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Reimagining FRS: Reboot 2021-2022

We have reimagined FRS yet again due to the Covid-19 pandemic for the 2021-2022 academic year at Herzl-Ner Tamid. On behalf of the FRS parent committee and the FRS reopening taskforce, we salute the FRS teachers, teaching assistants, and staff for creating a holy community online this past year. Our priority moving forward is the safety of our staff and students coupled with continuity of Jewish learning. We base our policies at FRS on core Jewish values, medical advice, and best educational practices. We continue to be guided by the following values:

1. Pikuah Nefesh: Saving a life takes precedence.
2. Ushmartem et Nafshotechem: You shall scrupulously guard your health.
3. Dina D'malchuta Dina: The law of the land is the law.

All FRS related activities and programming has now moved online to a virtual format until second semester. In August 2021 the Executive Committee and Board made the very difficult decision to pivot FRS for the Fall term out of deep concern for our unvaccinated children. There are more Washingtonians and King County residents in the hospital today because of Covid than there were when the pandemic began. We are at our highest point, and the numbers are not getting better. More children are now hospitalized because the Delta variant is far more virulent and transmissible both indoors and outdoors.

Our decision was based, in part, on the recommendation of two well respected physicians in the community. If the serious risk posed by the Delta variant subsides and it's safe to pivot to the hybrid model before the end of the Fall Semester, we will do just that.

Please register for FRS for the 2021-2022 academic school year with this new link below so we can plan accordingly:

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/HerzlNerTamid?orglink=camps-registration#/selectSessions/2987340>

Further HNT reopening plans are in the works. Thank you for your patience and consideration as we carefully and thoughtfully continue to work on our protocols and safety plans. The sooner you register the better so we can plan ahead for a safe, fun, fantastic year of learning together.

We have worked hard to recreate a robust program next year while keeping the FRS tuition the same as last year. We will continue to reevaluate and modify this program. We have reimagined FRS to plan for a rewarding learning experience with the following Zoom links:

Zoom links for FRS Virtual School for Pre-Gan – 7th Grade:

- **Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten: Pre-Gan and Gan with Morah Cindy Droker (ckkoch6@hotmail.com)**
 - Music/ Tefillah with Rhythm and Ruach for Pre-Gan from 9:30-10:00:
<https://zoom.us/j/7442061812>
 - Class time with Morah Cindy on Sunday from 9:45-11:00:
<https://zoom.us/j/7442061812>

- **1st Grade: Kitah Alef with Morah Kathy Packer (kathy.epstein@msn.com)**
 - Tefillah with Rhythm and Ruach for Kitah Alef from 9:30-10:00:
<https://zoom.us/j/7442061812>
 - Kitah Alef, First Grade, with Morah Kathy on Sunday from 10:00-11:45:
<https://zoom.us/j/8446786485>

- **2nd Grade: Kitah Bet with Morah Rachel Yedidia (rachelyedidia@gmail.com)**
 - Zman Tefillah on Sunday for Second – Fifth Grade and Families from 9:30-10:00:
<https://zoom.us/j/3448064876>
 - Kitah Bet, Second Grade, with Morah Rachel on Sunday from 10:00-12:15:
<https://zoom.us/j/6182441591>

- **3rd Grade: Kitah Gimmel with Morah Laura Cannon (lauralexum@gmail.com)**
 - Sundays:
 - Zman Tefillah for Second – Fifth Grade and Families from 9:30-10:00:
<https://zoom.us/j/3448064876>
 - 3rd Grade from 10:00-12:15: <https://zoom.us/j/3448064876>
 - Tuesdays:
 - 3rd Grade from 4:30-6:15: <https://zoom.us/j/3448064876>

- **4th Grade: Kitah Daled with Morah Gigi Bergman (gigibergman1@gmail.com)**
 - Sundays:
 - Zman Tefillah for Second – Fifth Grade and Families from 9:30-10:00:
<https://zoom.us/j/3448064876>
 - 4th Grade from 10:00-12:15: <https://zoom.us/j/3197362153>
 - Tuesdays:
 - 4th Grade from 4:30-5:50: <https://zoom.us/j/3197362153>
 - 4th Grade from 5:50-6:15: <https://zoom.us/j/3448064876>

- **4th Grade: Kitah Daled with Morah Beth Broadway (bethchinson@hotmail.com)**
 - Sundays:
 - Zman Tefillah for Second – Fifth Grade and Families from 9:30-12:15:
<https://zoom.us/j/3448064876>
 - 4th Grade from 10:00-12:15: <https://zoom.us/j/9802563319>
 - Tuesdays:
 - 4th Grade from 4:30- 5:50: <https://zoom.us/j/9802563319>
 - 4th Grade from 5:50-6:15: <https://zoom.us/j/3448064876>

- **5th Grade: Kitah Hay with Morah Andi Neuwirth (morahandi@outlook.com)**
 - Sundays:
 - Zman Tefillah for Second – Fifth Grade and Families from 9:30-10:00: <https://zoom.us/j/3448064876>
 - 5th Grade from 10:00-12:15: <https://zoom.us/j/2916677376>
 - Tuesdays:
 - 5th Grade from 4:30-5:50: <https://zoom.us/j/2916677376>
 - 5th Grade from 5:50-6:15: <https://zoom.us/j/3448064876>

- **6th Grade: Kitah Vuv with Morah Sheri Kittay (csdkittay@aol.com)**
 - Tuesdays:
 - Small group learning: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8401400316>
 - Saturdays:
 - 6th Grade from 9:30-12:15: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8401400316>

- **7th Grade: Kitah Zayin with Dr. Sherri Shulman (sherrishulman@gmail.com)**
 - Tuesdays:
 - 7th Grade from 4:30-5:50: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3688530574>
 - 7th Grade from 5:50-6:15: <https://zoom.us/j/3448064876>
 - Saturdays:
 - Kitah Zayin, 7th Grade, with Dr. Sherri from 9:30-12:15: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3688530574>

- **Madrichim: Teaching Assistants with Morah Beth Broadway (bethchinson@hotmail.com)**
 - Sundays from 9:30-10:00: <https://zoom.us/j/9802563319>

In addition, we are pleased to offer the following educational programs as well:

**Tot Shabbat presented by Stroum Jewish Community Center, Herzl-Ner Tamid Conservative Congregation, PJ Library, and Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle
Fridays • 9:45-10:30am**

Join Chava Mirel and Dr. Eliyahu Krigel for Tot Shabbat. Fun for the entire family right in your own living room! Watch via the [SJCC Facebook Live link](#) by tuning in. Email Dr. Eliyahu Krigel at eliyahu@h-nt.org for the Zoom link.

**The Gwenn and Dean Polik and Valerie Polack, z"l Israel Class:
Understanding, Advocating, and Connecting to Israel**

9/19, 10/24, 11/14, 12/12, 1/23, 2/6, 3/27, 4/24, 5/15 • 4:00pm - 5:00pm on Zoom

Our trip is now full, but the class is still open to all 8-12th graders from HNT and beyond! This advocacy class is an opportunity for our students to develop their relationship with Israel. The following topics will be explored during our 8 sessions of learning at HNT:

1. Ancient Israel: Exploring the biblical connection to Israel
2. Israel Advocacy: Address, Reframe, Message
3. Jerusalem: City of Peace
4. Israeli Society: Who is considered an Israeli?
5. Yad Vashem: Uncovering the roots of anti-Semitism
6. Israel through the ages: How can archeology help us understand the past in Israel?
7. Dual Narrative: Understanding the Palestinian narrative.
8. Reflections and Appreciations

This class will be beneficial to students even if they are not attending the trip because it will give them the valuable tools needed to talk intelligently and passionately about Israel as well as an opportunity to further explore and deepen their connection with Israel. The cost of the class which includes special guest speakers on relevant topics related to Israel is \$400 for HNT members and \$500 for non-members. Thanks to Gwenn and Dean Polik for supporting this program in honor of the memory of Valerie Polack, z"l. To register for the class, please click below: <https://hnt.wufoo.com/forms/the-masa-program-israel-class/>

Better Together: A New Virtual Program for Teens and Elders!

9/26, 10/31, 11/21, 12/12, 1/30, 2/13, 3/27, 4/24, 5/15 • 11:00am - 12:15pm on Zoom

We are excited to announce HNT has received a grant to bring the Better Together program to our community. Better Together (<https://www.bettertogetherinabox.com/>) is a grant program with an all-inclusive curricular guide to enable teens to run safe virtual programs between tweens/teens and the elderly. Calling all students in ages 12-18 to participate as well as interested elders in our community. This program will connect teens and elders in a meaningful way in order to benefit and support both age groups. Better Together is new program we are starting at HNT in order to empower teens to reach out to the elderly, befriend them, and make their day a little brighter which in turn, brightens the teens' lives immeasurably. Better Together is a program developed and operated by a well-respected national foundation. Teens and elders meet together on Zoom from 11:00-11:45 and then teens meet from 11:45-12:15 on Zoom to process and continue the learning. Please register for the Better Together program with this link: <https://hnt.wufoo.com/forms/better-together/>

Thank you to the FRS reimagining task force for contributing helpful suggestions to assist in making FRS the best it can. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at HNT at elياهو@h-nt.org or 425-559-3739 (cell). Thank you for your support!

Best regards,
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