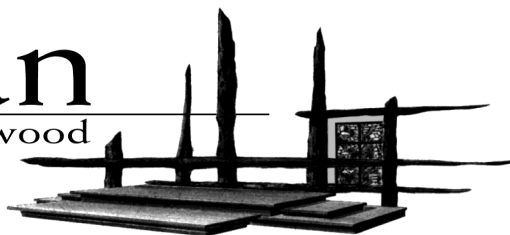


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From the Interim Minister's Mailbox

The cancellation of the service on Sunday, January 24th prevented me from delivering the Message "The Right to an Abortion." I planned to make the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* (February 22, 1973) the main focus of the service and I was looking forward to it. In recent years, the right to have an abortion has been eroded by legislation, regulation, and court decisions. The assault on abortion rights has been used to disempower women and undermine women's access to contraceptive and other health care services. It was thus a relief — even a joy — to hear on Monday that a Texas grand jury had indicted David R. Daleiden and Sandra S. Merritt, the producers of videos allegedly showing Planned Parenthood staff offering fetal tissue for sale. This will not stop the lieutenant governor of Texas and members of Congress from continuing their witch-hunt against Planned Parenthood and doctors who provide abortions. But it has made clear that even in a conservative state, ordinary citizens can get to the truth.

As Katha Pollitt writes in her book *PRO: Reclaiming Abortion Rights*, abortion has been part of women's lives throughout history. Strong religious and civil opposition has never been consistent through history or across cultures. And whatever the laws of a particular state or society, wealthy women have always had access to the safest abortions.

In the United States, through the 20th century before the US Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, it was only wealthy women who had access to safe (if not legal) abortions. In the 1960s, legal abortions were those labeled "therapeutic", and even those were hard to obtain. On May 22, 1967, the story was on front page of *The New York Times*, when a group of clergymen (yes, they were all men) in New York City announced the formation of what would be known as the Clergy Consultation Service, in order to enable women to obtain abortions. Even with this group and similar ones elsewhere in the country, safe abortions were difficult to arrange and expensive.

As Marge Piercy writes in "My Body, My Life", many do not realize just how bad it was before *Roe v. Wade* and how hard it was to win the right to abortion.

Most of you reading this have never lived in a world before *Roe v. Wade*.... Women lived with a fear hard for us to understand now, when the possibility of pregnancy meant that desire or even true love might kill. To become pregnant when you did not want to was to enter a world of illegality and danger, of uncertainty and pain.

Since *Roe v. Wade*, it has not always been easy to obtain an abortion, but it has been legal and relatively accessible. The efforts to roll back *Roe* have been successful though not complete. In Texas and other states women seeking abortions are forced into multiple trips, long waits, and great expense. Affluent women will always be able to get safe abortions. But it is harder than it was twenty years ago for low and even middle-income women to get abortions.

I know many women and couples whose lives are better than they would have been because abortion was available when she or they needed access. I have heard and read many testimonies of happy lives and families that would not have been possible had a young woman's life been derailed by an unwanted pregnancy carried to term.

It is important that USR supports the New Jersey Abortion Access Fund and that the Society has an active Reproductive Rights committee. The indictments of Daleiden and Merritt notwithstanding, the struggle to keep the right to abortion is far from over.

The Rev Dr TJ

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Reflections

We are entering the season when I envy, at times, animals that hibernate until the first signs of Spring. Some mornings I wish I could just pull the covers up to my chin and stay in bed all day. Life goes on, though, despite the cold, and I am grateful for the curiosity of our children and youth, a curiosity which does not cool with the weather. It is one thing that motivates me to keep working hard throughout the winter.

Curiosity is a vital trait for Unitarian Universalists. We are charged with the enormous task of finding truth and meaning for ourselves, rather than having it handed down from some higher authority. Fostering curiosity, and launching a personal, lifelong search for truth and meaning by each of our children and youth, is an important component of our religious education program.

Wrestling with Big Questions, and indeed what the Big Questions are, looks different for every age and stage. The 2nd & 3rd graders brainstormed some Big Questions on a recent Sunday - many of them were around birth, babies, and death. They also asked why do people gather? Why are some people deaf? Where did the first person come from? Some of these questions can be answered factually - thank goodness for Our Whole Lives Lifespan Sexuality Education! Others, they will come up with many different answers for throughout their lives, or simply continue to ponder.

Our 8th & 9th graders are attempting to write a credo. It's interesting that we proudly claim to be a creedless religion, yet we ask our teenagers to write their own creed, year after year. We ask them to ponder the Big Questions "what do you believe"? and "to what do you give your heart"? Is this a contradiction? I don't think so. We are a creedless religion, but that doesn't mean that we can't have a personal creed - a living, changing creed that grows with our body and our spirit.

While we don't get to hibernate all winter, some of us do get some extra (if unexpected - snowed in and stuck at home) down time to contemplate the Big Questions. How is your responsible search for truth and meaning going? What do you believe? What do you give your heart to? In the midst of [Standing on the Side of Love's 30 Days of Love campaign](#), we might ask ourselves if we give our hearts to racial justice. We might ask ourselves if we believe in radical hospitality, and how we can practice it. We might ask ourselves how we are making meaning in our lives, and the lives of others. Or maybe your Big Questions are different. Whatever they are, hopefully we can also share our self-discovery, slow as it may be, with others on this ceaseless quest for truth and meaning - 2nd graders, 8th graders, or long-ago graduates.

I wish you warmth, illumination, and companionship in your quest. I am questing beside you, dwelling on the Big Ones as I hide from my alarm clock, covers up to my chin!

In Faith,
Johanna

USR Weather Closing Notification

Just a gentle reminder about USR weather closings.



If the Ridgewood Office of Emergency Management, Police Department, or Department of Education issues a weather advisory, severe weather alert, or hazardous weather conditions advisory, or closes schools or public buildings because of the weather, the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood will also close. The premises will remain closed until the restriction is lifted by the Board of Trustees.

FROM THE BOARD



Dear Congregants,

This winter finds the Board of Trustees very busy! Among the projects that we are engaged with are these:

- **Fostering two-way communication** between congregants and lay leaders through Town Hall meetings, anticipated upgrades to database and website;
- **Continuing to support our Transition Team**, which has completed the first round of Cottage Meetings and launched another round, aimed at expanding opportunities for community building;
- **Continuing to support our Program Council**, which is spearheading our Congregational Focus – Black Lives Matter and Racial Justice – and offering engaging and enlightening programs in many areas of congregational life;
- **Supporting the Director of Religious Education Start-Up**, which will take place in February;
- **Completing the Interim Appraisal** – a detailed assessment of many of aspects of interim ministry – these take place at months 6, 12 and 24 of the 2-year interim process;
- **Preparing for and overseeing the nomination process for our Ministerial Search Committee**, and planning for an election in mid-March.

Much of our action in the next month is focused in two areas: supporting the Annual Budget Drive kick-off and preparing for the Ministerial Search Committee elections.

As we've been announcing during Sunday announcements, Town Halls, and in eblasts, nominees to the **Ministerial Search Committee** must:

1. Be **members** of the congregation. Please bear in mind that one can become a member at any time, but our by-laws mandate that there be a one-month waiting period between signing the membership book and voting;
2. **Work well** with others;
3. Be able to **represent the ENTIRE congregation**;
4. Understand the **history and culture** of the congregation;
5. Have been **active and demonstrated responsible leadership** qualities;
6. Understand our **strengths and weaknesses and be able to communicate** these to candidates.

The estimated commitment for the search is 200 hours – the equivalent of a weekly meeting with follow-up work each week. More time will be needed between January and March, when interviews happen.

Congregants are welcome to nominate themselves or other members. To do so, please drop by the Board table at coffee hour, or email or telephone any Board member. The deadline for nominations is **FEBRUARY 14**; congregational elections will take place in mid-March.

I'm thrilled about the work that we are doing as a congregation, and I am excited about the path before us. The search process is as much about *us* as it is about finding a new settled minister. In the months and years ahead, we'll discover who we are and who we want to be as a congregation, and this will help ensure that we find a minister who is the best fit for us.

As always, thank you for all you do for our congregation.

Warmest regards,
Suzanne

FROM THE BOARD

USR CONGREGATIONAL FOCUS 2015-2016

Black Lives Matter and Racial Justice in America



Continuing to offer programs exploring our congregational focus this year, the Racial Justice committee is presenting or co-sponsoring three thought-provoking events in February.

Friday, February 5 - Starting from Far Behind the Starting Line: How Poverty, Racism, and Lack of Access to Resources Impact Children and Their Families. A panel discussion presented by the Reproductive Justice committee. Bob Jones, a member of USR and CEO Emeritus of Children's Aid and Family Services, will moderate a discussion with Lynn Roberts, Asst. Professor, CUNY School of Public Health, Shavonda Sumter, Assemblywoman, NJ

General Assembly District 35, and Cecilia Zalkind, Executive Director, Advocates for Children of NJ. **Light supper begins at 6:30 p.m.; panel begins at 7:30 p.m.**

Friday, February 26 - "White Like Me"

After viewing the DVD of "White Like Me", an exploration of white privilege, Helen Matusow-Ayres, a USR member, will lead the discussion. The film is based on the book of the same title by Tim Wise, a man who has been called the "foremost white anti-racist intellectual in the nation." He is urging white people to fight racism "for our own sake". **Light refreshments at 7; film at 7:15.**

Lay service, Sunday, February 28

Three members of our congregation, Betsy Golden, Kris Henrickson, and Bob Sproul will speak of their own experiences and thoughts about white privilege.

Please consider coming to all the events you can to deepen your own understanding of this very complex American challenge. The Program Council timeline includes a congregational vote in April or May to hang a Black Lives Matter banner in front of our building.

Contact Carol Loscalzo or Carolyn Musser for information.

USR Adults Make Time to Assist Others

The Martin Luther King Children's Celebration took place again this year with kids from C.A.M.P. YDP in Paterson joining our RE youth and children in a day of fun.

Thank you to **Karen Ramsahai** for organizing the preschool events and to **Joanna Davis-Swing** for assisting. **Johanna Seale, Stephanie Byers, Sofy Foda, Susanne Fuhrman and Elaine Seal** supervised the activities.

Bravo to **Sean Brennan** who organized youth and adults for the elementary-age activities. Thanks to these adults who volunteered to assist him: **Larry Davis-Swing and George Witte.**

Don Campolo and Mike Patterson cooked a delicious lunch for 40 children and adults. **Susan Burleson, Mary Boutin, Brietta Savoie, Barbara Goldberg and Sally Lewis** helped set up as well as serve the lunch. **Claude Cesard** ran the dishwasher and the whole crew cleaned the kitchen long after the guests had left.

Thanks to **Marshall Katzman** for photography and audio assistance.

Whole Foods also deserves our patronage for their generous food donations!

FROM THE BOARD



USR Youth Perform Social Service

Fifteen youth from our Senior Youth group and RE programs chose to spend Martin Luther King Day serving others. They volunteered to entertain a diverse group of younger kids from C.A.M.P. in Paterson and children from our Society. **Tyler Richardson, Helen Witte, Delphine Aibel, Adam Hartman, Hannah Rigdon, Alana Krag and Graham Griffith** worked with **Ava Duran, Madeleine Brennan, Vera Witte, Andrew Krag, Neil Anzalone, Carly Anzalone, Kate Bamberg, and Charlotte Brennan.** These individuals are commended.

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

DID YOU KNOW?

CLICK HERE to find out about some major accomplishments by members of the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood

This is one of a series of Did You Know documents from the 2016 Annual Budget Drive Committee.

Our Theme for 2016: **"Building a Bridge to the Future."**



2016 Fellowship Feast **CALL FOR TALENT!**

This year's Fellowship Feast will be held on Saturday evening, **March 19th** and we need YOU to perform. Can you sing, dance, play an instrument, recite a poem, do a skit, tell jokes, juggle, make shadow puppets? Almost anything goes!

Our Music Director, Ron Levy, has generously offered to accompany performers on piano. Also needed are stage management types and other behind-the-scenes people to help the show run smoothly.

Contact Kristen Plumley by February 21st if you are interested in participating.

Don't be shy — join the fun. :)

Endowment Fund Grant Application

The Planning Giving Committee is pleased to announce that grant applications from the Endowment Fund are now being accepted. Members and friends are encouraged to submit grant applications for programs and initiatives directed at programs or events that emulate the goals of the Society and our social and community outreach programs. Grants are due by **March 14th**. Awards will be made in early April after Board approval. Forms are available in the office or click [here](#) to download an application. If you wish to honor or memorialize someone with a contribution to the Endowment Fund or wish to learn about estate giving and legacy planning, please feel free to contact Jeff Cagan, Committee Chair.

MEMBERSHIP

First Wednesday Brown Bag Luncheon



Please join us for the First Wednesday Brown-bag Luncheon on February 3, 2016 to be held at 1 p.m. (not the usual 12:30 p.m.) at SHARE, hosted by Nancy Petrie. Share is just across the street from our Unitarian Society. Nancy will provide dessert and beverages. Please call her to let her know you are coming. Hope to see you there. All are welcome.

Sign up for a Dutch Lunch



The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood invites you to participate in a weekly Dutch Lunch at Baumgart's Café. Each Sunday there will be a sign-up sheet on the Membership table, in Fellowship, to participate in that day's Dutch Lunch. In case you're not familiar with the way Dutch Lunch works, it means that everyone in attendance pays for their own meal. Once the service and coffee hour is finished, we will walk over to Baumgart's Café, located at 158 Franklin Ave., Ridgewood, and enjoy each other's company as well as a delicious lunch! Sign up at coffee hour after the service! Questions? Contact Judy Scanlan with questions.

MINISTRY COUNCIL

CIRCLE OF LIFE

Marion Arenas has moved to her new residence at Sunrise Assisted Living on 567 Paramus Rd., Paramus, NJ. She welcomes visitors at her new location.

Our condolences go out to Ann Hilderbrandt and her family for the loss of her daughter to breast cancer.

Our thoughts and best wishes are with Marion Jones who is recovering, at home, from a fall.

THIS MONTH AT THE COTTAGE PLACE GALLERY



PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS BY

Bob Demarest and Bill Logan

We are very pleased to present paintings and drawings portraying the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park by Bob Demarest and Bill Logan. Between them, they have spent the better part of 3 years on the works in this exhibit, recently shown at The Paterson Museum.

MINISTRY COUNCIL

Upcoming Services

February 7th

"Fat Sunday" - Multigenerational Service

Mardi Gras, in English, means Fat Tuesday. It concludes Carnival, the season leading up to the Christian season of Lent. Life affirming merrymaking precedes a season of reflection on mortality. Join Dr. Tony Johnson, Johanna Seale and Ron Levy for Fat Sunday. Bring a mask if you have one.

Musicians: Ron Levy, piano and traditional New Orleans jazz band

February 14th

"Love — It's Personal" - Rev. Dr. Anthony P. Johnson

Most pulpits of the Minister's Messages about love focus on solidarity and justice. Let's not forget that love is personal - between partners, parents and children, siblings, friends...What better way to mark St. Valentine's Day than a reflection of love?

Musician: Ron Levy, piano

February 21st

"The Inconvenient Truth of African American Humanism" - Rev. Dr. Anthony P. Johnson

African American Humanism — religious and secular — is an inconvenient truth that challenges both white people's stereotyping of Black culture and the assertions of African American preachers that all of their people are Christian. True, Humanism is a minority position among African Americans, but it has a long history and a vital presence today.

Musician: Ron Levy, piano

February 28th

"Black Lives Matter and Racial Justice in America" - Lay Service

The congregational focus identified by the Program Council for the year is Black Lives Matter and Racial Justice in America. As part of the focus, this lay service will explore White Privilege through readings and the experiences of 3 members of the congregation as we work to understand these complex issues.

Musicians: Ron Levy, piano and a jazz musician



WE'RE REALLY NOT AN ISLAND, FOLKS

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

~Our Generous Community~

Thank You from C.A.M.P. YDP

On behalf of the C.A.M.P. Youth Development Program we thank you for the \$846.08 that was collected on December 24. As many of you know, the Christmas Eve plate collection traditionally goes to C.A.M.P., as part of USR ongoing support of the program for preschoolers and the children in the after-school program in Paterson.

Thank You from POP

The People's Organization for Progress (POP) is grateful to the membership of USR for the generous donations totaling \$992.10 given on Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday. POP is dependent on the donations of individuals for the support of its very active work on the frontlines of calling for justice and equality for all people. Many thanks!

Plate Collection for February 14th

On February 14, Valentines Day, you have a chance to show your love for those in need in Bergen County. Our plate collection will be dedicated to Family Promise, the only organization providing shelter and assistance to families, women and children in our county, who find themselves without the basic resources to take care of themselves. Your support is desperately needed.



Roe 43rd Anniversary Op - Ed

Friday, January 22, 2016 was the 43rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Reproductive Justice Committee is proud to be one of the co-signers of an op - ed (which unfortunately was not picked up by a paper) that was written by the New Jersey Abortion Access Fund. The op - ed is below and demonstrates the urgency of keeping Roe intact and removing barriers to abortion care for women.

Forty-three years ago today, the Supreme Court issued a momentous ruling – *Roe v. Wade* – which enshrined in law the right to choose whether to have an abortion, recognizing that the decision to continue or end a pregnancy was best left between a woman and her doctor. The [majority of Americans](#) still believe that women and their families – not government – are best placed to make this very personal decision.

Yet since 1973, political restrictions have eroded women's ability to decide if, when, and how to build a family, and imperiled women's health in the process. These include regulations that [claim to improve patient safety](#) but actually do not and laws that [force doctors to lie to their patients](#) against their own medical knowledge and judgment. As a result, clinics are closing around the country, even in progressive states.

Even worse, lawmakers in some states have outlawed both [private and government insurance](#) coverage for abortion, even when a woman's health is in danger, or she has survived rape or incest. Restrictions on abortion coverage disproportionately affect low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, and young women, who are less likely to have access. They are also already disadvantaged in their access to the resources, information, and services necessary to prevent an unintended pregnancy or to carry a healthy pregnancy to term.

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Roe 43rd Anniversary Op-Ed continued...

When women don't have access to a safe, legal abortion, they take matters into their own hands, which can be dangerous. In Texas, which has some of the country's toughest anti-abortion laws, [new research](#) estimates that 22% of women have either tried to induce their own abortion, or know someone who has.

To those who would deny the health implications of overturning *Roe*, in 1965, [17% of all pregnancy-related deaths](#) in the US were caused by illegal abortion, and the rates were even higher for poor women and women of color.

The [EACH Woman Act](#), introduced by Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA), Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), and Congresswoman Diana DeGette (D-CO), with over seventy Congressional Co-Sponsors, is trying to change this. It ensures abortion coverage for every woman, no matter how much she earns or how she is insured. It would prevent politicians from interfering with decisions that are best left to women and their doctors, and bar political meddling with the choices of private health insurance companies. We stand in support of these brave Members of Congress, alongside over thirty women's health, rights, and justice organizations from around the country who have supported the EACH woman act.

Every woman should have coverage for a full range of pregnancy-related care, including abortion. When health programs cover birth control and abortion – not just childbirth – people can plan if and when to have children. That's good for them and for society as a whole.

Co-signers: New Jersey Abortion Access Fund, District 5 Coalition for Change, North Jersey People for Progress, District 4 Coalition for Change, Reproductive Justice Committee of The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County Section, NOW-NJ, Planned Parenthood of Central and Greater Northern New Jersey, Northern NJ NOW, Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of NJ.

A panel discussion presented by the Reproductive Justice Committee:

Starting from Far Behind the Starting Line: How Poverty, Racism, and Lack of Access to Resources Impact Children and Their Families

Unitarian Society of Ridgewood | February 5th, 2016



"This is the fifth straight year that child poverty has increased in New Jersey. While we have taken some steps to address this, we continue to put children on the budgetary backburner."

- Cecilia Zalkind, Executive Director, Advocates for Children of New Jersey

Moderated by **Bob Jones**, CEO Emeritus of Children's Aid and Family Services, the panel will feature:

- **Lynn Roberts**, Asst. Professor, CUNY School of Public Health
- **Shavonda Sumter**, Assemblywoman, NJ General Assembly, District 35
- **Cecilia Zalkind**, Executive Director, Advocates for Children of NJ



Cosponsored by:

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Friday, February 5th, 2016

(Snow Date: February 7 at 12:30)

Dinner begins at 6:30 pm

Panel begins at 7:30 pm

** Photo by Jeremy Pena, age 11*

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True friendship can afford true knowledge. It does not depend on darkness and ignorance.
-- Henry David Thoreau



Your Peace and Justice Subcommittee has been focusing on building relationships with the Muslim Community in the area by providing our friendship and support in an effort to combat the extremism and Islamophobia they have been facing lately. The first event was an interfaith service held at the Temple Beth Or in Washington Township. Our own interim minister, Rev. Dr. Tony Johnson, was part of the service along with clergy from various other local faith communities. The next event was in Rockaway, NJ at the Islamic Center of Morris County.

Members of the local government were present to offer their support to the people of the center and to support the Islamic community at large. Anita Young, Lois Parker-Hennion, and Claude Cesard attended and were treated to a delicious dinner and lively conversation. They also attended the 1st Annual Multicultural Mawlid-An-Nabi Celebration at the Elzahra Islamic in Midland Park. Once again various members of our congregation attended, see above picture. Nina Forrest met with Sena Sahin from Peace Islands and Anita will be meeting with this group on January 27. Anita met with Zenab Abdelgany from the Islamic Center of Morris County to discuss building a coalition of interfaith and intercultural connections. Zenab is a 19-year-old college student running for the board at the Center. She is the first woman to run for this office. She is an amazing young woman and she and Anita exchanged ideas on interfaith/intercultural events. A very special program was held at the El-Zahra Islamic Center on Friday, January 15, 2016.

An Interfaith Family Night Dinner was offered to welcome special guests; The Syrian Refugees of New Jersey. Deborah Goodell, Nina Forest and Anita Young attended a wonderful event. Congregants from the Pond Reformed Church were also present and they have a young Syrian woman living with one of their families. Members of the Ridgewood Community Church were also present. During a discussion with the Imam's wife, Suada Charaf, we learned about the needs of the Syrian community and the need for collaboration. This is the beginning of expanding our outreach for peace. The Peace and Justice subcommittee is excited to be working toward growing our understanding and acceptance of the diversity in our neighborhoods and in society at large. If you are interested in being a part of this, please come to our P&J meetings and sign up for our e-mail list at the Social Responsibilities Table during coffee hour. We meet every third Sunday after services at 11:30 in Reeb. Because of the MLK holiday celebration our meeting for January will be on January 21st at the Reeb building at 11:30. Please join us and become part of this journey.



LECTURE: WHAT KILLED THE MUMMY? CONTROVERSIES IN EGYPTIAN PALEOPATHOLOGY — WITH NEW FINDINGS FROM THEBES TOMB 16



Date: Sunday, February 21, 2016, 4:00pm. **Location:** Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, Anderson Auditorium

Dr. Miguel Sanchez, Chief of Pathology at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center

Description: Ancient Egypt's obsession with death has been a godsend to modern scholars: By studying their meticulously preserved dead, we can learn much about how they lived. Yet many mummies and medical texts were discovered in the 1800s and 1900s, when medical science was far

less advanced than it is today. Unsurprisingly, our early "diagnoses" of mummies were often little more than guesses—but once these things are written into the history books, they often go unquestioned. Now, with many new tests that can be applied, some modern physicians are issuing new diagnoses for their long-dead patients—shedding light on everything from royal deaths to sexually transmitted disease in the ancient world.

In this fascinating lecture, Dr. Sanchez will present a series of case studies that highlight how modern medical tools can help us understand ancient Egyptian medicine and provide a window into that society as well. It's CSI meets Indiana Jones—with no crystal skulls.

About the Speaker: Dr. Miguel A. Sanchez is the Chief of Pathology at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, where he is also Director of the Leslie Simon Breast Care Center. In addition, he holds professorial appointments at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and New York University. For more than 30 years, Dr. Sanchez has been a member of the Paleopathology Group of the International Academy of Pathology and the Paleopathology Association. He has lectured around the world on disease and ancient Egyptian medicine and the role of the humanities, primarily opera, in learning medicine. Dr. Sanchez is also an active member of Physicians for Social Responsibility (winner of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize for its work in Nuclear Weapons Control) and recipient of the Nicaraguan Medal of Medical Merit, granted by the President of Nicaragua for his help in developing health programs in that country.

Dr. Sanchez is currently working with a team lead by Dr. Suzanne Onstine from the University of Memphis, Tennessee, excavating Thebes Tomb 16 and examining its mummified remains.

FEBRUARY 2016

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Unitarian Society of Ridgewood

Mission Statement

Growing in mind and spirit,
We act together as a beacon for justice and love,
Transforming self and world. Adopted May 17, 2009

Invitation to Participate

Welcome! For over a hundred years this Society has been a place where free-thinking, broad-minded persons have come to participate in a vibrant, liberal religious community. In fulfillment of our current congregational mission we create a safe and loving environment that supports personal growth and provides ways for each individual to make a difference in the larger community.

We offer a stimulating Sunday service, an excellent religious education program for children and youth, and many educational, spiritual and social activities for adults. Every Sunday our Social Responsibilities Council has a table set up during Social Hour with information about social justice and charitable opportunities.

Anti-Racist Congregation

This Society is an [anti-racist congregation](#) committed to reflecting this commitment in the life and culture of the entire organization. Adopted May, 2002.

Living the Welcoming

We have been a Welcoming Congregation since 1998, supporting the rights of bisexual, gay, lesbian and transgender people.

Safe Congregation

This Society is a Safe Congregation where practices and procedures serve to ensure all members, friends, adults, children and youth are treated with respect and protected from harassment and abuse.



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