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ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023 7:00 P.M.

CNT'S GARY AND LYNN KANTOR HALL

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Friday, June 2, 2023

7:00 p.m. – Friday Night *Shabbat*

Saturday, June 3, 2023

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study (in person)

10:00 a.m. – Adina Polis' *Bat Mitzvah*

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

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage



Friday, June 9, 2023

7:00 p.m. – Friday Night *Shabbat*

Saturday, June 10, 2023

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study

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

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage



Friday, June 16, 2023

7:00 p.m. – Friday Night *Shabbat*

Saturday, June 17, 2023

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study

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

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage

Friday, June 23 2023

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

Saturday, June 24, 2023

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study (in person)

10:00 a.m. – Silas Korman's *Bar Mitzvah*

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

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage



Friday, June 30, 2023

6:00 p.m. – Tot *Shabbat*

7:00 p.m. – Friday Night *Shabbat*

Saturday, July 1, 2023

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study (in person)

10:00 a.m. – Hadley Chenin's *Bat Mitzvah*

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, July 7, 2023

7:00 p.m. – Friday Night *Shabbat*

Saturday, July 8, 2023

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study

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

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage



Friday, July 14, 2023

7:00 p.m. – Friday Night *Shabbat*

Saturday, July 15, 2023

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study

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

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage

Friday, July 21, 2023

7:00 p.m. – Friday Night *Shabbat*

Saturday, July 22, 2023

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study

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

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage



Friday, July 28, 2023

7:00 p.m. – Friday Night *Shabbat*

Saturday, July 29, 2023

8:45 a.m. – *Torah* Study

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

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage

*CNT will be closed Monday, June 19, for Juneteenth and
Monday, July 3, and Tuesday, July 4, for Independence Day.*



*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.*



Three years ago I was asked to assume the presidency of the Board of Trustees for the second time. My first stint was in the early 1990s when we were a much smaller Congregation located on Emerson Avenue. The biggest challenge we faced at that time was expanding our facility.

We met the challenge.

This time around the challenges were far different, and at first seemed overwhelming. Literally overnight our campus was closed, services went remote (how many of you were familiar with Zoom or YouTube?), activities and programs were postponed or cancelled, and the Kantor ECEC shut down. It was presumed our Membership would decrease, and some, convinced that we would not be able to meet our financial commitments, were prepared to take additional drastic action. Simply put, a degree of panic had set in. So, we (clergy, staff, and my fellow Trustees) took a breath, adapted, improvised, and planned for the next day, week, month, year, and eventually the end of the pandemic by expanding our administrative staff beginning with the recruitment of Ed Simon as Executive Director; modernizing our internal systems and communications with our Congregants; updating our financial reporting and forecasting; placing greater emphasis on Membership recruiting and retention; reopening the Kantor ECEC; adding programming for all of our constituencies; enhancing our financial condition and liquidity, including both significant increases in our budgets (always balanced) and significant paydown of our mortgage; beginning to remodel our campus; and addressing the retirement of Rabbi Akselrad in late 2025. Looking back, we did not simply maintain the status quo.

During my previous stint as president and this stint, Congregants and others asked why I (or anyone) would take on this responsibility. Some repeated their favorite Jewish Congregant president joke. The implication was self-inflicted misery. But for me, these last three years have been especially rewarding. With all of your help and support, CNT not only survived the pandemic but used this time to accomplish so much for all of us and for generations to come.

So, thank you for allowing me to serve you for the past three years, and to now, once again, become a “former president.”

Jerry Gordon, President

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

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

I'm baaack! It's been a bit over three months since I was actively involved in Synagogue life. I am so appreciative of this time for a sabbatical given to me by our Temple Board. It turned out to be the perfect opportunity for me to celebrate 35 years of service to the Congregation and 40 years of marriage! During this time Joni and I had a lot of travel adventures spending time in Israel, England, Iceland, Alaska, and on a Royal Caribbean cruise as a chaplain for Passover. Like many in their 60s, Joni and I have been bit by the "travel bug" and we love seeing new sites, learning about different cultures, and digging into the history of other countries. Many of our destinations provided us with the opportunity to enrich our knowledge of Jewish history. In England, for example, Joni and I made our way to the Westminster Synagogue which ended up housing more than 1,600 Torah scrolls originally collected by the Czech Museum in Prague. Many of these scrolls are on permanent loan to Synagogues throughout the world, including Congregation Ner Tamid. Another highlight was visiting the Mikvé Israel-Emanuel Synagogue which was built in 1730 and serves as the oldest continuously operating Synagogue in the western hemisphere. Located in Curaçao, its most notable feature is the sand flooring in the sanctuary. While many think that this is in keeping with the spirit of the Caribbean, some scholars feel it is actually a custom carried over from life in Portugal and Spain. Jews who practiced their religion in secret would use sand to muffle the sound of worshippers. In Israel, I attended a remarkable conference of Reform rabbis from all over the world. During this time Joni and I had the opportunity to visit many important places where the Reform movement is making a tremendous difference in the lives of ordinary Israelis. The Bet Daniel Synagogue located in Tel Aviv's Old North hosts hundreds of weddings and B'nai Mitzvah every year. Founded in 1991, it has quickly become a cultural institution in Tel Aviv. It also houses the largest non-orthodox conversion program in Israel. I also had the opportunity to meet with members of the Ethiopian Jewish community, the Reform kibbutz movement, and members of Parliament. A highlight was protesting with 200,000 Israelis against proposed judicial reform – a decision that will determine the future of Israel and its democracy for generations to come.



Lastly, I am proud to announce I gathered and edited more than 100 essays I had written during the COVID pandemic and I published my first book, **Love in the Time of Corona**. I will have an official rollout and book signing event very soon, but, if you are curious, go ahead and order the book on **Amazon.com** now. Based solely on word of mouth it has already become a bestseller!

It goes without saying, how indebted and grateful I am to my entire staff, and especially, my co-clergy, Cantor Jessica Hutchings, who ensured the vitality of the Congregation during an exceptionally busy time of year. Cantor Hutchings especially went above and beyond in attending to both rabbinical and cantorial duties. She is a remarkably capable, passionate, and creative leader. We are all fortunate to have her as part of the clergy team in our Congregation.

Looking forward to being with all of you and seeing you at Temple in the weeks ahead.



It's hard to believe it has been a year since Jeremy's cancer diagnosis. June 2022 – December 2022 is like a blur. I am ecstatic to cautiously proclaim that we are on the other side of this difficult part of our journey. Jeremy looks and feels healthy, his last scan showed remission, and things are beginning to feel kind of... normal. Without this amazing community of support, incredible friends and family, the unmatched brilliance of our oncologist (a longtime CNT Member), and the tireless work of vigilant and caring nurses, we would not be here. Many are not so lucky. The number of cancer diagnoses has only gone up this past year. People seem to be younger and younger. Nobody

is immune. Even though our fight has taken a pause (hopefully forever), the search for a cure, the need for better education, and the funding to make remission happen for so many is still very much at the forefront. During Jeremy's fight, I felt helpless. Prayers were not enough. Being a steadfast wife and mother was not enough. I could not cure his cancer, and I felt lost. In the beginning of 2023, my sister said she wanted a challenge to work towards, and I was looking for something to help me show gratitude for Jeremy's remission. I told her about a hike I found through the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. We would hike up to 10,000 feet elevation in the Rocky Mountains, and we would do so in honor of Jeremy and with the hope of helping others by raising funds for this amazing nonprofit organization. It would follow the Jewish principles of pikuach nefesh by caring for ourselves and others and it would be tikkun olam, doing our part to make this world a little better. It seemed like a no-brainer and we said, "Sister, let's do this!" (Special shout out to the amazing Silas Korman and his wonderful family for being totally willing to have me miss his Bar Mitzvah in order to take this journey. You have no idea how grateful I am. I will be sending Mazal Tovs every step of the way!)

We have done great work raising funds for the LLS, but we haven't quite met our goal. You can help us do that before we set off later this month. You can support the work of our hearts. You can honor Jeremy's fight and the fight of your own loved ones who have battled cancer. You can make a difference with just a little tzedakah. If you can't spare the tzedakah, that's okay, too. Send us encouraging notes. Take a hike in honor of ours. Do a Mitzvah match and do a little something on **Saturday, June 24**, and tag us **@nertamidvegas** on social media about how you are joining our team "Hiking for Hutchings" symbolically. Pirkei Avot, one of my very favorite Jewish texts about how to live ethically and consciously in the world, teaches in 2:16, "It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither do you have the liberty to neglect it." In other words, let's do our part. Through incremental and individual efforts, we can see the world change.

Want to donate towards our 5.5 mile hike for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in the Rocky Mountains? Scan our QR code or donate here: <https://pages.lls.org/tnt/snv/hikerocky23/JHutchings>
 Todah Rabbah. Thank you for being a Kehillah Kedoshah, a holy community.

ANNUAL MEETING

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JUNE 21ST @6:45PM
IN THE CNT SANCTUARY

Rehearsals | Wednesdays @
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SELICHOT 9/9
ROSH HASHANAH 9/16-9/18
YOM KIPPUR 9/24-9/25



Congregation Ner Tamid
is in search of....

Wind, Horn, and String Musicians

for the amazing 24th season of the...

SHABBATONES



DO YOU PLAY... TRUMPET? FLUTE?
OBOE? CLARINET? TROMBONE?
TUBA? PICCOLO? VIOLIN? VIOLA?
CELLO? UPRIGHT BASS? HARP?
ETC?

Auditions will be in late July.
Contact cantor@lvnertamid.org for more info.



CNT Preschool's End-Of-Year Celebration, 'Sweet' Fundraiser

The Gary & Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center's Preschool held an end-of-year celebration on Wednesday, May 17, in Congregation Ner Tamid's Sanctuary. The event started with a processional, CNT's Musical Educator in Residence and Preschool teacher Glori Rosenberger leading the little learners in animated songs, Cantor Jessica Hutchings leading prayer, the presentation of diplomas, a Torah visit, a recessional, a slide show, and end-of-year parties in each classroom.

"Preschool ended another successful school year on Friday, May 19," Preschool Director Farrah Berlin-Tomaro said. "And their summer program began on Tuesday, May 30, and goes through the end of July. Our school community continued to grow this year. We have such a warm and unique group of families and we're excited to welcome even more families this fall."

Before the end-of-year festivities, the Kantor ECEC hosted its Pastries with Parents event on Friday, May 12, to celebrate the mothers, fathers, and parents in their Preschool community. The kids displayed recent artwork and sent home creative presents for their families.

Following Pastries with Parents, the Preschool concluded its week-long silent auction. Bidders fought down to the last second to win their bid on a number of items including golf, bowling, and museum experiences.



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CNT Religious School Students, Teachers Honored At Confirmation



Photo by David Weinstein

CNT's Religious School Confirmation, on Friday, May 12, featured The Shabbaton, Blessings for High School Seniors, words from Ramat HaNegev Partners, Birthday Blessings, and a Teacher Appreciation ceremony. Students Hannah Brislin, Miah Downs, Maverick Feiwell, Atera Frankl, Abby Haggerty, Brooke Kaseff, Haydin Kurtzman, Kylie Polis, Sheldyn Starr, and Solomon Winer took part in the Reform-originated Jewish lifecycle ceremony for teens who affirm their commitment to the Jewish people. "Confirmation is an exciting time in a Jewish student's life," CNT's Family and Education Director Hayley Wizig said. "The students had an amazing experience this year confirming their Jewish faith."

"Our Confirmation Class continued their Jewish Education beyond B'nai Mitzvah and now walk boldly forward with God, Torah, and the people of Israel in their hearts," CNT's Cantor Jessica Hutchings said. "They wrote and led Shabbat Services so beautifully and we are so proud of them."

CNT Religious School teachers who were also honored included Lois Bergman, Ilana Cohen, Lori Frankl, Jodi Kurtzman, Dani McLaughlin, Isaac Rochford-Gould, Glori Rosenberger, Alli Schlieff, and Paige Shaffer.

CNT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Now enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year!

- Jewish Education
- Pre-K - 12th Grade
- Amazing Teachers
- Varied Curriculum
- Great Community

Questions?
Email hayley@cntschoool.org

Join Us This Fall

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Adina Megan Polis – Saturday, June 3, 2023



Adina Megan Polis will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on **Saturday, June 3**, at Congregation Ner Tamid. She is excited to share this milestone with family (parents Illisa and Eric, and sister Kylie) and friends from near and far. Adina attends Bob Miller Middle School and enjoys reading, writing, and science most of all. Outside of school, Adina loves playing tennis, baking and decorating cakes, hand lettering and all things artistic, making DIY's and spending time with her friends and family.

Adina is a kind and compassionate young lady and would have done multiple Mitzvah projects if she had the time. She settled on the one closest to her heart that combines her love for baking, Judaism and her grandfather – raising funds for the Heimann Cancer Center in honor of her “Bopa.” Adina baked and assembled beautiful treat baskets (Mishloach Manot) to sell at the CNT Purim Carnival and donated the proceeds to the cancer center in Medford, Oregon. Adina is looking forward to continuing her involvement at CNT with Tribe and being a Madricha.

Silas “Shlomo” Korman – Saturday, June 24, 2023

Silas “Shlomo” Korman will become a Bar Mitzvah on **Saturday, June 24**, at Congregation Ner Tamid. He will be reading Parashat Korach. Silas is a seventh grader at Pinecrest Inspirada. He loves all things numbers (especially infinity), soccer, piano, and gaming with his buddies.

He has attended CNT since Preschool. Mom and Dad, Shana and Alex, along with sister, Sophia (3rd grade) are extremely proud.



Silas' Mitzvah project is helping to raise money for Ukrainian refugees through the Friends of JCC Krakow. He received donations when organizing a gaga ball tournament after Religious School on Sunday, April 23, and continues to accept donations at: www.friendsofjcckrakow.org/silas-bar-mitzvah or by scanning the QR code at right.



Silas thanks you in advance for your support.



Hadley Chenin – Saturday, July 1, 2023

Hadley Chenin is currently a 7th grader at St. Viator school in Las Vegas. She enjoys playing soccer for LVSA soccer club and enjoys snowboarding, art, surfing, and theater.

Her grandparents, Dr. Stephen and Linda Chenin, along with her parents, Dr. David and Melissa Chenin, are excited for her to be called to the bimah as a Bat Mitzvah on **Saturday, July 1**, at Congregation Ner Tamid.

Hadley's Mitzvah project was to raise money and supplies for the local animal rescue PAWSitive Difference. Hadley raised \$215 and two car loads full of supplies donated to the animal rescue. For more details about this amazing organization and how you can help please go to www.pawsitivedifference.org.



If you have B'nai Mitzvah information or Tell & Kvell announcements you'd like to share with the Congregation, please email your happy news and photos to runger@lvnertamid.org.

Mazel Tov and Congratulations to **Evan Ryan Kaufman** (at right)! A bright and prosperous future awaits Evan, who graduated with his Master's degree from UNLV in Healthcare Administration on Friday, May 12. Throughout the past two years of his Master's program, Evan worked full-time for UHS, was a great husband to his wife, **Christie**, of four years, moved into a new home, and became a new father on August 16, 2022, to beautiful daughter, **Nora Rose**. Evan's hard work and determination in life carried over to his Master's program accomplishments – he graduated with a 4.0 GPA!

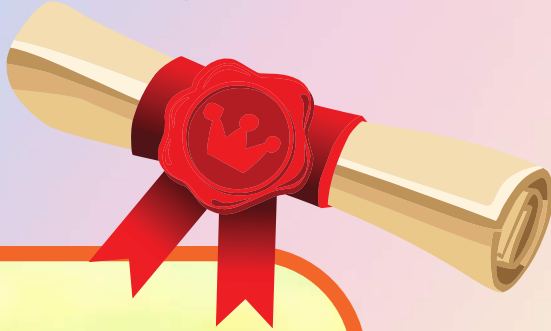
Christie, Nora, his brothers, Eric and Josh, Uncle Mark, and Mom, Andrea, are all proud of Evan, as well as Dada, GaGa and Papa, who are watching over Evan forever.

Evan graduated on what would have been his Papa's birthday. We wish Evan good health, happiness, and success.



Mazel Tov to **Alex Del Valle** (at left) for getting engaged to Kelsey Klein. Alex is the son of Congregant **Marsha Goldberg-Dick**.

Mazel Tov to Congregant **Michael Mehr** (at right). Michael is seen with daughter **Hannah Kelley** at Radio City Music Hall in New York City, on Wednesday, May 17, for her graduation from Pratt Institute with a Master of Arts degree in Media Studies.



Mazel Tov to **Becky Mann** (at left) who was ordained as a Cantor on Sunday, May 7, at Temple Emanu-El in New York City. A graduate of the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, Mann will become the new Assistant Cantor at Temple Israel of Westport, Connecticut, in July. She will also share her music with Congregations around the country as an Artist-in-Residence. Mann is the daughter of CNT Members **Dena and Alan Mann**, and sister to **Jacob and Joanna**.

Mazel Tov to **Jonathan Levy** (at right) who graduated from Nevada State College with a BS in Business Administration. Parents are Congregants **Michael and Bonnie Levy**.



MAZEL
TOV!

POP-UP SHABBAT

Pop-Up Shabbat A Safe, Celebratory Success In Downtown Las Vegas

Nearly 300 people celebrated Shabbat, safely, at Pop-Up Shabbat under the stars in downtown Las Vegas on Friday, April 28, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The Reform Jewish community came together for the newsworthy, innovative, introspective, all-ages prayer experience right off the Las Vegas Strip at El Cortez' Jackie Gaughan Plaza.

In the wake of the FBI's hate crime investigation at Las Vegas' Clark High School, where a swastika was carved on the back of a Jewish student with autism on March 9, there were safety concerns at both Pop-Up Shabbat and at the Israeli American Council's (IAC) Celebrate Israel Festival on Sunday, April 30.

All four Las Vegas television news affiliates, ABC 13, CBS 8, FOX 5, and NBC 3, ran stories about Pop-Up Shabbat and alerted the public of increased safety measures.

Congregation Ner Tamid's Cantor Jessica Hutchings and Temple Sinai's Spiritual Leader and Cantorial soloist Heather Klein were co-organizers of the event. Cantor Hutchings told ABC 13 that the recent antisemitic events were not going to stop Pop-Up Shabbat from taking place and that "our door is open to everyone in the community."

Cantor Hutchings told 8 News Now reporter Ryan Matthey that Pop-Up Shabbat organizers hired five times the amount of security they typically would have for the annual event. Spiritual Leader Klein said the extra measures were necessary to combat hate. "I think we just don't have a



POP-UP SHABBAT

choice,” Klein told CBS 8. “I think it’s something we absolutely have to do, and it’s better to be safe than sorry.”

Regional Director of The Anti-Defamation League Nevada and Arizona Jolie Brislin, who attended Pop-Up Shabbat with her family, said the ADL has tracked a 36 percent increase in antisemitic incidents over the previous year.

Earlier in April, NBC 3 announced the family-friendly spiritual event would feature arts and crafts for the kids, a Falafel Vegas food truck, live entertainment by Disney’s Jewish rock band Mostly Kosher, a Ben & Jerry’s ice cream oneg, and a young adults’ after-party at Evel Pie. When Fox 5 MORE host and news anchor Jason Feinberg told his morning viewers about Pop-Up Shabbat, he said during Shabbat, “It is customary to say prayers, drink wine, and eat challah. Challah is so good, yummy.”

Pop-Up Shabbat had no security incidents, and organizers said they will continue to produce diverse and meaningful experiences for the entire Reform Jewish community with the help of volunteers, renowned Jewish musicians, and co-sponsors Jewish Nevada, the JCC, and PJ Library.

All Photos by David Weinstein



Chavurah Chazarai

Congregation Ner Tamid's **Posh Noshers Chavurah** enjoyed bagels and schmear (and roast beef on rye) on Sunday, April 30, at 10:30 a.m., at Bagelmania, 252 Convention Center Dr. Established in 1989, Bagelmania has been a staple serving up traditional New York-style boiled bagels and home-made Jewish delicatessen recipes to the local Las Vegas community for more than 30 years. Future Posh Noshers outings are scheduled to take place on July 15, September 30, and November 18.

CNT's **Wine Not! Chavurah** will meet at the home of Linda and Abby Wikler on **Tuesday, June 27**, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Details to come....

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>.



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as we celebrate*

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The FPLV Family Navigation Center will become our agency's permanent site for services, and a dedicated resource center for families at risk for or experiencing homelessness in Southern Nevada. The need for our services in Southern Nevada has grown year over year since our opening in 1996. This new 12,000+ square foot facility will provide the capacity to double our impact and ensure families experiencing homelessness in Southern Nevada have the resources and support to achieve independence and long-term stability.

We invite you to "Share the Promise" for families in our community.



Vegas PBS Issues Special Summer Offers



Little Feat Concert

Wednesday, August 2, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

The Smith Center – Reynolds Hall

Vegas PBS welcomes the earthy, organic, top-rate musicianship of Little Feat for their tour stop in Las Vegas.

Donate \$129 per person for an orchestra seat. Donate \$149 per person for an orchestra seat including a pre-show meet and greet.

Call for availability **(702) 737-7500**.



Joe Bonamassa Concert

Friday, August 4, 2023, 8:00 p.m.

The Chelsea at The Cosmopolitan

Celebrated blues-rock guitarist and singer-songwriter Joe Bonamassa returns to Las Vegas, and Vegas PBS has your tickets before they go on sale to the public!

Donate \$239 for a single floor seat.

Donate \$259 for a single floor seat including an exclusive pre-show sound check.

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.



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OVERNIGHT TRIP

Monday, August 28 – Tuesday, August 29, 2023

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

Returns Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

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



UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

DAY TRIP

Friday, September 29, 2023

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

Travel by deluxe motor coach to Cedar City to the Utah Shakespeare Festival. Enjoy an outdoor box luncheon. Then continue to the pre-show orientation in the Balcony Bards Seminar Grove followed by the performance of "The Play That Goes Wrong" in the Randall L. Jones Theatre. Donate \$149 per person. **Page 17**



Sisterhood held its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, April 30. We reflected on what happened this past year, our accomplishments and events.

Our Guest Speaker was Pamela Henderson, our CNT Adult Educator. Thirty ladies participated and enjoyed a screening and discussion of "The Tribe," an award-winning short film about Jewish culture from ancient times to modern times through the eyes of Barbie. We ended this wonderful afternoon with delicious desserts and lots of schmoozing. Thank you to all who attended.

On Thursday, May 18, we held our "Sisters Sneak Out" luncheon at The Village Pub on Eastern Avenue in Henderson. Twenty-five Sisterhood Members enjoyed a two-hour lunch with a choice of six entrees including salad, fish and chips, and burgers. Everyone had a great time relaxing and catching up, and sharing their plans for the summer. Thanks to Anita Moody for organizing this event.

Please look for our infamous Pink Envelope the first week in July sent by U.S. mail. It will contain our Sisterhood application for 2023 – 2024 and a Tentative Events calendar with a year of wonderful events planned. This year, 175 (women and little sisters) were Members. We hope you'll join us, whether rejoining or joining anew.

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 who is interested!

– Michelle Blank, President & Our CNT Sisterhood Board

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If you know someone is ailing and might need a phone call or visit, please alert the CNT office or reach out to me. Our Chesed Committee is the caring committee, and we can only bring cheer if we know where it's needed.

Also, if you are the parent or grandparent of a student in college, please let us know. We mail cards and surprises four times a year. We must have the name and a current mailing address for the student. If you would like to know more about the Chesed Committee, and to get involved, please contact me.

Shirley Kouffman, Chesed Committee chairperson

Leave a message at Temple: **(702) 733-6292**, Skouffman@lvnertamid.org



CNT's MENSch Club Honors Judge Mark Stevens, Veterans Treatment Court Of Henderson Volunteers



On Sunday, April 30, the MENSch Club recognized and honored the hard work of the Veterans Treatment Court of Henderson, NV, with a BBQ awards luncheon held in the Temple's Gary and Lynn Kantor Hall.

Former Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court, and CNT Member, Michael A. Cherry presented the founder of the treatment court, retired Henderson Municipal Court Judge Mark Stevens, with a plaque of appreciation.

"These courts are magnificent in keeping people on the straight and narrow," Justice Cherry said. "I'm proud that our Temple could do something like this for the Veterans Court here in Henderson, Nevada."



CNT MENSch Club treasurer and awards event chairperson Jack Silas presented awards of appreciation to the volunteers of the court. He said the volunteers work tirelessly mentoring veterans guilty of nonviolent crimes to help them navigate their way through a year-long treatment process that results in vacating their conviction. "The Veterans Treatment Court of Henderson has set an example and is the inspiration for similar programs in other parts of the Valley," he said. "The whole idea is to get the veterans back on track, and the Court has a 95 percent success rate."



The Veterans Treatment Court takes a team approach to rehabilitate veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or traumatic brain injury (TBI) who have been charged with a misdemeanor crime: <https://hendersonveteranscourt.com>.

The MENSch Club also volunteered at the end-of-year party to celebrate the last day of CNT's Religious School on Sunday, May 7. MENSch Members prepared, cooked, and served food to the Religious School students and their families. They enjoyed fantastic weather, great participation, and fun times.

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CNT's Seniors To Sing Karaoke, Boogie Down This Summer



Congregation Ner Tamid's Seniors Program was anything but boring on Monday, May 8. Our "Bored with Board Games" fun-filled event had our Seniors playing Bingo, Cribbage, Mahjong, Rummikub, Triominos, and other games. They also enjoyed sandwiches from Capriotti's, chips, Good Humor ice cream bars, and a big birthday cake to celebrate May birthdays.

CNT's Seniors Program continued on Monday, May 22, with "Love Me A Luau." We enjoyed island-style food and entertainment. Ka'onohi of Kala Productions played island music while grass skirted hips swayed learning how to hula. A group from Carnegie Heights enjoyed the CNT lunch and brought a resident who grew up hula dancing. We all dressed up in flowered shirts, grass skirts, and muumuus. Since the May 22 lunch replaced a June lunch, June birthdays were celebrated at the Luau.

CNT's Seniors Program will continue through the summer. Lunches are scheduled for **Mondays, July 24, and August 21**, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. In July our **"Day at the Beach Karaoke"** event will feature burgers, fries, and cool treats for hot weather. We've had a lot of requests for karaoke so now is the time to pick your favorite songs to sing. In August, we'll expect a lot of dancing at our **"Disco Dance Party."** Dress to impress in your best "Disco duds" and win a prize. You'll be treated to music by DJ Leon Gilliam formerly of the Buck Ram Platters.

We are thankful for our generous sponsorship by David Mizrahi in honor of his father Joseph Mizrahi. We also wouldn't have such successful events without the volunteer help of the self-proclaimed "Karen's Dream Team" of Rona Mendelson, Stacey Lewis, Aydie Unger, Nan Spector, and Pam Lellouche. CNT's Seniors Program is open to the public for those aged 65 and older. Remember to RSVP on the Temple website, www.lvnertamid.org, early so we can get an accurate count for food. CNT Members are always free and there is a \$10 charge for Not-Yet Members.

– Seniors Program Coordinator Karen Marano



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NCG's Mental Health Team 'Makes A Difference'

Nevadans for the Common Good (NCG) is an organizing coalition focusing on the needs of Nevada residents. Determining the needs comes from house meetings, during which citizens can feel free to express their concerns and share their experiences. As a result of the house meetings, an issue team, specific to mental health, was developed. The Mental Health Team is comprised of members from local churches and nonprofit organizations throughout the Valley, as well as members of Congregation Ner Tamid. As chairperson of this team, I have seen first-hand how important this issue is and how hard people are willing to work to make a difference.

On Tuesday, January 24, team members met with Attorney Kim Abbott of Legal Aid of Southern Nevada, who described Nevada's mental health system as a "horribly fractured, dysfunctional system," explaining that there is outpatient care, residential treatment, and nothing in between. In early March, team members met with Mayor Michelle Romero of Henderson. The team wanted to know what plans the mayor has for addressing mental health in Henderson, how funding is being used, etc. As a follow-up to that meeting, the mayor suggested we speak to Hayley Jarolimek, Neighborhood Services Manager; Stacy DiNicola, Community Resource Coordinator; and, Lisa Kelso, Community Resource and Resiliency Center Supervisor. We learned about Henderson's co-responder team, which consists of a police officer and a clinician, who go out on calls related to mental health and substance use issues. We also learned about the Homeless Response Team, who helps find and fund emergency lodging and resources for those in need. Lastly, our team met with Las Vegas City Councilman Brian Knudsen, who is working to develop a crisis response center. This center would provide resources, medication management, and case management services for those with mental health issues and substance use disorders. There is still much to learn and much to be done, but the Mental Health Team is on it! The CNT NCG team meets on the third Thursday of each month via Zoom and the Mental Health Team meets on the third Tuesday. Won't you join us and make a difference for your community?

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