,/ we shall be doing all that humans can,/ to help the rains to flow,/ the grasses to be green...

In other words, we can make a difference in the world. What we do today could impact generations many years in the future. We cannot, however, determine life's outcome as a long jumper receives a white or red flag following their jump. Next time you are finding yourself sulking in the "Why me?" or "Why them?" challenge yourself to reframe the question. "What can I do to push through or rise up through this difficult experience?" or "How can I help make a difference so that the future does not have to experience what I have?"

If we walk into our new school year and our holy season of "repair and restart" with a little more compassion for ourselves and the world, gratitude for what we have, even amongst our greatest challenges and sorrows, and a purposeful intention to spread and accept love, we will begin to understand the meaning and message of these latter parshiot in Deuteronomy.

CANTOR'S CORNER





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

Please volunteer for our many committees
that will steer this joyous celebration and impact our Temple's future
for generations to come.

Contact Roberta Unger at runger@lvnertamid.org

Kantor ECEC Enrollment Up For 2023 - 2024 School Year



The Gary & Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center at Congregation Ner Tamid

Preschool Enrolling Now!

Through Pre Kindergarter

Play-based learning, focusing on developmentally appropriate practices so your child meets THEIR specific goals!

Sibling Discount
Temple Member Discount!

Armed Guard On Duty

Contact us to reserve your spot now! 702.632.2250 lvnertamid.org



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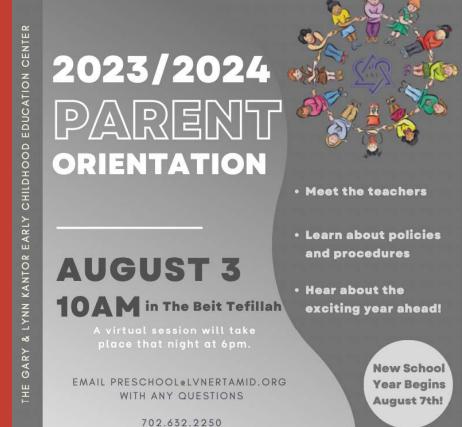
The Gary & Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center just wrapped up its 2023 summer program. Children took part in themed weeks that included water play and experiential learning.

The 2023-2024 Preschool year begins on **Monday, August 7**, with our largest school population since reopening after Covid in August of 2020.

The Kantor ECEC, for children aged 18 months through Pre-Kindergarten, is your family's gateway to the Temple, and a perfect place to begin your child's Jewish and secular educational journey.

The Kantor ECEC has full- and half-day Preschool schedules offering play-based learning, focusing on developmentally appropriate practices so that children meet their specific goals.

To enroll, go to www.lvnertamid.org.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

CNT's Religious School Hosts Open House Aug. 13; School Starts Aug. 20

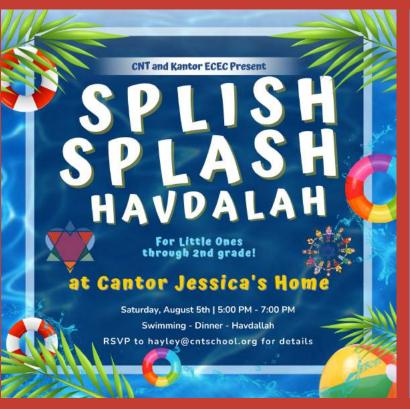
Congregation Ner Tamid's Religious School will host an Open House/ Meet the Teacher event on **Sunday, August 13, from 12:00 p.m.** – **1:00 p.m.** Enrolled students will get to meet their teachers, learn about their new curriculum, and find out about the many exciting opportunities available to them throughout the year.

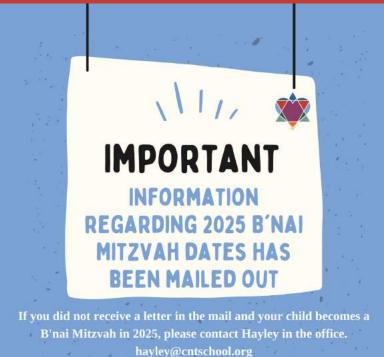
CNT's Religious School, from Pre-K through 12th grade, starts on **Sunday, August 20, from 9:00 a.m.** – **12:00 p.m.,** and Tuesday Hebrew School will start on **Tuesday, August 22, from 5:00 p.m.** – **6:30 p.m.**

"The CNT Religious School curriculum covers topics such as Torah study, Hebrew learning, prayer practice, Jewish values, traditions, and holidays," said Hayley Wizig, CNT Religious School and Family and Education Director. "The school day includes a t'filah (prayer) time, along with classes alternating between having a music and art class each week. Students receive a well-rounded education from our well-accomplished teaching staff and madrichim (teen teaching assistants). Students will also have the opportunity to participate in special school programming throughout the year and join grade level-based youth groups in which they will strengthen their ties to our Jewish community."

CNT's Religious School youth groups include NTTY (Ner Tamid Temple Youth) for ninth to 12th graders who can also join a TRIBE group and the madrichim program, TNT (Tweens of Ner Tamid) for sixth to eighth graders, and IBN (Itty Bitty NTTY) for third to fifth graders.

If you are a CNT Member, you can enroll at: www.lvnertamid.org/education/religious-school





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CONGREGATION NER TAMID HIGH HOLY DAYS

Friday, September 8 - Friday, October 13 2023/5784

SELICHOT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:00 p.m. - Serenity Shabbat, Changing of the Mantles, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00 p.m. - Selichot Service and Drum Circle, Patio and Sanctuary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

1:00 p.m. - Kever Dorot Memorial Service, King David Memorial Chapel & Cemetery

NOT-YET MEMBERS BUY YOUR

TICKETS NOW AT

ROSH HASHANAH

7:00 p.m. - Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. - Rosh Hashanah Tot Service, Beit Tefillah

10:00 a.m. - Rosh Hashanah Youth Service, Beit Tefillah

10:00 a.m. - Rosh Hashanah Traditional Service, Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. - Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service, Sanctuary

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:00 p.m. - Kol Nidre Family Service, Sanctuary

8:15 p.m. - Kol Nidre Traditional Service, Sanctuary



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 a.m. - Yom Kippur Tot Service, Beit Tefillah

10:00 a.m. - Yom Kippur Youth Service, Beit Tefillah

10:00 a.m. - Yom Kippur Traditional Service, Sanctuary

12:30 p.m. - Yahrzeit Plaque Dedication, CNT's King David Memorial Garden

1:15 p.m. - Film (TBA)

3:00 p.m. - Healing Service, Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. - Afternoon Service, Sanctuary

5:15 p.m. - Yizkor Service, Sanctuary

6:15 p.m. - Neilah and Havdalah, Sanctuary

SUKKOT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:00 p.m. - Sukkot Shabbat in the Round Service, in the Sukkah

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:45 a.m. - Torah Study in the Sukkah

10:00 a.m. - Sukkot Morning Service in the Sukkah - Tefillah/ Prayer



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

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

6:15 p.m. - Friday Night Shabbat in the Sukkah, Sukkot Family Dairy Dinner (7:15 p.m.)

SIMCHAT TORAH

8:45 a.m. - Torah Study in the Sukkah

10:00 a.m. - Yizkor Service, Kantor Patio

10:00 a.m. - Sukkot Morning Service in the Sukkah - Tefillah/ Prayer

4:00 p.m. - Religious School - Simchat Torah Family Learning Day

6:00 p.m. - Simchat Torah Service with The Shabbatones, Social Hall

7:00 p.m. - Serenity Shabbat Service, Sanctuary

Bringing a close to the High Holy Days...

For information about High Holy Days tickets, parking, babysitting, our security policies, and live streamed Services, please go to: www.lvnertamid.org.

Mason Dannin - Saturday, August 19, 2023



Mason Dannin will be called to the Torah, **Saturday, August 19,** at Congregation Ner Tamid. Mason is the only child of Andrew and Anoushka Dannin. He is an eighth-grader and straight-A student at Pinecrest Academy of Nevada – Sloan Canyon. Mason loves sports and he's a huge baseball fan and roots for the Yankees. He also enjoys skiing, video games, fishing, and being at the beach.

For his Mitzvah project, Mason held a clothing drive and collected 12 large bags of gently used clothes for Foster Kinship (www.fosterkinship.org). Most foster kids in Nevada are boys around Mason's age. Foster caregivers and kids can shop these donations for free through this program.

Sydney Molitz – Saturday, August 26, 2023



Sydney Molitz is a seventh-grader who is a student at Pinecrest Academy of Nevada – Sloan Canyon in Henderson. She has a younger brother, Joshua, who also attends Religious School at CNT. Her parents, Jason and Sara, were married at CNT as well.

Aside from school, Sydney loves playing goalie for her lacrosse team, learning about animals, surfing, drawing, and seeing live theater.

Sydney is thrilled to be called to the bimah as a Bat Mitzvah on **Saturday, August 26,** and Sydney's friends and family from around the country are very proud of her hard work and are excited to celebrate her becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Her paternal grandparents are David and Leslie Molitz from Henderson, and her maternal grandparents are Bill and Linda McLean from Mormon Lake, AZ.

Sydney will be reading Parshat Ki Teitzei from the Torah.

For her Mitzvah project, Sydney is partnering with the Trevor Project, an organization that provides crisis services for LGBTQ young people. They track legislation and advocate on behalf of these young people. She is collecting donations for this worthy organization. For more information about the Trevor Project, or to donate, please visit **www.thetrevorproject.com**.

TELL AND KVELL

CNT Members Amy and Steve Reiner are delighted to announce the birth of their first grandchild,

Ophira Leona Hirsch (at right).

Liza (Abrams) and Garrick Hirsch gave birth to a healthy baby girl in Houston, TX, on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.



Amy and Steve Reiner's son, David Leo Reiner (at left), graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), on Friday, May 19, 2023, earning his Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering. David was president of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) at UNR. He received an Outstanding Service Award from the College of Engineering.

Danica Torchin (at right) graduated with her Master's degree in Jewish Professional Studies from the Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership in Chicago on Sunday, May 7, 2023. Danica is the Associate Program Director for Jewish Nevada and BBYO City Director for the JCC of Southern



Nevada. Danica is the daughter of **The Shabbatones' Brad Torchin and CNT Members Hillary and Brian Steinberg.** She is also the sister of Corina and Collin Towle and Tierney Torchin.

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TELL AND KVELL

CNT Members Sarah and Conner McCarty announce the birth of their daughter **Matilda Elisheva McCarty** (at right). She was born on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 12:25 p.m.

7 lbs. 14 oz., 20 inches





CNT Executive Director Edward Simon is proud to announce his engagement to **Diana Inzunza** (at left). They got engaged on Friday, July 7, 2023.







CNT Members Marlene and
Edward Birch announce their
daughter, and CNT Shabbatones band
member, Tracie Birch (at right),
will be marrying her fiancé
Andrew Salazar in
San Jose in July 2024.

MEMBERSHIP



Chavurah Chazarai

CNT's **Wine Not? Chavurah** got together Tuesday, June 27, at 5:00 p.m., at the home of Linda and Abby Wikler in Henderson. House wines included Chardonnay, Merlot, Riesling, and Sauvignon Blanc. Everyone was asked to bring an appetizer to share with the group.

The next **Art of Fine Liquor Chavurah** get-together will take place on **Saturday, August 12**. RSVP to Elaine, **elaine.entin@gmail.com**, to get the time and address. The cost is \$50 per person. Food will be provided, plus there will be a special guest coming who will lead the group in a fun, participatory event.

The next meet-up for the **Posh Noshers Chavurah** will be on **Sunday, August 20, at 4:30 p.m.,** at Padrino's, a Latin Fusion restaurant in Henderson. The address is 2645 St. Rose Parkway #120. RSVP to Joan Fine, at **plum27@aol.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** or register at: **https://lvnertamid.shulcloud.com/form/Chavurah.**

Welcome New Members 2023



Donna Cain



Howard Ash



Rachel and Max Herzl-Betz



Tammy and Seth Grabel



Mariana Johnson



Samin Davari and Micah Jaffe

MEMBERSHIP

Vegas **PBS**. Issues Special Offers To CNT



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



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



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



Mannheim Steamroller Concert Friday, December 29, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Orleans Arena

Mannheim Steamroller blends classical music with elements of new age and rock for its modern Christmas concert. Join Vegas PBS to experience this heartwarming "Tradition of Christmas." Donate \$135 per person for a floor seat in section 2 with a meet and greet. Donate \$110 per person for a seat in section 2, 3, or 116.

www.vegaspbs.org/tickets/#mannheim



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 15

SISTERHOOD





We mailed the CNT Sisterhood applications and event calendar in a pink envelope early in July. If you did not receive the envelope and would like one, please let us know at **cntsisterhoodlv@gmail.com** and we will mail one to you. (Also, contact us with any questions you might have.)

We hope all our members will renew, and all women will consider joining.

We have many wonderful events planned, and our Sisters are the best!

Carolyn and Shirley, Co-Vice Presidents of Membership

We sent out a letter in May asking for donations to our Fay Schoenfeld Fund 4 Youth. Thank you to everyone who sent a donation. We appreciate your support which helps us continue to give scholarships to our youth. It is a Mitzvah that we help our youth go to Jewish summer camps.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Flour Power Challah Make - Thursday, August 24, 6:00 p.m.

For more information and to sign up, please look at our Bulletin Insert.

Apples and Honey Bags and Schmooze with Sisterhood – Sunday, September 10, 9:30 a.m. Please RSVP by **Tuesday, September 5,** to the email below or call Michelle (702) 460-0327.

SAVE THE DATES

Sisters in the Sukkah – Monday, October 2, 6:00 p.m. Flour Power in the Sukkah – Thursday, October 5, 6:00 p.m.

Look for flyers in the September bulletin for more information and to sign up. We hope you will join us!

Our Annual Chanukah & Holiday Bazaar Sunday, November 5, 9:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

We are looking for vendors. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please let us know.

Our Sisterhood Board is always looking for new faces, new ideas, more help, and more involvement in planning our many events each year. We welcome with open arms any Sisterhood member who would like to join our meetings on the second Thursday of each month.

Would love to hear from anyone that is interested!

- Michelle Blank, President & Our CNT Sisterhood Board

Questions? Email us CNTSisterhoodlv@gmail.com Facebook – Like us @lvcntsisterhood

SISTERHOOD

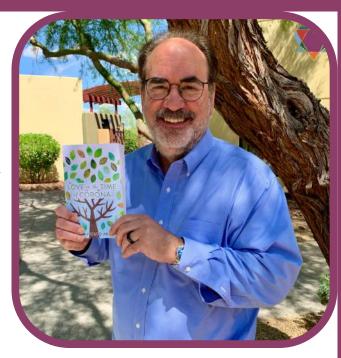
Mark L. Fine And Family Gift Shop

Congregation Ner Tamid's Sisterhood Mark L. Fine and Family Gift Shop has gifts for all of life's occasions – marriage, new home, Bar and Bat Mitzvah, new baby – and carries Jewish wisdom balls, mezuzahs for the car and home, jewelry, dog toys, Kippah keepers, and other unique items.

There is also a selection of clearance items.

CNT Religious School students receive **20%** off tallit.

CNT Sisterhood Members receive **10%** off regular-price items.



The Gift Shop is open Fridays, 45 minutes before services, and on Sundays from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. when Sunday school is in session. Or call for a convenient appointment: (702) 755-1737.

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

55 N. Valle Verde Dr., in Henderson

We invite you to buy a copy of Rabbi Akselrad's new book <u>Love in the Time of Corona</u> at CNT's Gift Shop. You can then get it signed by the author at CNT after Services or by appointment. Books cost \$15 each. They are also available on Amazon (**bit.ly/42Hd1BO**).

CHESED

Shirley Kouffman, kouffman@lvnertamid.org



A Mitzvah For Rosh Hashanah

Start the year right... Help the CNT Chesed (Caring) Committee! We bring bags to Congregants who are homebound or in hospitals and nursing homes. Each bag contains a round challah, apples, and honey.

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

(Please contact us if your child or grandchild is in college. We send wishes and a surprise to them four holiday times a year!)

Shirley Kouffman, Chesed Committee Chairperson

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MENSCH CLUB



MENSch Club Gets Ready For High Holy Days, Welcomes New Prez Polis



The MENSch Club is looking forward to a full slate of activities in the coming year. The Members are busiest during the High Holidays with ushering during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services, setting up CNT's Sukkah on **Sunday, September 10**, celebrating Sukkot in the Sukkah on **Friday, October 6**, and taking down the Sukkah on **Sunday, October 8**.

Their first Steaks and Spirits will be hosted on **Saturday, October 21**.

The MENSch Club also welcomes its new president, longtime Congregant Eric Polis. Come meet or reconnect with this superMENSch at one of the Club's upcoming

events. The group is happily accepting new members to the Club. If you are interested in joining a fun, easy-going group of guys to help make Congregation Ner Tamid a wonderful community, please contact Jack Silas at **menschtreas@earthlink.net.**

CNT's Trivia Tuesdays

For CNT Members and Non-Members Alike...

Mixed subjects – anything goes!

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Virtual Trivia via Zoom on your computer.

RSVP to mindywadkins@me.com for the Zoom link and super easy instructions to play.

SENIORS PROGRAM



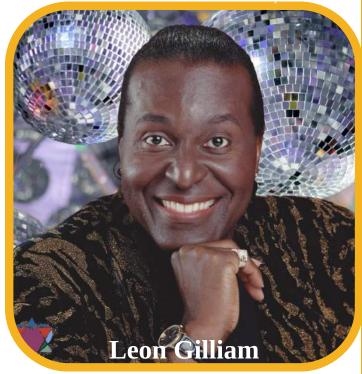
Seniors Program At Congregation Ner Tamid Gets Ready To Disco



When it's 115 degrees outside, what better place is there to be than in Congregation Ner Tamid's air-conditioned Social Hall, mingling with good people, being entertained, and enjoying a great lunch?

CNT's Senior Programs have continued through the summer with cool events to help you forget about the heat. On Monday, July 24, we enjoyed "A Day at the Beach Karaoke" with a beach-themed party and summer favorites including burgers, fries, and watermelon. Everyone sang their favorite songs and we had a special guest performance by one of our own.

As the weather gets hotter, so does our theme for our **Monday**, **August 21**, event. Do you remember



singing "Burn Baby Burn, Disco Inferno?" Dress to impress in your best Disco duds and win a prize at our upcoming Disco Dance Party. Get ready to dance to the music of top entertainer Leon Gilliam, formerly of Buck Ram's Platters.

On **Monday, September 11**, we'll offer a "Red, White, and Blue and You" program remembering important dates in our country's history. Plus, CNT's Rabbi Sanford Akselrad will speak about his new book <u>Love in the Time of Corona</u>. He will also be signing books available for the purchase price of \$15 (cash please). They are also available on Amazon **(bit.ly/42Hd1BO)**.

As for the rest of 2023, we will host a **Monday, October 23,** Seniors Program Special Anniversary Celebration, a **Monday, November 20,** Pre-Thanksgiving Turkey feast, and a **Monday, December 11,** Partying Hanukkah-style event.

We are thrilled with our Seniors Program attendance and all the great comments we have received. We appreciate all the recommendations and great ideas that participants have contributed. A big thank you to all the volunteers who help at the events and most importantly, to David Mizrahi who sponsors the senior programs in honor of his father Joseph Mizrahi.

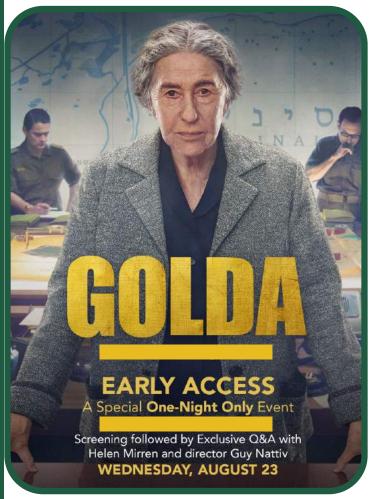
All of CNT's Seniors Programs are held on Mondays, from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., and are open to the public for those aged 65 and older. Remember to RSVP on Congregation Ner Tamid's website, **www.lvnertamid.org**, so we can get an accurate count and order food.

CNT Members are always free and there is a \$18 charge for Not-Yet Members.

Please join us at our next Seniors Program event at CNT!

ADULT EDUCATION

CNT To Host Exclusive Screening Of "Golda" At South Point



Congregation Ner Tamid and CNT's Film Chavurah are hosting a sneak screening of "Golda," starring Academy Award winner Helen Mirren, on Wednesday, August 23, at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

CNT has secured a private theater at the Cinemark Century 16 South Point and XD at the South Point Casino, 9777 Las Vegas Blvd. S., to present this special event held two days before the movie's nationwide release.

Go to our website, calendar, or https://lvnertamid.shulcloud.com/event/golda-movie-screening.html, or the QR code below, to buy your tickets for \$15 each. The price goes up to \$20 on Sunday, August 10. Once tickets are purchased we cannot offer refunds.

Directed by Academy Award winner Guy Nattiv, "Golda" is a ticking-clock thriller set during the tense 19 days of the Yom Kippur War in 1973.

Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir, portrayed by Mirren, faced with the potential of Israel's complete destruction, must navigate overwhelming odds, a skeptical cabinet, and a complex relationship with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (portrayed by Liev Schreiber), with millions of lives in the balance. Her tough leadership and compassion would ultimately decide the fate of her nation and leave her with a controversial legacy around the world.

Plus, after CNT's private screening, you'll get to watch an exclusive 20-minute Q&A video with actress Mirren and director Nattiv.

"One of the most iconic women in Jewish history is Golda Meir," CNT's Rabbi Akselrad said. "Helen Mirren is an accomplished Academy Award-winning actress who I think will do a tremendous job in portraying this historic woman with all her subtleties and all her complexities. I encourage everyone to attend and make this a fun and interesting event for our Membership."

Questions? Contact us at (702) 733-6292, or email Roberta at **runger@lvnertamid.org.**



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Summer - Fall 2023

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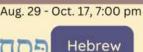












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Judaism, Hebrew, Torah

Register now for three sessions of Congregation Ner Tamid Adult Education classes.

CNT Members pay \$36 for one class or \$60 for both classes per session, and Non-Yet Members pay \$54 for one class or \$90 for both classes per session.

Sign up on our website, calendar, or here:

https://lvnertamid.shulcloud.com/fo rm/AdultEdFall23

Rabbi Akselrad Cantor Hutchings





Travel With Congregation Ner Tamid

(No class on Oct. 31)

TO ARGENTINA

and immerse yourself in its rich culture, tradition, and beauty from Tuesday, November 12 - Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

On this trip, led by Rabbi Sanford Akselrad and Cantor Jessica Hutchings, with tour guide Cantor Pablo Duek, discover Buenos Aires and its historical sites, including the Jewish neighborhood of "Once" and its magnificent synagogues. Journey to the magnificent Iguazú Falls and take a day tour to a typical Argentinian ranch even become a Gaucho for a day!

Learn more about this exciting opportunity and meet Cantor Duek, who will give a tour overview and conduct a Q&A session on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Sign up for the free information session on our website, www.lvnertamid.org, or calendar to receive the Zoom link. Advance registration is required.

Learn more about the trip, and view photos and videos at rockinjourneys.com.







NEVADANS FOR THE COMMON GOOD



"What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?" – George Eliot

This quote could be the mission statement for Nevadans for the Common Good (NCG). Always working for the betterment of our community, NCG takes action around issues impacting the lives of Nevadans. Our year ended on Thursday, June 29, with a Delegates Assembly at Christ the King Catholic Church. Members of our 37 religious and nonprofit institutions came together to ratify our plans for next year. This included our budget, upcoming trainings, house meetings, and the work of our housing and mental health teams.

Prior to bringing the meeting to order, five members of the mental health team provided a public service announcement based on an article titled "Top Five Strategies to Cultivating Your Mental Health." The strategies included hobbies, sleep, exercise, social connections, and diet.

Delegate Assemblies always begin with a roll call. Representing Congregation Ner Tamid was Fern Sherri Levine. CNT's Cindy Jensen summarized all the work of the mental health team. This included our meetings with Henderson's Mayor Michelle Romero, Las Vegas City Councilman Brian Knudsen, Dr. Joanne Leovy, Attorneys Kim Abbott and Jonathan Norman from Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada and the City of Henderson, Hayley Jarolimek, Neighborhood Services Manager; Stacy DiNicola, Community Resource Coordinator; and Lisa Kelso, Community Resource and Resilience Center Supervisor.

Cindy told of some positive ideas in the works, and she told of the challenges that lie ahead.

The meeting was closed out by Rabbi Akselrad and Cantor Hutchings. Their words of wisdom were encouraging as they called our community to take action and "Stand Tall."

The CNT NCG team meets on the third Thursday of the month on Zoom. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Dorie Kirtman or Susie Sernoe.



Cindy Jensen speaks about the work of the Mental Health Team.



Members of the Mental Health Team provide strategies for cultivating good mental health.



Fern Sherri Levine represents CNT during roll call.

SOCIAL ACTION

Social Action/ Justice Committee Invites Congregation To Special Shabbat In The Round

One of the many things that make Congregation Ner Tamid a special place to belong is the passion we have for helping others and making a difference in the world. It is heartwarming to see how many of our Congregants, of all ages, are actively involved with programs and activities throughout our community that are repairing our world in different ways. There are also Congregants looking to fulfill their yearning to help others.



The Social Action/ Justice Committee is looking for programs or activities that will provide our Congregation with opportunities for

Tikkun Olam. If you have a project, program, cause, or idea that you are passionate about, please contact the Social Action/ Justice Committee to see if we can help you share your passion with others.

Please join us on **Friday, August 25, at 7:00 p.m.,** for our Social Action/ Justice Perspective Member Shabbat in the Round. At the center of CNT's Tikkun Olam programs is its Social Action/ Justice, Chesed, and Nevadans for the Common Good Committees which provide central resources for social action to both Temple organizations and individuals. Group representatives will be in attendance to talk about their projects and offer membership to their committees. You can also contact us at: **ckjensen@cox.net** or (702) 239-4998.

- Cindy Jensen, VP Social Action



YIZKOR MEMORIAL TRIBUTE BOOK

Deadline: September 8, 2023

Our format is the same as last year:

Full Page: 7.75" x 11" \$500 (up to 54 names plus inscription)
Half Page: 7.75" x 5.5" \$370 (up to 27 names plus inscription)
One Third Page: 7.75" x 3.5" \$180 (up to 18 names plus inscription)

One Quarter Page: 3.88" x 5.5" \$72 (up to 10 names plus inscription)
One Eighth Page: 7.75" x 2.5" \$72 (up to 6 names plus inscription)

Lines: \$18 per name, maximum 4 names per "Remembered By."

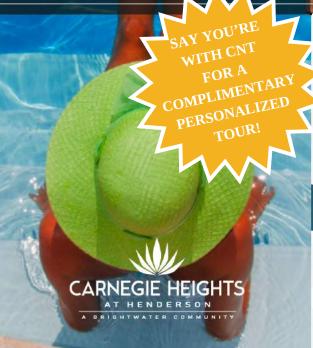
Due to printing deadlines, we will NOT be able to accept any Tributes after the deadline. As a reminder, payment must be submitted with your Tribute. If you need more information, please feel free to contact

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

To reserve or to purchase a Yahrzeit plaque, please contact

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







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SEPT. 16 – ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

SEPT. 17 – ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES, TASHLICH AT SUNSET PARK

SEPT. 24 – KOL NIDRE SERVICES

SEPT. 25 – YOM KIPPUR SERVICES, YAHRZEIT PLAQUE DEDICATION

SEPT. 26 - TRIVIA TUESDAY

SEPT. 29 – SUKKOT SHABBAT IN THE ROUND