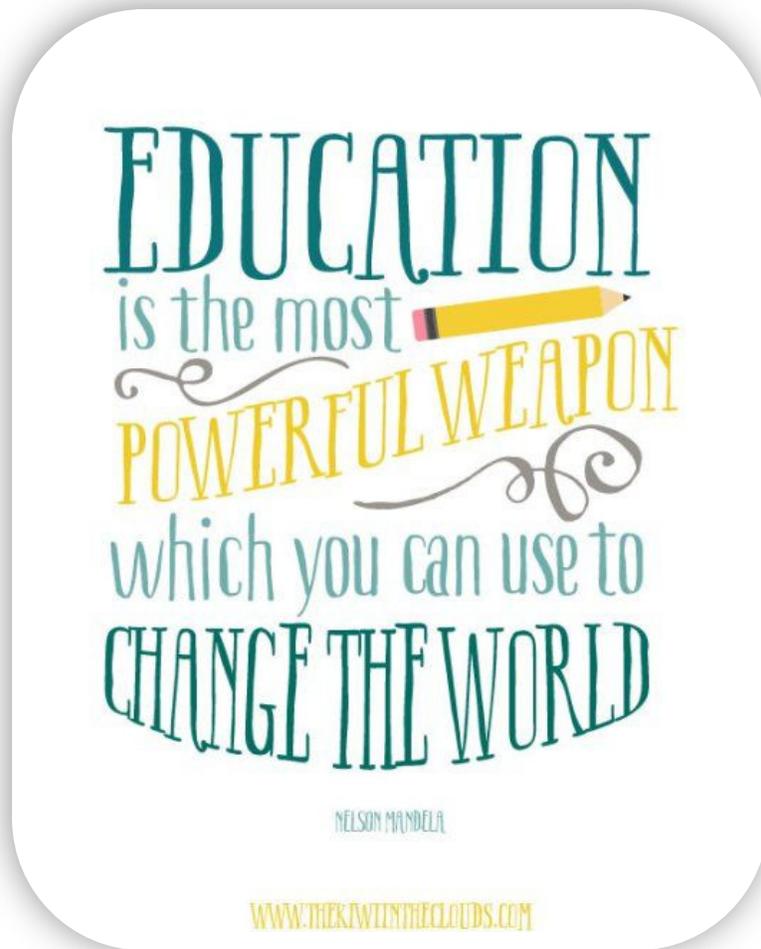


Kol HaNeshamah Children's Education Handbook



Welcome to a new year of children's learning at Kol HaNeshamah! We strive to provide meaningful, vibrant learning experiences for all of our students at Kol HaNeshamah. We believe Jewish Learning is a collaboration between our families and our community. We seek to partner with you in providing opportunities for your children to build Jewish identity and knowledge.

Our program includes learning for all ages:

- **KHN Kids** for parents or caregivers with children aged 18 months through 3 years. KHN Kids meets the 3rd Shabbat morning of each month from 9:30 - 10:30 am.
- **Out of the Box!** is our engaging, experiential Jewish Studies classes for Pre-K - 7th graders. Out of the Box meets the 1st & 3rd Shabbat mornings of each month from 9:30 - 11:30 am.
- **Hebrew Studies**, for 3rd - 7th graders meets every Tuesday at 4:45 - 6:15 pm.
- KHN also offers a number of opportunities for adults to study, including Torah Study on Shabbat mornings.

Since our program is limited in the number of hours we meet (just 36 hours a year for Out of the Box!), we strongly encourage your participation at KHN holiday and community events, as well as at home Jewish conversations and practice. Watch your Weekly News email for details on these exciting programs.

In this handbook, you will find information about our programs, the curriculum and things you need to know to help your child(ren) grow as part of our community.

Our Out of the Box! classes are held on Shabbat intentionally. Shabbat observance is one of the central tenets of Judaism. Coming together as a community to learn and worship on Shabbat is also one of the most wonderful aspects of the Kol HaNeshamah community. We ask you to come with your children on Shabbat morning – stay for Torah Study at 9:30 am and then join the community for Shabbat worship at 10:45 am. Out of the Box! students join the Shabbat services at 11:30 am and stay until the end of Shabbat morning services.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns. We look forward to a year of learning with you and your children!

Elizabeth Fagin: kheducator@khnseattle.org
Director of Education





Sign Up for the KHN Text Message System

It will be used for important announcements such as inclement weather, vacation reminders, and special programs.

How to sign up:

Text @kolh to the number 81010

Then follow the prompts.

Please note: we will be using this system sparingly and only for time-sensitive announcements.

Out of the Box! Curriculum Overview

1st and 3rd Shabbat of each month
9:30 - 11:30 am.
Pre-K - 7th Grade

Out of the Box! is designed to provide experiential and integrated Jewish learning. Our community has multi-age classrooms and seeks to fulfill our educational vision to inspire:

- ★ A framework for families to create their own personal Jewish observances including *Tikkun Olam* (repair of the world) and *g'milut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness.)
- ★ Ability to participate meaningfully in community Shabbat service and observances.
- ★ An understanding of our Jewish past in order to embrace our place in the Jewish present and future.
- ★ Skills to study Torah in order to integrate Torah into our daily lives.
- ★ Experiences which help create life-long memories.
- ★ A sense of belonging to the Jewish people as a whole.
- ★ Respect for learning and for those who learn.
- ★ A commitment to the values of *menschlichkite* (decency as a human being.)

Our program includes participation by our students and their families in regular Shabbat morning *t'filah* (worship) and therefore ends at the conclusion of Shabbat morning services.



Hebrew School Curriculum Overview

Tuesdays
4:45 - 6:15 pm
3rd - 7th Grades



Hebrew is called *LaShon HaKodesh*, (The Holy Tongue.) It is the language in which the Jewish Bible (*Tanach*) is written, as well as the language of many of the prayers and poetry that have been passed down through the generations. It is the key to accessing many of the sacred texts of Jewish Tradition.

In our Hebrew Program, our students gain an appreciation for the important place Hebrew holds in the life of the Jewish People. We strive to create a solid foundation upon which our students will continue to build, throughout their lives. Our primary focus is prayer-book Hebrew. We give them tools to access the basic prayers and blessings, to read with comfort and fluency, as well as to understand their meaning.

At more advanced levels students are exposed to biblical Hebrew, as they learn to read from the Torah. We also introduce some basic vocabulary of modern Hebrew. Students are placed according to the appropriate Hebrew level; those students who do not begin in 3rd grade, but join our program later, can get outside tutoring so that they can catch up to their classmates.

Students may choose to become Bar or Bat mitzvah, but are not required to do so. Students who complete our Bar/Bat Mitzvah program can apply to become *madrachim*, Hebrew guides, or *morei derech*, Bar/ Bat Mitzvah Mentors. They can volunteer their time or be paid.

Students are expected to attend all sessions of our Hebrew program, unless they are ill or have another reasonable reason for not attending. Special arrangements must be made ahead of time with the Director of Education. They are also expected to spend time at home practicing Hebrew.



At Kol HaNeshamah, we believe that all of our children deserve an engaging, fun, and quality Jewish learning experience. Our Director of Education and our teachers are counting on you to let us know anything about your child that will enhance their participation, such as specific learning styles or challenges, as well as allergies and food restrictions. If you have not already done so, please contact us by phone or email: (206) 935-1590 kheducator@khnseattle.org

Curriculum & Teachers

Check out our new Out of the Box! curriculum along with bios of our teachers on our website at:

<https://khnseattle.org/membership-2/education/>

Pickup Procedures

It is our policy that, following the end of classes, all students remain inside the building until picked up by a parent or appointed guardian.

For both legal reasons and out of care for your children we are unable to release students from the building unless they are in the company of a responsible person.

In the event that your child needs to leave class early we ask that you inform the Director of Education and also sign them out using the early departure sign-out sheet that can be found in the main lobby. If you are unable to find the Director, please inform the classroom teacher and then sign the early departure sign-out sheet.

Kol Haneshamah 5778 School Calendar

2017-2018 School Calendar

*** New Time*** Hebrew School: Tuesdays at 4:45 - 6:15 pm *** New Time***

Out Of The Box: Saturdays at 9:30 - 11:30 am

KHN Kids: 3rd Shabbat of Every Month at 9:30 - 10:30 am

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 Out of the Box Shabbat School
 Special/Whole School Shabbat Experience

 Hebrew School
 School Breaks

 Jewish Holidays