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Dear Members and Prospective Members of Congregation Ner Tamid,

A dream

Several years ago, our congregation was a dream shared by an eclectic, but determined, assemblage of Jewish community members from Bradenton and Sarasota. We dreamed of...

...a Jewish congregation that is responsive to the needs and wishes of its congregants.

...a sanctuary where interfaith families are welcomed.

...an opportunity to educate children, not only for Bar or Bat Mitzvah, but to develop a lifelong dedication to Jewish ideals.

...a place of worship dedicated to the ideal of *tikkun olam*, doing good works in the world.

...Shabbat and holiday worship that are spiritually meaningful, with a pleasing mixture of English, familiar Hebrew songs and prayers.

... women and men, girls and boys, participating equally in all aspects of prayer and service.

...a group that is not mired in the multitude of financial obligations that characterize many temples and synagogues – high salaries, building funds, maintenance fees, or insurance.

...an organization that survives on exceptionally modest membership dues.

It's all in the name

We named our congregation *Ner Tamid*, the everlasting light, as a promise that we would dedicate ourselves to keeping the flame of Jewish learning alight *l'dor v'dor*, throughout the generations.

Accomplishments

We look back on those dreams with gratitude to our more than one hundred members and many friends who have made them come true. We recall the numerous occasions, joyous and sad, when *Congregation Ner Tamid* has been there for its members.

We remember the children who have been Bar and Bat Mitzvahed, as well as the adults who achieved this goal. We remember the weddings, the holiday celebrations, the enjoyable social events, and also the hospital visits, funerals and memorial services and the occasions to say *MiShebeirach*, *Kaddish* and *Yizkor*.

Not only has Ner Tamid been available for the Jewish community, but it has also found many ways to be of service to individuals and organizations locally, nationally and internationally.

Renew or Join Today

At this time, we ask you to help us keep *Ner Tamid* a beacon of Jewish pride and deeds in our community by returning the enclosed membership application and dues. Be sure to fill out all of the requested information so that your experience in Ner Tamid will be full and satisfying. Also, return the *Family Yahrzeit Form* to enable us to send you timely reminders of the anniversaries of the deaths of loved ones, so that you may observe these according to Jewish and family traditions.

Todah rabah (thank you very much) and *l'hitraot* (see you soon).

B'shalom,

Elaine Mittler, Board Chair

Miriam Goolsby, Rena Morano, Meg Durshimer, David Jacobson, Sandra Williams, Matthew Capriotti



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Congregation Ner Tamid Membership Application & Renewal

Names of Adult Members _____
(13 or above): _____

I can read Hebrew yes no (Name(s): _____)

Names of Children _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____
(under age 13): _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Mailing Address: _____

The easiest and least expensive way for our members to be contacted is by email. Please check your email regularly so that you can be up to date on Congregation Ner Tamid programs and events.

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Enrich your experience with Congregation Ner Tamid by choosing an opportunity to volunteer your time and expertise. Please indicate your preference by numbering from 1 to 3. (Descriptions are on the back of this form.)

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| ____ Clean Up | ____ Publicity | ____ Telephone Squad |
| ____ Fundraising | ____ T'filah (Ritual) | ____ Tikkun Olam |
| ____ Programming | ____ Sunday School | ____ Transportation |

Optional: I would like to be a co-chair for this committee: _____
(Write the name of the committee)

New Member Information: *Applications for membership in Congregation Ner Tamid will be submitted for approval to the Membership Committee. If, after a three-month trial period, a prospective member is asked to withdraw, a full refund of the membership fee will be made.*

Enclose \$72.00 membership fee for each adult member, including teenagers 13 or over. Younger children are free.

Date: _____ Dues enclosed: \$ _____

If you are able to round up your membership fee to \$100.00 we will gratefully use the additional \$28.00 to support our *Jewish Living and Learning Sunday School*.)

Additional amount enclosed: \$ _____

The mission of Congregation Ner Tamid is to create a Jewish community that encourages participation in meaningful Jewish worship, accepts diverse Jewish backgrounds and interfaith families, provides Jewish education for children and adults, celebrates all life cycle events, and initiates opportunities for committed social action (*tikkun olam*), all for a modest membership fee.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

How can we better serve you? Tell us how Congregation Ner Tamid can meet your needs. Be assured that we will carefully consider your answers and will make our programming responsive to your ideas.

I Services *(In the area for comments, please write what you particularly liked, and suggestions for making religious services more meaningful to you. If you did not attend, what can we do to encourage your future participation?)*

Service	Very Meaningful	Moderately Meaningful	Not Meaningful	Did Not Attend	Comments
High Holidays					
Passover Seder					
Purim					
Shabbat					
Shavuot & Yizkor					
Simchat Torah					
Yom HaShoah & Yizkor (Holocaust Remembrance Day)					

Additional Comments or Suggestions: _____

II Events *(In the area for comments, please write anything you particularly liked, and any suggestions you have to make the event better. If you did not attend, what can we do to encourage your future participation?)*

EVENT	Enjoyed very much	Enjoyed moderately	Did not enjoy	Did not attend	Comments
Brunch with Rabbi Aiello					
Chanukah Party					
Chinese Dinner					
Deli Dinner (catered)					
Israeli Dinner & Dance					
Italian Dinner & Tombola (Italian Bingo)					
Picnic Barbecue					
Potluck Dinner & Movie					

Purim Party					
Shabbat Across America Dinner					
Tu B'Shevat Seder (Tasting fruits of Israel)					

Additional Comments or Suggestions for Future Events: _____

III Tikkun Olam Projects *(Even if you did not participate in a project, please indicate your opinion.)*

Project	Very worthwhile	Moderately worthwhile	Not worthwhile	Comments
Adopt a School – clothing for Samoset Elementary School				
Bake sale to benefit Haiti				
Breakfast (prepared by teens to benefit Mazon (Jewish Response to Hunger))				
Chanukah gifts for needy children (Jewish Family & Children Services)				
Collect blankets for Migrant families				
Donate food packages for Migrant holiday dinners				
Holiday gift bags for assisted living residents				
Knit or Crochet cancer caps & lap robes				
Our Daily Bread (serving holiday dinner)				
Passover Seder donations to Mazon (Jewish Response to Hunger)				
Supplies and holiday cards for Jewish Troops (Project MOT)				
Supplies for Project Heart (Manatee Co. homeless students)				

IV Book / Article Discussion Group *Let us know if you would be interested in participating in a monthly book or article discussion group.* _____ Yes, I would like to be part of this group. _____ No, thank you.

Additional Comments or Suggestions for Future Projects: _____

Your Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____