



# THE 2021 INTERFAITH FORUM SERIES

SINCE 1988

*"What We Believe: A Step Toward Understanding"*

Via ZOOM: REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Sunday, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM November 7, 2021 (Pacific Time)

(NOTE: daylight savings time/fall back)

## HOLY PLACES / SACRED SPACES

*This forum is an exploration of the descriptions and histories of the most holy places, houses of worship or sites for each religion; including who designated their construction or location; what makes them special; what occurs within or on them and who may enter and participate in those activities. We also hope to hear if their utilization changed over time and if there is a single site or are there many?*

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Registrants can submit anonymous questions for panelists



### PAGANISM

**Candace C. Kant, Ph.D.**

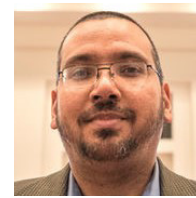
Emerita professor of history, College of Southern Nevada. Author: *Heart of the Sun: An Anthology in Exaltation of Sekhmet* and *Stepping into Ourselves: An Anthology of Writings on Priestesses*. Academic Dean, Cherry Hill Seminary. Priestess and founding member, Sanctuary of Solace.



### JUDAISM

**Rabbi Sanford Akselrad**

Spiritual Leader, Congregation Ner Tamid, 1988-present. Boards: ADL, Jewish Fed of NV, Jewish Family Services, Inter-faith Council of So NV. Envisioned Project Ezra, a partnership between the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas, the Board of Rabbis, & Jewish Family Service Agency. Helped form Gov.'s Council on Holocaust Ed. Ordained: Hebrew Union College-Jewish Inst. of Religion.



### ISLAM

**Imam Shamsuddin Waheed**

Studied at Cairo Institute for Arabic language studies. Madinat Nasr, Arabic Republic of Egypt. Graduate of Al-Salam Institute, based in Oxford, U.K. with 'aalim degree (shahadah alimiyyah). Ijaazah in Hadeeth from Nadwatul Ulama, Lucknow India (2020). Imam and Director of Masjid Ibrahim, Las Vegas, NV. Member, Board of Directors of Interfaith Council of Southern NV.



### SIKH

**Dr. Upinder Singh**

A physician and practicing Sikh. As a healthcare physician leader, he is at the forefront of helping patients recover from Covid-19 and developing policies in making sure staff are safe while providing care. As a Sikh and Vegas Community member he is serving the unprecedented and varied needs of those affected by the Pandemic.



### THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

**President Douglas Hedger**

President of the Henderson NV Black Mountain Stake. Presides over 3,000 members divided into 7 congregations. He also serves in the community as a Municipal Court Judge. Married for over 35 years, he and Tiffany have 3 sons and 3 grandchildren.



### MODERATOR

**Gard Jameson, Ph.D.**

Teaches Chinese & Indian Phil., Phil. Dept, UNLV., Author: *Footprints on the Sands of Time*. *Phaethon: Our Mythic Moment*. *Monkey: Our Mythic Moment*. Chairman Interfaith Council of So. NV., Treas. Volunteers in Medicine So. NV., Ph.D. Pacifica Grad. Inst. 2005