

# What's New at Congregation Ner Tamid

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## SHABBATONES' BEATLES BIRTHDAY SHABBAT



### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13TH 7PM

#### IN PERSON

LET'S COME TOGETHER **IN THE TNT PARKING LOT**  
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS, ONEG,  
AND GROOVY GETUP!

**FOR THE SAFETY OF US ALL:**  
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YOU MUST STAY WITHIN.  
PLEASE KEEP YOUR MASK ON  
OVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE.

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HAPPY HOUR FROM HOME AT 6:15PM  
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LINK TO HAPPY HOUR AND LIVESTREAM  
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# Calendar of Services

## November Virtual Services

**Friday, November 6**  
Shabbat Service, 7:00 pm

**Saturday, November 7**  
Morning Service, 9:45 am

**Friday, November 13**  
Beatles Shabbat with Birthday Blessings, 7:00 pm

**Saturday, November 14**  
Morning Service, 9:45 am  
and Bar Mitzvah of David Levrant, 10:30am

**Friday, November 20**  
Shabbat Service, 7:00 pm

**Saturday, November 21**  
Morning Service, 9:45 am

**Friday, November 27**  
Shabbat in the Round, 7:00 pm

**Saturday, November 28**  
Morning Service, 9:45 am

## December Virtual Services

**Friday, December 4**  
Shabbat Service, 7:00 pm

**Saturday, December 5**  
Morning Service, 9:45 am  
and Bat Mitzvah of Cari Marshall

**Friday, December 11**  
Chanukah Shabbat with Birthday Blessings, 7:00 pm

**Saturday, December 12**  
Morning Service, 9:45 am

**Friday, December 18**  
Birthday Shabbat, 7:00 pm

**Saturday, December 19**  
Morning Service, 9:45 am  
and Bat Mitzvah of Madison Imas, 10:30am

**Friday, December 25**  
Shabbat in the Round Service, 7:00 pm

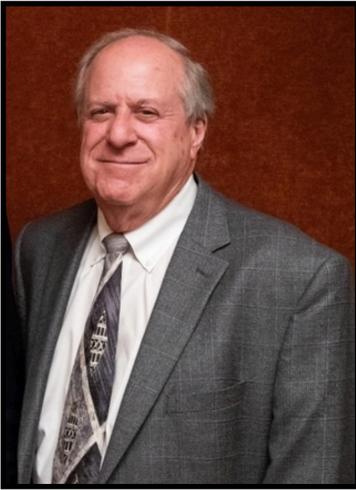
**Saturday, December 26**  
Morning Service, 9:45 am

## Saturday Services

8:45 am Torah Study

9:45 am Minyan

11:00 am Our Jewish Heritage



That you are receiving the first bulletin since April is indicative that CNT is returning to some semblance of normal. That this bulletin and future bulletins will be primarily delivered electronically is also indicative of what will be the new normal. That our lives will return to a “new normal” is not an inconsistent phrase. This has been the pattern of human civilization (now, apparently, beginning 300,000 years ago). We endure, learn from, and adapt to constant change, and radical change in response to crisis and adversity. Normal is never what it was before.

We have learned from our just concluded remote High Holy Day services that High Holy Days services next year will not be similar to services this year or last year. Based upon attendance and feedback, the new normal will most likely include continued utilization of technology that we did not fully appreciate existed 6 months ago and integration of remote and onsite services.

A year ago, we were assessing the just concluded High Holy Days, working on our annual gala event, focused on increasing our membership and religious school and preschool enrollment, and enhancing our services and programming. Now we are focused on operating our Hebrew school remotely and our religious school on site and remotely, reopening our preschool at the beginning of next summer, in person and remote events and fundraisers, and providing services, life cycles and programs with input from our COVID committee and consistent with applicable directives.

As for membership, last year we were concerned with the difficulties encountered by our congregants living 20 miles away in Summerlin. Now this includes families living hundreds and thousands of miles away who are attending our services and participating remotely in life cycle events. Virtual membership? Given the technology that is now available, why not? This is the new normal.

This has been a difficult and challenging 8 months for all of us. We all look forward to the end of the pandemic and the return to normalcy. Your board, clergy and staff understand and appreciate this. Over the next months we will continue to learn and adapt to what will be the new normal for Congregation Ner Tamid. So, please share your thoughts, insights and experiences with us.

Stay Safe,

*Jerry Gordon, President*





What a journey this has been for all of us. Over the past eight months all of us have had our lives changed in so many ways. I am so proud of the resilience and support of the members and staff and leaders of our Congregation! We have not missed a beat in adjusting our programming, our school, and our activities to fit "The new normal." I am especially grateful for the responses of so many of you concerning our virtual Shabbat and Holy Day services. It has taken creativity, imagination and tenacity to make it all work, but our goal has always been to be a source of strength during this difficult time.

Over the next few months you will see glimmers of things returning to what I call "An adjusted normal." Religious school, for example is being offered in a hybrid fashion. Some students in person, some through virtual learning. Shabbat services on Friday nights are open although we are limited in size and ask that you pre-register. For *Simchat Torah* we had a marvelous parking lot parade with our *Torahs* and we have altered our *Sukkah* to become an outdoor worship place. With heart and mindfulness, we are as busy as ever.

I know that many of you though are not able to access some of our digital offerings. I encourage you to take advantage of our "Technology mentors" who will call or even come to your home to teach you how to get online and take advantage of these activities. I know it's not the same. It would seem that the effects of COVID are here to stay for months to come, and this is a wonderful way to stay connected.

We also have volunteers, who have for months been making weekly calls to members just to check in. If you would like to receive such a call and have somehow dropped off the list please contact Roberta Unger in the Temple office. Also, in as much as clergy are not allowed to enter the hospitals to make visits, we do want to know about it when you are ill or having surgery. We will reach out to you by phone and hope we can be a source of strength during your time of need.

Over our long history as a religious community Judaism has weathered many a storm. And though we will be forever impacted by this experience, we know, "this too shall pass." Today and tomorrow, let us find our strength in our community; and our resiliency in our faith. We are in this together, and we must be there for each other.

*Rabbi Sanford Akselrad*



**12.16.2020**

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**SAVE THE DATE**



**COMPELLING  
CONVERSATIONS  
WITH RABBI AKSELRAD**

*A program of*  
CONGREGATION NER TAMID



If we look back to March 2020, I don't think anyone could have guessed the next school year would have looked like this. When life gives you etrogs... and I mean, ALL the etrogs it can find, you make etrog-ade.. Okay, that was my attempt on a Jewish spin for lemons/lemonade... Point is, we took the sour out and found all the sweetness in this new year.

With a little determination, perseverance, and lots of caution, we re-opened our Religious School, and it's going great! Thanks to our Education committee, dedicated teachers, madrachim, and staff... We are truly blessed with the ability to immerse our students in the joys of Jewish education. We are able to instill them with rich values, and guide them on the beginning of their Jewish journeys. It has not been without bumps, but thankfully, we are on the smooth road now.

It's not too late to enroll your child in Religious School. The pandemic may still be here, but we are learning how to live in this world and not be stifled by it... Therefore, it is with confidence that I invite you to jump back in if you have not already. You can attend virtually or in person. Either way, your child(ren) will be connected.

Maybe you are wondering about adult education? Rabbis Akselrad and Olshein have lots of options there, and I am so excited to announce that Adult B'nai Mitzvah class and preparations will begin just after the secular new year! If you have always wanted to be a Bar or Bat Mitzvah but did not have a chance as a child, now is your chance! Stay tuned!

Fun online programming such as Laila Tov, Weekly Schmooze, and Cooking with Cantor will continue, so keep checking [lvnertamid.org](http://lvnertamid.org) for updates.

We are SO EXCITED for a couple upcoming events that will surely re-welcome the community, safely, and in person. November 13th is not only Emmett's birthday, but also, Birthday Beatles Shabbat in the Parking lot with the Shabbatones! YEAH YEAH YEAH! Then, CHANUKAH! December 11th we will have a scavenger hunt leading into a Chanukah Shabbat, and December 13th, a rockin' Chanukah Celebration. Look on our social media and emails for more details as we get closer to the date.

A pandemic cannot keep us down. We are still your community for Jewish life. #CNTisSTILLtheplacetobe

B'shira (with song),

*Cantor Jessica Hutchings* 🎵



Having difficulty using your computer?



We have a team of experts (well maybe not experts but computer savvy folks) willing to assist you.

Call the office 702-733-6292 or email [runger@lvnertamid.org](mailto:runger@lvnertamid.org) to let me know what you're having issues with. It's our hope to have everyone able participate and enjoy services and classes.



Congregation Ner Tamid has a lot to offer, especially during the unusual times we have been living through.

Our membership committee is growing and we're looking for finding ways to keep everyone involved:

- If you have some free time you can become a CNT connector, calling members to say hello, how are you!



- Do you have ideas on how we can grow our congregation?



- Thoughts of programs we might try? Our programming is done virtually.
- Interfaith families: we have programs designed to help all members of your family relate



We can.... repair the world  
"Tikkun Olam"

## Are you interested in Social Action?

- CNT is open to new ideas that would benefit not only our congregational families, but the community at large as well.
- Nevadans for the Common Good is a wonderful example of our strong Social Action group
- We had a FABULOUS turn out for our annual High Holy Days food drive all donations were given to Jewish Family Services for their food pantry

## Interested in our next generations:

- Family Connection is a wonderful way to participate in the activities, whether planning or facilitating, of our religious school and youth groups.



## Ritual:



- Our Saturday morning group is always a great way to learn each Saturday, CNT offers a Torah Study group via ZOOM @ 8:45 am (if you need assistance—contact Roberta Unger in the office) Followed by a prayer service and for those that would enjoy a deeper look into the Torah portions, there is a third hour class titled “Our Jewish Heritage”



When on the CNT campus we offer free WiFi  
Congregation Ner Tamid guest

Password: shalomCNT (You will have to sign in each time you are on the campus)

Whatever your interest may be—I’m sure we have something for you to be involved in.  
If we don’t have it yet—let us know what you’re interested in.



A phone call or an email to the office is a good beginning.  
Review our staff or board directory and reach out.  
We’re all here to listen and assist.

Thank you to our amazing CNT community for coming together to kickoff an unprecedented year. As a committee, we have worked so diligently to provide all of our students a safe, thriving, and fun environment to learn and grow as Jews. We really hope that the next semester brings us more in-person events and class time, and that more of you will feel comfortable bringing your children back to CNT.

We encourage you to sign up even if you were not sure or did not get around to it back in September. We totally understand and want you to know that the door is still open. The link is still on our website, [www.lvnertamid.org](http://www.lvnertamid.org).

The current schedule through December will be:

Sundays 9:00-10:55 am in person, 11-12 grade virtual students

Tuesdays 4:00-6:00 pm Hebrew school and 6:30-7:30 pm Teen Tribe learning and NTTY Lounge

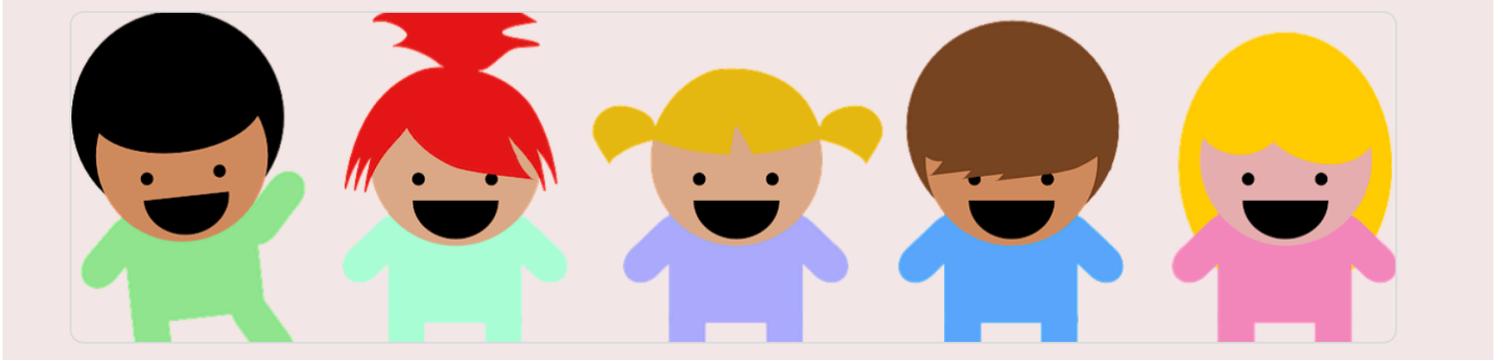
We still need your help, parents! Room parents are requested for 1st, 2nd, and 5th grade classes. If you are interested, we are happy to welcome you aboard! Our next Parent Connect Meeting is Sunday, November 8 from 4:00 -5:00 pm on Zoom. Contact Jessica Spielman for more information [JSpielman818@gmail.com](mailto:JSpielman818@gmail.com) We're planning an awesome Chanukah celebration, so mark your calendar for the weekend of 12/11-13.

We want to thank our committee as well as our teachers, madrachim, CNT Board, CNT staff, and Cantor Hutchings for truly being the driving force for making sure our children do not miss a moment in their Jewish education, identity, and community building. We are so lucky that CNT is such a special place to belong.

Cassidy Wertheimer, Deanna DeArkland, Shannon Martin, Rob Levrant, and Beth Bromberg; Education Committee



NTTY (Ner Tamid Temple Youth) has been off to a great start this year! Our 8th-12th grade programming began in August with our kickoff (socially distanced) pool party. We had very successful High Holy Day services, as well as many fun programs on Tuesday nights. This includes an event that we held inside the sukkah! We look forward to continuing our virtual programming and hope to do more in person events soon! Be on the lookout for information coming soon about TNT and Itty Bitty NTTY programming for our younger congregants!



## Kantor Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) Survey for Prospective Students

We were saddened having to close our preschool during the beginning of the pandemic. We are happy to report that our board, staff, and clergy are working diligently to re-open a new, exciting, refreshing, full time, in-person, safe, pre-school learning environment for Jewish and non-Jewish families alike.

**(Please complete this survey at [www.lvnertamid.org](http://www.lvnertamid.org))**

1. Name (If you don't want to answer, just write N/A): \_\_\_\_\_
2. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
4. What are the ages of your child(ren)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Will you be looking for a preschool for your child(ren) in the Fall 2021? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How many children are you looking to enroll? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Would you be looking for full-time or part-time school? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you have friends/family who might be interested in preschool in the Fall? If so, can we contact them? (Please write contact info): \_\_\_\_\_



## **David Levrant**

Parents: Christina & Robert Levrant

Date/Time of Service: Saturday, November 14, 2020, 10:30am

School/Grade: Greenspun Jr. High, 7th Grade

Mitzvah Project: Collecting gently used books for Spread the Word Nevada

David Levrant, son of Christi & Rob Levrant, will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 14, 2020.

David is a seventh grader at Greenspun Junior High School. He enjoys being on the robotics team, participating in Scouts BSA, and playing tennis.

David's Bar Mitzvah project is collecting gently used books for Spread the Word Nevada.



## **Madison Imas**

Parents: Elin & Alexander Imas

Date/Time of Service: Saturday, December 19, 2020, 10:30am

School/Grade: Del E Webb Middle School, 7th Grade

Mitzvah Project: To reach out and connect with aged members of Congregation Ner Tamid

My name is Madison Imas. I will be called to the Torah on Saturday, December 19, 2020 for my Bat Mitzvah. I am currently in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Del Webb Middle School. I have an older sister, Zoe, age 15 and a younger sister, Kylie, age 7. I took part in my older sister's Bat Mitzvah in March of 2018 and can't believe the day is arriving when I will be called to the Torah. I've been active since a young age and was a competitive gymnast from the age of 5 to

10. My love of gymnastics grew to include the love of dance, acrobatics and aerial gymnastics. I'm currently a competitive dancer and my favorite styles of dance are acro, jazz, and hip hop. My hobbies include arts and crafts, rollerblading, and TikTok.

My Mitzvah project is to reach out and connect with aged members of Congregation Ner Tamid. The aged population has been one of the hardest hit in terms of social isolation with the current safety guidelines in place during the pandemic. The news often reports that the aged are suffering from loneliness and isolation from their friends, families and communities. My grandparents have told me about how they stay home and life is very lonely compared to times before the pandemic. Additionally, my father is a doctor that cares for residents of a long-term skilled nursing center and he shared with me how the residents can no longer have family or friends visit them. I decided I wanted to send cards and gifts to the aged members of Congregation Ner Tamid. My hope is through this connection with them, they will feel remembered, less lonely, and have their spirits lifted.

### **Meaning of becoming a Bar / Bat Mitzvah:**

In the Jewish faith, boys reach religious maturity at the age of thirteen and become a *bar mitzvah* ("*bar mitzvah*" means "son of the commandment" literally, and "subject to commandments" figuratively).

Girls mature a year earlier, and become a *bat mitzvah* ("*bat mitzvah*" means "daughter of the commandment") at twelve, thirteen in Reform Judaism. The new men and women are looked upon as adults and are expected to uphold the Jewish commandments and laws.



Eden Resnick was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at Congregation Ner Tamid. Eden's parents are Thomas Resnick and Lisa Caruso Chapman.

Her brothers are Haden, Kieran and Skyler Resnick. Her pets are Chloe, Hobbit, Max and Sophia.

Eden is an eighth grader at Coral Academy of Science in Henderson, NV. She is a passionate fan of "BTS" and can answer any trivia question related to them. She also is a proud member of the Slytherin House at Hogwarts.

She is an animal lover and would volunteer at the shelter if she was old enough to.

Bodhi Chalfin was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Congregation Ner Tamid. Bodhi is entering 8th grade at Bob Miller Middle School in Henderson, NV. One of his favorite subjects is Spanish. In his spare time, he enjoys professional wrestling and spending time with friends and family!!

Because Bodhi's dog Joey recently passed away, his Mitzvah Project is raising money for The City of Henderson Animal Control Facility. That is the place where we got Joey from.

Proud family includes parents Laura and Randy Chalfin and older sister Mia.



Hannah Brislin was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Congregation Ner Tamid. Hannah's first time in Ner Tamid's sanctuary was when she was just a few weeks old and now she is 13 years old...and became a Bat Mitzvah. She has seen temple classrooms from preschool to Sunday school to Hebrew school, Torah study and Minyan.

Hannah has gone from making up her own songs to sing in preschool to becoming a founding member of Shir Hearts, and performed in every Purim Spiel including landing the lead in this year's play "Schmaltz" – Hannah has been everywhere. She loves to dance, sing, and Tik Tok. She's talented and smart. Straight "A" report cards give her parents one more thing to brag about time after time and she'll surely keep them coming as she enters the strangest 8<sup>th</sup> grade year ever at Bob Miller Middle School.

Matzah Ball means more than usual in her house. Matzah Ball is her little white poodle, her "Good Girl" and "Queen of Fluff". Hannah is loved more than words can say by her mom, dad, and brother – Jolie, John, and Jack.

Haydin Kurtzman was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at Congregation Ner Tamid. Haydin is an honor roll student at Thurman White Academy Of The Performing Arts. She loves to sing and dance in the Show Choir and Advanced Choir at her school. Haydin has been playing the piano since she was four and has been taking private voice lessons since she was six.

Every summer she enjoys performing in productions at Little Seedlings Theater Company and loves going to Camp Newman to see her friends.

Haydin is a wonderful daughter to her parents Jodi and Craig and is such an amazing sister to her brother Brady and sister Mallory.





Sophia Angela Brubaker was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Congregation Ner Tamid. Sophia just began 8th grade at Bob Miller Middle school.

She has been in youth choir and Shir Hearts at CNT throughout religious school and had the opportunity to sing Bella Voce in the Bob Miller choir.

Sophia's mitzvah project benefits The Care Center run by St Jude's Ranch for Children which assists homeless youth in Las Vegas. She is also gathering and preparing donations of hygiene kits to give to youth, which is so much more important now as we deal with Covid.

Brooke Kaseff was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Congregation Ner Tamid. Brooke was born July 10, 2007 in Atlanta, Georgia. She and her family relocated to Henderson, in August of 2018, to be closer to family.

She enjoys playing soccer, dancing, and at the age of 6, she was the youngest to receive a black belt in Taekwondo. Brooke loves to ride her bike, bowl, bake, and shop. She loves to do art, especially painting either pottery or on a canvas. In 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade, she was so proud to make her school dance team. Brooke is compassionate, empathetic, and supports her family, friends, and classmates. She loves playing with her dogs and has a love for animals. Brooke enjoys having family game nights, hanging out with friends, swimming, and playing outdoor games.



Brooke started this Sunday school year working as a Madricha. She loves working with the second graders.

Brooke's love and compassion for animals has helped her to choose to support the Vegas Root Rescue for her Mitzvah project. This animal organization helps dogs and cats that are in medical need or have been abandoned by their owners due to financial issues following covid-19 hardships.

Brooke's Mitzvah Project is looking for assistance in supporting this wonderful animal rescue with either monetary contributions or leashes, collars and toys.



Alivia Taradalsky was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Congregation Ner Tamid. Alivia was born in San Jose, CA. and made the move to Henderson NV. in the summer of 2017 with her family.

She has an older sister, younger brother and 1 dog. She loves chocolate more than any other food, but it has to be plain milk chocolate, nothing else, she could live on it.

She loves to read books. We can always count on finding her in her lounge space with a book in hand, lost for hours until she finishes them. Alivia has been a competitive acrobatic gymnast since she was 6 years old, and has competed at the International level. This year marks her 8th season competing.

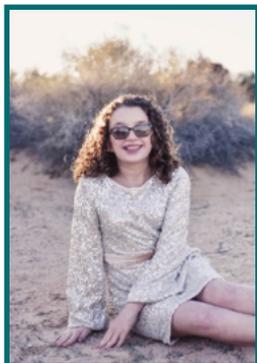
We could say her 2 favorite things in life are acro and chocolate for sure. For a while now, she has been driven to succeed in everything she has done and wants to go to med school to become a cardiologist. Alivia has a deep love for cats and her *mitzvah* project is to raise money for cats in need.

# Past B'nei Mitzvot

Maverick Feiwell is a 7th grade student at Bob Miller Jr. High School

He enjoys all of his classes in school, and has a special commitment to his participation in student council. Maverick is an avid tennis player

**For his Mitzvah project, Maverick chose to promote Adopt a Shelter Dog**



Miah Downs was born in Las Vegas in 2007. She is currently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Bob Miller Middle School, where she has been on the “Straight A” list for the past 4 quarters. Her smile, positivity, and resilience are infectious to all that know her.

Outside of school, she enjoys baking, singing, writing, and all things creative. Miah has been a proud member of CNT’s Shir Heart choir for 2 years and loves participating in all singing events, while also creating lasting friendships with her fellow Shir Heart members.

For her Mitzvah project, Miah has chosen the Children’s Heart Foundation of Nevada (specifically Maggie’s Garden). She wanted to give back to a charity that has given so much to her through the years.

Abigail Haggerty is a pet loving, friend gathering, tic-toc dancing, pool swimming, peach iced tea drinking, YouTube watching, sweet, kind, funny, compassionate family girl.

Abigail loves fashion and spending time with her family and friends. Abigail is a straight A student at Bob Miller M.S. & a member of the Bob Miller M.S. Cheer Team.

A few of her favorite things to do are camping, riding her ATV, having sleep overs, building forts and of course tic-toc dancing.

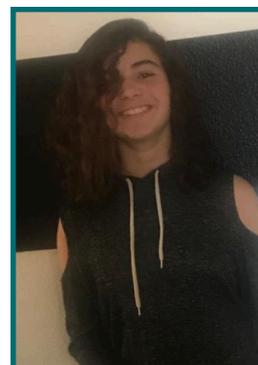


Adam Henn is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Mannion Middle School. He enjoys spending time with friends, playing football and video games. His favorite team is the New York Giants and he attended his first Giants game last December in Washington DC.

Adam is a caring child has always had a soft spot for those less fortunate than himself. That’s why he chose to collect jackets, gloves and blankets for the homeless, as a Mitzvah Project. Adam wants to follow in his older brother’s footsteps and become a Madrich next year. He has studied hard in preparation for his big day and he is very excited to become a Bar Mitzvah.

Atera Frankl is a straight A student at Del Webb Middle School. Her favorite subject is math and excels as a 7th grader taking high school honors Algebra. Atera is an enthusiastic soccer player in her most recent club team, HEAT. Her dad, Eric, celebrated his bar mitzvah at the synagogue on Emerson on July 13, 1996.

At temple, Atera started singing in Kochavim, youth choir, in second grade and moved up to High Holy Day teen choir, and has participated in Purim plays. She also enjoys swimming, listening to music and singing along. She loves her cats, parents, brother, and the rest of her humongous family.



# Welcome to CNT



Join us in welcoming Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein as CNT's "Resident Rabbinic Scholar." Rabbi Olshein will be focusing on adult education and special projects, with a special emphasis on deep-dive learning, interfaith issues, and enhancing spirituality in our everyday lives. She has already completed teaching one series on "Responsa Literature," and co-taught her signature "High Holy Days' Boot Camp" with Rabbi Akselrad and Cantor Hutchings in preparation for the Days of Awe. Her teachings were featured during CNT's Yom Kippur afternoon programming. An award-winning liturgist, Rabbi Olshein has been the Scholar-in-Residence and Rabbi-in-Residence for multiple faith-based organizations (both synagogues and churches), allowing her to develop expertise regarding the intersection between Jewish law and the American legal system. She is currently writing her first book on the subject. While completing her rabbinical school training at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem and Los Angeles, Rabbi Olshein served as our Rabbinic Intern for four full-time summers and two academic years. She returns to Las Vegas after completing 8 years of service as the solo Rabbi at Temple Israel of West Palm Beach, Florida, where she was the first female Rabbi to lead an established congregation in Palm Beach County, as well as the first woman to be the President of the Palm Beach County Board of Rabbis.

A passionate worker for equality and justice, Rabbi Olshein received the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County's first Social Justice Award in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., in 2016. She was also selected to be a member of the first cohort of the Rukin Family Rabbinic Interfaith Fellowship for 18Doors.org (previously known as InterfaithFamily.com). Rabbi Olshein is known to be a compelling storyteller, leading her to become a popular speaker on the Jewish lecture circuit. She has led educational sessions for both the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union for Reform Judaism at their conventions, and taught many times at Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, New York, and for numerous Hadassah chapters. Before attending rabbinical school, Rabbi Olshein was a practicing civil litigation attorney in Las Vegas for almost 11 years. She was also active in the State Bar of Nevada, becoming the youngest statewide Chair of the Continuing Legal Education Committee. Rabbi Olshein said, "After being a member, and then a Trustee and later a Vice President on the Board of Directors, it was a difficult decision to leave my home synagogue, Congregation Ner Tamid, to attend rabbinical school and continue on my Jewish journey. Now, knowing so many people here gives me a 'soft landing' as I return professionally to my spiritual home in Las Vegas. I am excited to be working with Rabbi Akselrad again, as well as Cantor Hutchings, as we create new opportunities for learning and spiritual growth for the members of CNT and entire the Las Vegas valley."

Rabbi Akselrad shares that "Rabbi Olshein's story is both compelling and inspiring as she was an unaffiliated Jew who not only found her way to synagogue life, but embarked on a career change, leaving a successful law practice to serve the Jewish people. It is a joy to welcome Rabbi Olshein back to our community. As a synagogue of eager learners everyone is looking forward to her course offerings this year!"



I am originally from upstate New York and graduated with my Bachelors degree in Management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Insititute in Troy, NY and received my MBA degree from The College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY. During my professional career, I have held several senior level accounting and finance positions in a wide variety of nonprofit and healthcare organizations and am very excited to be joining Congregation Ner Tamid and look forward to meeting all of the members and staff.

I reside in Summerlin with my wife Emily, daughter Hannah (12), and son Nicholas (8). During my free time, I enjoy home improvement projects, umpiring baseball games for the local Little League, and most recently have started teaching my daughter how to cook on Sundays.

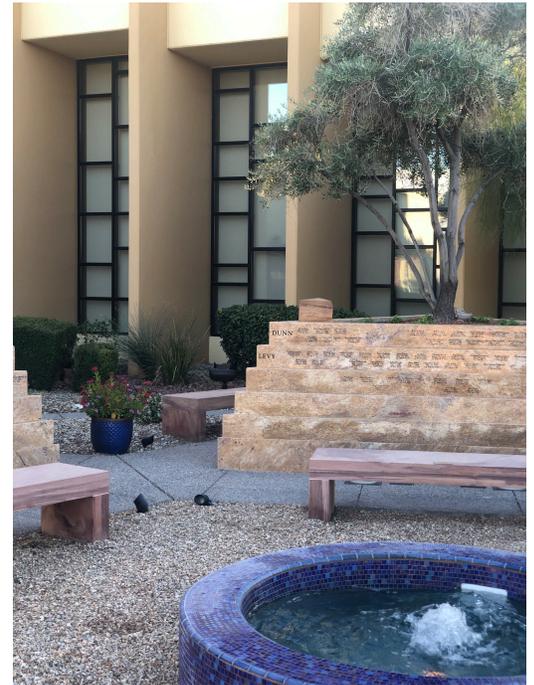
# MEMORIAL GARDEN

Roberta Unger, [runger@lvnertamid.org](mailto:runger@lvnertamid.org)

Our Jewish tradition teaches us that those who have died never truly leave us as long as we remember them and internalize their life lessons into our own lives. Traditionally, we have memorialized our love for the departed through our annual remembrance of their Yahrzeit.

Another truly special way to honor those you have lost is through our Kind David Memorial Garden. On our Rows of Remembrance your loved one's name can be etched in stone for all eternity. You and your family can find comfort by visiting our peaceful garden and placing a stone by their name.

For more information, please contact Roberta Unger at the temple Office 702-733-6292.



## Congregation Ner Tamid Covid-19 Hardship Assistance Fund

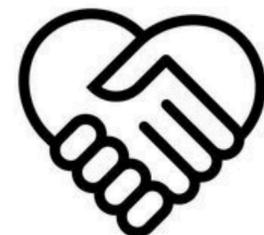
CNT together with Jewish Nevada, have funds available specifically to help our temple members most impacted by the pandemic. We realize that many of our members have been furloughed or laid-off and may need assistance for necessities like groceries, toiletries, medical, prescriptions, and gas.

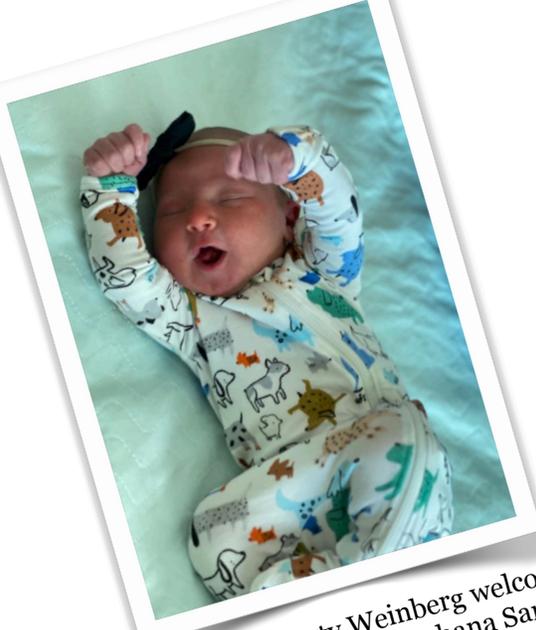
We are working hard to meet the needs of our congregation and community. The relief fund is just one more way we are trying to help shepherd our way through this difficult time.

If there is anything we can do for you, whether it involves funding issues, spiritual issues, mental issues, or if you just need a little uplifting, please do not hesitate to be in touch with us.

All conversation and information will be held in strict confidence.

For member information, please contact Roberta Unger at 702-733-6292.





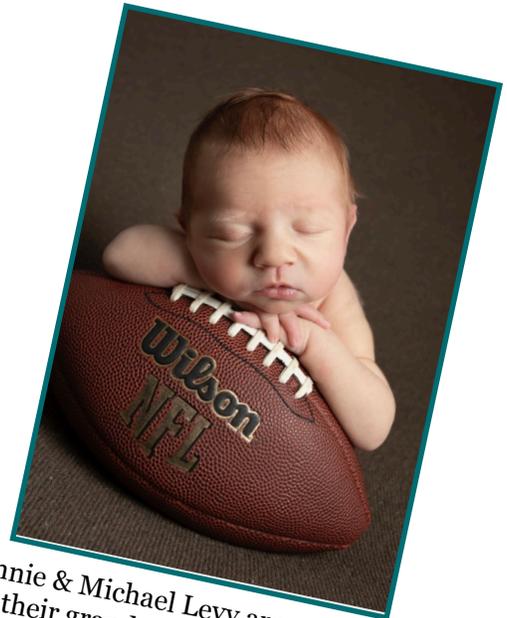
Alana & Marty Weinberg welcomed their daughter Shoshana Sarah  
Proud grandma Elaine Entin  
Proud Auntie, Uncle and Cousin,  
Jessica, Jeremy and Emmett Hutchings



Proud grandparents Jon Sparer & John Klai have a new granddaughter, Elliott Delaney



Jackie & Marc Rubinstein's first grandson Rory Austin



Bonnie & Michael Levy are enjoying their grandson Watson Alan

## The Next Generation of CNT!

Please let us know if you have a special milestone or celebration in your life such as a birth of a child, a marriage engagement or wedding, a milestone birthday, or a death in the family.  
Also, if you have a new address, phone number or email address, please don't forget to inform CNT.



Carol Holdengraber's newest grandson Jacob



Michelle & David Cherry are ecstatic parents of twin boys, Hudson & Rowan  
Proud grandpa is Justice Michael Cherry



Fred and Arlene (Bumbaca) Toffel are the proud grandparents of Ellie Marie Stimson



Rachel & Dustin Tygret proud parents of Jacqueline Ema  
Nancy Sloane is the happy grandma

## The Next Generation of CNT!

It's possible that we accidentally omitted your Kvell.  
Contact me and it will be added to our next issue.  
Roberta Unger 702-733-6292

## **New Course on *Midrash* taught by Rabbi Akselrad in November and December**

This month, Rabbi Akselrad will begin a five-part online course called, “*Midrashim That Will Surprise You*,” on Wednesday afternoons at 5:30pm. Course dates are 11/4, 11/11/, 11/18, 12/2 and 12/9 – no session the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

*Midrash* is a type of Jewish literature that explains the “stories behind the stories,” usually in an attempt to explain earlier sacred text. Rabbi Akselrad will use some of these stories to teach Jewish law and tradition ... we guarantee you’ll be amazed by the creativity of these ancient story-tellers!

Join these sessions by registering online at [www.LVNerTamid.org](http://www.LVNerTamid.org).

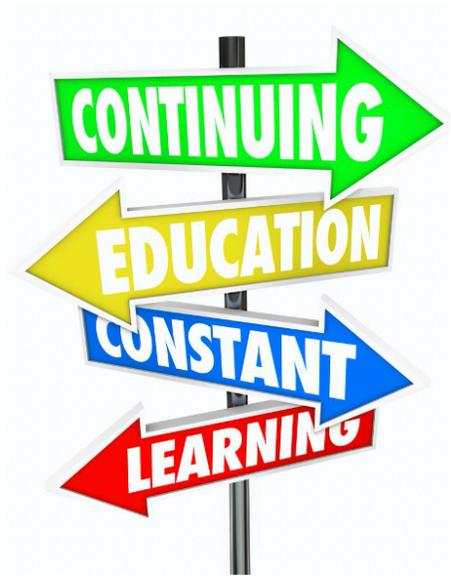
After registration, you’ll receive the Zoom link for this online course. Unless otherwise noted, all Adult Education sessions at CNT are free and open to all and, because each session stands alone, you are welcome to join any series at any time. Please feel free to invite your friends to attend with you!

## **What are the Jewish Rules About How We Are Supposed to Treat Each Other? Rabbi Olshein Teaches About “Kosher Sex”**

Curious about what makes sex “kosher” in our tradition? What did our ancient teachers say about roles and responsibilities in intimate relationships? What does Judaism say about intimate relationships today?

In November, Rabbi Olshein will be facilitating a two-part online course called “Kosher Sex,” discussing expectations surrounding intimate relationships. This series will be held on Tuesdays, November 10 and 17th, from 5:30-6:30pm.

You can join these sessions on Zoom. Find information at [www.LVNerTamid.org](http://www.LVNerTamid.org). This course is for adults only, but feel free to share this information with your friends as this course is free and open to the entire community (you can attend one or both sessions as each class stands alone). We hope you will join us for this interesting conversation!



## **Ever Wonder “What’s Jewish About Thanksgiving?” Rabbi Olshein Helps Us Find the Answers ...**

Practicing gratitude has always been an important part of Jewish tradition. But what does Jewish tradition say about our American holiday of Thanksgiving?

On Tuesday, 11/24, Rabbi Olshein will be teaching about the core Jewish value of gratitude in “What’s Jewish about Thanksgiving?” This online course will take place from 5:30-6:30pm.

You can join this session on Zoom. Find this information at [www.LVNerTamid.org](http://www.LVNerTamid.org).

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## **What Do We Really Know About the History of *Chanukah*? Let's Learn Together!**

The holiday of *Chanukah* is not found in our traditional sacred texts, yet its celebration has become important in American Jewish life. Join this course if you are interested in studying the underlying texts surrounding this popular holiday, including the apocrypha, which Jews rarely study.

Rabbi Olshein will teach “*Chanukah: Behind the Scenes*” via Zoom on Tuesdays, 12/8 and 12/15, from 5:30-6:30pm.

You can join this session on Zoom. Find this information at [www.LVNerTamid.org](http://www.LVNerTamid.org).

Feel free to share this information with your friends as this course is free and open to the entire community (you can attend one or both sessions as each class stands alone). We hope you will join us for this interesting conversation!

## **Celebrate *Chanukah* with CNT Every Night Online!**

In addition to our special holiday programming on *Erev Shabbat* and the Sunday of the holiday, starting on Thursday, December 10th, the 1st night of *Chanukah*, we will come together all 8 nights ... via Zoom!

Because the sun goes down early in the winter, we will gather as a community online at 5:00 pm for a CNT candle-lighting experience each night. Hosted by Rabbi Akselrad, Cantor Hutchings, or Rabbi Olshein (and maybe a special guest or two), each night will be different, so you'll need to tune in every night to get the full experience!

Join us in our special Zoom room at [www.LVNerTamid.org](http://www.LVNerTamid.org).

Everyone is welcome to attend, so please invite your family and friends to become part of CNT's family celebrating *Chanukah*!

## ***Shabbat* Morning Opportunities at Congregation Ner Tamid ...**

Celebrating its 20th year, CNT's *Torah* Study group always welcomes new voices to its (virtual) learning table. Usually led by Rabbi Akselrad, with occasional guest leaders, this group meets on Zoom every *Shabbat* morning at 8:45am for an hour of stimulating learning and discussion. Join us in our special Zoom room, which will be the same every week for this program at [www.LVNerTamid.org](http://www.LVNerTamid.org).

*Shabbat* morning worship will begin at approximately 9:45am each week and lasts approximately one hour. Watch your weekly email for details regarding who is leading and how to access this service.

There is a second *Shabbat* morning learning opportunity called “Our Jewish Heritage,” which meets at 11:00am for a “deep dive” on various Jewish topics throughout the year.

Almost all of CNT's learning and worship opportunities are available on Zoom and are FREE and open to the public. Please go to [www.LVNerTamid.org](http://www.LVNerTamid.org) for course registration and/or Zoom login information.

The issues associated with the pandemic have kept Nevadans for the Common Good (NCG) very busy. Housing, education, addiction and recovery, and many other problems have brought hard-working people to the forefront to help the citizens of Nevada.

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, NCG held an Action via Zoom. Topics included Investing in the Economically Vulnerable, Investing in Education, and Engaging our Elected Officials. Speaker Jason Frierson was present and talked briefly about the work he is doing around these topics.

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Addiction and Recovery Committee held a civic academy. The purpose of the academy was to educate the public as well as members of NCG on this important topic and its impact on our community. Four people, who have been impacted personally, shared their stories. Following the stories, speakers from community agencies, specifically Foundation for Recovery, Foster Kinship, and Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention, shared additional information.

Lastly, a Delegate's Assembly was held on October 6<sup>th</sup>. All eight candidates running for the Board of Trustees for the Clark County School District were present and each was given time to speak. In addition, Judge Douglas Herndon and Assemblyman Ozzie Fumo were present and were also provided an opportunity to speak.

More work is needed! CNT's NCG committee meets the third Thursday of each month at 5:15 via Zoom. The Addiction and Recovery committee meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:30 via Zoom. For more information contact Susie Sernoe at [ncgaddictionandrecovery@gmail.com](mailto:ncgaddictionandrecovery@gmail.com)

For more information email Dorie Kirtman or Susie Sernoe.

## Social Action

Cindy Jensen, [ckjensen@cox.net](mailto:ckjensen@cox.net)

It is heartbreaking to see so many people in need while efforts to help are complicated by the physical barriers necessary to protect us all. Such are the challenges we have experienced since COVID-19 entered our lives. It was necessary to cancel our annual Mitzvah Day just days before the congregation and religious school was to gather in the spirit of Tikkun Olam to work on projects to help those in need. The Social Action Seder was also cancelled.

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. It is amazing how over-coming obstacles can lead to something positive.

We will be able to conduct our annual Mitzvah Menorah project virtually and if possible, in our traditional table at the Chanukah Bazar. Our Mitzvah Menorah project, which provides Chanukah to those in need, will be even more important this year of increased need.

The Social Action Committee is working to identify more ways our congregants can safely practice Tikkun Olam and welcomes your ideas.





**Chanukkah is coming...December 10<sup>th</sup>!**  
Visit our gift shop for all your holiday shopping!  
*Proceeds support Fund 4 Youth scholarships for  
CNT religious school students*



**Sale Sale Sale November and December**

25% - 50% off all merchandise  
25% off ALL Chanukkah items - menorahs, gelt,  
dreidels, children items, gift items and more  
30% off beautiful selection of jewelry  
**35% off tallit from Israel**

To visit our gift shop by appointment (virtual or in person) call Fay Schoenfeld (702)612-4633 or Michelle Blank (702)460-0327. Curbside pickup available.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Sisterhood Chanukah Party | Sunday, December 6 via Zoom

Tu B'Shevat Celebration | Thursday, January 21 via Zoom

Sisterhood is staying connected! We have had our monthly board meetings via Zoom. All sisterhood members are welcome to attend. If you are interested, email Michelle Blank, Sisterhood President, at [cntsisterhoodlv@gmail.com](mailto:cntsisterhoodlv@gmail.com)

*CNT Sisterhood*

**WE ARE OPEN**

Sunday, November 8  
Sunday, November 15  
Sunday, December 6  
9am – 11:30am

Tables outside and COVID precautions will be adhered



The MENSch Club continues the long tradition of a Men's group at CNT that is dedicated to service and social activities for men, guided by Jewish values and traditions.

So what can we say about this year that is the same as last....**virtually** nothing. Let's look at that word "**virtual**", it seems like it is everywhere these days, including our Congregation. Well what I can say is that the MENSch Club will need to adapt as well-**virtually and non-virtually**. We normally would have had a Steak & Spirits by now but not yet----and I stress the word yet. We still are looking forward for the day that we can make this happen and I feel like hopefully it is getting closer. We missed our opportunity to see all of your smiling faces at High Holidays while we usher and greet you all, but just

know we were definitely thinking of ALL of you.

This year has really been something different and made all of us think about what is really important to us. Hopefully for all of you reading this, CNT and the MENSch club is near the top of that list. As our year runs from July thru June, I still like to think of it being still somewhat early in the year. We will be on a planning frenzy to try to get as many of our typical events scheduled in the remainder of the year as our COVID restrictions lighten (hopefully). We continue to do as much philanthropic things around temple as possible, but in much smaller groups; such as raising/lowering the Sukkah, directing traffic on Sundays for religious school and we do have a larger event planned on restriping the parking lot at the synagogue(date TBA).

We still are looking for all you men out there looking to build bonds with other men of CNT. We offer a great opportunity to give back to CNT and the community around us while enjoying some great social events (coming soon.....) For more information on membership, please contact us at the emails below or contact the temple office.

For more MENSch Club information contact Rich Greenis, MENSch Club President at [prez@cntmenschclub.org](mailto:prez@cntmenschclub.org) or [info@cntmenschclub.org](mailto:info@cntmenschclub.org)

## Remembrances

(These commemorations were recorded between March 9 & October 8)

Joseph Cohen, beloved Brother-in-law of Joan Wolberg

Sybil Abrams, beloved Aunt of Jeff Wayne

Arlene Calof, beloved cousin of Tom Resnick

Esther Esbin, beloved Temple Member

Laverne Henderson, beloved mother of John Henderson

Harvey Golden, beloved husband of Ruth Golden

Kenneth Richard Lewis, brother of Jessica Hobkirk

William Denton-Pratt, husband of Suzann Denton-Pratt

Abraham Margolis, beloved cousin of Mara Braun

Jeff Heit, beloved uncle of Sonya Haggerty

Ivan Buchbinder, beloved cousin of Alan Molasky

Harry Sternberg, beloved Father of Ira Sternberg

Brian Tabach, beloved brother of Barney Tabach

Corinne Johnson, beloved mother of Joni Akselrad

Irwin Molasky, beloved father of Alan and Andrew Molasky

Joe Cuevas, beloved son-in-law of Sandy and Roger Ewan, husband of Jill

Barbara Frank, beloved Temple Member

Carol Eileen Levrant, beloved mother of Rob Levrant

Jane Radoff, beloved Temple Member

Arnold Familian, beloved father of Bruce Familian

Howard Strong, beloved husband of Carolyn Strong

Donald Buchanan, beloved husband of Janet Kofkin

Carmen Garcia, beloved mother of Cecilia Schafler

Shelley Schneider, beloved mother of Erika Solomon

Jerald Friedman, beloved husband of Jean Friedman

Steven Winfield, beloved uncle of Ellen Sonenthal

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Barbara Karol, beloved mother of Dawn Judman and grandmother of Hanna

Janet Schlesinger, beloved Temple Member

Bari Gordon, beloved sister of Joanne Harris

Joan Webb, beloved mother of Doug Webb



**In Loving Memory of:**

**Remembered by:**

Goldie Aberman, Howard Aberman.....	Family of Eileen Aberman-Wells and Family of Harold Aberman
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PLEASE BE ON THE LOOK OUT AND JOIN US  
FOR OUR EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING

Happy Hour From Home  
Trivia Tuesday  
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Please let us know what you would like to see!!!  
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Virtual fun with your CNT friends!  
Now the Last Tuesday of each month at 7pm  
Tuesday, November 24 and Tuesday, December 29  
(Topics to be announced)

Just download the Kahoot! app on your phone, connect to Zoom from your computer and you are ready to go!\*

\*RSVP to [mindywadkins@me.com](mailto:mindywadkins@me.com) for more information and instructions

## The Membership Committee is back in full swing at Congregation Ner Tamid

We hope you have joined us at some of our events like **Happy Hour from Home** or **Trivia Night** or participated in our campaigns like **Show Up for Shul** and **Show Your CNT Pride** by posting your CNT mask photos on your social media.

We are planning events both virtual and in person as we go forward. We will follow COVID guidelines and make sure your safety comes first.

Our committee was very happy to put together the **High Holy Day gift bags** that were given out at the drive through event we did in conjunction with the Social Action Committee. We hope you enjoyed them.

We are going to be working on recruitment to bring new members into our amazing CNT family.

Please let us know if you have anyone to refer. You are welcome to invite them to attend something with you. #CNTistheplacetoBE and we would love to share it with your friends and loved ones.

If you have any ideas to aid us in reaching our goals, we appreciate your input. You are also welcome to join our committee or volunteer at our events.

Barney Tabach & Jessica Hobkirk  
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Because interfaith marriages are now 70% of Jewish marriages, there has become a need for a group who understands and empathizes with the specific challenges that they face - issues like raising children and understanding holidays. CNT welcomes our Interfaith congregation members and their extended non-Jewish families.

**Watch the CNT eblasts to be on the lookout for our events. Let us know what Interfaith programming you would be interested in or if you'd like to be a part of our committee.**

For more information, please contact Jessica Hobkirk at [jessicalepp67@gmail.com](mailto:jessicalepp67@gmail.com)

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- 12/11 Chanukah Scavenger Hunt
- 12/11 Chanukah Shabbat Services
- 12/13 CNT Community Wide Chanukah Celebration

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