

CONGREGATION NER TAMID

A SPECIAL PLACE TO BELONG



High Holy Days Calendar Pages 14-15 Torah Project Kick-Off

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Friday, September 2, 2022

7:00 p.m. – *Shabbat* Service

Saturday, September 3, 2022

8:45 a.m. – Torah Study 10:00 a.m. – Morning *Shabbat*/ Minyan Service 12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage 5:30 p.m. – Bayla Martin's Bat Mitzvah



Friday, September 9, 2022

7:00 p.m. – *Shabbat* Service 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Pre-K - 3rd Grade CNT Parents' Night Out

Saturday, September 10, 2022

8:45 a.m. – Torah Study (In Person)
10:00 a.m. – Sarah Saiewitz' Bat Mitzvah
Morning Shabbat/ Minyan Service
(In Person)
12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage
(Zoom only)



Friday, September 16, 2022

6:15 p.m. – Prospective Member Greatest Hits *Shabbat* Service featuring The Shabbatones

Saturday, September 17, 2022

8:45 a.m. – Torah Study (In Person)
10:00 a.m. – Kobe Mizrahi's Bar Mitzvah
Morning Shabbat/ Minyan Service
(In Person)

12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage (Zoom only)7:30 p.m. – Selichot Service, Drum Circle,Changing of the Mantles

Friday, September 23, 2022

7:00 p.m. – *Shabbat* In The Round 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – NTTY Lounge Night

Saturday, September 24, 2022

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

Sunday, September 25, 2022

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Monday, September 26, 2022

Rosh Hashanah Day One 9:00 a.m. – Rosh Hashanah Tot Service 10:00 a.m. – Rosh Hashanah Youth Service 10:00 a.m. – Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Rosh Hashanah Day Two 10:00 a.m. – Rosh Hashanah Service



Friday, September 30, 2022

7:00 p.m. – *Shabbat* Service

Saturday, October 1, 2022

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

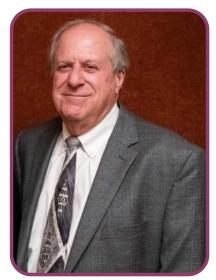
All Torah Study and Minyan Services will be held on Zoom unless noted otherwise above. For Zoom links, go to our calendar at www.lvnertamid.org.

PRESIDENTIAL PERSPECTIVES

As we approach the High Holy Days, our membership continues to increase as well as attendance at the Kantor ECEC and Religious and Hebrew Schools.

Since the founding of CNT, no one has been denied membership because of the cost of full dues and fees. As such, a significant number of our Congregants contribute what they can afford, and to cover shortfalls in the costs of our services and programs we look to our Menorah program to help meet the shortfall.

This year we have focused on expanding the benefits of the Menorah program which now begins with a minimum annual dues



contribution of \$3,600. Yes, this is an increase in the minimum amount for the program, but our costs and the number of families on reduced dues have also increased. And one added benefit for all Menorah program levels is **ONSITE PARKING FOR HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES.**

Yes, in addition to the Mitzvah of continuing our tradition of membership for any family who cannot afford full dues and fees, being a Menorah level donor will mean no more parking across Valle Verde Drive in the Kohl's parking lot and schlepping across in the heat.

Contact Roberta at the office for further information and sign up.

I also urge your participation in the Chernikoff Torah Project which kicks off on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, with the first of the remaining unwritten letters being scribed, and will culminate on Sunday, February 5, 2023, with the scribing of the final letters. This is the first Torah commissioned for CNT since its founding, and, I would venture to guess, the only one for years to come, so we look forward to your family's participation.

Jerry Gordon, President





Rabbi Sanford Akselrad, Farrah Tomaro, Regina Baker and Leslie T. Snadowsky



I am writing this article, near the end of August, literally at the airport. I am on my way out of town as my wife and I celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary on Monday, August 29, 2022. In doing so, I am breaking my personal rule of "never travel in August" because it is so close to the Holy Days. But 40 years is different. A milestone to be celebrated and cherished.

So where are we headed? Hawaii? No. Israel? No. Some exotic place? No. Well, not exactly. Then again, I have never heard anyone call New Jersey exotic! Yes, we are going to New Jersey. Later in the year, when I have my Sabbatical starting in the midst of February we will go on many adventures during those several months of renewal.

But this week, we had a different plan.

Forty years ago, after we were married, Joni and I immediately relocated to Cincinnati in order for me to finish my last years in seminary. That same week, another couple moved there to finish their academic studies. We happened to have met them and were delighted to find another young Jewish couple our age. As it happened, we also were married the same week. A friendship was born and nurtured all these years. We celebrated our simchas and comforted each other in our sorrows. Distance did not matter. Time did not matter. That is friendship. As Joni and I celebrate our 40th, it is only fitting that we celebrate with our most cherished friends.

In a few short weeks, we will be entering into the sanctuary for Rosh Hashana. For many, it will be the first time back in many a month, perhaps in years, due to COVID. It will be a time not only of worship but of rekindling old friendships. That annual ritual of greeting for me has always been that special, sacred sparkle that brings excitement to the Holy Days. To see and be seen. To feel as if time has stopped and it was as if we have never been apart. That is the beauty of the Holy Days.

I look forward to seeing you all in person (and yes, for those who wish, we will stream Services). My Dad, of blessed memory, used to teach that a lot of life is "showing up." Being there for each other. Listening to each other. Caring for each other. Being a friend to one another. That is what life is all about.

Forty years is a long time. But, right now, it seems like yesterday. This, too, is what life is all about. So, cherish the moments, they go by too fast.



CANTOR'S CORNER

While down in the hospital cafeteria getting some sustenance during day four/ round four of my husband Jeremy's chemotherapy treatment, something caught my eye – a packet of honey sticking up out of a bin next to the soda machine. I went over, grabbed it, and curiously smiled. I'm not a tea drinker (except before singing at a big Service or show), so honey is not something I usually look for in the condiments section. Why did it catch my eye today? Why did I take it with me? I went back up to Jeremy's hospital room, sat at my laptop, and prepared to sign into my first official year of Rabbinic School. I looked down at the honey in my hand... Then, it all made sense to me.

It's likely you know one of the gastronomic symbols of Rosh Hashanah

is honey. Apples dipped in honey, challah dipped in honey, honey cake, and



honeycomb... Honey is the food of the new year. Perhaps you also know the Torah is known as being as sweet as honey on our tongues, but you never knew where that comparison originated. In or around the 12th century, a custom developed in Germany where a child would attend their first day of school, learn the alef bet call and response with the head rabbi, and then the rabbi would put a little bit of honey on top of the letters on their slate (modern day: a piece of paper, or in my case, a laptop), and the child would lick it from the letters (the rabbis say honey is the culmination of all the sweetness of all the species on earth). The rabbi would then read these words from the book of Isaiah and have the child repeat, "God gave me a skilled tongue to know." Then, the child was given a peeled hard-boiled egg that had written on it (I assume on the discarded shell), "Child, fill your stomach and your belly will be filled with this scroll, and I ate it and it tasted as sweet as honey." The rabbi said those words, and the child repeated them. The child was fed a cake and the egg, and blessed with prayers that their mind may always be open.

While this parable is interesting and a bit far-fetched, it reminds us that, once studied, the words of the Torah are always upon our hearts and when we speak them, they are as sweet as honey. It reminds us that, for the Jewish people, education is highly valued and as necessary as the food that nourishes our bodies. It is a reminder that to teach is to learn and to learn is to teach, and we are constantly on a journey seeking the mysteries of the world and the wisdom of those who came before us. This story is also a reminder that ceremonies matter and if a young child would simply walk into their first day of school and sit down to begin learning, no lasting impression, no metaphorical hook, would be placed on their memory. Instead, when their parents pick them up after their first day and ask the age-old question, "How was your day? What did you learn?" Instead of the typical, "It was fine," or "Nothing," they shared... Honey. "The letters in the Torah are as sweet as honey."

I picked up the packet of honey. I brought it to my first day of school. As the class began, I opened that honey packet and pressed it to my lips and said, "Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu la'asok b'divrei Torah." Blessed are you, Eternal Source of Creation, who commands us to soak up the words of Torah."

This Rosh Hashanah, whatever is new, exciting, promising, encouraging, adventurous, unknown, or mysterious in your life, may you seek and embrace how it will bring you closer to the sweetness of the Torah. Never stop learning. Never stop growing. Expand your horizons. Be not afraid to leap.



CNT's New Intergenerational Choir To Sing At Kol Nidre, **Torah Dedication Services**



Congregation Ner Tamid has a new Intergenerational Choir.

"For decades, the Congregation Ner Tamid Family Kol Nidre Service has been led by the Teen Choir," CNT's Cantor Jessica Hutchings said. "This year, we are inviting kids (starting at 4th grade), parents, grandparents, and friends of all ages to join us in the choir loft for an Intergenerational Choir experience. If you love to sing, this choir is for you!"

The CNT Intergenerational Choir, which is being co-directed by CNT Member Lori Frankl, will



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Opportunities to Share your voice

Children's Choir- KOCHAVIM (Stars) - 2nd -5th Grade

Rehearsals after Sunday school beginning after the High Holy Days. Performances at Shir Shabbat & major holidays

Tween-Teen Singing Group- SHIR HEART (Heart Song)-Tweens 6th grade through B'nai Mitzvah.

Output

Performances at Shabbat in the Round (4th Fridays at 7PM) & special events. Must participate in Intergenerational Kol Nidre Choir & do a brief audition.

Teen Singers- JUNIOR CANTORS - Teens Post B'nai Mitzvah through Senior Year in High School.

• This is a prestigious role in the community. Singers are

expected regularly at musical Shabbat & Holiday services, & participate in Intergenerational choir. Will have opportunities for solos & be featured on the bimah. With exclusive appearance performance. Auditions are scheduled one on one with Cantor Hutchings.

INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR- 4th grade through Adults will be mingling and singing together for Kol Nidre Family Services and our Torah project performances. This is the first year of this exciting new choir, and ALL are welcome to join! Rehearsals this year are 8/21, 8/28, 9/11, 9/18, 10/2 from 12-1:30PM, with performances on 9/21 at 5PM & 10/4 at 6PM & 10/4 at 6PM.

Adult Choir- SHIR HARMONY (Harmony Song) Our esteemed High Holy Days choir for almost
three decades. Meets Tuesdays at 6:30PMThrough the High Holy Days. Performing on all HHDs

be invited to sing on the bimah during a performance at the Family Kol Nidre Service on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. The initiative kicked off with a pool party on Sunday, August 14, and rehearsals began on Sunday, August 21. Rehearsals will continue on Sundays, August 28, September 11, September 18, and October 2, from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. at CNT.

"You don't have to be a stellar singer to join the CNT Intergenerational Choir," Cantor Hutchings said. "You just have to have the heart to do it."

The new singing troupe will also perform at CNT's upcoming Torah dedication on Wednesday, September 21, at 5:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Cantor Hutchings at cantor@lvnertamid.org.

THE SHABBATONES

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Prospective Members To Rock With The Shabbatones, CNT Community At Greatest Hits Shabbat

Wear your favorite concert T-shirt or dress up like a member of your favorite musical group for Congregation Ner Tamid's Greatest Hits Shabbat on Friday, September 16, 2022, at 6:15 p.m.

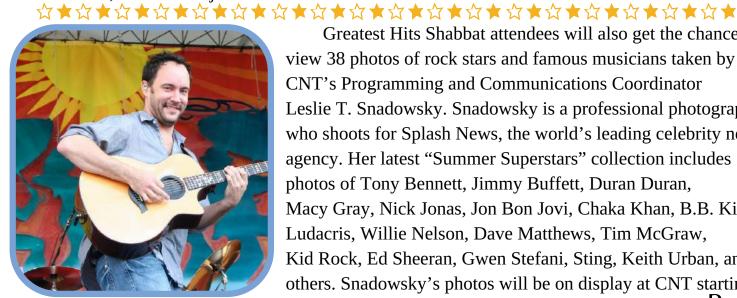
In the past, prospective Members enjoyed attending Beatles Shabbats at CNT to rock out with the music and sample the synagogue. This year the focus shifts to encompass other high-profile bands and new high-energy arrangements.

"For many years I've been asked to expand on Beatles Shabbat," CNT's Cantor Jessica Hutchings said. "For Greatest Hits Shabbat, I've taken pieces from many bands from across the decades."

Cantor Hutchings created the Beatles Shabbat phenomenon that has been experienced all over the world. She recalls divine inspiration struck when she was stuck in traffic on the Los Angeles 405N Freeway, headed to cantorial seminary.

"When the idea came to me, the prayers began to flow into the melodies of the most iconic musical group that ever lived, The Beatles," Cantor Hutchings said. "It was not until I brought the Service to Congregation Ner Tamid's Shabbatones band that Beatles Shabbat truly made its mark. For years, it's been a staple at CNT, and many have suggested a Shabbat service featuring other famous musicians and genres. This year, The Shabbatones and I are writing "Greatest Hits Shabbat" to bring in Shabbat on Friday, September 16."

CNT invites Members and not yet-Members to attend this special Service and find out if their favorite hit songs have been matched with their favorite prayers. CNT musicians will include Mike Adler, Eddie Birch, David Miller, Glori Rosenberger, David Rubinstein, Jay Poster, Ira Spector, Brad Torchin, and Avi Torjman.



Dave Matthews

Greatest Hits Shabbat attendees will also get the chance to view 38 photos of rock stars and famous musicians taken by CNT's Programming and Communications Coordinator Leslie T. Snadowsky. Snadowsky is a professional photographer who shoots for Splash News, the world's leading celebrity news agency. Her latest "Summer Superstars" collection includes photos of Tony Bennett, Jimmy Buffett, Duran Duran, Macy Gray, Nick Jonas, Jon Bon Jovi, Chaka Khan, B.B. King, Ludacris, Willie Nelson, Dave Matthews, Tim McGraw, Kid Rock, Ed Sheeran, Gwen Stefani, Sting, Keith Urban, and others. Snadowsky's photos will be on display at CNT starting Page 7 on Friday, September 16.

Renowned Scribe, Rabbi Moshe Druin, To Kick Off CNT's Torah Project



Rabbi Moshe Druin will travel to Henderson, NV, to kick off Congregation Ner Tamid's Torah Project on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, from 4:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

CNT Members Jack and Elaine Chernikoff, and their son Neil Chernikoff, have commissioned the first brand new Torah for CNT. The Torah donation is in honor of Harvey Alan Chernikoff, Jack and Elaine's son and Neil's brother, who was born with learning disabilities and tragically passed away in 2011, at the age of 51.

The Chernikoff family reached out to Rabbi Druin's Sofer On Site International, one of the world's premier Torah Project developers, to create the Torah and bring it to the synagogue. Rabbi Druin is the President of Sofer On Site International, a renowned public speaker, sought-after lecturer, and storytelling educator. His heartfelt, yet dynamic presentations have endeared him to Jews of all affiliations, ages, and backgrounds.

When the Torah arrives, it will be unfinished, as Rabbi Druin will inscribe several of the remaining letters with Members of the Congregation. The final letters will be inscribed by Tu BiShvat on Sunday, February 5, 2023.

"Watching a Torah being written is an amazing Mitzvah that is very rare," CNT's Rabbi Sanford Akselrad said. "Congregation Ner Tamid invites everyone to attend this Kick-Off event and share in our joy. Among the many highlights will be music by our new Intergenerational Choir led by Cantor Jessica Hutchings, letter-scribing by master Sofer Rabbi Moshe Druin, and a reception sponsored by the Chernikoff family."

"Rabbi Druin is very excited to be coming to Congregation Ner Tamid," Sholom Lapidus, program coordinator and project management for Sofer on Site, said. "He is eager and passionate to relay the power and the message of what the Torah is, and he wants everyone there to take part in the Mitzvah journey."

Writing a new Torah or commissioning the writing of a scroll is the fulfillment of Mitzvah No. 613 – the very last Mitzvah in the Torah.

"The impact on the Congregation will be beyond words," Lapidus said. "Generally we talk about life in the physical world where most things come and go. People come and go, and things change. But when it comes to a Torah, from Mount Sinai to today and for generations to come, this is part of a journey that spans from the past to the future and will impact the children of the Congregation and their future families because they'll be able to say, 'I remember when it was dedicated.'" Page 8



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"The most exciting part is when people meet the scribe, Rabbi Druin," Lapidus said. "He writes the letters and every one of them has a meaning. When temple Members write letters with Rabbi Druin, they are connected through that letter and to the meaning of that letter and it's a powerful connection."

"During our Torah Project Kick-Off on Wednesday, September 21, our Members will get to meet an authentic scribe, Rabbi Druin, and witness him scribing in our new Torah as it comes closer to completion," Rabbi Akselrad said. "If you think you know what the Torah is, think again. We ask parents and students to come for a free pre-educational part of the program, from 4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., where we'll have three interactive education stations. We'll share amazing and fun information about what the Torah is and how it's written and the values embraced within the Torah."

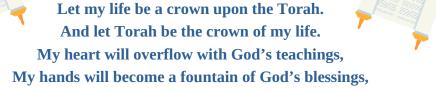
During Wednesday's Kick-Off ceremony, the new CNT Intergenerational Choir will perform an opening song, the Chernikoff family will talk about their son Harvey and why they donated a Torah to CNT in his honor, a short video about Harvey will be shown, Sofer Druin will talk about the new Torah, the Chernikoff family will write the first of the remaining letters in the new Torah followed by multiple CNT Members who belong to synagogue groups, and CNT's Intergenerational Choir will close the ceremony with another song.

A reception will follow.

The Chernikoff Torah Project will allow CNT Members and the community at large to participate in the inscription of letters and naming opportunities for the five Books of the Torah, special passages, significant verses, weekly portions, and more.



Let my life be a crown upon the Torah. And let Torah be the crown of my life. And my soul will give testimony to the glory of God's holy word.





The Chernikoff family: Harvey Alan Chernikoff (deceased) sits in front of his mother Elaine. brother Neil and father Jack



Brothers Neil and Harvey Chernikoff



Jack and Elaine Chernikoff with their son Harvey







Bayla Martin - Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022

Bayla Martin is an 8th grader at Thurman White Academy for the Performing Arts with a major in theater. She enjoys taking guitar lessons and playing pickleball in her free time. She is a member of the National Charity League and enjoys volunteering in the community with her mom. Bayla is excited and proud to be called to the bimah for her Bat Mitzvah. For her Mitzvah project, she is raising awareness and money for Spread the Vote, **www.spreadthevote.org**, that works to ensure all people have what they need to vote and to increase voter participation. In this election year, Bayla is hoping to support our democracy through her Mitzvah project.

Sarah Saiewitz – Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022

Sarah Saiewitz will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah and read from the Torah portion Ki Teitzei from the book of Deuteronomy. She was born in New Jersey and lived in Massachusetts for five years before moving to Nevada with her parents, Aaron and Karen, and her older brother Matthew. She is an 8th grader at Coral Academy of Science – Sandy Ridge. She loves to play guitar, sing, draw, and spend time with her friends. She also enjoys musical theater and acting. For her Mitzvah project, Sarah is collecting toys and other supplies for UMC Children's Hospital: http://chnv.org/OurCare/WishList.aspx. Donations may be dropped off in the box in the entry hall at CNT throughout September. Sarah plans to continue her Jewish education as a member of Tribe and through serving as a madricha.

Jakob Maccabee Mizrachi – Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022

Jakob "Kobe" Maccabee Mizrachi is in 8th grade at Pinecrest Inspirada where he is an Honor Roll student. He loves being active, playing sports and video games, cooking, and spending time with his family. He is an animal lover, has a great sense of humor, and is an excellent student. Kobe has a passion for shoes and takes tremendous pride in helping others. For his Mitzvah project, Kobe will be combining both, collecting shoes and socks for those in need. If you would like to help, there is a donation box in the CNT lobby. Kobe asks that you please consider donating, and he will personally deliver all donations. Kobe and his family are excited and proud to celebrate him being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah, as he comes of age and enters Jewish adulthood.

TELL AND KVELL



- **1** Congregants Christina and David Rubinstein welcomed Viola Rose Rubinstein on August 10, 2022, at 1:32 a.m., 7 lbs., 2 oz., 19 3/4" long.
- **2** Congregant Mara Braun is "over-the-moon excited" to have welcomed great-granddaughter Crisilla Grace Ballard on August 16, 2022, at 5:58 a.m., 7 lbs., 6 oz., 19 1/2" long.
- **3** Congregants Christie and Evan Kaufman welcomed Nora Rose Kaufman on August 16, 2022, 7 lbs., 5 oz., 19 3/4" long.
- **4** Congregants Josh and Alexis Marshall Abelson welcomed Leo Marshall Abelson, who joined a long line of Marshall and Abelson families, on August 17, 2022, 6 lbs., 6 oz.

Las Vegas-Themed Shabbat Hits The Jackpot



Photos by David Weinstein

Thanks to all who attended our special Las Vegas-themed Prospective Member Shabbat on Friday, August 20, 2022, at 6:15 p.m. As Members and their guests entered the lobby, they were met by reps from CNT's Membership Committee, MENSch Club and Sisterhood, Preschool (who hosted crafts for the kids) and Religious School, Social Action, and Nevadans For The Common Good. Members who brought guests received fun CNT/ Las Vegas swag and prospective Members were given our new CNT

branded T-shirts and tote bags. And everyone loved posing in front of our new Welcome to Fabulous Congregation Ner Tamid backdrop in the lobby.

Inside the Sanctuary, the Shabbat Service featured Rabbi Sanford Akselrad and Cantor Jessica Hutchings. Rabbi's sermon, Synagogue as a Transformative Experience, was about why the Synagogue has been at the heart of Jewish life for 2,000 years and why the synagogue is the place where Judaism is nurtured, grown, and reimagined again and again.

CNT's Member musical group The Shabbatones performed, there were bounce houses for the kids, and a pizza and "crazy" ice cream oneg took place on our patio. The line may have been a bit long at the Super Chill Premium Specialty Sundaes ice cream truck, but everyone said it was worth the wait as they enjoyed their Brownie Blasts, Cookies n' Cream Sundaes, Strawberry Cheesecake Sundaes, Reese's Sundaes, and Fro-Yo straight from the truck.



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CNT Ushers In High Holy Days With Special Events



Selichot prayers for forgiveness will ring in the High Holy Days at Congregation Ner Tamid on Saturday, September 17, 2022. CNT's innovative Selichot Service begins at 7:30 p.m. and will include an outdoor drum circle and the ceremonial changing of Torah mantles.

"In more Orthodox congregations, this Service is held in the wee hours of the morning," CNT's Rabbi Sanford Akselrad said. "However, CNT has its own spin on this holiday. To get the community in the mood for the High Holy Days, we prepare ourselves spiritually. At CNT we hold a drum circle which allows us to harken back to our Biblical roots and remind ourselves that the gift of the Torah is like the beating heart of the Jewish people."

Attendees of all ages will be given drums and will follow the lead of a master drum leader. As the drumming ebbs and flows, Rabbi Akselrad will share various meditations and thought-provoking stories that reflect upon the meaning of the High Holy Days. The Service will conclude with the blowing of the Shofar.

"This year we will add another element to our Service," Rabbi Akselrad said. "The month of Elul is about transformation, so on Selichot we will begin those final days of transformation and introspection as we approach Rosh Hashanah. To commemorate the changing of the seasons, we will change our weekly Torah mantles to the white High Holy Day mantles. This will be done immediately following the Selichot Service and it will add an emotional and dramatic touch to a beautiful evening, marking the beginning of this sacred period of time."

As the clergy stands in their white robes with Congregants holding the Torahs, dressed in their fine white Holy Day mantles, the CNT community will immerse itself in the High Holy Day season.

CNT will celebrate Erev Rosh Hashanah with a Service on Sunday, September 25, at 7:30 p.m., and apples and honey will be served to all attendees.

The first day of Rosh Hashanah, on Monday, September 26, will include a Tot Service for Preschool students at 9:00 a.m. and both a Rosh Hashanah Youth Service and Traditional Service at 10:00 a.m. And the second day of Rosh Hashanah, on Tuesday, September 27, will also feature a 10:00 a.m. Service. Tickets for Members and not yet-Members will be available for all Rosh Hashanah Services. For more information call CNT at **(702) 733-6292** and ask for Roberta.

"If you are looking for a warm, creative, and dynamic Congregation to spend the High Holy Days with, look no further than Congregation Ner Tamid," Cantor Jessica Hutchings said. Page 13



HIGH HOLY DAYS

AT CONGREGATION NER TAMID 2022/5783

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:30 p.m. – Selichot Drum Circle and Mantle Changing, Kantor Patio and Joyce & Jerome Mack Sanctuary

Let the beat of the drum begin the pulse of the High Holy Days. Dressing the Torahs in High Holy Day white.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30 p.m. - *Erev Rosh Hashanah, Joyce & Jerome Mack Sanctuary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:00 a.m. – Rosh Hashanah Tot Service, Solomon Beit Tefillah 10:00 a.m. – Rosh Hashanah Youth Service, Solomon Beit Tefillah 10:00 a.m. – **Rosh Hashanah Traditional Service, Joyce & Jerome Mack Sanctuary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

10:00 a.m. – Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service, Joyce & Jerome Mack Sanctuary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

11:00 a.m. - Tashlich at CNT

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

6:00 p.m. – *Kol Nidre Family Service, Joyce & Jerome Mack Sanctuary

8:15 p.m. – *Kol Nidre Traditional Service, Joyce & Jerome Mack Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

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

10:00 a.m. – **Yom Kippur Traditional Service, Joyce & Jerome Mack Sanctuary

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

3:00 p.m. – Healing Service, Joyce & Jerome Mack Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. – Afternoon Service, Joyce & Jerome Mack Sanctuary

5:15 p.m. – Yizkor Service, Joyce & Jerome Mack Sanctuary

6:15 p.m. - Neilah and Havdallah, Joyce & Jerome Mack Sanctuary

L'SHANA TOVA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

6:15 p.m. - Sukkot Shabbat in the Round Service, in the Sukkah

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

5:00 p.m. - Yizkor Service, Kantor Patio

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:00 p.m. – Serenity Shabbat Service, Joyce & Jerome Mack Sanctuary Bringing a close to the High Holy Days.

* HIGH HOLY DAY TICKETS REQUIRED ** BABYSITTING AVAILABLE

PARKING – For High Holy Day Services, our CNT Parking Lot will be reserved for all Menorah level Members and Handicapped/ Special Permit Parking for vehicles with a state-issued handicap parking tag, license plate, or special permit. Additional parking will be available across the street at the north end of the Kohl's/ CVS parking lot. Shuttle Service to and from the Temple will be available. Please do not park directly in front of any of the businesses.

BABYSITTING SERVICES – Childcare is available for children aged 18 months to four-years-old in our Preschool area at no cost to your family for selected High Holy Day Services. Nannies and housekeepers will keep the children entertained while you attend Services. Just sign in your child and leave your cell phone number for contact. Pick-up is in the same room at the end of Services. A light snack will be provided. Contact Farrah Tomaro or Jerri Kaye for more information at **(702) 632-2250.**

ADDITIONAL TICKETS – CNT Members can purchase additional Service tickets for immediate family members ONLY at \$180 per person. Non-Members can purchase tickets for \$360 per person. Tickets are provided for Members in good standing. Please contact Roberta Unger with questions at **(702) 733-6292.**

SANCTUARY DOORS – Our doors will open 15 minutes before each Service begins.

PRAYER BOOKS – If you have purchased High Holy Day Prayer Books, please bring your own: Gold Books for Rosh Hashanah, Blue Books for Yom Kippur.

COVID POLICY – Out of an abundance of caution, we are asking all who accept Honors this year to wear a KN-95 mask when they come up to the bimah. If an individual needs one, they will be provided at a station near the bimah. We ask that all who sit on the bimah wear masks as well. We also will have hand sanitizer stations at the entrance to the sanctuary and near the bimah.

PLEASE NOTE – For security reasons, all bags and personal items will be subject to search.



Preschool Director Tomaro Debuts New Column, #askfarrah



Farrah Tomaro, Director of The Gary & Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center's Preschool at Congregation Ner Tamid, is writing a new Q&A column about the Kantor ECEC and early childhood education. Look for her column (and accompanying video blog) in our CNT Bulletin, website, e-blasts and on Facebook and Instagram (#askfarrah).

Send your questions to **ftomaro@lvnertamid.org** if you'd like to ask Farrah about the Preschool or early childhood education.

Q. Caregivers often ask, Why should I send my child to Preschool? What do they learn besides letters and numbers?

While academics are usually the first thing adults think about when they think of school, it's usually not developmentally appropriate to teach academics to a young learner. Children will learn in



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all academic domains when it is appropriate to their development.

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The preschool classroom is a place to practice: routines, stamina, paying attention to adults beyond our typical caregivers, transitioning from task to task, building peer relationships, language and literacy development.

Experiences should be set up within the preschool so there is ample time to develop these skills within an environment where it's safe to practice.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

CNT's Religious School Begins New School Year



CNT's Religious School celebrated its first day of the new school year with an Open House on Sunday, August 28, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Students met their teachers: Pre-K – Faith Laichter and Lori Frankl; K – Ellen Cropp; 1st Grade – Jodi Kurtzman; 2nd Grade – Shoshana Zaifman; 3rd Grade – Ilana Cohen; 4th Grade – Sheri Cohen; 5th Grade – Alli Schlieff; 6th Grade – Karin Hochman; 7th Grade – Isaac Roachford-Gould; 8th and 9th Grades – Lauren Vogel Freedman and; 10th, 11th and 12th Grades – Cantor Hutchings and Dani McLaughlin; Madrichim – Lauren Vogel Freedman; Adult Ed. – Pam Henderson; Music – Glori Rosenberger; Tutoring/ Emergency Sub - Lois Bergman; and Hebrew Teachers Ilana Cohen, Lois Bergman, Sheri Cohen, Ayelet Blit and Isaac Roachford-Gould. The students learned about the new curriculum, and found out about the many different opportunities they have to get involved in this year. Tuesday's Hebrew School for



Mitzvah in 2024, please contact Hayley in the office hayley@cntschool.org

702-733-6292

4th - 7th graders started virtually and in person on Tuesday, August 30, from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

This year, CNT's Religious School partnered with Shalom Learning to integrate a unique and meaningful curriculum based on Jewish Values and Hebrew Learning. Enrollment is ongoing, and the School is enrolling for its teen Tribe program as well. Teens in 8th - 12th grade have the opportunity to join the School's Tribe class, NTTY (youth group) programming, and Madrichim (teaching assistant) program. If you are interested in learning more about the Religious School or If you did not receive a letter in the mail and your child becomes a Binai have any questions, please reach out to our Family and Education Director, Hayley Wizig, at

Page 17 hayley@cntschool.org.



INTRO TO HEBREW

WEDNESDAYS: AUGUST 10 - NOVEMBER 16 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

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ADULT EDUCATION

CNT Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Students Donate 500 Books To Charity



(L to R) Valerie Catallozzi, Ann Brandt, Libby Miller, and John Henderson

Congregation Ner Tamid Adult B'Nai Mitzvah students Valerie Catallozzi, Ann Brandt, Libby Miller, and John Henderson spent the summer hosting a book drive for Spread the Word Nevada (STWN), https://spreadthewordnevada.org.

"We are very excited to report we received more than \$200 and collected and donated 500 books to STWN," Catallozzi said about the successful Mitzvah project. "Thank you to CNT Members for your help. We couldn't have done it without you."

The group collected new and gently used children's books, from Pre-K to 5th-grade reading levels, from local donors, CNT Members, family, and friends for STWN, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting childhood literacy. STWN collects and distributes 60,000 books a month to at-risk students in low-income communities throughout Southern Nevada.

Shoes Collected, Nearly \$2K Raised To Help The Homeless

Congregation Ner Tamid Adult B'Nai Mitzvah students
Demetra McGowen, Mindy Bachrach, Lauren Vogel and Sonya
Haggerty worked in cooperation with Greens and Proteins and
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Henderson, NV, to raise
\$1,983 and collect physical donations of shoes, take-out boxes
and bottles of water to help the homeless through Friends of the
Desert. Not only did CNT Members donate, but local online shoe
and clothing retail giant Zappos also contributed a box of shoes.

On August 19, 2022, the CNT group gathered at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church to deliver the donations and recite the HaMotzi before handing out 80 meals they helped prepare for the homeless.

"We had several boxes of items brought to the Temple filled with so many items the homeless and others who are struggling within our community needed," organizer McGowen said. "Words cannot express the warmth and hope felt by each of us as we looked into the eyes of each person who reached back to receive the gift of love and compassion. I wonder if they realized the gift they gave to us?"





Chavurah Chazarai

Hillary Steinberg's **Wine Not? Chavurah** hosted a fabulous dinner and wine tasting event at Marché Bacchus Restaurant in Desert Shores on Saturday, August 20, 2022. They dined Lakeside with hors d'oeuvres, a three course meal, dessert and lots of wine. Even the camera got tipsy!

Susannah and Joe Altman will host the next **Art of Fine Liquor Chavurah** event at their home on September 17, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. They



are organizing a vodka tasting and will provide some lite bites. Guests are asked to bring their favorite vodka and an appetizer or dessert to share.

Joan Fine's **Book Club Chavurah** meets on Monday September 19, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss <u>The French Baker's War</u> by Michael Whatling. Joan said they have room for a few more members.



CNT Members received an exclusive invitation from Hollywood royalty for the next **Film Chavurah** screening. Actress Beverly Washburn sent a video message inviting all Members to meet her and hear her talk about being a child actress in the movie classic "Old Yeller" on Wednesday, September 28. Washburn also appeared on "Star Trek" in 1966 and "Spider Baby or, the Maddest Story Ever Told" in 1967.

Doors open at 5:50 p.m., there will be a pre-film Happy Hour with food, drinks and conversation with Washburn beginning at 6:00 p.m., and the curtain goes up at 7:00 p.m.

The event takes place at The Theatre in the District

Condos at 2220 Village Walk Dr. in Henderson. The entrance is on the north side of the District close to the north side entrance to REI.

Illisa Polis' **7th Grade B'Nai Mitzvah Chavurah** will celebrate the start of the Religious School year with a fun Fro-Yo frolic to Menchie's Frozen Yogurt at 665 Green Valley Pkwy. on Sunday, October 2, from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

If you'd to join a CNT Members Only Chavurah, email **cntchavurah@lvnertamid.org** or go to: Page 20 https://lvnertamid.shulcloud.com/form/Chavurah

Vegas (**) PBS Offers CNT Members Ticket Deals, Tea



Enjoy tea, sweets, savories, entertainment and take home a unique souvenir tea cup and saucer (sponsored by Janice Allen) at Vegas PBS' Annual Tea. This popular gathering will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., at the Four Seasons Hotel Las Vegas. Donate \$150 per person. Space is limited, so reserve your seat before it's too late!



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Join other CNT OurGeners at the Mob Museum's
Underground Speakeasy and Distillery
for live jazz music from Colte Julian and The Sidecars
Saturday, September 10 at 7:30pm (music at 8pm)

Cost is FREE with a password...to be given to our RSVPs that day!

RSVP to Shawna at <u>shawnapbrody@gmail.com</u> by Sept. 9 so we know to look for you and can email you the password that day!

More info: https://themobmuseum.org/events-posts/free-live-music-in-the-underground-in-september-2022/



OurGen is <u>40s and up</u> and includes anyone who ranges from a little older than "young adult" to a little younger than "old fogey"!!



Vegas PBS secured Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons concert tickets before they went on sale to the public. Join us for this concert on Friday, March 10, 2023, or Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 8:00 p.m., at the International Theater at Westgate Resort. Donate \$260 for two side stage seats, or donate \$1,800 for the Vegas PBS Exclusive VIP Package that includes two main floor seats in the center of the second row, a \$200 dinner voucher to EDGE Steakhouse, and a single night stay in a Park Suite at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort. Space is limited, so reserve your seat before it's too late.



CNT Members should call Vegas PBS Event Specialist Christina Wood at **(702) 799-1010, ext. 5375** or email **cwood@vegaspbs.org** to reserve, and indicate you are with CNT.

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Welcome New Members 2022

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Daniela and Thomas Jenkins
Lindsey and Brian Rosenberg
Debra Sylver * Helene Weiner and Cliff Miller

Allison and Benjamin Weiss * Arlene and Joel Williams
Robin and David Winer

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SISTERHOOD







PLEASE JOIN US...

Sunday, September 11, 2022
Apple and Honey Bags & Schmooze with Sisterhood
10:00 a.m. – Social Hall



We'll be putting together Apple and Honey Bags (our annual tradition) to be given out at Rosh Hashanah Services. Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to **CNTSisterhoodlv@gmail.com** or call Michelle Blank **(702) 460-0327.** Let us know if you will join us. Hope to see you there.

Tuesday, September 6, is the deadline to join or renew your Membership and be invited to our annual Appreciation Luncheon on Sunday, September 18, held in the Kantor Social Hall.

We hope you will join us.

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, October 13
Sisters in the Sukkah - 6:30 p.m.
More info to follow...

Our Annual Holiday Bazaar will be on Sunday, December 4. If you want to be a vendor, or know someone that does, please email us.

L'SHANAH TOVAH

Wishing you a year of sweet blessings filled with good heath, peace and happiness!

Our Sisterhood is warm and welcoming. We would love to see you at our many events.

Looking to be involved? We invite you to be on one of our many committees.

Our Board meetings are open to all Sisterhood Members.

(2nd Thursday of the month)

If you have questions, please email us at **cntsisterhoodlv@gmail.com** or leave a message for us at the temple at **(702) 733-6292**, and we will call you!

Page 22 With Love, Michelle Blank – CNT Sisterhood President

SISTERHOOD

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Shirley Kouffman, skouffman@lvnertamid.org

Do you have a few minutes a week to do a good deed or Mitzvah for someone else?



A phone call, or a brief visit to another congregant who might be sick or lonely?



We are a group of Congregants who enjoy people and want to bring cheer and caring to others.

We send cards to ailing Congregants and college students four holiday times a year.

If you think that is something you'd like to do, please contact:

Shirley Kouffman, Chairperson (702) 733-6292, skouffman@lvnertamid.org

KING DAVID MEMORIAL GARDEN

Roberta Unger, runger@lvnertamid.org

When a loved one passes away, Jewish tradition teaches us to remember them annually by lighting a candle on the date of their passing, or Yahrzeit. We honor and show our love for the departed and remember that those who have passed away never truly leave us as long as we hold them in our hearts and adopt their life lessons into our own daily lives.

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

To reserve or to purchase a Yahrzeit plaque, please contact Roberta Unger, (702) 733-6292, runger@lvnertamid.org, to ensure your loved one's name is etched in stone.





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NEVADANS FOR THE COMMON GOOD



"WE DON'T ACCOMPLISH anything in this world alone, and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one another, that creates something."

— Sandra Day O'Connor

THE CNT NEVADANS FOR THE COMMON GOOD Committee and its ADDICTION & RECOVERY TEAM have recently established a MENTAL HEALTH Component and will be holding an orientation meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at St. Thomas More Catholic Community. Anyone interested in mental health and its effect on community members is invited to attend.

In addition, NCG will be holding confidential Mental Health Listening Sessions to be scheduled in the Fall for the Congregation and others who are interested. The sessions will focus on issues members are facing and how these may impact themselves and the general community. NCG will take this information and use it to track trends affecting our local Henderson and Las Vegas community. NCG, as a political, non-partisan organization, will utilize the trend data to talk to politicians so that they can hear what their constituents are saying. From this, bills and other political actions may occur. The first Listening Session will be held on Monday, September 19, at 6:30 p.m. at Foster Kinship, 3925 W. Cheyenne Avenue, #401, Las Vegas 89032. All Congregants are invited to participate in Listening Sessions, at this location or others around the valley, or in December (date to be determined) at CNT.

The organization will also be holding
Neighborhood Walks throughout the city of Las
Vegas with the purpose of building relationships,
sharing information, learning about concerns, and
connecting folks to nearby institutions. The
Henderson Cluster (Green Valley United
Methodist Church GVUMC, St. Thomas More
Catholic Community, and CNT), will walk
neighborhoods in downtown Henderson on
Saturdays, October 15, and October 22, in the
neighborhood surrounding GVUMC. This is a
great opportunity for everyone to meet neighbors
and hear their concerns. Come join us!

The CNT NCG Steering Committee meets the third Thursday of the month at 5:15 p.m. The Addiction & Recovery Team meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m., both currently via ZOOM. Email us for ZOOM information.



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Each New Year, the Social Action Committee collects non-perishable food to be donated to those in need. Please help by filling bags, boxes or cars with non-perishable food and personal care items. Take your donations to CNT during the following schedule.

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Before and After Services

Please make sure the food hasn't expired. Suggestions are listed below

Canned Items

Vegetables, soups, fruit, ravioli, chili, beef stew, spaghetti sauce, tuna or chicken, peanut butter, jelly **Dry Goods**

Pasta, bags of rice, small boxes of cereal (individual), larger boxes of cereal (family size), boxes of crackers, boxes of macaroni and cheese, packages of cookies, small packs of pudding, snacks - chips, granola bars, small 4-packs of individual fruits

Miscellaneous Items

Dog and cat food, toilet paper, diapers, personal care items

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

The Social Action and Social Justice Committees provides opportunities for our Congregation to fulfill the Mitzvah of Tikkun Olam and to promote social justice. Each year Congregation Ner Tamid collects non-perishable food during the High Holy Days. The generosity of the Congregation is amazing as we donate upwards of a ton of food for those in need.

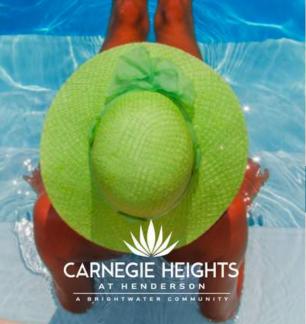


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