

### Scholar Will Focus On Jewish Family Values At Congregation Ner Tamid Feb. 23-24

Jewish family values will be the focus of the second annual Scholar-In-Residence to be held Feb. 23-24 at Congregation Ner Tamid, 2761 Emerson Ave.

Dr. Dov Peretz Elkins, a published author and rabbi of The Jewish Center in Princeton, NJ, will present the Sabbath programs. The public is invited at no charge for the event, which is sponsored by CNT members Gary & Joan Zimmerman.

Dr. Elkins will speak about "The Jewish Family: Is It Jewish? Is It A Family?" during Sabbath evening services on Friday, Feb. 23. Services begin at 7:30 p.m.

Following abbreviated services beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning, he will present a program titled "Living Shabbat (the Sabbath) In A Secular World."

"Spirituality: Chicken Soup For The Jewish Soul" is the topic for the evening program, scheduled to run from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The occasion will include a Havdalah ceremony conducted by teens from Ner Tamid Temple Youth (NTTY). The Havdalah ceremony is a traditional ritual that marks the separation of Shabbat from the ordinary days of the week.

Refreshments will be offered at each event and RSVPs are requested to be made to the temple office, 733-6292.

In addition, Dr. Elkins will present a special program on "Lifelong Learning In The Synagogue" for members of the Religious School staff and various committees. The program will include a luncheon for

participants. Dr. Elkins has lectured for hundreds of Jewish groups and has spoken before groups for organizations such as Xerox, IBM and Boys Clubs of America. His best-selling book, "Teaching People To Love Themselves," is used as a text in universities in North America, Asia and Africa.

"Bringing a scholar of his caliber to our synagogue helps meet our goal of providing the entire local Jewish community - not just our temple members - with an opportunity for quality adult education," said Rabbi Sanford Akselrad.

Rabbi Akselrad added that nearly all of the adult education programs offered at Congregation Ner Tamid are open to the general public. For more information about classes at CNT, he suggests calling Adult Education Chair Katherine Scott at 897-7894.

Dr. Elkins graduated from Gratz College for Hebrew Teachers in 1958 and received his BA in literature from Temple University in 1959. He was ordained a rabbi in 1964 and received his doctorate in counseling and humanistic education in 1976 at Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

His career has included a stint as a military chaplain at Ft. Gordon, Ga. He has also maintained a private practice in Pastoral

Counseling, and was consultant to synagogues and many national Jewish organizations.

He has also been spiritual leader of two congregations prior to his present position: Beth El Temple in Norfolk, Va. and The Park Synagogue in Cleveland, Ohio.

A nationally known lecturer and educator, he has authored 20 books. His works are currently available for purchase through the Adult Education Committee.

Congregation Ner Tamid is the oldest and largest Reform congregation in Nevada. It is located on the south side of Emerson Avenue, east of Eastern Avenue and one block south of Desert Inn Road. Free babysitting is available.

Dr. Michael Ballam will address "Music & The Mind"; at the Flamingo Library (1401 E. Flamingo) Saturday, Mar. 9 from 10 a.m. to noon. He received his doctorate of Music with Distinction from Indiana University and his professional operatic and recital career spans two decades and three continents with command performances at the White House and Vatican.

Tickets are \$10 and proceeds go to Nevada School of the Arts, Las Vegas Academy Music Dept. and the Utah Festival Opera Company. Call 386-2787 for additional information.

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