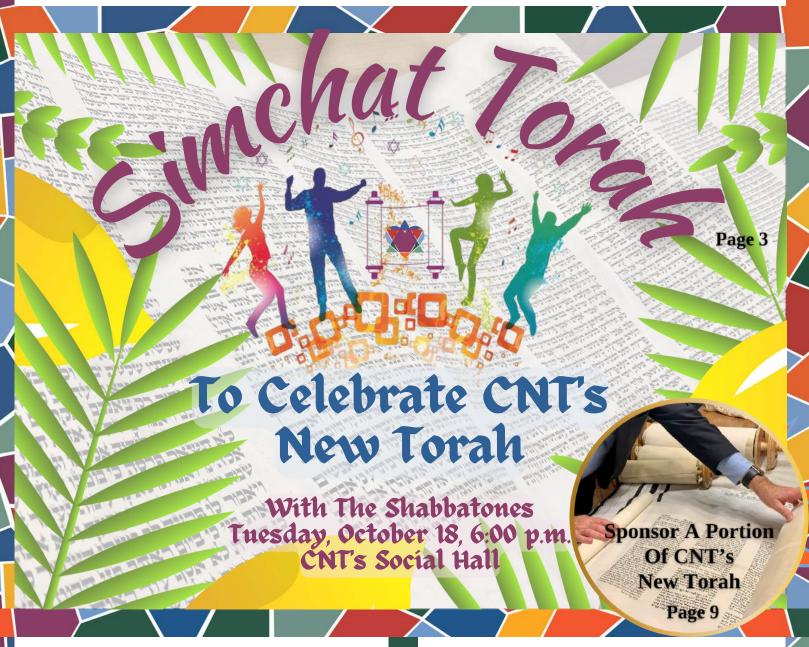


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Saturday, October 1, 2022

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

Sunday, October 2, 2022

11:00 a.m. – Tashlich at CNT Campus



Tuesday, October 4, 2022

6:00 p.m. – Kol Nidre Family Service 8:15 p.m. – Kol Nidre Traditional Service

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

9:00 a.m. – Yom Kippur Tot Service
10:00 a.m. – Yom Kippur Youth Service
10:00 a.m. – Yom Kippur Traditional Service
3:00 p.m. – Healing Service
4:00 p.m. – Afternoon Service
5:15 p.m. – Yizkor Service
6:15 p.m. – Neilah and Havdallah

Friday, October 7, 2022

7:00 p.m. – *Shabbat* Service

Saturday, October 8, 2022

8:45 a.m. – Torah Study

10:00 a.m. – Morning *Shabbat*/ Minyan Service 12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage 6:00 p.m. – NTTY Havdalah

Sunday, October 9, 2022

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



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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, October 14, 2022

6:15 p.m. – Sukkot *Shabbat* in the Round, in the Sukkah/ Birthday *Shabbat*

Saturday, October 15, 2022

8:45 a.m. – Torah Study in the Sukkah (In Person)
10:00 a.m. – Aibie and Lenny Hochman's
B'nai Mitzvah
Morning Shabbat/ Minyan Service
(In Person)

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



Tuesday, October 18, 2022

4:00 p.m. – In-Person Hebrew School 5:00 p.m. – Yizkor Service 6:00 p.m. – Simchat Torah Service, Celebration with The Shabbatones in the Social Hall

Friday, October 21, 2022

7:00 p.m. – Serenity *Shabbat* Service 8:00 p.m. – NTTY Lounge Night *Bringing a close to the High Holy Days*

Saturday, October 22, 2022

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

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



Friday, October 28, 2022

7:00 p.m. – *Shabbat* Service

Saturday, October 29, 2022

8:45 a.m. – Torah Study

10:00 a.m. – Morning *Shabbat*/ Minyan Service 10:00 a.m. – Noah *Shabbat* 12:00 p.m. – Our Jewish Heritage

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CNT NEWS

CNT Celebrates Sukkot, Simchat Torah In October



On Sunday, October 2, 2022, the MENSch Club will raise the CNT Sukkah on the Patio. The metal frame will be covered with burlap, and handmade artwork by CNT Preschoolers and Religious School students will decorate the structure where we'll bless the lulay and etrog to thank God for the blessings of the earth on Sukkot – a holiday that celebrates the gathering of the harvest and commemorates the 40 years the Jews spent in the desert on their way to the Promised Land after escaping slavery in Egypt.

CNT's Sukkah will be the center of many CNT events and ceremonies:

Sunday, October 9 – Erev Sukkot Service, in the Sukkah, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 11 – Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class, in the Sukkah, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12 – Intro to Hebrew Class, in the Sukkah, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 13 – Sisters in the Sukkah, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 14 – Sukkot/ Birthday Shabbat in the Round Service, in the Sukkah, 6:15 p.m. Patio Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 15 – Torah Study, in the Sukkah, 8:45 a.m.

OURGEN's Simmer in the Sukkah, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 21 – NTTY Lounge Night, in the Sukkah, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 22 – Torah Study, in the Sukkah, 8:45 a.m.



On Wednesday, October 5, the holiest day of the year, there will be Tot (9:00 a.m.), Youth and Traditional Yom Kippur Services, starting at 10:00 a.m., in CNT's Beit Tefillah and Sanctuary respectively, followed by a Yahrzeit plaque dedication ceremony at CNT's King David Memorial Garden at 12:30 p.m. and a screening of "Never Stop Dreaming: The Life and Legacy of Shimon Peres," in the Beit Tefillah from 12:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., before afternoon Yom Kippur Services begin.

On Tuesday, October 18, there will be a Yizkor Service on CNT's Patio at 5:00 p.m. and a Simchat Torah Service and Celebration with The Shabbatones in CNT's Social Hall at 6:00 p.m.

And on Friday, October 21, a Serenity Shabbat Service will be held in CNT's Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. bringing a close to the High Holy Days.

All Sanctuary Services can be viewed via live stream on CNT's website, www.lvnertamid.org, Facebook page, www.facebook.com/NerTamidVegas and YouTube channel.

PRESIDENTIAL PERSPECTIVES



It is September 19, and I am writing this article for the October Bulletin which will be delivered to you beginning on October 1. There being less than two weeks between my submission of this article and the publication of the monthly Bulletin is vastly different from two years ago when we struggled to put out a bi-monthly Bulletin online. It was challenging to have a submission deadline six weeks before publication, and I am not going to comment on our level of interest when the Bulletin was received.

In September of 2020 we were in the throes of the Covid-19 Pandemic and struggling with a remote High Holy Days in addition to

no Preschool, remote Religious School, and the campus being locked down. While we successfully addressed these challenges which are fast becoming a distant memory, I mention the Bulletin because it exemplifies what we have accomplished administratively in the last two years, and how we are providing you with the spirituality, programs, and services you expect and are entitled to receive.

Two years ago, in addition to our Clergy, our full-time staff consisted of three under the direction of Roberta. Roberta, Regina, Jeff, and Lee did a marvelous job in meeting the challenges we faced; however, it was clear that if we were to not simply survive but thrive, we needed to adjust job descriptions and responsibilities and expand our staff.

So, beginning with recruiting Ed Simon as Executive Director, Farrah Berlin-Tomaro joined us as The Gary & Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center Director, Hayley Wizig as Family and Education Director, Sherie Ralston as Accountant, Jerri Kaye as Preschool Assistant, Kita Howard in Maintenance, and Leslie T. Snadowsky as Programming and Communications Coordinator.

What our Clergy, staff, and Board of Trustees sought to accomplish more than two years ago with additional administrative support, is now bearing the fruit of their efforts. Which brings me back to this Bulletin. It is not only timely and inviting, but reflects where we are and what we do as a Congregation. And it is interesting and well worth the time spent perusing through it 28 or so pages.

So, thank you to Ed, Roberta, Regina, Farrah, Hayley, Leslie, Sherie, Jerri, Lee, Kita, and the Preschool and Religious School teachers and aides for what you have helped us accomplish over the past two years.

Jerry Gordon, President

My birthday falls on October 6. Some years it falls after the High Holy Days, and once in a while it falls on the day of Yom Kippur. This year, it falls the day after. It is difficult sometimes to live in 'two worlds.' For example on my 16th birthday, you guessed it, my birthday fell on Yom Kippur. Nonetheless, I think this year especially, I am glad that my birthday falls on the day after Yom Kippur as I turn 65. Sixty-five is a birthday that calls for a lot of introspection and reflection. Just like the High Holy Days. I wonder, "where have the years gone?" I think about my life and all that has transpired in an especially reflective way. I think back to my childhood, marriage, the raising of children, and of my life experiences here at Congregation Ner Tamid.



One of the first High Holy Day sermons I gave was "Cherish the Moments" which asked folks to be "in the moment" while living their lives. It is a theme I have returned to many times throughout the years. To be forthcoming, it is a theme that speaks to me again and again, for I find it hard to be "in the moment." Like many, I find myself looking at the past or looking to the future. I think about regrets and things I could have done differently or things that were wonderful, and I wish that they could happen again and again. I catch myself often thinking about tomorrow. Planning programs go with my profession, but I am thinking about the nature of my family, people who may not be with me much longer as I become "the next generation" and the people who I loved since childhood slowly pass away. I look at legacy and what I hope to have learned and taught over a long career approaching nearly 40 years in the Rabbinate.

This reflective process is one that the Rabbis of old knew all too well. Perhaps that is why they created the metaphor that our lives hang on the delicate balance between life and death, and it is up to us to help shape our destiny through prayer, tzedakah, and teshuvah. In other words, the Rabbis taught that our lives are shaped in a powerful way by developing a deep spiritual life, helping others, and being a forgiving person. These were wise words our Rabbis taught. Having faith and living life with faith is not always easy, but it ties us not only to God but to our Jewish community. It helps ground us and gives our life meaning. Helping others allows us to go beyond ourselves and understand our responsibility to the world at large. We are not an island unto ourselves. Lastly, being a forgiving person implies that we are also a person who is reflective and understands what he or she has done wrong as well. These times in which we observe the High Holy Days launch us into a time when we engage in cheshbon hanefesh – an accounting of the soul. This occurs during this sacred time, but also at milestone birthdays.

Life is a journey. Like many, I have tried to find my way, looked for sign posts when they exist, and hope I reach my destination wiser and kinder than when I started. Wishing all of you a lifetime of cherished moments, and a new year filled with happiness and joy.

CNT's Seniors Program To Offer Entertainment, Lunch To 55+



Congregation Ner Tamid kicks off its new Seniors Program on Monday, October 24, 2022, with new program coordinator Karen Marano.

Marano is originally from the East Coast, but she has lived in the Las Vegas area for more than 30 years. She raised four daughters in Henderson and has always been an active member of the Jewish community. A CNT Member for many years, Marano celebrated three of her daughters' Bat Mitzvahs at the CNT Emerson location, and her youngest daughter's Bat Mitzvah at CNT's current location, all with Rabbi Sanford Akselrad officiating.

Marano is passionate about working with seniors and has more than 10 years of experience organizing senior activities. She was the activities director at Merrill Gardens at Green Valley Ranch for several years until she relocated to New York. On Long Island, she was the live-in Active Living Director at an orthodox senior residence.

Marano enjoys organizing themed parties and special events and welcomes any suggestions that will make CNT's Seniors Program something to look forward to every month.

CNT's senior activities will be open to the public for those aged 55 and older. Lunch, games, and entertainment will be offered once or twice a month on Mondays. CNT Members can attend for free, not-yet Members will be charged \$10.

"Congregation Ner Tamid is proud to announce we are re-establishing our Seniors Program following a hiatus due to the Covid-19 Pandemic," Rabbi Akselrad said. "You're never too young and you're never too old to connect with your Jewish community. We hope that Mondays will become a place where seniors will feel welcome and excited to attend our special events."

CNT's Seniors Program will be sponsored by CNT Member David Mizrahi in honor of his father Joseph Mizrahi.

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 Eddie Simon for more information at esimon@lvnertamid.org or (702) 733-6292.

CNT NEWS

Greatest Hits Shabbat Paired Popular Songs To Prayers

Thanks to all who joined us Friday, September 16, for Greatest Hits *Shabbat* featuring The Shabbatones. CNT's Cantor Jessica Hutchings led the CNT band through an exhilarating Friday Night Service pairing traditional prayers to the greatest hits of Aretha Franklin, Train, Queen, The Doors, Billy Joel, The Beatles, Elton John, Kansas, Adele, and Matisyahu. Congregants wore concert T-shirts and dressed up like members of their favorite musical groups, and those who brought new friends to the *Shabbat* Service received surprise CNT/ Las Vegas swag for themselves and their guests including CNT branded T-shirts and tote bags. And everyone enjoyed a special oneg of frozen bananas with multiple toppings and gourmet cookies from Pucks Cookies & Treats.

















Torah Project Kick-Off Celebrated Harvey Alan Chernikoff, CNT Groups

CNT Members Elaine and Jack Chernikoff, and their son Neil, donated a new Torah to Congregation Ner Tamid on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, in loving memory of Harvey Alan Chernikoff. Elaine and Jack's son and Neil's brother Harvey was born with learning disabilities and tragically passed away in 2011, at the age of 51.

The Torah Project Kick-Off ceremony and celebration featured Rabbi Moshe Druin, president of Sofer On Site International, one of the world's premier Torah Project developers. He brought the new Torah to CNT and inscribed several of the remaining letters with the Chernikoff family and Members of the Congregation including Rabbi Akselrad and his wife Joni, CNT's Board of Directors, Sisterhood, MENSch Club, Ritual Committee, Minyan, Social Action, Nevadans For The Common Good, Religious School, Membership Committee and Interfaith Council. All received certificates.

CNT's new Intergenerational Choir sang at the event and was led by Cantor Jessica Hutchings.

The 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.

The final Torah letters will be inscribed by Tu BiShvat on Sunday, February 5, 2023.

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.



















Torah Sponsorship Opportunities

During our Kick-Off celebration, hundreds of members of our community gathered and watched in amazement as master sofer Rabbi Moshe Druin began writing some of the last of the 150 letters remaining in CNT's new Torah. It was thrilling to behold and a life-long memory for everyone who was there to participate! The Torah will be completed on February 5, 2023, at which time we will have a grand celebration and the signing of the last few letters of the Torah.

In the meantime, you have an opportunity to participate personally in making this Torah a reality. Sponsorships of Torah portions, unique passages in the Torah, Books of the Torah, and unique words and phrases are available. Participants in this project will be acknowledged prominently on a permanent donor wall at our synagogue.

I have decided to sponsor my own Bar Mitzvah portion and it gives me a great deal of personal satisfaction to make this spiritual connection. Others may find a source within the Torah matching up to their profession or a particular life lesson and others may want to sponsor their favorite book of the Torah in recognition of the importance of the Israelites' journey toward freedom. The possibilities are endless, and this is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to fulfill this important Mitzvah!

Those who make their decision early will have the opportunity to write a letter in our new Torah with a scribe on Monday, December 5.

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

- Rabbi Sanford Akselrad

CNT NEWS



Countering Active Threat Training At CNT



You're invited to participate in Countering Active Threat Training (CATT) at Congregation Ner Tamid on Thursday, October 20, 2022, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

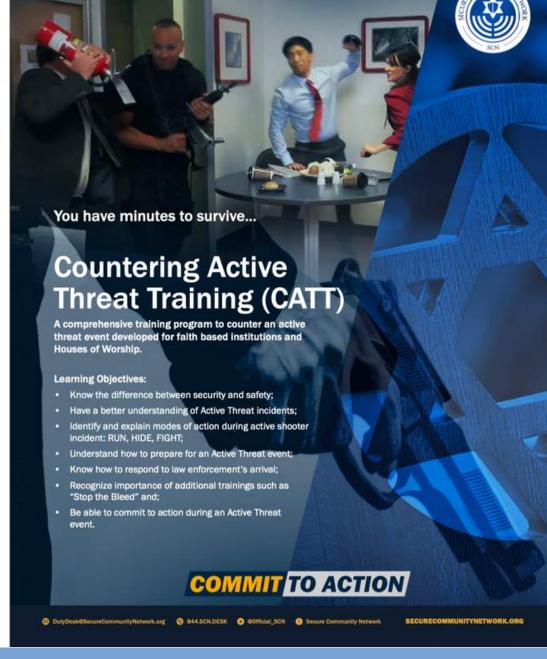
Sign up here: https://lvnertamid.shulcloud.com/form/CounteringActiveThreatTraining

Beth LaManna, the Regional Security Advisor of Secure Community Network (SCN), is organizing the event. The two-hour training program, developed for faith based institutions and Houses of Worship, will demonstrate how to counter an active threat.

SCN, a nonprofit 501(c)(3), is the official safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America. Founded in 2004, under the auspices of The Jewish Federations of North

America and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, SCN works on behalf of 146 Federations, the 50 largest Jewish non-profit organizations in North America and more than 300 independent communities as well as with other partners in the public, private, nonprofit and academic sectors to ensure the safety, security and resiliency of the Jewish people.

SCN serves as the Jewish community's formal liaison with federal law enforcement and coordinates closely with federal, state and local law enforcement partners on safety and security issues related to the Jewish community.







Lenny and Aibie Hochman Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022



Israeli-born siblings Lenny and Aibie Hochman are excited to be called to the Torah as a Bar and Bat Mitzvah on Shabbat Sukkot, Saturday, October 15, 2022. They are especially excited for their Haftarah reading, Balak, from the Book of Numbers, since it was both their grandfather's Bar Mitzvah Haftorah and their parents' Shabbat Chatan Parsha.

Lenny is an eighth grader at Coral Academy of Science and amongst his favorite things are backgammon, chess, chocolate, coding, computer science, esports, math, rock n' roll, soccer, and weightlifting.



Aibie is a seventh grader at Coral Academy of Science and amongst her favorite things are cooking, drama club, drawing, Gilmore Girls, hanging out with friends and family, lunchtime, singing, sushi, and yearbook committee.

For their Mitzvah project, Lenny and Aibie are collecting food and monetary donations for Aishel Avraham, **https://aishelavraham.com**, a local non-profit organization that strives to provide basic food and other necessities to Jewish individuals and families in need in the Las Vegas area.

Both Lenny and Aibie plan to continue their Jewish education as members of CNT's Tribe and

serving as Madrichim.



Ronen Jacobson - Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022

Ronen is an eighth grader who is dearly loved by his family and good friends who all consider themselves lucky to be around him. Ronen enjoys spending time with his family and friends, he loves playing soccer and basketball, and is an avid basketball fan. His favorite team is the Portland Trail Blazers. Ronen is also a star student who is committed to making the world a better place through kindness and generosity. For his Mitzvah project, Ronen is collecting soccer balls, basketballs and footballs to be gifted to children in the community in his effort to spread joy and connections to Judaism.

Ronen is excited and proud to be called to the Torah and become a Bar Mitzvah. He will be reading Bereshit. We hope to see you all there for this new beginning! – With love, the Jacobsons



#AskFarrah - Playing With Blocks





Your first month is free at The Gary & Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center's Preschool at Congregation Ner Tamid when you enroll your 4- to 5-year-old in the Pre-K program with a full school year commitment. All CNT Members receive a 10 percent discount to attend the Preschool and current Preschool families receive \$100 off next month's tuition when they refer a new family who enrolls. Sibling discounts are also being offered.

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. Her column, and accompanying video blog, will be featured in CNT's Bulletin, website, e-blasts, and on Facebook and Instagram (#AskFarrah). Send your questions to **ftomaro@lvnertamid.org** if you'd like to ask Farrah a question about Preschool or early childhood education. For more information, call (702) 632-2250, or go to **www.lvnertamid.org**.



Q. How do children learn by playing with blocks?

The first gift I always give to friends with children are a set of wooden blocks. They allow for development and advancement in so many domains of learning! Blocks are usually a form of open-ended play. Children are fully in control and pick up on lessons having to do with problem solving, mathematics, and science. Through blocks, children are offered opportunities to plan and execute their ideas. The chance to strengthen their confidence with skill in these areas enhance socialemotional growth as well.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Religious School Update, Important Dates



"Religious School is off to a great start," Family and Education Director Hayley Wizig said. "Students have been learning about tzedakah, the High Holy Days, and Teshuvah (forgiveness). And exciting things are coming up from the Torah Project to Tashlich. Teens have been very involved with Madrichim, Tribe, and NTTY. And ITTY BITTY NTTY and TNT had their first programs and they were a success as well!"



This October, Nevada is on the move to fight hate here, virtually and across our country. It's not just a walk — it's an opportunity to move as an individual, family or community towards a future without antisemitism, racism and all forms of bigotry.

> Use discount code at checkout: CNT

For free kids tickets and only \$10 for adults!



THE FIGHT AGAINST HATE STARTS IN

Register for Team CNT today!



WalkAgainstHate.org/NV/nertamid





Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 5 – Youth Services for High Holy Days, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 8 -NTTY Havdalah

Sunday, October 9 – Fifth Grade Baby Naming

Sunday, October 16 –

First Grade Family Learning Day

Tuesday, October 18 –

In-Person Hebrew School for Simchat Torah

Friday, October 21 –

NTTY Lounge Night

Sunday, October 23 –

ADL Walk Against Hate for

4th – 7th and 8th – 12th Graders

Friday, October 28 –

Sunday, October 30 -

Teen Tribe Trip to Los Angeles





HIGH HOLY DAYS

AT CONGREGATION NER TAMID 2022/5783

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

12:45 p.m. – Screening of "Never Stop Dreaming: The Life and Legacy of Shimon Peres," Solomon Beit Tefillah

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

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



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.

Vegas PBS, ABC, FOX, NBC, Parents Magazine Feature CNT



Congregation Ner Tamid's Rabbi Sanford Akselrad was a featured guest on Vegas PBS' "Nevada Week" on Friday, September 16, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. He joined a panel with Esther Finder, president of the Holocaust Survivors Group of Southern Nevada and Generations of the Shoah – Nevada (GS-N), Susan Dubin, library director and education specialist at the Sperling Kronberg Mack Holocaust Resource Center, and Jolie Brislin, the Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Nevada, that talked with Vegas PBS' "Nevada Week" host Amber Dixon about topics that stemmed from a new three-part PBS documentary series by Ken Burns, Lynn Novick, and Sarah Botstein called "The U.S. and the Holocaust."

The series premiered on Sunday, September 18, at 8:00 p.m. and "examines America's response to one of the greatest humanitarian crises of the twentieth century."

Rabbi Akselrad talked about the presence of antisemitism in the United States during the Holocaust, how Holocaust survivors who relocated to the United States were received and treated, the current rise in antisemitism in the United States, and the importance of teaching school children about the Holocaust. You can watch the show here: www.vegaspbs.org/nevada-week

CNT was also featured on the news on Wednesday, September 21, during our Torah Project Kick-Off ceremony and celebration. Fox 5 interviewed Rabbi Akselrad and Elaine and Jack Chernikoff, who donated a new Torah to CNT in loving memory of their son Harvey Alan Chernikoff.

And KTNV ABC 13 Action News and News 3, the Las Vegas NBC affiliate, also covered our Rosh Hashanah services on their TV newscasts.

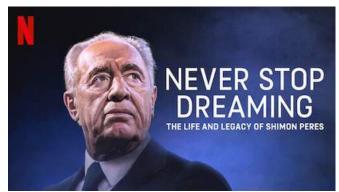
Plus, Rabbi Akselrad was featured in Allison Landa's article "How to Talk About the Death of a Pet With Your Kid" in Parents Magazine, www.parents.com, in September.



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ADULT EDUCATION

CNT To Screen Shimon Peres Documentary During Yom Kippur



CNT will screen "Never Stop Dreaming: The Life and Legacy of Shimon Peres" on Yom Kippur, Wednesday, October 5, 2022, in the Beit Tefillah, from 12:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., before afternoon Yom Kippur Services begin. This documentary combines archival footage and intimate interviews with iconic world leaders, and paints a comprehensive portrait of a beloved leader.

Congregation Ner Tamid Offers Classes About Holy Days' Holy Women

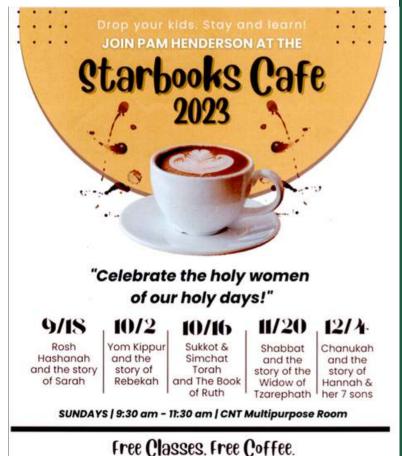
Congregation Ner Tamid Members will learn about the biblical and spiritual significance of Sarah, Rebekah, Ruth, the Widow of Tzarephath, and Hannah on select Sundays through December at a "Starbooks Café" series at the temple that will offer free classes and free coffee.

CNT member Pamela Henderson has taught adult education courses at CNT for more than a decade, but she's found that many adult students have trouble paying for and attending classes on weekday evenings. That's why Henderson decided to offer her free classes, with complimentary

coffee, on Sundays, in CNT's Multipurpose Room, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

"These Sunday morning 'Starbooks' classes are being held during Religious School when most parents are already on campus," Henderson said. "These adult classes are designed to promote social interaction as well as a learning opportunity, so I hope that the parents will meet each other and develop some new friendships."

On Sunday, October 2, Henderson will teach a class about Yom Kippur and the story of Rebekah; on Sunday, October 16, Sukkot and Simchat Torah and the book of Ruth; on Sunday, November 20, Shabbat and the story of the Widow of Tzarephath; and on Sunday, December 4, Chanukah and the story of Hannah and her seven sons.



See you there!

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MEMBERSHIP









Chavurah Chazarai

Elaine Entin's **Art of Fine Liquor Chavurah** held an event at the home of Susannah and Joe Altman on September 17, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Members enjoyed a vodka tasting, appetizers and desserts.

For the Love of Jewish Cooking Chavurah is hosting an event on Sunday, October 9, at Helene Laefer's home. On the menu? Rugelach!

CNT's Film Chavurah Leader Anthony Saenz presented "Old Yeller" on Wednesday, September 28, with special guest Beverly Washburn in attendance. She was a child actress in the movie and shared her experiences about being in the classic Hollywood film.

Saenz is organizing three additional movie screenings for the Fall/Winter season – "Young Frankenstein" in October, "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" in November, and "Home Alone" in December.

Screenings will take 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.

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

Beethoven to The Beatles Chavurah leader Bob Dworkin said he is putting together plans for a gathering in October.

And Joan Fine and Paul Scea will host a **Wine Not? Chavurah** event in November.

If you'd like to join a CNT Members Only Chavurah, go to: https://lvnertamid.shulcloud.com/form/Chavurah. Or email us at cntchavurah@lvnertamid.org.

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE IS GROWING AND NEEDS YOUR HELP TO RECRUIT AND WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS TO CNT. IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN THIS INTEGRAL CNT COMMITTEE, CONTACT:

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MEMBERSHIP

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!





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.

Donations to Vegas PBS are tax deductible.

Welcome New Members 2022

Carolyn and Steven Cohen
Helene Linden
Ronit and Blaine Schwartz
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SISTERHOOD





Sisterhood Appreciation Luncheon

On Sunday, September 18, we held our annual Sisterhood Appreciation Event for all paid Members. Eighty ladies and little sisters joined together for an afternoon of "Sisters Smile and Share." Over a delicious lunch, our Members had time to catch up, meet our new Members, and celebrate our 2022 Mickey Wilner Great Lady, Jennifer Neeman. A surprise every year, we were honored to announce this year's recipient, a well-deserving Great Lady.

We were thrilled to be joined by our "little sisters" Hanna Judman, Hannah Brislin, Magnolia Wertheimer, Delaney Kanter-Villareal, Davie Baschis, and Katie Josephs, who brought smiles to our faces! Davie, one of our first "little sisters," celebrated her 21st birthday with us, filled with cake and cupcakes. We thank all the Members for joining in this year's celebrations and we're excited for the year ahead!



SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood Mi Sheberach Quilt Making

Join Sisterhood to continue the tradition of quilt making for the CNT Yom Kippur Healing Service! With guidance from past president Fern Percheski, Sisterhood will be continuing the project, founded in 2003, of creating quilts for Congregants to use during Healing Services. No quilting experience is needed and Sisterhood Membership is not required – join us by emailing CNT Sisterhood.



Please join us on Thursday, October 13, for the first **Sisters in the Sukkah** where we'll indulge in salads, sweets, sangria and more. \$10 per person. RSVP by Monday, October 3.

Upcoming Sisterhood Events – Save The Dates!

Sisters Sneak Out – Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 p.m. Dinner at Olive Garden, 4400 E. Sunset Rd., Henderson. RSVP by November 6 is required.

Literary & Lecture Society Series – Thursday, November 17, 6:30 p.m.

Meet guest speaker Roberta "Bobbie" Kane, the first Jewish person born in Las Vegas and author of <u>Las Vegas Born and Raised</u>.

Annual Holiday Bazaar – Sunday, December 4, 9:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.Complete all your holiday shopping at CNT!If you want to be a vendor or know someone that does, please email us.

Sisterhood Member Chanukah Party – Sunday, December 11, 1:00 p.m. More information to follow for Members.

If you have questions or comments, please email cntsisterhoodlv@gmail.com.

Michelle Blank - CNT Sisterhood President

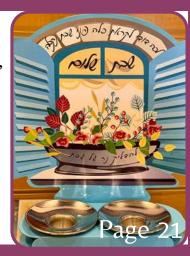
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Proceeds support our Fay Schoenfeld Fund 4 Youth scholarships for our CNT Religious School students.





MENSch Club To Raise The Sukkah

The MENSch Club will start raising CNT's Sukkah on Sunday, October 2, 2022, at 7:00 a.m., to celebrate Sukkot and to house multiple events and celebrations throughout October (see Page 3).



"It's a big undertaking," Josh Wertheimer, MENSch Club president said. "It takes 10-15 guys, five to six hours to build. But it's a labor of love and we like doing it. It's important we undertake the project because after Yom Kippur, Jews celebrate Sukkot and we need somewhere to celebrate it."

CNT's Sukkah will be decorated with art projects created by Preschool and Religious School students and it will be large enough to hold services in.

"It's where we'll shake the lulav and etrog," Wertheimer said of the Sukkot tradition. "There are many fun Jewish festivals and Sukkot is a fun one to celebrate."

The MENSch Club will meet again on Sunday, October 23, to dismantle the Sukkah.

Not-yet Members who want to join the MENSch Club are also invited to help build and take down the autumnal structure.



Shirley Kouffman, skouffman@lvnertamid.org



The Chesed Committee sent out cards to some Congregants and college students for Rosh Hashanah. And with the generous donations given to the Committee, we were able to deliver these Rosh Hashanah Bags to several Congregants. The bags were happily received, and contents included freshly baked Round Challahs, two apples, honey, napkins, and Rosh Hashanah greetings. We are always ready to bring cheer!

If you would like to join the Chesed Committee, please contact Chesed Chairperson Shirley Kouffman, (702) 733-6292, **skouffman@lvnertamid.org.**



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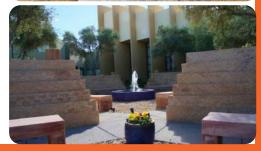
When a loved one passes away, Jewish tradition teaches us to remember them annually by lighting a candle on the date of their passing, or Yahrzeit. We honor and show our love for the departed and remember that those who have passed away never truly leave us as long as we hold them in our hearts and adopt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

> The unveiling of plaques takes place on Wednesday, October 5, directly following morning Yom Kippur Services in CNT's King David Memorial Garden.

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Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, of blessed memory, said, "There are two ways to live in a world that is often dark and full of tears. We can curse the darkness or we can light a light, and as the Chassidim say, a little light drives out much darkness. May we all help light up the world."

Nevadans for the Common Good (NCG) is an organizing coalition that helps light the way for others. We tackle issues that impact people throughout our community by learning about the most pressing problems and acting politically. Recently, NCG experienced two victories: Boulder City was successful in funding a Health and Social Services position, and the NCG Housing Team was successful in passing short-term rental ordinances.

The Mental Health Team held an orientation meeting to discuss their upcoming plans. A major part of organizing is listening to the people. Therefore, the Mental Health Team will be holding listening sessions throughout the valley. Desert Spring United Methodist Church will host a listening session on Tuesday, October 18, at 6:30 p.m., and Congregation Ner Tamid will host on Tuesday, November 29, at 6:30 p.m. WE NEED YOUR VOICE! Please join us for one or both of these listening sessions! Tell us about your experience in accessing services, receiving treatment, or any other issues related to mental health. We will compile the information so we can ask our politicians what they can do to help.

The CNT NCG team meets on the third Thursday of the month on Zoom. Join us and help light the way.



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Nevadans for the Common Good invites you to attend a listening session to discuss your experience with mental health issues and behavioral health services in our state.

For more information, contact Susie Sernoe at ncgaddictionandrecovery@gmail.com or ncg.lasvegas@gmail.com Join us for one or more of these sessions:

Monday, September 19, 6:30-8:00pm Foster Kinship

3925 W. Cheyenne Avenue, Unit 401 North Las Vegas, 89032

Tuesday, October 18, 6:30-8:00pm Desert Spring United Methodist Church 120 Pavilion Center Drive Las Vegas, 89144

Tuesday, November 29, 6:30-8:00pm Congregation Ner Tamid 55 N. Valle Verde Henderson, 89074

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CNT's Social Action High Holy Days Food Drive To Aid JFSA

Congregation Ner Tamid's Social Action and Social Justice Committees provide opportunities for the Congregation to fulfill the Mitzvah of Tikkun Olam every year by organizing a High Holy Days Food Drive to collect non-perishable food to donate to those in need.

This year's food drive runs through Friday, October 7, 2022.

"The food goes to the Jewish Family Services Agency (JFSA),"
Cindy Jensen, vice president of CNT's Social Action Committee said.

"Jewish Family Services provides life-saving services to our community.

Congregation Ner Tamid, through the generosity of our Congregants, is



honored to celebrate the High Holy Days by contributing to the JFSA food pantry again."

CNT Members are asked to fill bags, boxes, or cars with non-perishable food and personal care items and bring their donations to CNT, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., and before and after Services.

"The generosity of the Congregation is amazing," Jensen said.



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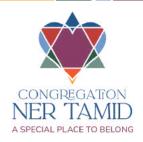
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