

What's New at Congregation Ner Tamid

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High Holy Days Edition

**Look inside for
schedules, COVID
protocols, and
everything that
you need to know
to enjoy the High
Holy Days with us!**

SIMCHAT TORAH

Tuesday, September 28th
6:00pm

in the CNT parking lot!

Featuring The Shabbatones!

Join us for singing, dancing and fun as we celebrate the birthday
of the torahs!

Registration Required

All CNT COVID protocols will be followed.

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High Holy Days 2021/5782 Information

TASHLICH IN THE PARK

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

AT 1:30PM

SUNSET PARK, COTTONWOOD PICNIC AREA

JOIN CANTOR HUTCHINGS FOR THIS WONDERFUL SERVICE.
PLEASE BRING A PICNIC LUNCH TO ENJOY.

REGISTER AT LVNERTAMID.ORG

MASKS AND VACCINATION REQUIRED FOR 18+ TO ATTEND

Serenity Shabbat

Friday, October 1st at 7pm

Join us online and in person.

Vaccination for 18+ required for in person attendance.
Please pre-register online.

CNT COVID Protocols

– MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR
EVERYONE OVER THE AGE OF 2
WHILE IN THE SYNAGOGUE

– VACCINATIONS ARE
REQUIRED FOR ALL ADULTS
OVER 18

– PRE-REGISTRATION
REQUIRED FOR ALL SERVICES
AND PROGRAMS

– SOCIAL DISTANCING
GUIDELINES WILL BE
FOLLOWED



A MITZVAH FOR ROSH HASHANAH

START THE YEAR RIGHT!

Help the CNT Chesed (Caring) Committee!

We bring 35 bags to congregants who are
homebound or in hospitals and nursing homes.
Each bag contains a round Hala, apples and honey.

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

L'Shanah Tovah!

From the Chesed Committee
(Shirley Kouffman, chairperson)



Calendar of Services

Tot Shabbat

Join us one Friday a month @ 6:15pm for a kid friendly Shabbat service as well as some arts & crafts and a light nosh!

Sept. 3rd and Oct. 8th



Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

Tot Service Join us for a kid friendly service with some fun arts & crafts!
September 7th & 16th
@ 9am



JEWISHnevada
NEVADA'S JEWISH FEDERATION

Thank you to
Jewish Nevada
for partnering with CNT to
continue community
programming.

September Services

(All in person services require vaccination and mask)

Friday, September 3

7:00 pm Shabbat Service with special guest
Jeff Wayne

Saturday, September 4

9:45 am - Morning service

Friday, September 10

7:00 pm - Birthday Shabbat

Saturday, September 11,

9:45 am - Morning service

Friday, September 17,

7:00 pm - Shabbat Service with special guest
Glori Rosenberger

Saturday, September 18,

9:45 am - Morning Service

Friday, September 24,

7:00 pm - Sukkot Service - In the Sukkah

Saturday, September 25,

9:45 am - Morning Service
10:00 am - Bar Mitzvah Ewen Kulic

Tuesday, September 28

5:00 pm - Yizkor Service
6:00 pm - Simchat Torah Service with
The Shabbatoners (In person only)

Saturday Services

8:45am	Torah Study
9:45 am	Minyan
11:15am	Our Jewish Heritage

Join us via zoom every Saturday morning:
www.zoom.us
Meeting ID: 501 821 9623



A New Year's Wish

Two years ago the word “COVID” wasn’t even part of our vocabulary. Now it is part of our daily language. Talk about COVID has dominated our daily lives, and it seems that with the Delta variant, and other variants yet to come, it will be with us for a while more.

It is hard to have patience, especially, when we thought we so close to the end of the tunnel. But the light at the end of the tunnel is really only meant to illuminate our path so that we know what direction we are headed.

I appreciate everyone for understanding the precautions and new COVID requirements that we have implemented. I do not want these requirements to be impediments for you being involved in Temple life. Quite the contrary, I am hoping that you will feel safer and more secure when you are with us physically. And for those who prefer, we are continuing our zoom/live streaming options for so many things.

The High Holy Days remind us of the tenuous nature of life. We pray that we will be written into the book of life. At time like this when real life mimics this metaphor, we must maintain our vigilance and appreciate the preciousness of life itself.

It is easy to say this as a simple cliché. But it is no cliché. Especially not in the age of COVID. It is a lesson to be learned, and to embrace.

So take a moment to think of those that you care about, and how you show appreciation. Think of those aspects of your life-especially your health-that you have procrastinated attending to. And greet the new year with determination, and a renewed sense of purpose.

Patience may be hard to come by, but hope is always at our finger tips.

Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy new year!

Rabbi Sanford Akselrad





Torah, Avodah, G'milut Chasadim....These are the pillars of Judaism.

Even in a pandemic, and in ANOTHER year of uncertainty, we never lose sight of these pillars and how we can help our community live through this lens. There are countless programs and opportunities at CNT, just look inside this bulletin and take your pick. I wanted to share with you just a few of the projects I am lucky enough to dream up, create, and simply be a part of...

Torah: Religious School happily reopened to record pre-registration numbers. It would not have been possible without our amazing new assistant principal, Hayley Wizig, and education committee VP, Deanna DeArkland and the committee supporting her. We are launching new and innovative programs like... chugim! A fun activity based learning at the end of each day, geared towards the special interests of our students. We have also launched "Parent's Night Out" and brought back the experience of field trips. We are looking forward to a wonderful year deeply rooted in the study of Torah.

Avodah: The High Holy Days are this month, and this year, we give you: HYBRID High Holy Days. While I am over the moon to be able to be back in person for the chanting of Kol Nidre, we cannot ignore that these last eighteen months have brought us immense loss, hardships, and the need to rebuild ourselves and our sense of community. These are all reasons why Avodah (worship) should be easy, but if you are like me, when the going gets tough, it is tough to get going. Instead of focusing on the climb up to the diving board, I am choosing to focus on the water. With all of our heart, we are going to take a deep dive and plunge into the beautiful reality that is the Days of Awe. Join us as we turn inward, face our truths, and mend fences.

All of the main services can be live in person or streamed online. Yom Kippur Afternoon, Yizkor, and Healing Services, we invite you to enjoy the comfort of your home, and stream online only. We will close the gates of Yamim Noraim in person, outdoors under the setting sun followed by Havdallah. The greatest gift of joining us in person will be the sound of the choir and shofar. While all of this can be translated through the speakers of your TV, after last year's experience we learned, there is nothing like a live choir and shofar call. NOTHING. Our choir, both adult and teen, showed up with more beauty, determination, and resilience than ever, and they are going to WOW you.

G'milut Chasadim: Mitzvah projects are a key component in the framework of becoming b'nai mitzvah. Prayer, Torah, Haftarah, and D'var Torah are all important, but the mitzvah project is what truly begins to transform a child into an adult. Students are asked to pick a mitzvah that is special to them. When they are grappling with what they should do, I ask them, "When you look out into the world, what do you see that you wish you could change... Start there." This year, the pandemic shed a new light on the importance of doing acts of kindness. Between toy drives for kids with cancer, making masks for native American tribes without resources, buddying up to play sports with special needs kids, and so much more... These students have not only impressed us, they have inspired us all to do better.

This might just sound like a random recap of notable things, but it is not random. It is a glimpse of the work we do everyday to inspire, connect, nourish, and guide our community through the lens of *Torah, Avodah, and G'milut Chasadim*. There is so much more... In fact, there is something for everyone here at CNT. Need to connect? Need to do Jewish? Need to study? Need to grow? Just reach out, and we will be there for you.

*B'shira,
Cantor Jessica Hutchings*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021 SISTERHOOD APPRECIATION DAY



Already a member, you will receive an invitation in the mail.

If you wish to join Sisterhood and be invited to this event, please pay your dues by September 15th. Applications are in the Gift Shop or at the front desk. You can also email us for the application.

LADIES SNEAK OUT – THURSDAY

OCTOBER 21, 2021 – MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

L Shanah Tovah
May this New year be filled with
health, happiness and sweet
moments for you and your family.

CNT Sisterhood

Mark your calendars

Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:30am – 1PM

Our Holiday Bazaar will return.

Variety of vendors, our Sisterhood Gift Shop, Delicious
food and more

Do all your holiday shopping in one place!

Mark L Fine Judaica Shop

Our Gift Shop will open Friday nights before services.
and on Sundays during Religious School 11am – 12:30 pm



*As we begin our new year,
we look forward to wonderful
events and to being together!!*

OUR WONDERFUL SISTERHOOD BOARD...

Dedicated ladies who work tirelessly and with love
To make our Sisterhood very special



Congregation Ner Tamid encompasses a supportive community of people that truly make CNT a “A Special Place to Belong.” The MENSch Club is part of this amazing community that helps contribute to our temple and our community. Each member of the MENSch Club strives to be a “mensch” by being an upstanding member of the temple, helping out when needed, and making connections with each other. We are looking forward to a year of activities that will bring us together and show our commitment to CNT and our community.

The MENSch Club has a lot of great opportunities to get more involved at CNT. We are actively involved in helping on Sundays to keep our youth safe during religious school, we help during High Holidays, build the CNT Sukkah, help maintain our beautiful campus, and are available as needed! In addition to helping the temple, we have several social events where members can enjoy each other’s company and get to know one another. Our first event will be our Steak and Spirits night!

Please watch your email for further correspondence regarding our upcoming events. If you are currently not enrolled in MENSch Club and would like to get involved, please contact us for information on how to become a member of this great group of men.

Rich Greenis- MENSch Club President
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Social Action

Cindy Jensen, ckjensen@cox.net



HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE

Last year, the annual High Holy Days food drive was re-tooled to offer curb-side service ensuring the food drive was safe for everyone. The generosity of our congregants was amazing. People literally filled their vehicles with donations. The joy and warmth of congregants safely seeing each other in person was another incredible part of the food drive.

Thankfully, we will be able to meet in person for High Holy Days this year and will blend the traditional food drive of the past with the drive-thru food drive of the present. You will see us handing out lists of needed food and supplies on Rosh Hashanah and will be at the Temple to welcome you and help when you drive by and drop off your food donations. Please watch for the schedule of drive-thru dates and

times. In keeping with tradition, you can always bring your donations when you return for Yom Kippur.

We hope the hybrid food drive will accommodate everyone’s schedule and be another successful event.

MITZVAH DAY IS RETURNING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021.

Mitzvah Day will be held in person on Sunday, October 24, 2021. As always, it will include a wide variety of new projects and old favorites. Having been apart for so long, it will be wonderful to be able to work together again. We are also planning ways for those who are not ready to meet in person to participate remotely.



Mitzvah Day
Sunday, October 24, 2021



Our CNT NCG Steering Committee has been on hiatus over the summer but via ZOOM had been previously participating in NCG Regional House Meetings. These Meetings focused on issues or concerns that folks have regarding unemployment, mental stress, the need for social connection, educators/the system being overwhelmed, children and potential isolation, families experiencing food insecurity and rental evictions/foreclosures. Consequently, NCG members have met with County Commissioner Kirkpatrick and Vice Chair Gibson-- and also in an additional Community Meeting sponsored by NCG-- to discuss some of the above concerns and to offer help in the area of folks navigating the Rental Assistance Program here in Southern Nevada.



Nevadans for the Common Good

We have also been participating in State Legislative Tracking with NCG committee members from CNT, Grace in the Desert Episcopal Church, Christ the King Catholic Community and St. Thomas More Catholic Community. Members of this committee have made recommendations and written comments on State Bills and Amendments to the Nevada State Legislature that are of great importance and influence to and for our community.

We are also proud of the accomplishments of our NCG Addiction & Recovery Group with its two Civic Academies that were held--- the last one having focused on the use and operation of NARCAN—a life saving device used on substance users who experience drug overdoses.

Presently, we are involved with NCG' S Postcard Mailing Project spearheaded by Ruth Urban here at Congregation Ner Tamid. This involves the American Rescue Plans Act (ARPA) funds that will be coming to Clark County to be used in an accessible way for eligible families and individuals. The postcards are being sent to the County to encourage the building of strong social service programs to assist our community. Our congregation committed itself to sending in 50 postcards to assist with this project.

Our next CNT NCG Steering Committee meeting will take place after the High Holy Days on Thursday September 23rd at 5:15pm. via ZOOM or in person-- to be determined. For further information, email Dorie Kirtman or Susie Sernoe, Co-Chairs.

JOIN RABBI AKSELRAD FOR:
THE ESSENTIAL TALMUD
WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30PM
OCTOBER: 13, 20, 27 NOVEMBER: 3, 10, 17
NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE NEEDED
ONLINE ON ZOOM
REGISTRATION AT LVNERTAMID.ORG

Todah rabah! Thank you very much to the following who provided contributions to Congregation Ner Tamid.
These donations were recorded between July 9 and August 8, 2021.
For corrections, please contact Regina Baker at rbaker@lvnertamid.org

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Remembrances

Heather Seltzer, hseltzer@lvnertamid.org



Jack Fridkin, beloved step-father of Ellen Sonenthal

Annie Bedavid, beloved Mother of Sandra Bendavid





**MEMBERS
ONLY**

Ready for the next CNT OurGen event?
Join in for the Best Dam Wine Walk in Boulder City!

Meet in the CNT parking lot to carpool at 3:15pm or meet in Boulder City:
1308 Wyoming Street at My4Sons Cards & Games at 4pm, (park in the nearby
hotel plaza and surrounding areas). September event theme: Celebrate the USA!

Tickets are \$25 at: <https://bit.ly/3iSQRcQ>
Don't forget to email us to let us know you are joining in! mindywadkins@me.com

Note: OurGen is 40s and up, CNT Members Only



**OPEN
TO ALL!**

**CNT
TRIVIA
TUESDAYS!**

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 29th at 7pm

*Note the change of day for this month
to work with high holy day schedules...*

Trivia Expert or Trivia Novice - just have fun!
(topics will be potpourri - a mix of all subjects)
Open to everyone: CNT members and friends!

*Virtual Trivia via Zoom from your computer**

***RSVP to mindywadkins@me.com
for the zoom link and instructions to play.**

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*We hope your new year comes with many
blessings and joy.*