

## INTERFAITH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 21-27, 2021<sup>i</sup>

One of the initiatives of the Interfaith Coalition of Washington County is a weekly Interfaith calendar - a listing of upcoming events and commemorations from religions around the world. The listing is for the week ahead -- Thursday to the following Wednesday – to raise awareness of what is going on with practices of the various faiths. For suggestions or additional input, contact Ed Poling at [elpoling1@gmail.com](mailto:elpoling1@gmail.com).

### **Monday, January 25**

**Honen Shonin Memorial**—(BUDDHISM)—Anniversary of the death (1212) of Honen Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shu. (Mahayana – Jodo Shu).

### **Wednesday, January 27**

**Holocaust Remembrance Day**—(United Nations)

### **Thursday, January 28**

**Tu B'Shevat**—(JUDAISM)—One of four New Year's Days, Tu B'Shevat (the fifteen of the month of Shevat) is the New Year's Day for Trees, and traditionally the first of the year for tithing fruit of trees. Nowadays, it is a day for environmental awareness and action such as tree planting. Special meals (Seders) include the seven fruits of the land (wheat and barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and [date] honey), each symbolizing a spiritual reality. (Begins at sundown on Wednesday, January 27).

### **Month of January**

**Ninene (Moon of the Child)**—(ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY)—The face of the young man represents youth, a new beginning, the rebirth of the animal world, and the new edible shoots. This is the Saanich New Year (Coast Salish).

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