

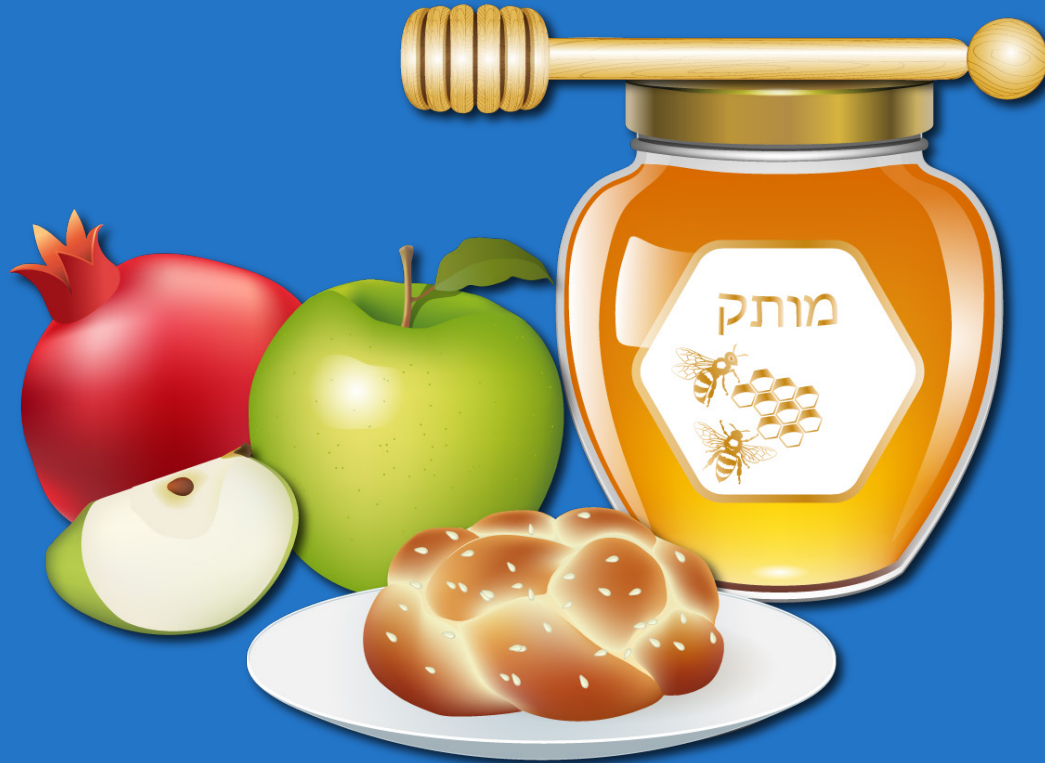


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New Ways To Start The New Year!

Welcome Rabbi Jacob Herber, HNT's new Senior Rabbi!
See page 3 for an update and participate in our Weekend of
Welcome September 11-12,
more details to follow.

Learn a new skill like mask making or round challah
braiding with our four newly announced Shul Showcase
sessions on page 5

Try a dish you've never had before with our HaMotzi To-Go
meals, see page 6 for details.

A MESSAGE FROM SENIOR RABBI JACOB HERBER



I've found it somewhat counterintuitive - what with being confined to home for the better part of three months - but lately (I'm writing this from Milwaukee well in advance of the deadline for the August issue of HaKol) I've been thinking a lot about journeys. For the last two years - working for a world renowned

Jewish think tank - I've walked a different rabbinic path. And for much of the fall and winter I traversed the winding terrain of a rabbinic search process that's brought me back to HNT, where, twenty-four years ago, as a student in my last year of rabbinical school, I was a finalist for the position of Assistant Rabbi. Now, I'm Herzl-Ner Tamid's Senior Rabbi-Elect. Journeys that bring one full circle are certainly the most interesting, if not, unexpected!

Journeys can also feel awfully surreal when set against the backdrop of a pandemic. There's little enthusiasm for celebration when there is so much carnage, devastation, fear, and pain in the world, and when so many are struggling. Many tend to think of the journey we were metaphorically on between Passover and Shavuot, the one from Mitzrayim to Sinai, as merely a trek from slavery to a freedom that is unbridled. In reality it's one laden with responsibility; placing limits on individual and communal behavior. What a contrast that is to ethos of where I happen to live at the moment.

The battle between unimpeded individual rights and communal needs is raging here in Wisconsin. It's nothing short of unnerving to wake up one morning while the COVID-19 infection-rate curve in your state isn't so much a curve, but rather a line on a graph heading straight up, and you find that you're living in the equivalent of an epidemiological Dodge City where anything goes.

So I've found journeys, roads taken, to be scary & dangerous, exciting and hopeful.

I'll conclude what is, admittedly, a stream of consciousness with one of my favorite poems: Robert Frost's "The Road Not

Taken." I always considered it a tribute to rugged individualism and decisiveness. But after reading it countless times I've come to realize that Frost's poem is what we at The Shalom Hartman Institute would call deeply Hartmanesque in spirit. If anything, it's a validation of the notion that doubt and humility, the humility that one doesn't or can't know everything, or have a monopoly on truth, should be essential values that guide us in our lives. In the midst of fear and anxiety it's easy to fall into the trap of listening to your own truth and discounting the other perspective. I've been a culprit of this myself. So I'm working very hard on hearing the other side and doing my best to let others know that while I may not agree with them, I hear them and I acknowledge their fear and their anxiety. That might just be the key to taking the same road together.

Stay well and safe everyone!

Rabbi Jacob Herber
HNT Senior Rabbi

"The Road Not Taken"

By Robert Frost

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,
And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.
I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

MEMORIAL BOOK ENTRIES

Due August 10 • h-nt.org/mb

At each Yizkor service we distribute our annual Memorial Book, inscribed with names of our loved ones no longer among the living. Please check your mail for the details.

Due to COVID-19, this year's Memorial Book will be available online, and in print upon request.

Please respond to <http://h-nt.org/mb> or Rebecca@h-nt.org BY AUGUST 10 to renew/update your prior entries, or to include an entry for the first time.

As tzedakah is traditional at this time of year, we suggest a donation for this tribute. The Memorial Book symbolizes our enduring faith and remembrance while your generous contribution helps to assure the future of our congregation. Thank you for your ongoing support.

WELCOME, RABBI JACOB HERBER!



Rabbi Jacob Herber joins Herzl-Ner Tamid with over 20 years of partnering in spiritual leadership and strengthening congregations. He began his career at Har Zion Temple in Philadelphia, spent 15 years at Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid in Glendale, Wisconsin and most recently

wrapped up two years with the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, a leading center of Jewish thought and education.

Rabbi Herber arrives eager to share his passion for Judaism, Jewish learning and Israel with HNT. He is excited to partner with our dedicated lay leadership, our congregants of all ages and the rabbinic colleagues throughout the community. Rabbi Herber gave us a taste of his dynamic pulpit skills when he visited in February and is already working with our High Holiday task force to create a meaningful High Holiday experience. In these challenging COVID times, he also looks forward to working creatively to get to know congregants and forge relationships virtually and safely distanced.

With his Subaru, his sidekick "Reggie," a 12-year old Cairn Terrier/Chihuahua, Rabbi Herber arrived at the Ellenhorns' home in time for Shabbat on the July 4 weekend. After four long days of driving through Minnesota, North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana, Rabbi Herber rolled into West Bellevue, where he will move into his townhouse and begin his leadership at HNT on August 1.

With an incredible passion for community, education and conversation, Rabbi Herber's warmth and personality engages all immediately. He is the kind of person who instantly makes you feel like you have known him forever.

On Shabbat afternoon, Rabbi Herber and Reggie enjoyed a socially-distanced Independence Day picnic at a nearby park. A friend who joined Julie Ellenhorn whispered to her, "He's so great to talk with; I keep forgetting he's your Rabbi!"

In June, as Rabbi Herber prepared to transition to his life at HNT, he wrote, "Although my tenure doesn't officially start until the first of August, I've been meeting regularly with HNT's clergy,

staff and lay leaders, and reaching out to members of the congregation who have experienced loss and celebrated s'mahot. I've been deeply touched by the emails, texts, and notes I've received from congregants letting me know how much they look forward to my arrival. I'm looking forward, through the pandemic, to working with everyone at HNT to transform these challenges into opportunities. I also can't wait to begin living in one of the most breathtaking places in America!"

As HNT moves forward as a community in these unprecedented times, we are fortunate to be doing so with a warm, inspirational leader to care for, educate and inspire our congregation. Please welcome Rabbi Herber to our community, by phone, email, ZOOM or a socially distanced "hello." He looks forward to immersing

himself in the HNT world and getting to know everyone in the coming months.

Please join us for a Weekend of Welcome for Rabbi Herber on September 11 and 12. A highlight will be a special Havdalah service led by Chava Mirel with Selichot services to follow on Saturday night, September 12. Watch your email for more information about special treats, havdalah sets, and other ways our community can roll out a warm HNT Welcome Mat.

Julie Ellenhorn

"June 4th was a sad day. It was the day that I lost my dad, Fred Luper z"l.

He had been sick for years and in declining health for some time but we really didn't expect things to happen as quickly as they did. I will say that I, along with my entire family, were very fortunate to be able to travel back to Columbus, Ohio for a small graveside service in these crazy pandemic times.

When you lose a loved one, you expect to speak with a Rabbi or two during the course of funeral arrangements, consulting on Shiva and mourning as well as the consoling and chatting that Rabbis do. I spoke with six Rabbis that weekend. I talked with the current Rabbi and Rabbi Emeritus at Tifereth Israel, my parents' synagogue in Columbus. It was very nice to receive calls, condolences and thoughts from Rabbi Rosenbaum and Rabbi Josh Hershman, formerly an assistant Rabbi at HNT and still a friend of ours.

I did have one surprising call from a Rabbi on June 5th. Less than an hour after HNT sent the "We mourn the passing..." email about my dad, I got a call from a Milwaukee number that I didn't recognize. Of course, with all of the planning, discussions etc. going on that day, I was answering every call. The caller introduced himself as Rabbi Jacob Herber. As I was travelling and not at home the weekend in February when Rabbi Herber visited Herzl-Ner Tamid, I had never had an opportunity to meet him or interact with him. To say the least, I was incredibly and pleasantly surprised that this guy who I had never met, who wouldn't be moving to Seattle or starting at HNT for another couple of months still was reaching out to me to chat and share his condolences. What a mensch. It wasn't just a two minute, sorry for your loss, obligatory call. I really felt, in our almost 10 minute chat, that he cared, was concerned about me, my family and our loss. He truly wanted to express support for a soon to be congregant in their time of loss."

- Steve Luper

A MESSAGE FROM HNT PRESIDENT



As we adjust to our new, primarily virtual way of life, our opportunities to interact with the HNT community continue to increase. I continue to enjoy monthly discussions with the Women's League Book Club via Zoom, and the Shul Showcase offers various activities highlighting the special talents of our congregants. I've had multiple opportunities to drive through the parking lot and wave at our dedicated staff, whether it was picking up HaMotzi To-Go meals, dropping off donations for a refugee needs drive, or picking up Siddurim to deliver to congregants attending our virtual services. Last month I even had the pleasure of parking in my reserved parking spot and walking into the building for the Pop-Up Blood Drive. It is heartening to see our HNT community continue to support each other as well as those in need beyond our HNT community.

To determine our next steps, we formed multi-disciplinary task forces drawing on the breadth of expertise among our

members and staff. The Reopening Task Force is working within the guidelines of the local health departments to explore when and how we might be able to congregate again safely. The High Holidays Task Force is looking into how to create a meaningful, virtual holiday experience. These plans will continue to evolve as we welcome our new Senior Rabbi, Jacob Herber. Rabbi Herber's first official day is August 1, and he is already jumping right into the work of the task forces to help us realize how our goals can be achieved.

I've enjoyed getting to know Rabbi Herber recently and I'm confident you will too. I look forward to partnering with him and finding additional ways to bring our community together in spirit, if not in person. Look for communications from us elsewhere in the HaKol and later this month as our plans for officially welcoming Rabbi Herber, observing the High Holidays, and looking beyond the near future, unfold.

Ilyse Wagner,
HNT President

B'NAI MITZVAH



August 8

Lyla Abigail Cohen is the daughter of proud parents, Rebecca and Arik Cohen of Bellevue, and the older sisters of brothers Oz and Evan. Her grandparents are Evie and Steve Chestnut z"l of Medina and Shifra and David Cohen of Dallas, Texas. Lyla will be an 8th grader at Issaquah Middle School where she loves the stage, whether in choir or part of all drama productions since her arrival. She loves laughing with her friends, theater of any kind, and the lifelong memories she builds every summer at Camp Solomon Schechter. For her mitzvah project, she volunteered as a TA for Frankel Religious School in the second grade classroom. Lyla has seen the silver lining which allows family and friends from multiple countries to be able to see and participate in her Zoom Bat Mitzvah.



August 22

Max Cole Staats is the son of Linda Corets and Bryan Staats and is the older twin brother of Taye. He is the grandson of Cole and Diana Staats, and Carolyn Staats z"l of Ravenswood, West Virginia, and Roberta z"l and Ellis Corets of Bellevue Washington. Max will be entering the 8th grade at Chinook Middle School. He is a gifted writer who also enjoys math and science. Max has enjoyed years of playing baseball on Little League & Select teams. He is a crafty left-handed pitcher with a great competitive spirit.



August 22

Taye Louis Staats is the son of Linda Corets and Bryan Staats and is the younger twin brother of Max. He is the grandson of Cole and Diana Staats, and Carolyn Staats z"l of Ravenswood, West Virginia, and Roberta z"l and Ellis Corets of Bellevue Washington. Taye will be entering the 8th grade at Chinook Middle School. Taye is a veteran baseball player having spent several years on Little League and Select teams. He is a hard throwing right handed pitcher. When he is not pitching Taye loves to roam the outfield chasing down fly balls & making acrobatic catches. He loves to ride his bike, climb trees, attack climbing walls and lift weights.



August 29

Laya Rose Sternoff is the daughter of Jodi and Ryan Sternoff and the older sister of Eva and Cecilia. Her grandparents are Ron and Linda Krivosha and Jay and Kathy Sternoff. Laya is a seventh grader at Bellevue Big Picture School. She enjoys horseback riding, reading, her summers at Camp Solomon Schechter and spending time with her friends (virtually now). For Laya's Bat Mitzvah Project she has been volunteering with EastWest Food Rescue where she is helping package up food to be distributed to local food banks.



SHUL SHOWCASE

A VIRTUAL LEARNING & GROWTH SERIES
SHOWCASING PASSIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY

23
AUGUST

NUTRITION Q & A

WITH LAUREN LEAHY | 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Give your immune system a boost with healthy ideas for all ages by Lauren Leahy, Masters in Nutrition Education. Bring your nutrition questions.

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AUGUST

BRISKET COOKING

WITH MATT FELDMAN | 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM

Matt will guide you through the preparation and smoking of Texas-style brisket and BBQ sauce. No smoker? No problem, we'll cover alternate methods including oven and sous vide.

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SEPTEMBER

MASK SEWING

WITH SUSAN AMIRA-WEINSTEIN | 7:15 PM - 7:45 PM

Pick your favorite fabric print and learn how to sew breathable, adjustable, washable, reusable facemasks for adults and kids. Supply list included and sewing machine required.

13
SEPTEMBER

HOLIDAY CHALLAH BAKING

WITH STEFAN AHRENSDORF | 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Learn to create a round, crown-shaped challah for the holidays, filled with honey and apples. Intended for challah bakers or those who've seen July's Challah session (available on YouTube).

Learn more and register at

www.h-nt.org/showcase

HAMOTZITO-GO

Order Your August Meals Today!

Friday, August 7

Summer Fresh Shabbat by On Safari Foods

Friday, August 14

Ottolenghi Shabbat by Eli Lahav

Friday, August 21

Moroccan Shabbat by Purple Beet Catering

Friday, August 28

**Healthy Summer Small Plate Shabbat by
Mangia Bene Catering**

This month we are featuring both fresh fish and colorful vegetarian summer-inspired menus, critically acclaimed recipes of chef Yotam Ottolenghi, and a fleishig taste of Morocco.

Celebrate Shabbat with festive meals that you don't need to prepare – open to all! In addition to giving you the night off from cooking, these meals support our caterers who serve us year-round.

Available for contactless pick-up, or contactless delivery to those who need. Place your order at: <https://h-nt.org/august-meals> by the Friday before to guarantee your order.

Grateful appreciation to the family of Diane Lilly z"l, who have joined the Alfred and Tillie Shemanski Trust Fund and other generous donors in subsidizing meals for those in need. Diane z"l and her husband, Mason, founded HNT's Daytimers Lunch & Film program 15 years ago, with a passion for bringing people together for a hot meal and Jewish arts engagement. Daytimers lunches have begun, rekindled, and strengthened many friendships through the years, offering a place for sharing good news as well as supporting one another through difficult times. Though we cannot currently gather as we long to, we are honored to have Diane's legacy continue to provide meals of support and comfort in our community.

Place your order at: <https://h-nt.org/august-meals>

T'FILOT

MORNING MINYAN: WEEKDAYS: 8:00 AM • SUNDAYS: 9:00 AM

During this time when houses of worship in our state are not allowed to join together in person for prayer, we have moved all of our prayer services, including on Shabbat, to an online format. We form a minyan using two-way voice/video technology, and conduct the full traditional service, including an opportunity for people to say Kaddish.

Friday, July 31

- 6:00 PM Services
- Anniversary Shabbat

Saturday, August 1

- 10:00 AM Services

Friday, August 7

- 6:00 PM Services
- Birthday Shabbat

Saturday, August 8

- 10:00 AM Services
- Bat Mitzvah of Lyla Cohen

Friday, August 14

- 6:00 PM Services

Saturday, August 15

- 10:00 AM Services

Friday, August 21

- 6:00 PM Services

Saturday, August 22

- 10:00 AM Services
- B'nai Mitzvah of
Max and Taye Staats

Friday, August 28

- 6:00 PM Services
- Anniversary Shabbat

Saturday, August 29

- 10:00 AM Services
- Bat Mitzvah of Laya Sternoff

HOW TO CONNECT:

You can join our Virtual Services on any desktop computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone at:

<https://zoom.us/j/814064429>

If this is your first time using Zoom, read through our How To Use Zoom guide.

<https://h-nt.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/How-to-Use-Zoom.pdf>

You can use a landline to have an audio-only connection by dialing +1669-900-6833, 814064429#

If you have a lot of background noise, or are having a side conversation, please mute yourself so we can limit distractions from the service.

PERSONAL PERSPECTIVES ON OUR CHANGING WORLD

A Message from Guest Writer Nathalie Bentov

Doing Good in Bad Times

I started volunteering with Teen Feed at Herzl-Ner Tamid along with my son when he was in high school. I continued this tradition as he moved out for college, and this year he was supposed to graduate in May before our world changed.

Back in March, even as we received notice that our son needed to leave college and come home due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we still thought we would be able to do Teen Feed as usual; bringing up to 12 volunteers from HNT to cook together and then serve a hot meal for up to 40 homeless teens, as we have done for many years. Once we understood it wouldn't be safe to have so many people cooking together, we thought we may need to cancel our participation in Teen Feed throughout the pandemic. But we just couldn't let that happen.

I work in a hospital, but my work was not connected to treating COVID-19 patients and I needed to feel helpful.

So, in March we started doing Teen Feed from home. For the first couple of months I got to cook these meals with my son again. The other HNT Teen Feed leaders, Brian Lurie and Natalie Levy, soon joined and cooked the meals from their homes in May and June. The Teen Feed organization's needs have grown dramatically during the pandemic – they now need to feed 80 teens rather than 40, yet the HNT community has kept its commitment to feed homeless

teens one Sunday every month without fail throughout the pandemic lockdown.

Albert Camus writes in his novel *The Plague* that being in a plague, like our current state of pandemic, is like being an "exile in one's own home." I understand it as being separated from past modes of daily living, away from family and friends. In a way, we are all exiled from the normal flow of time, as we are all in a state of suspension, and we don't know when this state will end. But at least we are in our homes.

Reaching out at these times is more important than ever. We must attend to those who have no home, those who are "exiled from normal society," even before the plague, enduring a continuous state of separation, often having no family or friends to connect to, and with no known timeline for it to end.

If you want to join us in the coming months and cook part of a meal at your home and drop off (contactless) to the Teen Feed leader, please see the details below and email:

TeenFeed@h-nt.org.

Our next meal is on August 23 (see below).

Thank you for reaching out to do good in these bad times. We may be closed in, but we can still open our hearts.

Nathalie Bentov



TEEN FEED: COOK-AT-HOME EDITION

Sunday, August 23

Through the pandemic, our Teen Feed leaders have been cooking meals for 80 in their homes, but they'd love to have your help! Choose to make a main, side, or dessert for 80 in your home and drop off (contactless) at the home of this month's Teen Feed leader. Email TeenFeed@h-nt.org for details and to sign up.

SOCIAL ACTION

Social Action Opportunities



Fill A Backpack for Leschi Elementary Kids In Need. Now Through August 21

Though this year's backpack project will look a bit different than the prior three years, we remain committed to supporting these kids in need, whose families have been hit hardest by the effects of the pandemic. We welcome donations of filled backpacks for K-2nd graders and 3rd-5th graders, so they can start the new school year with the supplies they need.

[Click here for the shopping list and other details on how to fill a backpack](#)

[Click here if you'd like links for a quick click & order process to ship to your home](#)

Teen Feed: Cook-at-Home Edition Sunday, August 23

Through the pandemic, our Teen Feed leaders have been cooking meals for 80 in their homes, but they'd love to have your help! Choose to make a main, side, or dessert for 80 in your home and drop off (contactless) at the home of this month's Teen Feed leader. Email TeenFeed@h-nt.org for details and to sign up.

JFS High Holiday Food Drive & Birthday Party September 1 - 27

With food insecurity growing, Jewish Family Services needs food donations more than ever. Because of COVID-19, a large Food Sort gathering is not possible. JFS now asks only for specifically requested items for pre-packaged food bags which can be distributed by limited staff and volunteers while taking safety precautions.

We will be collecting:

- Rice
- Canned dry beans
- Canned vegetables
- Tuna

Please donate only the specific items requested, and as always, we cannot accept open packages or expired food. Drop off donations in the bins outside the Lower Foyer earlier in the month, or join us on September 27 for...

Food Drive-By Birthday Party for Mike Adler & Mindy Landsman, Sunday, September 27 • 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Help celebrate Mike & Mindy's birthdays by donating the above critically needed items for the JFS Polack Food Bank, and get a special birthday treat in your trunk. Car decorations, party hats, and kazoos encouraged!

Social Action Updates

Teen Feed

Todah rabbah to Natalie Levy and family for preparing dinner for 80 homeless teens in from their home in June and to Nathalie Bentov for doing the same in July. Our Teen Feed leaders have stepped up to do more than ever since the pandemic began and have been role models to us all.

Virtual Swedish SummeRun

Many thanks to the generous donors who supported ovarian cancer research with our HNT team and other teams! Together we raised over \$2,500. We look forward to a time when we can all safely walk/run the course together again in the future.

Pop-Up Blood Drive

Thank you to all those who rolled up their sleeves to help ease the strain on local hospitals by donating blood! Together we saved 189 lives, and we welcomed 13 first-time donors! Donating blood remains a critical and safe activity for community health; if you missed the drive, find an upcoming pop-up location near you at: <http://www.bloodworksnw.org>

TIKKUN OLAM IS ALIVE AND WELL IN OUR NECK OF THE WOODS!

A Snapshot of Our Impact in 2019-2020



Thanks to your thousands of acts of kindness, HNT made a difference in the lives of so many in 2019-2020, Join Team Tikkun Olam in 2020-2021

YOU ARE NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER! Email: SocialAction@h-nt.org

A MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, DR. ELIJAH KRIGEL, CJE



A Dvar

"Judaism, like other religions, has holy places, holy people, sacred times, and consecrated rituals. What made Judaism different, however, is that it is supremely a religion of holy words."

- Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Words are the building blocks of creation. Using language in a purposeful and positive way has the potential to create and uplift. When words are used negatively, they are a reminder of the imperfections in this world and all the work we need to do to make this world a better place. The reminder Rabbi Sacks illuminates in the quote above highlights the importance of words and language in Judaism. In this unprecedented time of Covid-19 when we are all at home, please continue to consider how important the language you use on a regular basis is to how you feel and behave.

I'm pleased to share two articles I wrote that were published in June. The first article is on the importance of creating a Zoom Mashgiach to help assist in the virtual experience. The second article describes a recent Zoom bombing that occurred during the final Masa class in May. Both articles emphasize the power of connection through language and words. The Zoom Mashgiach is there to make sure people can hear each other. This is an example of a positive connection online. The Zoom bombing incident was a stark reminder of how language can be used to destroy and cause pain. Both articles were published in Scribe which is part of the Forward and can be accessed below:

Zoom Mashgiach Article:

<https://forward.com/scribe/447339/when-mashgiach-is-applied-to-the-zoom-experience-it-becomes-a-symbolic/>

Zoom Bombing Incident Article:

<https://forward.com/scribe/449047/even-zoombombing-cant-take-away-from-the-importance-of-civil-rights/>

FRS Virtual School Beginning on 9/13/2020

This next school year is going to look very different. Now is the time to reimagine FRS. Because of Covid-19 and the unpredictability of the situation in the future, FRS will remain virtual throughout the entire school year beginning on September 13, 2020. We are now in the process of reimagining FRS based on Jewish values, medical advice, and conversations with our reopening taskforce, clergy, parent committee, and board of directors. We abide by the regulations set forth by Washington State and the King County Health department. While FRS Virtual School will look different from what we are used to, we are still dedicated to ensuring the content of our curriculum is taught in an engaging and relevant way. We have created a supportive online community and learning has been steady and consistent. The first 50 families who register for FRS will be entered into a raffle to win a new laptop computer on the first day back to FRS Virtual School.

Please register for FRS with the link:

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/HerzNerTamid#/selectSessions/2829404>

Becoming a Leader Program for 6th – 12th Grades August 25-27 • TBD

We are now in the process of reimagining the sixth annual Becoming a Leader Trip from August 25-27, 2020 due to Covid-19. Please click the link below to be notified when the Becoming a Leader Program plans are solidified:

<https://hnt.wufoo.com/forms/becoming-a-leader-trip-notification/>

The New Virtual Masa Program for 8th Through 12th Grade

Join Tzedek America and Dr. Elijah Krigel for an immersive look at social justice education through a global and local perspective. Students will participate in 2, one-hour sessions/month. Each student will be encouraged to develop and then to present their own action plan related to social justice on the local level. Please click below to RSVP and sign up today:

<https://hnt.wufoo.com/forms/wokq0nd19g6593/>

Seattle Achim USY

My name is Lucas Vorkoper. I'm the new president of Seattle Achim. We are ready to launch a new year for our high school youth group, the USY chapter of Seattle Achim. While many of the upcoming events may have to be socially distanced, the new Seattle Achim USY board's goal is to make this year an educational and enjoyable one. We will not be deterred. Already this summer we have held a meaningful discussion led by Jackson Pincus about recent BLM and pride movements and how we can best lend our support to those in need. The board also attended the incredible Pride Shabbat service and created a happier and more efficient team by bonding over an online mystery game. The program for the post-pride look into the Israeli LGBT community on July 12th was outstanding. We also had a Zoom movie night which was a lot of fun too. Thanks for participating. If you are a high school student and are interested in becoming a member of a fun Jewish community, sign up with this link below. For more information about upcoming events, go to the Facebook page, [Seattle Achim USY](#) or the Instagram page, [Seattle Achim](#). Click [HERE](#) to sign up for USY at HNT for high school students.

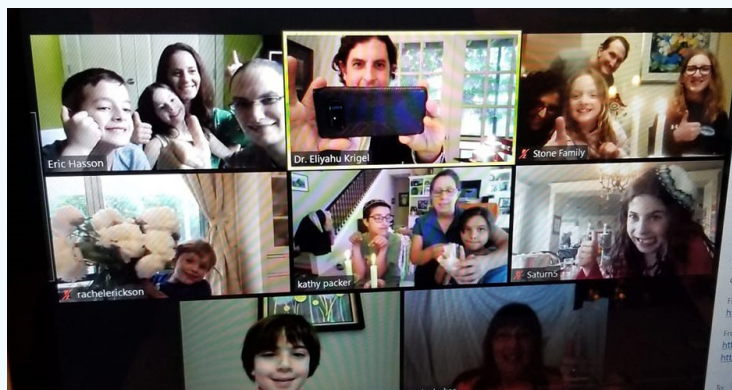
Below is an additional national opportunity to participate in Kadima and USY programming throughout the summer:

- All incoming fifth graders through the graduating class of 2020 are invited for virtual programming with Kadima and USY on a regional and national level. Click [HERE](#) for the All Access Pass!

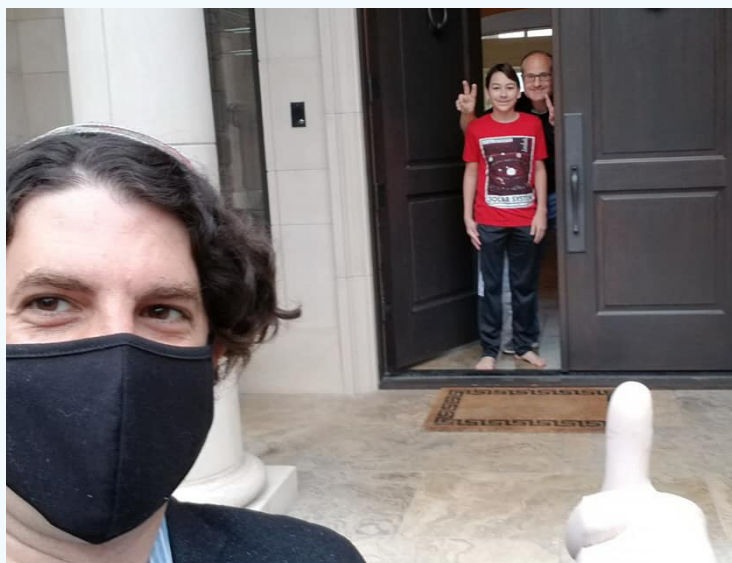
Jackson Pincus is our USY Advisor and more information about Seattle Achim can be found by emailing Jackson at:

Jackson@h-nt.org.

We're all in this together, just six feet apart. Stay home, stay healthy, save lives.



- Join us for Zhabbat Zhalom all summer long on Friday nights from 5:00-5:30 PM on Zoom. Email Dr. Eliyahu Krigel at eliyahu@h-nt.org for the link. Thanks FRS families for making Zhabbat Zhalom fun and meaningful. Great work FRS students leading the Shabbat blessings!



- Mazal tov to Kyler Deutsch on Kyler's virtual bar mitzvah on June 13, 2020. Due to Covid-19, Dr. Eliyahu Krigel travels to the home of the b'nai mitzvah student before their special day for a social distanced drive by hora and simen tov v'mazal tov song session!



- Mazal tov to Henry Aronchick on Henry's virtual bar mitzvah on June 25, 2020. Covid-19 can't slow us down. The simcha or celebration must go on!

SUKKOT ORDERS

Due September 13 • h-nt.org/sukkot-orders

The holidays may look a little different this year, but we also have an opportunity to bring traditions into our homes and celebrate with our families in new ways. We are offering contactless drive-up pick-up for your lulav & etrog set, and will have s'chach and sukkah kits available for pick-up at your convenience. S'chach, the greenery to adorn your sukkah, is available in 25 lb. bundles. A Sukkah Kit includes everything to build a sukkah but the s'chach.

Pricing (higher levels correspond to larger etrogim):

Standard Lulav & Etrog: \$40/set
Deluxe Lulav & Etrog: \$45/set
Premium Lulav & Etrog: \$54/set
Bundles of S'chach: \$23 each
Sukkah Kit: Price TBD (~\$135)

Please note that this year's lulav & etrog sets have increased in price to meet the strains on shipping due to the pandemic. In order to receive lulav, etrog, s'chach or sukkah kit, you must pre-order by September 13. Order at: h-nt.org/sukkot-orders or call 206-232-8555x207. Your order is only complete after payment.



A MESSAGE FROM NADINE STRAUSS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HNT



You Know the Saying: You Say Hello and Goodbye with Shalom...

Shalom to Nicole Elbling, our long-time Accounting Assistant who will be retiring at the end of the summer. Nicole has served HNT for over 22 years in a myriad of positions, giving it her all in each and every one of them. She was a teacher in our

school for close to two decades bringing passion for learning and all things Jewish to our youngest members. In more recent years she became our resident expert in Holocaust studies and participated in a teacher's seminar in Israel where she honed those skills. She did this all the while working at the French American School full time. When a position opened in our main office about 8 years ago, we grabbed her up and over time she acquired the skills to become our Accounting Assistant. In this position she demonstrated her considerable talent at multi-tasking, attention to detail and a compassionate presence to all.

However, working in the office of a synagogue is more than the sum of many different tasks. It's a business where we need to be cognizant and sensitive to what is going on in a person's life and not just to the specific detail they may want addressed. It's a space where our small staff must work as a team, harmonizing our strengths and, when needed, going solo in areas that are not your job but where you are the right person for the moment. Nicole has been a stellar team member in this particular area, a model to all of us what it means to contribute to the greater good. Her kind heart, compassionate soul and a wealth of wisdom gained through a lifetime where strength of character was key, has contributed greatly to Nicole's value on our staff. We will miss Nicole's reliable and comforting presence and her Parisian taste in all things fashion, culinary and cultural.

On a very personal note, I am overjoyed that Nicole will finally take the time she has earned to see her kids and grandkids more (when travel becomes safer) and spend more time with her beloved Arthur in their place in Arizona. After decades of working multiple jobs, Nicole can just enjoy the desserts of her labor. I owe Nicole a debt of gratitude for her steadfast loyalty and empathic demeanor during all the rough times we both experienced over the years. I hope you all join me in thanking Nicole for her long service and dedication to our children and to our congregation.



And... Shalom to Arianne Slayter, CPA Director of Finance

Please join me in welcoming Arianne Slayter to our HNT staff...or more accurately to welcome her back! We first met Arianne many years ago when she was a UW Bothell student earning her undergraduate degree while holding down a full-time job with HNT.

She completed her degree in accounting and immediately began working towards her master's in accounting. She left HNT to

work in the corporate world but remained in contact with many of us throughout the years as she married and welcomed their first child. As if that were not enough, Arianne did complete her Master's and sat for and passed her CPA exams (first try) in the final months of her pregnancy! One of our staff alerted her to the opening here at HNT and we began a sweet-talking campaign, exclaiming the virtues of working within a caring community committed to doing good in our world. And thus I end this story with a beginning: Arianne joined our staff the first of June and, despite the unconventional set up in which we all find ourselves, she has already proved invaluable.

I hope you will take a moment to welcome Arianne to our team. She will be seeking a new person for the position of Accounting Assistant job and fortunately Nicole has agreed to help us through this transition. Thank you for our patience during these turbulent times but we have all expectation that with this team in place, we will continue to carefully steward your generous contributions.



And...One Final Shalom to Siamack "Max" Sahafi, Creative Art Director

Max, our gentle soul who helped us expand our visual communication to new heights. With a passion for color and

design, Max has worked so patiently for the last almost 8 years to help translate information and vision in all of our media in an inviting manner. So very often, either staff or volunteers would have 'an idea' but it was up to Max to imagine it in a way that caught our eye. Doing this job in our context carried additional challenges, because so much of what we do involves a consensus of many people with a myriad of opinions about what the idea should 'look' like. Never once did any of us witness any sign of impatience but rather only experienced Max's signature calm and gentle suggestions. Though Max has always been a part time employee, he has had a major impact on all of our work lives.

Max will continue with his private practice in design and is open to new clients. I'm sure his clientele also appreciate his ever gracious manner which makes it such a pleasure to work with him.

To view his portfolio go to: designtriad.com and uxuimax.com. He can be reached at:

Mobile: 206-334-2459 or designtriad@gmail.com.

We thank you all for your patience as we forge new ways to stay connected to one another and discover new ways to build community as we weather these months in ways that best ensure we all stay healthy and safe.

Nadine Strauss, Executive Director

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1	Yuval & Deborah Peres	27	18	David & Gillian Witus.....	29
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2	Michael & Shainie Schuffler.....	56	19	Dennis & Darlene Fague	41
2	Charles & Molly Sherer.....	11	20	Mark Feldman & Myriam Alhadeff Feldman	34
2	David & Lorna Isenberg	34	20	Richard & Barrie Galanti.....	31
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3	Scott Jarol & Nancy Cohen-Vardy	12	21	Allan & Tamar Boden.....	26
3	Fred Tobis & Carla Greenbaum.....	34	21	Marc & Natalie Levy	15
5	Jeff & Kathy Packer	13	21	Yoel & Robin Lessing.....	26
6	Phillip & Judy Koppel	60	21	Todd & Adina Segal.....	15
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7	Lev & Isabella Novik	25	21	Larry Kalman & Ellie Halevy.....	15
7	Greg & Ilyse Wagner.....	26	21	Chuck & Marilyn Caplan	54
7	Irvin & Beverly Benzion	65	21	David Rosenbaum & Miri Cypers.....	9
8	Dan & Leslie Shapiro.....	17	22	Lonnie & Susan Edelheit.....	55
8	Ilya & Marilyn Poleschuk	38	22	Larry & Joanne Glosser.....	44
8	Arik & Rebecca Cohen	16	24	Werner & Lois Glass	68
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8	Peter & Bettina Weiss.....	27	25	Mark & Susanne Rosenkranz.....	24
8	Robert & Alayne Sulkin.....	38	26	Isaac & Sharon Kellerman.....	19
8	David Rabinovitch & Marsha Karr Rabinovitch.....	40	27	Michael Adler & Michelle Goldberg	32
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9	David & Julie Chivo	22	27	Craig & Joy Pearl.....	31
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10	Jay & Barbara Bakst.....	46	28	Nate & Rachel Klee	15
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15	Michael & Debbie Kovsky.....	55	31	Eric & Sarah Hasson.....	12
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These generous tributes were made through June 30, 2020

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In Memory of

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David & Susan Fish

Amy Mackoff

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In Memory of

Lou Young

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Samuel "Buddy" Friedman

Sandy Friedman and family

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

In Honor of

Pat & Nolan Newman's granddaughter Nora

Beth & Allan Las

Craig Sternberg's 75th Birthday

Debbie & Mickey Kovsky

Cantor Kurland's Birthday!

The Toker Family

In Memory of

Frederick Luper

Cheryl Lamin

Fanny Tat

Alan Fingeroot

Susan Angel

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Esther Lott

Joe Cohen

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In Memory of

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David Mintz

Miriam Wilenzik

Beverly "Bev" Lemchen

The Irving Hirsch Family

Executive Director Discretionary Fund

In Memory of

Trudy Katz

Florence Katz Burstein

General Fund In Honor of

The entire HNT Staff, Clergy, Board & Volunteers

Adam Mihalstn & Marilyn Corets

Ellen Rosenstein Brin's daughter and family moving to the PNW

Joshua Okrent and Amalia William's engagement

Sara Blumenzweig

Arny & Anita Reich 50th Anniversary

Sheila & Craig Sternberg

In Memory of

Rose Liberman

Ken & Jen Alterman

Carol Brown

Marcy Berch

Frederick Luper

Sandy Salzberg & Mindy Hara

Bev Blum

Sue Benyowitz

Hannah Sarah Gleser

Nitza Bahat Yuval

Mordechai (Max) Gleser

Nitza Yuval

Beverly Blum

The Family of Beverly Blum

Memorial Fund

In Memory of

Ben Hartman

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Fannie Danz

Andrew & Nancy Willner

Allan Vinnick

Tobias Vinnick

Annette Vinnick

Selva Armagno Stordeur

Astrid Davidson

Ruth Schocken

Barbara & Eli Lahav

Naomi Stuchinsky

Barry, Hannah & Noah Stulberg

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Mitzvah Corps Fund

In Honor of

The birth of Jan & Rusty Russ's new grandson

Greg & Ilyse Wagner

In Memory of

Louis Bauman MD

Ellis Corets & Family

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Lynn & Tony Wartnik

Refuah Shelemah to

Alan Peizer

Adam Mihalstn & Marilyn Corets

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor of

Henry Aronchick's Bar Mitzvah

Becky & David Aronchick

Craig & Sheila Sternberg

Jonathan Newman's Graduation from CGU

Beth & Allan Las and family

In Memory of

Shirley Silverstein

Barbara Rappoport

Ruth Bernstein

Fred Luper

Cheri & Mike Levy

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Frankel Religious School Fund

In Memory of

Joyce Strobel

Robin Rogel-Goldstein
& Dennis Goldstein &
Family

Michael Lehrer

Sybil Burn

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Robin Rogel-Goldstein
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Family

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Fish, Josh and Alyssa
Newman

Youth Activities Fund

In Honor of

Kara & Kerry Moscovitz Anniversary

Marilyn Corets & Adam
Mihlstin

WITHIN THE SHUL FAMILY

We Offer Condolences for:

- Ina Willner z"l, mother of Patricia Willner-Martin
- Kay Adam z"l, wife of Jerry Adam
- Marjorie Feldman z"l, mother of Les Klaff
- Shelly Morse Joseph z"l, sister of Wayne Morse
- Estelle Adatto z"l, grandmother of Mollie Mahler

*HNT members who are direct mourners are listed. For a complete list of mourners, email Ashley@h-nt.org

We Celebrate:

- Grandmother, Carol Reynolds on the birth of Juana Elina Reynolds
- Grandparents, Louise & Gordon Irving on the birth of Brooke Ariel Irving
- Grandparents, Judy & Jim Heber on the birth of Sophie Anne Heber

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We Offer a Refuah Shelemah to Congregants:

Marion Aronson, Ruth Becker, Sandy Bing, Margaret Castellanos, Larry Epstein, Valerie Epstein, Myriam Feldman, Paula Feldman, Mimi Fisher, David Gilman, Lois Glass, Irving Hirsch, Joyce Kligerman, Alan Peizer, Bob Plum, Susanne Rosenkranz, Sylvia Siegel, Jeanne Snyder, Netta Sonkin, Bridget Wellen

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If you or someone you know is on the Refuah Shelemah list and no longer needs healing prayers, we would be delighted to remove their name. Please contact Ashley@h-nt.org or leave a message at 206-232-8555 x208 to request that a name be removed.

Regarding the Jewish Calendars:

HNT has typically been graciously given Jewish calendars that are produced & published as a marketing tool by Quiring Monuments.

They grant each congregation a certain allotment each year for free with that congregations submission as well as Quiring Monuments contact information.

These are typically available during the High Holidays and afterwards in the Main Office on a first come, first serve basis.

Due to timeline and overbooking issues with the publisher, these calendars will not be produced or distributed this year, and are therefore not available at HNT.

We are grateful for this free resource that Quiring Monuments has offered to so many for so long and look for other ways to show our support through the years.

If you are looking for easy resources for Jewish Calendars, you can utilize websites like hebc.com or order calendars at Kar-Ben publishing (www.karben.com) as options.

BELOVED DEPARTED MEMORIALIZED WITH YAHRZEIT PLAQUES AT HNT

Shabbat of August 7/8

Aug. 8 Ann Marie Putter
John Sherman
Rose Siegel
Aug. 9 Joseph H. Bernstein
Hyman Newman
Aug. 10 Leonard Epstein
Esther Wise
Aug. 11 Fannie Jaffe
Merle Cohn
Reuben Kaganowicz
Joel Goldhar
Louis Tepper
Aug. 12 George Rosefield
Mark Litt
Aug. 13 Joseph Jaffe
Aug. 14 Mildred Tepper
Beatrice Covner

Shabbat of August 14/15

Aug. 15 Albert Rosengarten
Aug. 16 Toba Goldbarg
Aug. 17 Max Roth
Rachael Solomon
Aug. 18 Louis Berkus
Aug. 19 Harry Fineman
Anna Oseran
Hans Cohn
Sam Hoffman
Aug. 20 Deana Mondschein
Norma N. Wartnik
Harold Schildkraut
Aug. 21 Katie Malin
Ruth Roos

Shabbat of August 21/22

Aug. 22 Breina Barrat
Jacob Kahn
Max Binder
Aug. 23 Lewis Vinikow
Hyman Goldberg
Steven Fischler
Aug. 24 Annie Bookman
Alfred Jacobi
Aug. 25 Leah Gottlieb
Sonia Kremen
Melvin Arshon
Solie Ringold
Helen Ross
Aug. 26 Samuel Levenson
Larry Lief
Nathan Cohen
Sam Schneider
Hiram Stoffer
Aug. 27 Daniel Wallace
David Silver
William Rosenberg
Aug. 28 Sarah Wagner

Shabbat of August 28/29

Aug. 30 Lewis J. Malakoff
Aug. 31 Henry Paloy
Dorothy Kraft
Harry Berool
William 'Billy'
Sturman
Leo Weiss
Lewis Weiner
Sep. 1 Betty Dorman
Harry Fein
Jerald Jaffe
Sep. 2 Lena Thomas
Celia Hart
Joseph Smith
Sep. 3 Harry Cohn
Kalman Lander
Pauline Blyden
Sep. 4 Mary Goldman
Michael Saul Bienn
Joseph Paloy
Gloria Alterman

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Help us to always have a beautiful, well-maintained cemetery for our loved ones and ourselves. Please consider remembering Herzl Memorial Park in your Will, or by contributing to the cemetery's Endowment Care.

For information contact Elaine Weinstein, 425-455-4703

We're all in this together, just six feet apart. Stay home, stay healthy, save lives.

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