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MARCH 23, 2025

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A Message from Rabbi Jacob Herber

This week we will experience the Gregorian New Year, which we euphemistically refer to as the secular new year. If you were to ask most Jews when the “Jewish New Year” is celebrated they would probably respond, “On *Rosh Hashanah*.” While this is true and a completely appropriate answer, the fact is the *Mishnah* (the earliest Rabbinic text of law and lore) identifies several Jewish new years. As *Mishnah Rosh Hashanah* 1:1 states:

“The four days in the year that serve as the New Year, each for a different purpose:

On the first of Nisan, the new year for the kings and for the festivals;

On the first of Elul, the new year for the tithing of animals . . .

On the first of Tishrei, the new year for years, for the Sabbatical years and for the Jubilee years and for the planting and for the vegetables

On the first of Shevat, the new year for the trees - these are the words of the House of Shammai; The House of Hillel says, on the fifteenth thereof.”

For the Jewish People time is not linear – it’s circular. There are multiple beginnings during the course of each year that occur in a system of time that both circles around and at the same time moves forward, like a spiral or a helix. This ingenious conception of time allows for progress and forward motion year to year. This conception of “Jewish time” also gives us the ability to focus on the renewal and re-birth of *different* aspects of life at different moments *within the same year*. In this way, Judaism provides us the unique opportunity for spiritual renewal vis-a-vis each of the key aspects of life. It allows us as limited human beings to appropriately focus on one major aspect of life at a time.

The first New Year mentioned in the *Mishnah* above is mentioned as such in the Torah itself. Biblically, the first month of the year is the month in which Pesah falls. Marking Passover as the first holiday chronologically sets the thematic tone for the other holidays of the year: Passover relates the Exodus, followed by Shavuot, which speaks about receiving the Torah on Mt. Sinai, followed by Sukkot, which commemorates our journey toward the Land of Canaan through the wilderness. This New Year, which starts with Nisan, is a cycle that tells our unique story and lays the foundation for our cultural and spiritual beliefs. Beginning the year with Passover links us to our ancestors and to our essence as Jews.

The next New Year mentioned by our *Mishnah* is very different – this one begins our “fiscal” year. Like any

society, a Jewish one requires taxes, which need to be paid by a certain time. As the Rabbinic aphorism goes, “*Im ein kemah, ein Torah* - if there is no sustenance (literally flour), there is no Torah.” If one’s basic material needs aren’t met, how can one attain his/her spiritual potential? This cycle indicates the continued importance of making sure the institutions we care about have the resources they need to reach their ultimate potential. Starting the New Year in Elul reminds us of how important it is to allocate one’s personal resources to support our Jewish community.

The third new year mentioned in the *Mishnah* is the one with which we’re most familiar, *Rosh Hashanah*. During the month of Tishrei we’re supposed to focus on ourselves – spiritually renewing our commitment to Jewish values and to our relationship with God. Because our Sages associated *Rosh Hashanah* with the creation of the world, this holiday has a more universal focus, calling us to respond to the universalistic human need to reflect, repent, and renew. Similar in some respects to the secular new year we just celebrated, with its custom of making new year’s resolutions, this cycle can be characterized as having an inside-out focus.

Starting the New Year with Tishrei allows us to begin with the self, and the universal human condition, and emanate outward.

Finally, the fourth New Year enumerated in the *Mishnah* is Tu Bishvat – the new year of the trees. Coming soon (Feb. 13th), this new year turns our focus on the natural world and the bounty nature offers us. Tu Bishvat reminds us of the connection between nature and religiosity and became particularly popular amongst the Kabbalists. Today, this cycle can serve to remind us of the sacredness of the natural world, the importance of environmentalism, and the blessings we have in the incredible gift of our wondrous ecosystem. In celebration of this holiday there are some who conduct a seder focusing on these themes and our connection to the land of Israel.

May each Jewish New Year bring with it sacred meaning and allow us to spiritually elevate our lives!

-RABBI JACOB HERBER





Message From the President

As we bid farewell to 2024, we step into 2025 with hearts full of hope and excitement for the opportunities and growth that lie ahead. The start of a new year is always a time to reflect, to appreciate what we have accomplished, and to look forward with renewed energy to what we can achieve together as a community.

HNT has accomplished some wonderful things in 2024 such as the hiring of four new talented staff members; we held a wonderful new event, the Holiday Shuk, and our membership numbers are growing. The Barnabie Point Project is progressing very well - be sure to read the update in this HaKol and check out the new page on the HNT website. Our Rabbi Search continues, and we hope to have good news to share in 2025. Your continued support, participation, and dedication make our synagogue a vibrant, welcoming, and spiritually enriching place.

One of the events I am particularly excited about is our upcoming Gadol Gala on March 23, which promises to be a spectacular evening of celebration, connection, and community spirit. This event is more than just a fundraiser—it is an opportunity for us to come together

and have a blast, supporting our synagogue's mission and ensure that we continue to thrive in the years to come. My heartfelt thanks to the Gala Committee, led by Tamar Heyman and Kelly Piha, and all those who are working tirelessly behind the scenes to bring this event to life. Their hard work, creativity, and dedication are deeply appreciated, and I can't wait to experience the festive evening in store for us all.

In addition to the gala, we have an exciting lineup of activities and programs planned throughout the year. From educational classes and social gatherings to community service projects and holiday celebrations, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. I am thrilled that HNT has such a wide variety of opportunities to connect, learn, and grow together as a community.

As we embark on this new year, let us remember that the strength of our synagogue lies in the hearts and minds of each of you. Together, we can make 2025 a year of joy, growth, and meaningful connection.

Donna Peha

- DONNA PEHA,
PRESIDENT, HNT BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Saturday, January 25 • 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM • Free Event

Join us for a fun and exciting evening that includes Havdalah, a concert by **Josh Niehaus**, and safe explosions as part of the **Radical Reactions** program from the **Pacific Science Center**. Enjoy snacks, science and Jewish-themed art projects, and more! Please note that dinner will not be provided, so we recommend eating before attending. **Pajamas are encouraged!**

This event is co-sponsored by the **Jewish Day School** and **PJ Library**.

The program is free, but we kindly ask that you RSVP to help with our planning <https://h-nt.shulcloud.com/event/spice-night3.html>

SPONSORS



Our Search for a Senior Rabbi Is Underway!

The HNT Rabbi Search Committee has been very busy this fall. Here is what has been going on behind the scenes:

October and November were dedicated to two primary objectives:

1. Gathering input from the congregation on individual needs/desires for our new rabbi through three listening sessions and a membership-wide survey.
2. Posting our open rabbinical position with the Rabbinical Assembly (RA) by completing a detailed 40-page questionnaire about our congregation and our needs.

We accomplished these two objectives. Thanks to all who participated in a listening session or sent written comments.

We are now receiving applications from rabbinical candidates. Our evaluation process includes the following steps:

1. Resume review
2. Screening video call



3. Committee interview
4. Detailed independent research on the candidate
5. An in-person interview over a weekend in Seattle
6. A board of directors review

While we accept applications from RA applicants, we also remain open to candidates who express interest in our position outside the RA process. If you are aware of rabbinical candidates—no matter how early they are in their careers—please reach out to Robbie or Bonnie at RabbiSearch@h-nt.org to discuss how we can include them in our process.

We are dedicating the time and energy to select a rabbi who we are all excited to welcome, and who can be an integral part of both the HNT and Seattle community for many years to come. With that said, please know that the committee recognizes we may not find the right match in this first search cycle.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve our community with this work and thank you for placing your trust in the committee.

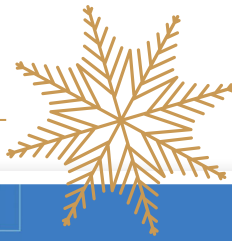
Judaica Shop Open Hours!

First Sunday of Each Month

January 5 • 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

We have everything you need, including tallitot, kippot, and kid-sized shofarot.





Barnabie Point Construction Timing & Impact

Thanks to everyone who attended the Town Hall Meetings Oct. 22nd and 27th. There were a lot of great questions and concerns raised and hopefully answered. For members who missed the Town Hall sessions, you can access a recording and the slideshow on the new BP section of the HNT website located [here](#). If you have any other questions please contact the project team at barnabiepoint@h-nt.org.

One of the topics that spurred many questions and a lively discussion was about the expected impact of construction on the normal activities at HNT. Below are questions and answers to the most frequently raised concerns on this subject.

Tell me again, what are the benefits of the Barnabie Point Project to HNT and our members?

The Barnabie Point project will provide our community with a new modern building with multiple state-of-the-art classrooms and a large multipurpose room. The new modern chapel space will be large enough to hold b'nai mitzvah (accommodating approximately 100-150 people) and other religious and programmatic events, plus we

will have new classrooms for the Frankel Religious School. By having Jewish organizations, a preschool, elementary, and middle school on the HNT campus, we will help foster a vibrant Jewish community providing greater programming and membership opportunities. Plus, HNT's portion of the operating costs will be paid for by a portion of the rental income from Jewish organizations that will rent space in the new building. The remainder of the rental income will contribute important funds to HNT's regular operating expenses.

Where exactly is Barnabie Point property located?

Barnabie Point is a piece of property wholly owned by HNT and located on the left-hand side of the parking lot as you drive towards the synagogue building. After many years of discussions about partnering with JDS and other Jewish organizations in the greater Seattle area, this property will be the new home of a 35,900 square foot building that will house the Jewish Day School, a new mid-size sanctuary and state-of-the-art facility for HNT's Frankel Religious School and a common place for many Jewish organizations throughout the Seattle area to gather.





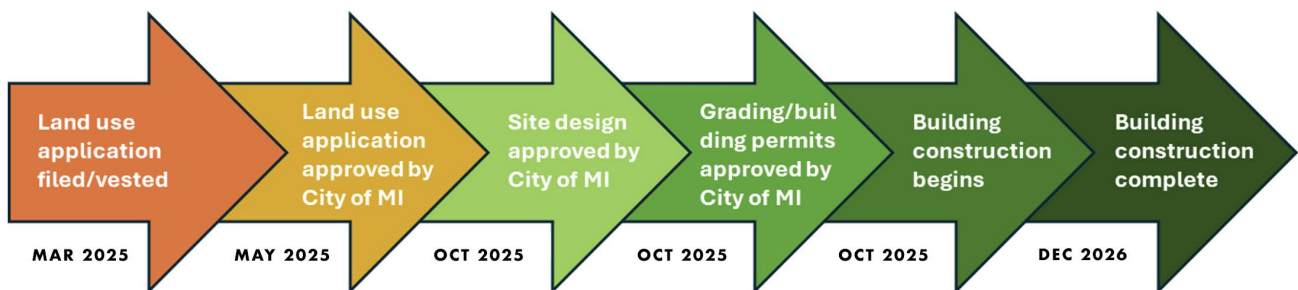
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When will construction start?

Construction is expected to start in October 2025 dependent on the final approvals from the City of Mercer Island. All the City's initial requirements have been met but, like any major construction effort, the City requires detailed reviews before permits are issued.

What does the full construction timeline look like?

Below is a detailed graphic showing the expected construction timeline and milestones. Please note that construction timelines are influenced by many different factors and will change over time. We will do our best to communicate any changes to the overall timelines when we have this information.



What kind of disruptions can we expect during construction, especially around High Holidays or lifecycle events (e.g. B'nai Mitzvah) next fall?

The project committee is taking many aspects into consideration during the construction of the new building, including limiting any disruptions to lifecycle events and holidays. During construction, services will be held in the Gladstein Chapel and sanctuary and there will be ample parking and full use of the facility as it is today.

Will it be loud in the new building because of its proximity to I-90?

The building has been designed to minimize outside noise and to create an optimal learning environment for JDS and HNT. We do not anticipate that the noise from I-90 will be noticeable or create a disturbance during regular use of the facility.

Are you going to build a continuous walkway or stairs between buildings?

There is not a plan for a continuous walkway or stairs between buildings.

Where will all the trees go?

As few trees as possible are going to be removed as part of the construction. For those that are removed, the City of Mercer Island requires that we replant a significant portion of the trees. Those new trees will be planted around the new Barnabie Point building. We are planning to have a special tree planting in honor of Tu B'Shevat.

If you have questions, comments, or are interested in getting involved, please contact the project team at barnabiepoint@h-nt.org.

View the [Barnabie Point website](#) for additional information.



B'nai Mitzvah

Kaiden Deutsch • January 11



Kaiden Deutsch is the son of Lisa and Barry Deutsch and the brother to Devin and Maci. He is the grandson of Patricia z"l and Harold Deutsch z"l and Phyllis and Dennis Loudon. Kaiden is a seventh grader at the Bear Creek School in Redmond. He has many hobbies and interests like soccer, football, video games and hanging out with his friends and family. Kaiden loves traveling and exploring new countries.



Ella Pariser • January 18



Ella Pariser is the daughter of Brooke and Ben Pariser and sister to Emet. She is the granddaughter of Stan and Iantha Sidell and Paul and Gail Pariser. Ella is a seventh grader at Islander Middle School in Mercer Island. Ella has many hobbies and interests, including soccer, drill team, volleyball, skiing, surfing, traveling and spending time with friends and family. Ella loves spending her summers at Camp Solomon Schechter. Ella is extremely passionate about her mitzvah project at Friendship Circle and plans to continue her volunteering with this incredible organization for many more years.

Evi Abramson • February 1



Evi Abramson is the daughter of Joey Abramson z"l, Jessica Abramson & Jeremy Lott and a sister to Elyse, Jossalyn, Elan, Micah and Eliot. Her grandparents are Daniel & Aviva Abramson, Jon & Cathy Friedberg, Brian & Carolyn Butler, and Marty & Sharon Lott. Evi, a 7th grader at Islander Middle School, has wide interests, but her favorites are lacrosse, skiing and traveling. She spends her summers at Camp Solomon Schechter and her free time with her dog, siblings and many friends. For her mitzvah project, Evi will be raising funds for The Healing Center, an amazing organization that honors and normalizes childhood grief, providing hope, learning, and support to children who have lost parents or siblings. Evi will focus on the youth programs, of which she was a recipient 11 years ago.





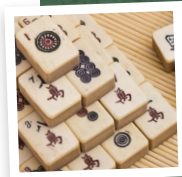
AFFINITY GROUPS



Needlecraft Affinity Group

Thursdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Knit, crochet and more with the HNT Needlecraft Affinity Group! This is a wonderful opportunity to socialize with fellow crafters. Bring your projects, learn a new craft or get better at what you know.



Mah Jongg Affinity Group

Thursdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Dragons, Flowers, and Cardinal Directions, oh my! Please join us for Mah Jongg Affinity Group on Thursdays at HNT! The second Thursday of each month we will welcome new learners. Please contact Judy Weiser at weiserfam@comcast.net for more details.



Shabbat Dinner Group

Friday, January 24 • 7:30 PM • Address given upon registration

Participation in this group is limited to HNT members only. Immediate family or a companion is welcome. Dinners will be held monthly on every fourth Friday (except haggim) at 7:30 PM (or 4:30 PM for younger families). Hosts provide challah, wine, beverages and Shabbat candles. **Hosts may limit the number of seats they can accommodate.** Guests will need to coordinate with the host to bring vegetarian/dairy or parve dishes to share. Register below to participate.

<https://h-nt.shulcloud.com/event/shabbat-dinner-group.html>

Notification - Skolnick Board Room Undergoing Repairs

The Skolnick Board Room is still temporarily closed. Once final repairs are complete we will notify everyone via the eKol, please stay tuned!



Within the Shul Family

We Celebrate:

- Brad & Susan Lehrer on the wedding of their son, Benjamin Lehrer to Dayna Goldstein

We Offer Condolences for:

- Robert Slutzky z”l beloved father of Sam Slutzky, father-in-law of Jaime Slutzky & grandfather of Camryn & Hayden Slutzky
- Dennis Fague z”l beloved husband of Darlene Fague, beloved father of Danielle Fague
- Sema Angel z”l beloved sister of Louise Kiss and Sylvia Azose Angel, aunt to Sue Solomon, Sharon Kiss and Kathy Packer

Refuah Shelema to:

- Baila bat Gavriel v’Chaiya
- Lori Kaufman
- Shmuel ben Y’rachmiel v’Hannah
- Daniel ben Y’rachmiel v’Hannah
- Shayna Chaiya bat Enya
- Tzvi Hirsch
- Moshe ben Devorah
- Tom Livingston
- Sara bat Avner v’Shoshana
- Kathy Goff
- Pinchas ben Shoshanna
- Michael Ben Sarah Rochel
- Shimon ben Shia v’Chanah
- Krendel bat Miriam
- Sara Rachel bat Yaakov Kopel v’Shifra
- Gill ben Bashah
- Rahel Rivka bat Gittel
- Hadassa bat Raquel
- Levi Yitzchack ben Shifra
- Mackenzie Goldman



* To add a name to the list email Aviva@h-nt.org

* If you or someone you know is on the Refuah Shelema list and no longer needs healing prayers, please contact the office to request that a name be removed.

January T’filot

See this month’s B’nai Mitzvah on [Page 7](#)

HNT offers both in-person Shabbat services in our Sanctuary, and a virtual option available to view at h-nt.org/youtube

Pre-negs: Fridays at 5:30 PM

Kiddush lunch: Saturdays following services

Sponsorship opportunities are available, please contact Melanie at Melaniem@h-nt.org for more information.

Friday, January 3

6:00 PM Birthday Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 4

10:00 AM Shabbat Service

Friday, January 10

6:00 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 11

9:30 AM Shabbat Service & Bar Mitzvah of **Kaiden Deutsch**

Friday, January 17

6:00 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 18

9:30 AM Shabbat Service & Bat Mitzvah of **Ella Pariser**

Friday, January 24

6:00 PM Shabbat Service led by Women’s League

Saturday, January 25

10:00 AM Shabbat Service

Friday, January 31

6:00 PM Shabbat Service

Morning Minyan:

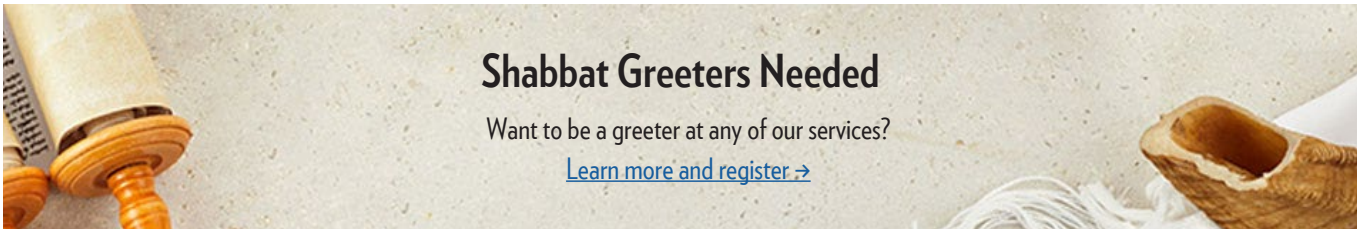
Weekdays: 7:30 AM, Sundays & Secular Holidays: 9:00 AM

Morning Minyan is also offered both in-person and virtually at h-nt.org/services

Shabbat Greeters Needed

Want to be a greeter at any of our services?

[Learn more and register ->](#)



Daytimers Lunch & Film Series

Wednesday, January 15th: *Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story*
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM • HNT Feinberg Social Hall

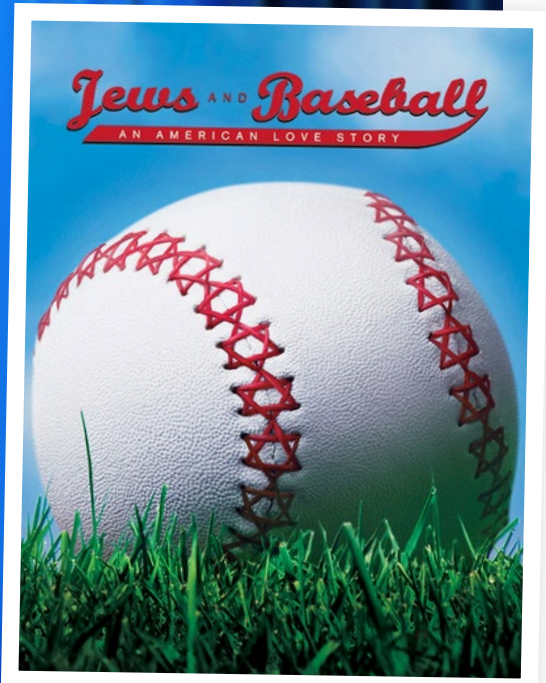
Free during the day? Join us for good conversation, tasty lunch, and a Jewish-themed film!

Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story celebrates the contributions of Jewish major leaguers and the special meaning that baseball has had in the lives of American Jews.

Pricing: \$10/per person early bird (register by January 8th) or \$12/per person for lunch, served 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM, followed by the film.

Film only: free admission, but your registration is still appreciated. Because we pre-order food, refunds cannot be issued after Friday, January 10th.

Register at <https://h-nt.shulcloud.com/event/daytimers-lunch--film5.html>



January Anniversaries

Jan. 4	Richard & Norene Arnold	50 years
Jan. 6	Mark & Mitzi Adler	30 years
Jan. 7	Aaron & Alyson Dieckman	8 years
Jan. 8	Charles & Sara McGregor	53 years
Jan. 9	Eli & Jessica Sonkin	9 years
Jan. 10	Jon & Naomi Newman	21 years
Jan. 11	Sanford Salzberg & Mindy Hara	39 years

Jan. 17	Keely & David Berkman	15 years
Jan. 17	Jeff & Sophie Frankel	23 years
Jan. 21	Brian & Kara Schultz	17 years
Jan. 25	Janet Neumann & Ricardo Wenger	38 years
Jan. 27	David & Lisa Rosen	18 years
Jan. 29	Shimon & Marta Lowy	64 years



Todah Rabbah to...

Todah Rabbah to **Susan and Lonnie Edelheit** for their hospitality.

Todah Rabbah to **Bob and Sue Solomon** for being so accommodating.

Todah Rabbah to **Jerry Weiser** for his engineering work on a cart for the new sukkah.

Todah Rabbah to **Tamar and Naaman Heyman** for hosting the FRS Kindergarten Playdate at their home.

Todah Rabbah to **Linda Krisher, Sharon Sandler, and Sherri Westman** for their work in scheduling B'nai Mitzvah dates.

Todah Rabbah to everyone who made Hanukkah Happy Hour a major success! **Gail Weiner, Mark Feldman, Myriam Feldman, Steve Westman, Sherri Westman, Ed Margolis, Debbie Margolis, Donna Peha, Robert Peha, Barbara Sherer, Salvador Orozco Villalaver, Joshua Beder, Anna Kernish, Ari Apter, Sean McElroy, Jeff Packer.**

Todah Rabbah to **Benny Winkelman Batchelor, Phil Sparks and Milo Petersen** for providing a festive ambience of amazing jazz music!

If we missed your name, please reach out to Cora@h-nt.org so we can make sure you are properly thanked.





Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Hanukkah Happy Hour event on Sunday, December 29th!





Adult Ed Classes Taught by Rabbi Herber

Introduction To Judaism

While registration is no longer available for this course, please reach out to Rabbi Herber if you are interested in the content of this course.

Together & Apart: The Future of Jewish Peoplehood - Thursdays, March 20, 27 • 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

In the aftermath of October 7th and Israel's military response to free its hostages and defeat Hamas, we have been attacked, besieged, and isolated at home. Join us for this compelling, text-based Shalom Hartman Institute video series which will explore and consider how to understand what it means to be a member of the Jewish people, the core values that animate Jewish peoplehood, and the contemporary challenges to Jewish unity in the face of unprecedented antisemitic and anti-Israel activism and hate.

Learn more and register:

<https://h-nt.shulcloud.com/event/adult-education-with-rabbi-herber.html>

How to Change Your Mind Without Losing Your Soul: *Part Two*

With Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum



In Person: Sunday Mornings, January 19, January 26, February 2 • 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM • Room: Youth Lounge

On Zoom: Mondays, January 20, 27, & Tuesday, February 4 • 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

In Part One of this class, we described how Jewish thought and practice integrate the complementary mindsets of commitment to a path and openness to the new. In Part Two, we will continue this discussion and explore the following issues:

Session One: The Meaning of 'Meaning' • **Session Two:** Feelings--Friend or Foe? • **Session Three:** Making 'Matter' Matter

You do not have to have taken Part One to enroll in Part Two. All are welcome! Cost: \$45 for the series.

Learn more and register:

<https://h-nt.shulcloud.com/event/how-to-change-your-mind-part2>



Year Round Hebrew Classes Taught By Janine Rosenbaum

Classes Available Now

Please reach out to Janine at janinerosenbaum@comcast.net to inquire about this years options.



A Message from Director of Education Irit Eliav Levin



“Do not separate yourself from the community.”

– Hillel, Pirke Avot

“Mom, which of my friends are going to be there? Can you text my friend’s mom to see if they are coming? Will there be anyone my age?”

These are the questions I am asked every time we head to an event at HNT, a Shabbat dinner, or a birthday party. My children check in with me to see if they will share this experience with people they care about, if there will be someone to play with, if they are likely to have fun. It’s easy to write this off as a childhood habit, but truly, I’m no different. I also want to know before I head somewhere if my friends will be there, if I will have someone to sit with at dinner, if I will enjoy my experience. I’m guessing you likely feel the same.

Many years ago, I had a parent complain to me about time spent at recess during Religious School. “They have such limited time there! Isn’t that time better spent learning, rather than playing ball?” And my answer was simply, “No. Recess is actually one of the most important things we do. If they have friends and build community here, then they will *want* to learn and will always feel connected to other Jews wherever they go.”

Recognizing this, the FRS Parent Committee has been working exceptionally hard this year to create opportunities for relationship building - for our students, but just as importantly for their parents. We’re organizing grade level playdates, so that families can know the other children and parents in their child(ren)’s class. We are hosting a “Parents’ Night Out” event on January 11th, giving parents an opportunity to socialize, while their children are led in fun activities by our HNTeens advisor, Josh Kittay. We have three TGIS (Thank God It’s Shabbat!) dinners coming up, where

FRS families will get a chance to share a meal with one another and spend time with friends new and old.

In the current complicated reality in which we are living, the need for connection with other Jews feels stronger than ever. Far too many of our students have been facing blatant antisemitism at school, hearing attacks on Israel that they are too young to understand. It is simply hard to be a Jewish kid in school right now.

But when they walk in the door at HNT, they feel at home. Their friends greet them, they sing Jewish songs at the top of their lungs, and they can share excitement for upcoming Jewish holidays. They have teachers and madrichim who love them and are excited to be with them. They are with people who understand them at a deeper level, seeing their whole true selves. And that is a priceless and powerful gift that our community is able to give our children. Thank you to every one of you for your support of HNT, for making these experiences possible for our children. They matter more than you’ll ever know.

– IRIT ELIAV LEVIN,
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION





Tot Shabbat at SJCC

Fridays (Excluding Jan. 3) • 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM
In Person at SJCC

Grab your 'bim' and your 'bam,' along with your kiddos or grandbabies, and join us for Tot Shabbat at the J! Everyone is welcome. Thank you to the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle, PJ Library, and SJCC for co-sponsoring this program with HNT.

Danny's Den Is Back Open!

Thank you for your patience and we look forward to welcoming you back into this child-friendly space.



Shabbat K'tan

January 25th at 11:00 AM in Danny's Den
Geared for Kids 5 and Under With Their Adults

Come for a warm shabbat morning mini-service for littles, led by parent volunteers, and stay for kiddush. We will have a joy-filled Saturday morning in Danny's Den with singing, stories, and games. Afterwards, families are invited to stay and join the congregation for kiddush lunch.

For more information, please contact, Irit Eliav Levin, Director of Education at Irit@h-nt.org.



Thank you to everyone who joined us for Cantor Batchelor's Welcome Brunch on Sunday, December 15th and for everyone who attended the Minyanaire Brunch on Sunday, December 29th



MITZVAH CORPS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The mission of HNT's Mitzvah Corps is to provide a caring and compassionate resource to our fellow congregants while giving generously of ourselves. The Corps is always looking for new volunteers.

Please reach out to Judy Ziedman at jraez@comcast.net or 425-883-6482 to ask questions or to join the group.



Social Action Opportunities



HillelUW | All Kinds
University of Washington of Jewish

Help HNT Send TLC to Hillel UW Students – Through the Month of January

Sending TLC To Hillel UW Students From HNT • January 2 - 31

Collection of Relaxation Activities for Jewish Students at Hillel UW

University campuses across the U.S. are experiencing the largest [rise in antisemitism that we've seen in decades](#). Here in Seattle, Jewish students at UW experience antisemitism in one form or another on campus virtually every day. As a result, they are struggling with mental health issues such as anxiety, feelings of isolation, and fear of revealing their Jewish identity. Hillel staff members are working nonstop with UW administrators to educate them on antisemitism, build connections, and provide responses when Task Force policies are breached. In addition, Hillel is there to support Jewish students physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Hillel staff provide a safe space where Jewish students can relax, feel at home, and enjoy spending time with other Jewish students. [Counseling is also available](#).

We at HNT can support students at Hillel UW by providing them with special activities for them to enjoy while relaxing with other Jewish students. To this end, we are collecting **NEW** music equipment for the Hillel House Bands, board games, art supplies, ping pong equipment, and snacks.

You can contribute to this collection in one of three ways:

- By purchasing one or more items from our Amazon Wishlist here: [h-nt.org/UW-WL](https://www.amazon.com/hnt-org/UW-WL).
- By purchasing one or more of the Wishlist Items at a store of your choice and dropping them off at HNT from January 2 – January 31 during HNT's business hours. There are clearly marked bins in the foyer.
- Or make a monetary donation at [h-nt.org/UW-TLC](https://www.hnt.org/UW-TLC) that will go directly toward purchasing items for Hillel UW students.

For questions or more information, please contact Cora@h-nt.org.

Let's show our support for Jewish students at Hillel UW!

- The HNT Social Action Committee



TEEN  **FEED**

Teen Feed

Sunday, January 26 • 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Each month a dedicated crew of HNT volunteers prepares and serves meals to homeless youth in the University District. Email our Teen Feed leaders at TeenFeed@h-nt.org to help this month, for questions, or to be added to the Teen Feed volunteer list.



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These generous tributes were made from November 21 through December 20, 2024

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For the Yahrzeit of
Alexander Swartz from David & Susan Fish

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For the Yahrzeit of
Bennett Miller from Laura & Brad Miller
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For the Yahrzeit of
Gabriela Lowenbein from Shimon & Marta Lowy
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Henry Schocken from Alan & Jane Schocken
Irvin Brown from Harriet Litt
Dick Angel from Sylvia Angel
Arnold Barer from Carol Barer
Paul Handler from Melissa Handler

MEMORIAL FUND

For the Yahrzeit of
Irving Keller from Warren Cohen
Arthur Getz from Nolan & Pat Newman
Cherne (Jane) Traub from Nolan & Pat Newman
Walter Oppenheimer from Efreem & Linda Krisher
Ruth Oppenheimer from Efreem & Linda Krisher
Sylvia Krisher from Efreem & Linda Krisher
Neil Schneider from Sari Schneider
Jeanette Galanti from Bob & Cindy Abramowitz
Bessie White from Ruth Bovarnick
Louis Ostroff from Gerry & Sandra Ostroff

In Memory of
Morton Kuznetz from Jack Cordova
Mike Bovarnick from Rodney & Nina Waldbaum
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Leo Speckman from Bob & Sue Solomon
William "Billy" Jaffe from Shirley Bernstein

In Honor of
Michael & Cheri Levy from David & David Lozier

Refuah Sheleimah to
Ira Shapiro from Sarita Moss

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For the Yahrzeit of
Harold Siegel from Larry Lemchen

In Memory of
Leo Speckman from Nancy Highiet Morse & Wayne Morse
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In Honor of
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For the Yahrzeit of
Sol Shulman from Rita Katz

In Memory of
Robert Slutzky from Craig Weinstein
Dean Polik from Richard & Norene Arnold
Billy Jaffe from Richard & Norene Arnold
Mike Bovarnick from Richard & Norene Arnold
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In Honor of
Andrea & Andy Lubner on Rory & Casey's wedding from
Nolan & Pat Newman & Family
Gwenda and Neville Smith becoming Great Grandparents
from Pat & Nolan Newman & Family
Beryl Cohen's special birthday from Pat & Nolan Newman

Refuah Sheleimah to
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For the Yahrzeit of
Paula Stern from Amy Wasser & Marvin Stern

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Sylvia Miller from Phil & Susan Miller
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In Memory of
Leo Speckman from Cheryl Cohen

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In Honor of
Cora Miller from The Social Action Committee

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In Memory of
Leo Speckman from Mindy & David Landsman

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In Memory of
Leo Speckman from Jeff & Judy Ziedman

* A physical card will be mailed to the designated recipient for all donations of \$18 or more.





**SHABBAT OF
January 3/4**

Jan. 1 *William Barrat*
 Jan. 1 *Heather Cohen*
 Jan. 1 *Mike Cohen*
 Jan. 1 *Myer Grashin*
 Jan. 2 *Saul Burston*
 Jan. 2 *Max Lewin*
 Jan. 2 *Mildred Lowy*
 Jan. 2 *Anna Poll*
 Jan. 2 *Morris Ringold*
 Jan. 3 *Dick Angel*
 Jan. 3 *Gordon Gaponoff*
 Jan. 3 *Louis Lott*
 Jan. 3 *Marcy Backer Schwartz*
 Jan. 4 *Leon Feldman*
 Jan. 4 *George Frankel*
 Jan. 4 *Lawrence M. Halpern*
 Jan. 4 *Abe Polik*
 Jan. 5 *Abraham Emmerman*
 Jan. 5 *Fred Friedlander*
 Jan. 5 *Jeffrey Herrman*
 Jan. 5 *Ethel Lavine*
 Jan. 5 *Abraham Liff*
 Jan. 5 *Rose Lurie*
 Jan. 5 *Barbara Ross*
 Jan. 6 *Blanche Antler*
 Jan. 6 *Bella Bierman*
 Jan. 6 *Morris Director*
 Jan. 6 *Benjamin D. Glazer*
 Jan. 6 *Leona Goldberg*
 Jan. 6 *Martha Lublin*
 Jan. 6 *Frank Parker*
 Jan. 7 *Florence Mezistrano*
 Jan. 7 *Mollie Streitman*
 Jan. 8 *Alice Kiksmann*
 Jan. 8 *Miriam Kohm*
 Jan. 8 *Joyce Lander*
 Jan. 8 *Eva Losk*
 Jan. 8 *Lina Magdal*
 Jan. 9 *Chaim Bender*
 Jan. 9 *Marion Ringold*
 Jan. 9 *Esther Stalin*
 Jan. 10 *Myrna Kaufman Bearse*
 Jan. 10 *Alexander Kessler*
 Jan. 10 *Dr. Victor Lamin*
 Jan. 10 *Mollie Leopold*
 Jan. 10 *Judith Maslan*
 Jan. 10 *Myrna Lee Schaevitz*

BELOVED DEPARTED

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**SHABBAT OF
January 10/11**

Jan. 11 *Sara Kreina Brodskaya*
 Jan. 11 *Irving Ginsberg*
 Jan. 11 *Joseph Ginsberg*
 Jan. 11 *Phinehas Maslan*
 Jan. 11 *Morris Polack*
 Jan. 11 *Menachem (Mendy) Weinberger*
 Jan. 12 *Jacob Arshon*
 Jan. 12 *Florence Brown*
 Jan. 13 *Anna Goldberg*
 Jan. 13 *Herbert Kahn*
 Jan. 13 *Harold Miller*
 Jan. 13 *Lena Rothstein*
 Jan. 13 *Rosa Wise*
 Jan. 14 *Shirley Berch*
 Jan. 14 *Charles Fox*
 Jan. 14 *Flora F. Maslan*
 Jan. 14 *Louis Plotkin*
 Jan. 14 *Jack Polack*
 Jan. 15 *Moses Kohm*
 Jan. 15 *Ruth Sanft*
 Jan. 16 *Isaac Ashcanase*
 Jan. 16 *Frank Morris Cohen*
 Jan. 16 *Stanley R Litt*
 Jan. 16 *Henry Lonner*
 Jan. 16 *Jerome Peretzman*
 Jan. 16 *Lena Rosenfeld*
 Jan. 16 *Gordon Sadick*
 Jan. 16 *Arthur Schwamm*
 Jan. 16 *Murray Waxman*
 Jan. 16 *Harold Weinstein*
 Jan. 17 *Veronica Garrie*

**SHABBAT OF
January 17/18**

Jan. 18 *Max Orchinsky*
 Jan. 18 *Meyer Romanoff*
 Jan. 19 *Seymour Feinstein*
 Jan. 19 *Julia Glucksmann*
 Jan. 19 *Jacob Lemberg*
 Jan. 19 *Jack Pinchev*
 Jan. 19 *Rosalie Thomas*
 Jan. 20 *Solomon Barrat*
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 Jan. 22 *Israel Himelstein*
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 Jan. 23 *Marjory Bryce*
 Jan. 24 *Jack Berch*
 Jan. 24 *Abraham Feinberg*
 Jan. 24 *Anna Feinberg*
 Jan. 24 *Rebecca Geyer*
 Jan. 24 *Meier Glazer*
 Jan. 24 *Gertrude Kirstein*
 Jan. 24 *Philip Lemchen*
 Jan. 24 *John MacCormac*
 Jan. 24 *Sam Miller*
 Jan. 24 *Mollie Rosenblatt*

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January 24/25**

Jan. 25 *Josephine Becker*
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 Jan. 25 *Louis Gerber*
 Jan. 25 *Anne Lillian Landweber*
 Jan. 25 *Shirley Miller*
 Jan. 25 *William Schenkar*
 Jan. 26 *Abraham Margolis*
 Jan. 26 *Anna Neff*
 Jan. 27 *Louis Arshon*
 Jan. 27 *Eugene Okrent*
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 Jan. 29 *Hayah Bachstuetz*
 Jan. 29 *Lena Feinberg*
 Jan. 29 *Fanny Leopold*
 Jan. 29 *Reizel Pearl*
 Jan. 29 *Paula Stern*
 Jan. 30 *Alvin Lippman*
 Jan. 31 *Beverly Lemchen*
 Jan. 31 *Franya Shain*
 Jan. 31 *Edward Spokoiny*



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For more information about the Herzl Memorial Park, contact Elaine Weinstein at 425-455-4703.

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