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HA KOL IS THE NEWSLETTER OF HERZL-NER TAMID CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATION

THE 2026 GADOL GATHERING

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

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JPOP HAMAN HUNTERS

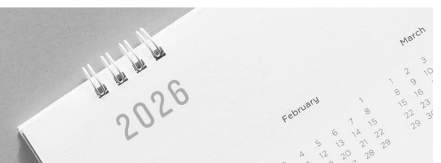
JOIN US TO CELEBRATE A K-POP DEMON HUNTERS THEMED PURIM!

Monday **MARCH 2**

PURIM FAMILY DINNER: 6:15 PM

MEGILLAH READING AND PURIM SHPIEL: 7:00 PM

FOR AN INTERACTIVE, PRINTABLE CALENDAR OF ALL HNT EVENTS
HAPPENING THIS MONTH, VISIT [H-NT.ORG/CALENDAR](https://h-nt.org/calendar)





A Message from Rabbi Bria Cahana



Nurturing Growth and Cultivating Faith

BS"D

I remember fondly walking the streets of Jerusalem and noticing, over the course of a few months, how the trees transformed from blossom to fruit. Pomegranates, olives, and figs lined the sidewalks, framing the streets in Edenic scenes. There is something exciting, even miraculous, about witnessing fruit just as it begins to grow. Nothing can be harvested yet, and still there is a sense of abundance on its way.

Humans take real satisfaction in watching things grow, whether a tree, a child, or even a batch of muffins rising in the oven! And yet, most of the time, we lack the patience or proximity to observe transformation as it unfolds. Growth usually happens outside our line of sight, unless we pause to notice it or ritualize the passage of time.

Although Jewish history ultimately pushed our ancestors away from agricultural life, our tradition remains deeply rooted in the rhythms of the natural world and in this kind of ritualizing. Our holidays and prayers reflect lived knowledge of planting and harvest, rain and drought. As farmers have always known, rain can be a blessing or bring disaster depending on its timing and amount. That awareness is embedded in our liturgy, which shifts with the seasons and responds to what the land requires.

Tu Bishvat, the New Year of the Trees, brings us back to this way of thinking. Observed this year in early February, it marks a moment of transition that is largely invisible. In many parts of the world, renewal seems more naturally associated with spring, in April or May. In the Mishnah, however, this day serves as a demarcation for tithing, distinguishing last year's fruit from what is only beginning to emerge beneath the surface. Tu Bishvat anticipates growth that has not yet taken shape. By marking it before the trees are in full blossom, we acknowledge that new growth still depends, in part, on our care, patience, and trust. The rest lies beyond us,

in Divine blessing. This is the work of faith we get to practice this month: doing what we can to nurture what has been planted, without full evidence, while knowing that creation never belongs to us alone.

You can feel this even in the simplest acts: planting a seed on a kitchen windowsill, tending it, and seeing if and how it changes over weeks. Notice how quickly you become invested in its survival through the process of offering your care.

We know that not everything we plant comes to fruition. Still, the work of nurturing, of tending what has been entrusted to us, of caring for this world to the best of our abilities, is a holy endeavor. Through this work, we shape ourselves and our communities into nurturing, caring vessels.

May we carry this "Tu Bishvat mentality" through the month, paying attention to the forms of growth we are cultivating, both revealed and still unseen, yet replete with blessing. And through this process, may our faith in ourselves and in G-d grow ever stronger.

—RABBI BRIAH CAHANA



 **HERZL-NER TAMID**
CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATION

THE 2026
**GADOL
GATHERING**

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

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One Night. One Community. The Gadol Gathering.

Join us at HNT on March 8th for a reimagined fundraising event!
We're bringing together every generation of Herzl-Ner Tamid for a night of high-energy fun and meaningful giving.

Eat & Play: Heavy appetizers by Eli Varon Catering, cocktails, live music, and interactive games.

Inspire & Give: A short impactful sanctuary program with live auction items and communal singing.

Toast & Dance: End the night with a DJ, desserts, and a whisky tasting.

Don't miss the chance to sign up for community parties and win big in our raffles. Let's make this gathering truly Gadol!

Tickets are available now, purchase them here: h-nt.org/GG26

You can also find information on making a donation, and becoming a corporate sponsor.

**We will be honoring
Robbie & Bonnie Cape
with the Bob Zimmerman
Community Leadership Award.**



JPOP HAMAN HUNTERS

Herzl-Ner Tamid Presents - A Purim Shpiel J-Pop Haman Hunters!

Purim Family Dinner: Monday, March 2 • 6:15 PM

Learn more and sign up for Purim Family Dinner: <https://h-nt.shulcloud.com/event/purim-family-dinner.html>

Megillah Reading and Purim Shpiel: Monday, March 2 • 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Join us to celebrate a K-POP Demon Hunters themed Purim! We'll have an open bar, costume party, live band and Megillah reading!

For our more mature members: What is 'J-Pop Haman Hunters'?

Our Purim Shpiel this year is based on a Korean animated film called 'K-Pop Demon Hunters' which is all the rage. It's the story of female rock stars who banish the forces of darkness with their beautiful singing. Purim, of course, is about a female heroine, Esther, who banished the forces of darkness by making her voice heard. Says the Megillah: 'la'yehudim hayta ora v'simcha/the Jews had light and joy' (when Haman was defeated).

At HNT, we banish the darkness through our exuberant singing at the Purim Shpiel. We hope you'll join us! And, at HNT, we have our own female rock stars. This year, for the first time in HNT's history, both the Rabbi and Cantor are women! Esther would be proud!



Thank God It's Shabbat! (TGIS)

Friday, February 6 • 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

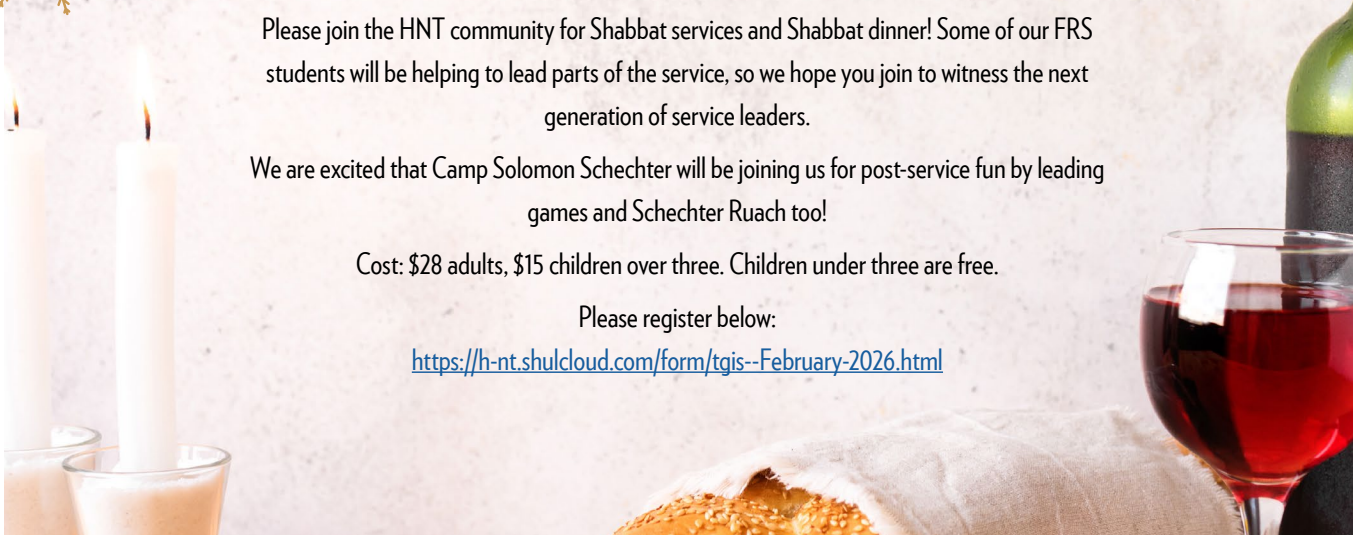
Please join the HNT community for Shabbat services and Shabbat dinner! Some of our FRS students will be helping to lead parts of the service, so we hope you join to witness the next generation of service leaders.

We are excited that Camp Solomon Schechter will be joining us for post-service fun by leading games and Schechter Ruach too!

Cost: \$28 adults, \$15 children over three. Children under three are free.

Please register below:

<https://h-nt.shulcloud.com/form/tgis--February-2026.html>



Mishloach Manot



How to Send Mishloach Manot

It's that time of the year! Mishloach Manot ordering is now open! Sending Mishloach Manot, or Purim gifts, to friends and family is a special way to celebrate Purim while supporting Herzl-Ner Tamid. Sending Mishloach Manot is one of the four mitzvot of Purim. The other three mitzvot include celebrating the survival of the Jewish people of Shushan by hearing the Megillah read on March 2 and 3, giving gifts to those in need, and participating in a special Purim feast called the Purim Seudah. These four mitzvot of Purim encourage us to look beyond ourselves and bring others in.

Here's how it works:

- You will need to log in to your ShulCloud account to place your order through the following link: <https://h-nt.shulcloud.com/campaign/mishloach-manot-2026.html>
- You can purchase a Mishloach Manot gift for \$7 per recipient, or send to the entire congregation for \$720.
- There will be the option to purchase to anyone who sends to you, ensuring that they get a gift from you, even if you inadvertently left them off your list.
- Send a gift to the Board of Directors and/or HNT Staff and Clergy to show your appreciation!
- All recipients will receive **one bag** of treats featuring delicious kosher homemade hamantaschen, chocolate and more along with a list of those who sent them Mishloach Manot.



If you participated in the Mishloach Manot fundraiser last year, a list of those names will be available to you this year. You will be able to see who you sent to last year. If you would like to know who you sent to in previous years, please reach out to Cora at Cora@h-nt.org.

Ordering closes on **February 19th at 11:59 PM** so get your orders in soon and stay tuned for more information on Mishloach Manot pick-up!

A portion of our proceeds will be donated to causes close to HNT: **Leket** and the **JFS Food bank**!

Volunteer Hamantaschen Baking

Interested in helping bake Hamantaschen? Please view the schedule at the link below and sign up! For those who wish to stay the whole day on February 15th, a light, dairy lunch will be provided. All other dates will include snacks.

Learn more and sign up: <https://h-nt.shulcloud.com/form/purim-2026-hamantaschen-bake.html>





Cantor's Playlist - February

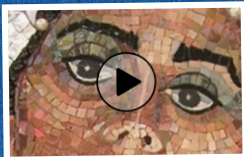
A Couple of Coplas (de Purim)

"Coplas de Purim" are Ladino Purim songs written in poetic couplets. These songs date back to the 16th or 17th century, but many of them are receiving fresh re-interpretations by contemporary artists. It's always fun to compare how different artists approach the same material, so here are examples of how just one of these holiday songs has been reinterpreted. Click on the images to listen and enjoy. Happy Purim!



Hazzan Dr. Ramón Tasat: Coplas de Purim

My esteemed colleague Ramón Tasat was born in Buenos Aires and learned Ladino at his grandmother's knee. He sings many styles of music but especially excels in performing the rich repertoire of the Sephardic Jews.



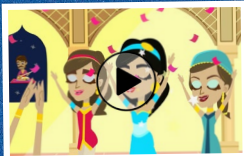
Rivky: Coplas De Purim (A Judeo-Spanish song)

This recording was made at the beginning of the COVID 19 pandemic by the New York singer-songwriter Rivky who resourcefully used household objects, vocal layering and "much, MUCH silliness" to create this rap-influenced version.



Los Desterrados: Esta Noche De Purim

Los Desterrados -- 'The Exiles' -- are a London sextet who have created their own radical, rousing and rootsy take on the ancient folk music of the Sephardic Jews. Their unconventional arrangements are heavily influenced by rock 'n' roll, jazz, funk and soul.



Sarah Aroeste: El Dia de Purim

Last but not least, this macaronic version by Sarah Aroeste incorporates English lyrics and kid-friendly animation. Fun for the whole family!

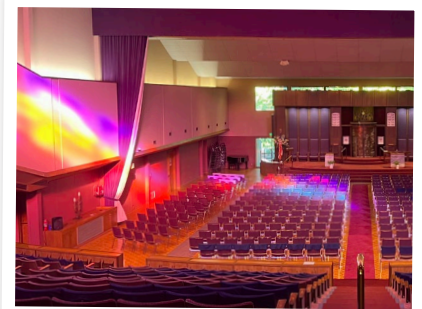
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Job Openings at HNT

Within our synagogue's walls, moments of connection, learning, and joy bloom like light through stained glass. If your gifts are ready for a place where they can grow and make a difference, discover the opportunities waiting here at Herzl-Ner Tamid.

View our open positions here: <https://h-nt.org/job-openings/>



A Message from Director of Education Irit Eliav Levin



“Love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt”

– Devarim 10:19

As many of you know, I wasn't born in America. I was born in Tel Aviv, to parents who had made aliyah from Argentina and Uruguay when they were teens. I came to the United States when I was just three months old. My parents, like many Israelis, decided to move to the U.S. for “two years.” That was more than forty years ago. We lived briefly in NY and then made our way to South Florida, where I grew up.

I didn't learn to speak English until I went to preschool at my childhood synagogue. At six years old, I went through the naturalization process. The social worker gave me a “test” to see if I was ready to become a citizen. I failed it. She asked me what the national bird was and I had just learned in Hebrew School that the dove was the sign of peace. So, I assumed that must be what America chose as its representative. I was wrong. Fortunately, I became a citizen anyway.

Like many immigrants, our extended families lived around the world. So, we found other families in the same boat. My parents became incredibly close with four other families. This group of five families has been affectionately nicknamed “the Mafia.” This is the group that helped us celebrate every birthday party, Sunday barbecue, and Jewish holiday. As the fifteen kids in the group ran around playing games and swimming in backyard pools, we heard the many different accents of our parents. The families came from Israel, South Africa, Cuba, Romania ... We enjoyed empanadas and falafel followed by dulce de leche cakes. The beauty of all the different cultures shaped all of the children in our group.

For me, immigrants have always been synonymous with love, kindness, family, hard-work, and dedication

to doing the very best for their children. The parents in our group had all sorts of jobs - engineer, architect, doctor, banker, psychologist, social worker, professor - but they all worked hard to make sure their children would have a happy childhood full of adventures. I feel so lucky that my siblings and I got to grow up with these people as our adopted extended family. To this day, we are all regularly in touch and so happy when we get to see one another.

And so, when I see the way that our country is currently treating immigrants I am heartbroken. To treat any human being in this way is devastating. It goes against everything Judaism teaches. The Torah is full of examples:

Love your fellow as yourself - Vayikra 19:18

When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not wrong him. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens - Vayikra 19:33-34

You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. - Shemot 22:20

We have an obligation as Jews, but also as human beings to speak out when we see wrong. And what is happening to immigrants in our country right now is wrong. As a mother, as a teacher, and as an immigrant, I dream of a better future for our children. I hope we can work together to make that dream a reality.

– IRIT ELIAV LEVIN,
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION



Tot Shabbat at SJCC

Fridays • 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM • In Person at SJCC

Next Enhanced Holiday Programming • February 27 at 10:30 AM

HNT is proud to be a co-sponsor (along with the SJCC and PJ Library) of Tot Shabbat programs on Friday mornings at the SJCC. On February 27, Join us after Tot Shabbat for Purim themed projects!

We welcome Shabbat with singing, dancing, friends and fun! Registration not required, just come by the J.



Shabbat K'tan

Saturday, February 7 • 11:00 AM • Recurring Monthly Through May

Location: FRS Classroom #3

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 with singing, stories, and games. Afterwards, parents are invited to stay and join the congregation for Kiddush lunch.

Please register below:

<https://h-nt.shulcloud.com/event/shabbat-k39tan3.html>



J-Serve

Sunday, March 29 • 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Join Jewish teens from around the Puget Sound for a day of community-service, while also making new friends! This will include a social action project and a community-wide celebration!

Teen leaders also needed to help on the steering committee! If you'd like a chance to help plan this fabulous event please contact Irit Eliav Levin, Director of Education, at Irit@h-nt.org.



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





TORAH CORPS



Saturday, March 14

Join us on Shabbat morning as we continue our TorahCorps program series. This Torah reading initiative encourages our teens to become active Torah readers, mentored by HNT Torah readers. You'll get to see their hard work in action as they help read Torah in the sanctuary!

If you are or know a teen who might be interested in reading Torah and/or helping to lead services for this exciting new program please fill out this survey: <https://h-nt.shulcloud.com/form/tiorah-corps-survey>. Upcoming Torah Corps dates: March 14, and May 9.



*Thank you to everyone who joined us
for Wine Education and Tasting on
January 17!*



ISGAP - Community Briefing: Antisemitism

With Dr. Charles Asher Small



Wednesday, February 25 • 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM • Mercer Island Community & Event Center • Partnered with HNT

Antisemitism is showing up in new and troubling ways – on campuses, in the media, and in everyday public life. ISGAP is the organization that illuminates where these ideas come from, how they spread, and why they matter now. Led by **Dr. Charles Asher Small**, ISGAP brings together leading voices from around the world to step back from the headlines and see the bigger picture. In the fight against antisemitism, ISGAP is helping lead the way toward progress.

Email, call, or text **David Witus** at dwitus@gmail.com or 206-353-2988 to reserve your spot. RSVP is required.

Within the Shul Family

We Offer Condolences For:

The passing of Elaine Highiet z"l mother of Nancy Highiet Morse (Wayne Morse) and Shiela Himmel (Ned Himmel) grandmother of Zack Morse (Natalie Sarano), Michelle Morse (Peter Grieshaber), Jake Himmel, and Lisa Himmel and the great grandmother of Marlow, Hannah, Sonnet, Jonathan, and Leo.

Refuah Shelemah to Congregants:

Baila bat Gavriel v'Chaiya	Aaron ben Shmeil
Shmuel ben Hannah	Minna bat Raizel
Daniel ben Hannah	Leah Bat Chaim Ha Cohaine v Chana
Tzvi Hirsch	Yaakov Chaim Ben Avram
Kathy Goff	Chona Zalman ben Shayna vas Feige
Michael Ben Sarah Rochel	Chaya Devora bat Yaakov u'Pesa Brana
Shimon ben Shia v'Chanah	Bracha bat Miriam
Krendel bat Miriam	Simon Ben Micha'el Ve'Leah
Sara Rachel bat Yaakov Kopel v'Shifra	Menucha Hannah
Gill ben Bashah	Sarah Esther bat Batya
Levi Yitzchack ben Shifra	Elisheva Chanah bat Rivkah
Mackenzie Goldman	Noach ben Roizeh
Efraim ben Sara Fagel	Efraim ben Sara
Rachel bat Zelda Chana Surah	
Daniel ben Chava	
Paul Schreiber	
Maram Toba bat Baruch	
Shifon ben Aharon v'Rina	
Mordechai ben Rachamim	
Sheryl Lane	

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

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



February T'filot

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, February 6

6:00 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 7

10:00 AM Shabbat Service

Friday, February 13

6:00 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 14

10:00 AM Shabbat Service

Friday, February 20

6:00 PM Shabbat Service



Saturday, February 21

9:30 AM Shabbat Service & Bar Mitzvah of **Elias Kleiner**

Friday, February 27

6:00 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 28

10:00 AM Shabbat Service &
5:30 PM Mincha Bat Mitzvah of **Eliana Lockhart**

Monday, March 2

7:00 PM Megillah Reading and Purim Celebration

Tuesday, March 3

7:30 AM Megillah Reading During Morning Minyan

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



Bnai Mitzvah

Elias Kleiner • February 21



Elias Kleiner is the son of Amber and Aaron Kleiner and brother to Mila Kleiner. He is the grandson of Leah Watts and Jaquelyn and Gregory Kleiner. Elias is a seventh grader at Eckstein Middle School in Seattle, where he enjoys playing french horn in the Concert Band. Outside of school, Elias is pursuing his black belt in karate, spends summers at Camp Solomon Schechter, and loves magic, graphic design, and biking and bouldering with friends. For his Mitzvah Project, Elias is volunteering at the Friendship Circle and he is privileged to support their mission of building connections between young people.

Eliana Lockhart • February 28



Eliana Ruth McGregor Lockhart is the daughter of Rachel and Brian Lockhart and sister to Jordan (28) and Naomi (18). She is the granddaughter of Sara and Charles McGregor of Renton and Martha Van Arsdale z"l. A seventh grader at Mattson Middle School in Covington, Eliana enjoys spending time with friends, participating in school leadership, and running on track teams. Given her appreciation and admiration for previous teachers, Eliana volunteered in her third-grade teacher's classroom to support students and the teacher for her mitzvah project. Eliana is excited to share this special day with you.



February Anniversaries

Feb. 6 - Marc & Judy Sidell - 32 years

Feb. 8 - Dennis Goldstein & Robin Rogel-Goldstein - 45 years

Feb. 12 - Mike & Elaine Weinstein - 59 years

Feb. 15 - Martin & Marla Goldberg - 28 years

Feb. 18 - Ben & Brooke Pariser - 19 years

Feb. 20 - Carl Bloom & Diane Zipperman - 44 years

Feb. 20 - Harris & Jean Klein - 43 years

Feb. 20 - Jessica & Barak Schrager - 10 years

Feb. 23 - John & Rachel Erickson - 13 years

Feb. 23 - Joel & Hoda Mezistrano - 23 years

Feb. 25 - Ilene & Garrett Sloan - 20 years

Feb. 26 - Tom & Stacey Brody - 49 years

Feb. 27 - Barry & Lisa Deutsch - 17 years

Feb. 27 - Brad & Susan Lehrer - 34 years

Feb. 28 - Steven & Carol Paige - 44 years



Nosh n' Sing

Fourth Tuesday of Every Month • **Tuesday, Feb. 24, March 24, April 28**

11:30 PM – 1:00 PM (Please Note Updated Time) • HNT Social Hall

Join us for a joyful Nosh n' Sing in the musical tradition of Cantor Kurland, z"l. With snacks, warm drinks, and plenty of ruach and group song choices to keep things relaxed, uplifting, and full of heart.

View the Nosh & Sing schedule: <https://h-nt.shulcloud.com/event/nosh-and-sing>

Learning CPR

Imagine being in a situation where every second counts—at a family gathering, synagogue function, or sporting event. Would you know how to respond if someone suddenly collapsed?

Learning Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) gives you the power to improve a person's chance of survival. You become the critical link until professional help arrives. It is also one of the most important concepts in Judaism. Pikuach nefesh dictates that the preservation of life takes precedence over nearly all other mitzvot.

We're looking to get our next cohort together. If you are interested, please contact Gail at gailawiener@gmail.com.



Kosher Information List

There are lots of new kosher options popping up, and we'd love to keep you in the loop. If you'd like to receive updates, please email info@h-nt.org to be added to our kosher information list.





Introduction to Judaism Taught by Rabbi Cahana

Classes meet Sundays, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Upcoming Dates: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 • Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22

Join Rabbi Cahana for Introduction to Judaism, an engaging course for interfaith couples, those raising Jewish children, spiritual seekers, individuals considering conversion, and Jews looking to reconnect with their faith as adults.



Does the Black-Jewish Relationship Have a Future? And Why It Matters

With Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum

Thursday, February 12 • 11:00 AM

Jews have long taken pride in our role in the Civil Rights Movement, yet the Black-Jewish relationship has grown more complex over time. In a post-October 7th world, what future does this relationship hold? How do rising antisemitism and anti-Zionism affect Black-Jewish relations, and what can this history teach us about social justice and building meaningful connections with non-Jewish communities today?

Register here: <https://sjcc.org/event/evolving-black-jewish-ties/>



Introduction to Mussar

This Class Will Be Given by Mussar Accredited Teacher Hilary Abramowitz

This six-session Mussar course explores how to practice Mussar in daily life through meaningful “Mussar Moments.” Together, we will examine how we choose to live, deepen our spiritual awareness, and reflect on our relationships with ourselves, others, and the world. Through personal exploration and inner reflection, the course emphasizes Tikkun Olam—healing the world by first healing ourselves.

Learn more and sign up: <https://h-nt.shulcloud.com/event/introduction-to-mussar1.html>



2025-2026 Hebrew Classes Taught by Janine Rosenbaum

Explore Hebrew at every level with our engaging virtual classes. Beginners can start with Beginning Hebrew, while those ready to go further can join Modern Hebrew 1, 2, or 3 to steadily deepen their knowledge of the language. For those seeking to connect more meaningfully with services, Prayerbook Hebrew builds synagogue skills and confidence in following along. And if you're interested in the roots of the tradition, Biblical Hebrew offers a clear path into understanding Torah in the original text. All classes are taught in a warm, supportive environment.

Fee: \$300 per semester; \$600 per year (30 classes)

To sign up and for more details:

<https://h-nt.shulcloud.com/form/ae-hebrew-classes---2025-2026.html>



Mazel Tov to...

**Mazel Tov to HNT Members
David Rosenbaum (Mayor),
Daniel Becker (Deputy Mayor)
and Julie Hsieh (Councilmember)**



- Mazel tov to **Nancy Highiet Morse** and **Wayne Morse** on the birth of their grandson **Leo Morse**.
- Mazel tov to **Daniel Becker** for being elected to the Mercer Island City Council and as **Deputy Mayor**! Todah rabah to Will and Ari for what will surely be a commitment from their entire family.
- Mazal tov to **Dave Rosenbaum** on being elected **Mayor** of Mercer Island, and to his wife, Miri Cypers and their children Daniella and Nathan, his parents Rabbi Jay and Janine Rosenbaum and his sister and brother in law Rabbi Shani Rosenbaum and Aaron Press Taylor.
- Mazal tov to **Julie Hsieh** (pronounced "Shay") was elected to Mercer Island **City Council Position 7** in November 2025. She, her husband, and their children live on the south end of the Island and have proudly called Mercer Island home for over a decade.

Todah Rabbah to...

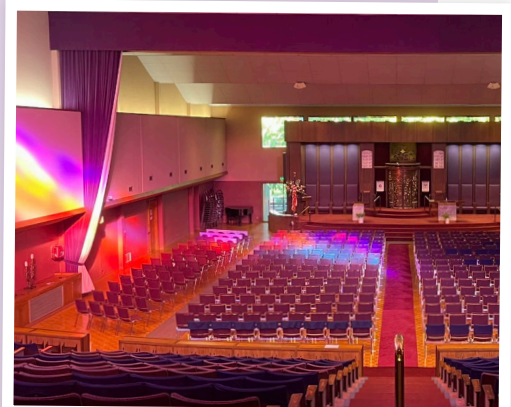


- Todah Rabbah to **JDS, PJ Library, Jewish Federation, and Camp Solomon Schechter** for co-sponsoring Spice Night.
- Todah Rabbah to **Amber Kleiner** for organizing the Kitah Dalet Playdate.
- Todah Rabbah to **Pam Lloyd** for planning and leading a fun and informative wine tasting of the six regions of Israel.
- Todah Rabbah to **Ed Margolis** for organizing a Porchlight meal to feed 115 unhoused men.
- Todah Rabbah to **Jerry Weiser** and his crew **Ed Margolis, Mark Feldman** and **Larry Stern** for Chumash Repair.
- Todah Rabbah to **Micah Weinstein** and **Karennna and Fiona Stone** for helping Rabbi, Cantor, and Harris lead Havdalah and singing at Spice Night
- Todah Rabbah to **Sheri, Dylan and Carl Kittay, Angela Rootstain, Maya Ness, Kathy Packer, Rachel Packer, Miki and Stephanie Kakon** for helping to staff art project tables at Spice Night.
- Today Rabbah to **Elaine Peizer**, who spoke with our Kitah Dalet and Hey students about her mother's fascinating story. Her mother was one of 10,000 children rescued from the Nazis through the Kindertransport. The kids learned a lot from her presentation!

Our Membership Committee Wants YOU!

HNT Membership Committee is fun and fulfilling. Our members share being connected, working towards bringing our HNT community together in social activities, and remind us of how we contribute to the feeling of making HNT a true gathering place for young, old and in-between. A truly gratifying experience that we'd like everyone to share. Some of our current programs include Shapotluck dinners, Chanukah parties, gatherings at community events, New Member Brunch and much more. Our meetings are monthly on Zoom, or if you simply want to help with one or more of our projects, then please let us know so we can connect with you. Strengthen L'Dor V'Dor at HNT.

Contact: Ed Margolis & Sherri Westman at membershipchair@h-nt.org



Daytimers Lunch & Film Series

Wednesday, February 18: *Treasure* • 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!

An American journalist travels to Poland with her Holocaust survivor father to visit the places of his childhood. However, he sabotages the trip by avoiding reliving his trauma.

Pricing: \$10/per person early bird (register by February 11) 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, February 13.

Register at <https://h-nt.shulcloud.com/event/daytimers-Feb-2026.html>



MITZVAH CORPS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Mitzvah Corps is not a regular committee as the word committee might suggest. We don't have meetings that require attendance. Instead, we have a database of volunteers to whom I reach out when help is needed. Members can choose to participate in whatever works best for them—whether cooking a meal, offering a ride, or assisting a fellow congregant in other ways. There is no obligation to respond to every request.

If you would like to become part of Mitzvah Corps, contact **Judy Ziedman**, HNT Mitzvah Corps Chair, at jraez@comcast.net or 425-883-6482 (home). New members are always welcome and encouraged to join us, bringing new ideas for mitzvah projects.



HNT Building Enhancements

Let There Be Light

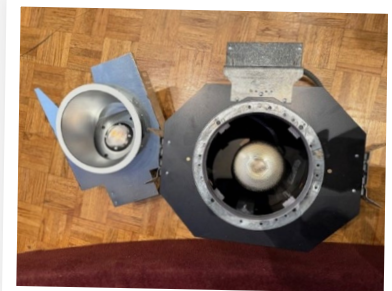
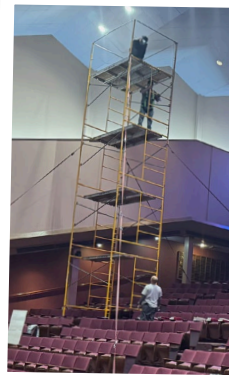
If you have ever sat in the back of the Sanctuary, you will have noticed reading the prayer books was difficult, and not just because you weren't paying attention. The old and deteriorating lights were so dim as to make reading nearly impossible. Due to the sloped high ceilings and being installed on a "hill", changing the lightbulbs was an impossible task.

As part of our HNT building upgrades this past year, a lighting consultant was brought in to provide some advice about how to address this issue without "breaking the bank" – we had been getting quotes of more than \$40,000 just to put up scaffolding for light installation. The consultant recommended a new LED product that has a 30-degree tilt feature to compensate for the sloped ceilings and could be installed for a reasonable price. Based on this recommendation, the lights were purchased.

Creating a way to address the height issues, based on his experience, our contractor was able to design a system of movable scaffolding and chair removal to do the installation at an affordable price. Installing the lights

section by section, the project was completed in a week without disrupting Shabbat services. Walking into the synagogue the following Shabbat, the change was undeniably obvious; no one had to be told about the new lights: they spoke for themselves!

And, as another benefit, these new LED lights ALSO consume only 10 watts of power compared to the old lights that consumed 250 watts – a big savings for our energy costs! Come "see" the brighter and more energy efficient HNT Sanctuary! And you no longer have to be afraid of the back rows!



A Safe, Imaginative New Playground

We're excited to share that our synagogue has installed a brand-new playground structure, replacing the old equipment that had become unsafe. The new Sunset Harbor Play System is a commercial-grade structure designed for years of safe, active, and imaginative play.

Built with durable materials and safety in mind, the playground features sturdy steel posts, high-quality slides, and multiple climbing options. Children can climb, explore, and race down wave and double slides, while ground-level elements like a drum and rain wheel encourage creative and cooperative play.

Designed for children ages 5–12, the structure accommodates up to 25 children and includes accessible features that meet ADA standards, along with current ASTM and CPSC safety guidelines. New wood-chip surfacing has also been added to improve cushioning and safety.

We're thrilled to offer this welcoming new space and look forward to the joy, laughter, and connection it will bring to our community.



Calling All Furry, Feathered, and Scaled Family Members!



Did you know **National Pet Day** is coming up on **April 11**? To celebrate the joy and companionship our pets bring into our lives, we want to feature your extended family on the rotating screen in the foyer!

We are putting together a special slideshow of our congregants with their beloved pets. Whether you have a dog, cat, hamster, or iguana, we'd love to see them.

How to Participate (Completely Optional!):

- **Send a photo:** Email a picture of you or your family with your pet to glindon@h-nt.org.
- **Deadline for photos:** Please send them in by February 20
- **Watch:** Look for your picture in the foyer starting March 1 (pictures will be on display through mid-April)

A Mitzvah for the Humane Society While we celebrate our own pets, let's not forget those waiting for their forever homes. We are collecting **unopened dry or wet dog and cat food** for the Humane Society.

Please bring your donations to the designated bin in the lobby. We will be collecting items until **March 31**, wrapping up just in time for Passover. Let's fill those bins!

Gail Wiener

Gail Wiener
Membership Vice President



AFFINITY GROUPS



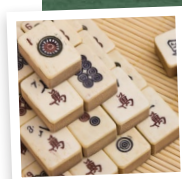
Shabbat Dinner Group

NEW - Friday, February 27 • 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

The Shabbat Dinner Group meets the fourth Friday of each month at member homes, unless it is a chag or conflicts with HNT events, and as long as a host family has volunteered.

If you would like to be part of this affinity group, just email Faye Plum at fayegplum@gmail.com, and she will add you to the email list.

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



Mah Jongg Affinity Group

Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26 • 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM • Upper Foyer

Please join us for Mah Jongg Affinity Group on Thursdays at HNT! Judy will be teaching two-handed Mah Jongg to anyone who wants to learn. Bring your sets and 2025 cards if you have them.



Needlecraft Affinity Group

Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26 • 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.



Travel Affinity Group

For anyone interested in travelling and learning about travel domestically or internationally (or both), all experience levels welcome! This group provides a unique opportunity for group members to bond over shared interests and create lasting memories. Please contact Pam Lloyd at lloydnorth@comcast.net to participate.



Social Action Opportunities

PORCHLIGHT



Porchlight Dinner – Organized by Women’s League of Herzl-Ner Tamid

Sunday, February 8 • 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

The Women’s League is excited to continue its tradition of serving dinner at Porchlight Shelter. “Porchlight” is Bellevue’s newly established, well-equipped men’s shelter in Eastgate, which accommodates up to 100 unhoused men every night. On Sunday, February 8, we will be serving dinner to approximately 115 men. The menu will feature Kentucky Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, coleslaw, corn, fruit, and dessert.

With your support, we can provide a beautiful meal to those who need it most. Please lend a hand and sign up today, a super Mitzvah opportunity! Drop off your donation at Porchlight on Sunday, February 8 at 5:00 PM, or make arrangements directly with Aileen at aokrent@msn.com.

Donations to help cover the cost of dinner are appreciated in either \$18, \$36, or \$54 increments. Donations can be sent via Venmo to Aileen Okrent @Aileen-Okrent, or via check to the address when signing up at the link below.

Learn more and sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0549A8A62AA0F94-61491884-porchlight#/>



Teen Feed

Fourth Sunday of Every Month

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.



*Thank you to everyone who volunteered
for the Porchlight meal on January 29.*

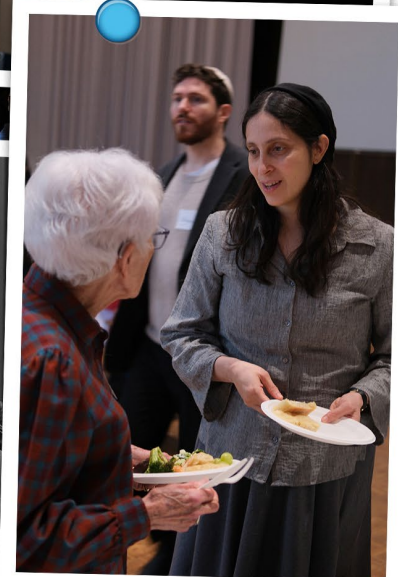


..... Thank you to everyone who joined us for **Spice Night** on Saturday, January 24!

Thank you to the **Jewish Day School of Greater Seattle**, **PJ Library**, **Camp Solomon Schechter** and the **Jewish Federation** for co-sponsoring this event.



..... Thank you to everyone who joined us for Daytimers on Wednesday, January 21!





IN SUPPORT OF ONE ANOTHER

These generous tributes were made from December 16 through January 15, 2025

AMY MACKOFF CAMPERSHIP FUND

For the Yahrzeit of

Walter Rosenstock from Alan & Elaine Peizer
Ruth Peizer from Alan & Elaine Peizer
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For the Yahrzeit of

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In Honor of

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In Appreciation of

David and Elaine Lozier from Mike & Cheri Levy

In Honor of

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Bennett Blum, Helen Blum, Fred Kahn, Esther Kahn
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For the Yahrzeit of

Beverly Lemchen from Larry Lemchen



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

Memorialized with Yahrzeit Plaques at HNT

SHABBAT OF
February 6/7

Feb. 7 *Chaim Gorbulove*
 Feb. 7 *Bertha Gordon*
 Feb. 7 *Jennie Stern*
 Feb. 7 *Larry M. Kaner*
 Feb. 8 *Ya'acov Yosef Bahat*
 Feb. 8 *Helene Betty Weiser*
 Feb. 8 *Marty Wener*
 Feb. 9 *Norma de Mers*
 Feb. 9 *Charlie Brenner*
 Feb. 9 *Earl Lazarus*
 Feb. 9 *Esther Chiprut Kahn*
 Feb. 9 *Charles Brenner*
 Feb. 10 *Rebecca Kay*
 Feb. 10 *Merry Klass*
 Feb. 10 *Esther Rabinovich*
 Feb. 10 *Moses Schain*
 Feb. 10 *Herman Spiegelman*
 Feb. 10 *Richard Willner*
 Feb. 11 *Dora Rossman*
 Feb. 11 *Aaron Schuster*
 Feb. 11 *Hanna Shulman*
 Feb. 11 *Rebecca Stalin*
 Feb. 12 *Jacob Miller*
 Feb. 12 *Siegbert Wehl*
 Feb. 12 *Rabbi Jacob Bernstein*
 Feb. 13 *Maurice Blond*
 Feb. 13 *Vera Kiewe*
 Feb. 13 *William Topp*
 Feb. 13 *Ben Delson*

SHABBAT OF
February 13/14

Feb. 14 *Edith Hirsch*
 Feb. 14 *Peter Thomas*
 Feb. 14 *Jack Bryan Conway*
 Feb. 14 *Babette Schiller*
 Feb. 15 *Herbert Droker*
 Feb. 15 *Lea Kaganowicz*
 Feb. 15 *Meir Kaganowicz*
 Feb. 15 *Sara Kaganowicz*
 Feb. 15 *Harry Kraft*
 Feb. 16 *Sarah Arron*
 Feb. 16 *Julius Cohn*
 Feb. 16 *Bertha Glazer*
 Feb. 17 *Mack Lederman*
 Feb. 17 *George Schweitzer*
 Feb. 18 *Bertram Blyden*
 Feb. 18 *Max Uhrmacher*
 Feb. 19 *Al Cohen*
 Feb. 19 *Esther Frankfurt*
 Feb. 19 *Rachel Kaplan*
 Feb. 19 *Rose Newman*
 Feb. 19 *Bessie Rosen*
 Feb. 19 *Henrietta Szold*
 Feb. 19 *Jonize Senescu*
 Feb. 19 *Constance L. Williams*
 Feb. 20 *Samuel Berch*
 Feb. 20 *Rose Geyer*
 Feb. 20 *Hyman Lerner*
 Feb. 20 *Ben Levine*
 Feb. 20 *Dody Norban*

SHABBAT OF
February 20/21

Feb. 21 *Irma Bieber*
 Feb. 21 *Max Jacobi*
 Feb. 21 *Charles Lipper*
 Feb. 22 *Else Katschke*
 Feb. 22 *Harry Pody*
 Feb. 22 *Rebecca Tobis*
 Feb. 22 *Martin Winant*
 Feb. 22 *Karl Schiller*
 Feb. 23 *Charles Glowitz*
 Feb. 23 *Sally Kaye*
 Feb. 23 *Oscar Rosefield*
 Feb. 23 *Isaac Zetin*
 Feb. 23 *Esther Lott*
 Feb. 24 *Lawrence Cigelnik*
 Feb. 24 *Martin Klatzker*
 Feb. 24 *Wolf Leopold*
 Feb. 24 *Mildred Peha*
 Feb. 24 *Rebecca Efron*
 Feb. 25 *Frank Schwartz*
 Feb. 25 *Julia Willner*
 Feb. 25 *Sophie Lemchen*
 Feb. 25 *Sandra Glazer-Lake*
 Feb. 26 *Jacob Duvdvani*
 Feb. 26 *Selma Schwartz*
 Feb. 26 *David Shure*
 Feb. 26 *Anna Silver*
 Feb. 27 *Ethel Lerner*
 Feb. 27 *Marsha Paloy*
 Feb. 27 *Fannie Sender*
 Feb. 27 *Marion Shifrin*

SHABBAT OF
February 27/28

Feb. 28 *Samuel Kirschbaum*
 Feb. 28 *Nathan Lipets*
 Mar. 1 *Hayyah Silver*
 Mar. 1 *Esther Schweitzer*
 Mar. 2 *Ruth Canty*
 Mar. 2 *Fannie Kaminoff*
 Mar. 2 *Leo Kirstein*
 Mar. 2 *Amelia Tobias*
 Mar. 3 *David Boman*
 Mar. 3 *Morris Finegold*
 Mar. 3 *Chaya Bellina Minkove*
 Mar. 3 *Isadore Schuman*
 Mar. 3 *David Topolovitz*
 Mar. 3 *Harry Lederman*
 Mar. 3 *Reva Fine*
 Mar. 3 *Alan Rappoport*
 Mar. 4 *Mary Colf*
 Mar. 4 *Mark Hodin*
 Mar. 4 *Sarah Joseph*
 Mar. 4 *Marvin Klass*
 Mar. 4 *Nina Pinch*
 Mar. 5 *Moshe Dahukey*
 Mar. 5 *Marie Lewinski*
 Mar. 5 *Phil Paloy*
 Mar. 5 *Ludwig Rosenbaum*
 Mar. 5 *Sarah Walker*
 Mar. 5 *Victor Liff*
 Mar. 5 *Jacob Feinberg*
 Mar. 5 *Ethel Jaffe*



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The shop is open by appointment - call Kari at 206-219-2224 to schedule your visit. We have everything you need, including tallitot, kippot, and kid sized shofarot.



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If there is a death in the family, contact the Seattle Jewish Chapel at 206-725-3067.

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

In times of loss, or in need of pastoral care, HNT members should call the HNT office at 206-232-8555.



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