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IN OUR  
TOWN**

Working Together for Safe, Inclusive Communities.

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**Happy  
Holidays  
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## More NIOT News

[A NIOT  
Remembrance:  
Nelson Mandela](#)

We continue to follow Mandela's mission of working together, stopping hate, and building safe, inclusive environments for all.

[Parent Guide to  
Addressing Bullying](#)  
Dealing with bullying is a delicate and complex procedure. This guide highlights what you should do when your child is a victim of bullying.

[Oak Ridge, TN Paints  
Over Pain From  
Bullying](#)

First event from new NIOT group, Not in Our Town Oak Ridge TN.

This holiday season, we remember powerful events 20 years ago that inspired the Not In Our Town story and movement. Not In Our Town's journey began with our critically acclaimed PBS special that tells how the citizens of Billings, Montana rose up when their community was plagued by a rash of racist and anti-Semitic crimes. As townspeople and students of all races swiftly moved into action proclaiming "Not In Our Town," a powerful national movement took hold against hate.

An estimated 200,000 hate crimes occur in America each year. With your help, we can redouble our efforts to support towns-people and students with materials to heal and rebuild their communities. And we can amplify our voice for compassion through new television productions, screenings, and online narratives.

[Your donation today](#) will make all the difference to our ability to help communities-in-crisis solutions with:

- New tools and online resources to guide their efforts
- Increased on-the-ground mentoring and training support
- New films that tell the stories of healing that inspire others to rise up against intolerance

[Please do all you can.](#) Whatever the amount--your support will propel the ability of our award-winning staff and thousands of volunteer change-agents across the nation who are promoting practical solutions and promoting stories of healing.

With our warmest wishes for a safe and wonderful holiday season,  
The Not In Our Town team

## **Leith, ND: White Supremacists Jailed, Properties Condemned + VIDEO**

The air in Leith, ND is an uneasy mix of relief and anxiety, as



Source: LeithND.com

citizens nervously wait for the trial of the white supremacists who were trying to take over their town.

Craig Cobb and Kynan Dutton are scheduled to appear in court on Jan. 13, after being arrested in November for threatening Leith residents with guns during an "armed patrol."

Our new video features Leith's anti-hate protest in September, which attracted hundreds of people from around the region. They peacefully demonstrated against the planned invasion.

[Learn more and watch the video at NIOT.org.](#)

## **Snowflakes for Newtown: A Case for Empathy**



"After the Sandy Hook shootings, the National Parent and Teachers Association made a public appeal for paper snowflakes to cheer the students when they returned to school. The response was a literal blizzard from across the world. That little act of empathy got me thinking differently about things."

[Read Not In Our School Director Becki Cohn-Vargas' piece on empathy](#), originally published by

the National PTA.

## **NIOT Leader Profiles: Rabbi James Cohn, Charleston, WV**

Rabbi James Cohn began his work to stop bias and hate in 1996 when he helped organize faith leaders in Greenville, SC against an anti-gay resolution passed by the town council.

In his role as rabbi of Temple Israel in Charleston, WV, Rabbi Cohn continues his work to build inclusion and safe communities through education, community development and committee work. He also serves on the steering committee of OneKanawha, a group in the Not In Our Town network that focuses on creating an inclusive community and working towards social justice in Charleston.

[Read his profile on NIOT.org](#)

