

*the*  
UNITARIAN  
SOCIETY *of*  
RIDGEWOOD

# MONTHLY BULLETIN



February 2019

## MINISTRY COUNCIL

### CIRCLE OF LIFE

We wish to acknowledge the passing of member, Jorgen (Jon) Emsbo. Jon and his wife, Jane, were members from 1974 to 1998. Jon volunteered as a caretaker/engineer for the SHARE house. If you wish to write to Jane, her address is P.O. Box 969, Block Island, RI 02807.

We send our condolences to member, Larry Kaiser, whose father passed away last week. Larry's father lived in Florida with his mother.

## STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

### 2019 Grants

The Planned Giving Committee is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for grants for 2019. The Unitarian Society is committed to encouraging our members' social work and commitment in the greater community and world. Our grants are meant to help in supporting worthy causes. In the recent past we have supported education programs in Patterson, sponsored political asylum families, supported SHARE construction, funded CASA among many other endeavors. This year we will have \$10,000 available to participants. The deadline for the applications is March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the USR office for applications that can be obtained either in hard copy or via email. Applications should be emailed to Jeff Cagan (chair). Or, click [here](#) for the application.

## MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

### First Wednesday Brown Bag Luncheon February 6th



Please join us for our next First Wednesday Brown-bag luncheon on **February 6, 2019** to be hosted by Mary Mogerley at 1 p.m. at her home. She will provide dessert and beverages. Please RSVP to let her know you are coming and to get directions if needed. Whether you are new or an old timer, give us a try. You will meet other new-comers and old-timers too. Hope to see you there. All are welcome.

### UU Class

Please join Rev. Dr. Sarah Lenzi for our Unitarian Universalist class on Sunday, **February 10**, 11:30 a.m. in the Reeb conference room. Rev. Sarah will cover UU theology and history as well as the path to membership here at the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood.

Childcare is available. Please RSVP to Ann at [usr.membership1@gmail.com](mailto:usr.membership1@gmail.com). by Wednesday, February 6th. Thank you!

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

### February Plate Collections

The plate collection for February will be shared with **Volunteer Lawyers for Justice**. Volunteer Lawyers for Justice provides a host of programs to economically disadvantaged adults, children, and families in New Jersey by empowering them with tools, legal advice, and pro bono representation with the goal of securing fair and equal treatment within the legal system. Our clients' lives are improved every day through the legal relief they receive, such as Bankruptcy, Criminal Record expungement, debt collection/consumer law assistance, Divorce, Education law, Superstorm Sandy legal issues, Landlord/Tenant issues, and holistic legal supports for survivors of Human Trafficking, families in the South Ward of Newark, and Veterans. It is only through the assistance of VLJ's committed, talented attorney volunteers and its generous community partners that VLJ is able to make the goal of justice for all a reality for the many low-income families in New Jersey with critical, unmet legal needs.

### Thank you from Zoe's Place

Zoe's Place, a program of Children's Aid and Family Services (CAFS), was the recipient of the Christmas Eve service. Zoe's Place is a residential service that provides safe, supportive housing for pregnant and parenting adolescents, young mothers and their children. It also provides a comprehensive approach to empowering clients and fostering independence. It gives on site cost-free child care and life skill development workshops so each resident can reach their fullest potential as the individual establishes a healthy bond with their child. The VP of Development of CAFS has reached out to thank the congregation for donating \$1,027.

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

### Thank you from CoFiA

Community of Friends in Action, Inc. (CoFiA) thanks the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood for its donation of \$1,424.94. CoFiA was the recipient of the shared December plate collection. CoFiA is a group that helps immigrants in the Eastern Bergen County area and also works for better immigration policy. USR has contributed to CoFiA from its beginning. Margaret White, a former member of USR and a member of CoFiA board thanks the congregation for its continued support.

### Words of Choice Recap

"Words of Choice" was an enjoyable afternoon on a very serious subject, abortion, reproductive health care and reproductive justice. 50 people attended the event on January 13. The New Jersey Abortion Access Fund is grateful too and thanks The Reproductive Justice Committee, Northern New Jersey NOW and National Council of Jewish Women, Essex Section, the groups who sponsored the event, for contributing \$362 in donations (after expenses).



## 5th Annual MUUsic Fest *Voices to Action*

Saturday, March 9th, 2019

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

UU Congregation of Princeton

50 Cherry Hill Road, Princeton, NJ 08540

**Ticket Prices: \$15 in advance/\$20 same day**  
**Get tickets now at [www.uufaithaction.org](http://www.uufaithaction.org)**

Come for musical inspiration and leave  
 with a new song to empower your voice!

All proceeds support UU FaithAction NJ

# SAVE THE DATE



The Racial Justice and Environmental Justice Committees invite you to a discussion on Saturday, March 9, 2019,  
***“Disrupting Environmental Inequality”***

Come hear about the profound effects of pollution on our neighboring low income communities.

Light supper will precede the program.  
Childcare available with two weeks notice.

More information to follow, watch the Eblast.





**SOCIETY CAFE  
CONCERT SERIES  
2018-19 SEASON PRESENTS...**



# HARPSICHORD CELEBRATION

**TO HONOR OUR NEWLY ACQUIRED INSTRUMENT**



Ron Levy



Kristen Plumley



James Kennerley



All Seasons Chamber Players

*Saturday, February 9th*

Dessert at 7 p.m., Concert at 8 p.m.

**The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood**

113 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, NJ

**\$20 in advance via PayPal on our site:**

[www.uuridgewood.org/society-cafe](http://www.uuridgewood.org/society-cafe)

**\$25 at the door**

**\$5 at the door for ages 12-17, must be accompanied by an adult**



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Presented by the Interfaith Brotherhood/Sisterhood Committee of Bergen County

# Living the Change

Interfaith Initiatives for Environmental Sustainability

**Monday, February 18, 2019 ~ 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Seasons, 644 Pascack Road, Township of Washington, N.J.



## Gopal Patel, Keynote Speaker

Director of the Bhumi Project, a joint project of the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies and GreenFaith. He is a leading figure in the international faith-based environmental movement and serves on the Advisory Council of the United Nations Religion and Development Task Force.

## Brunch and Roundtable Conversations

Enjoy food and conversations with your neighbors. Kosher and vegetarian meals available

## Interfaith Fair & Hindu Cultural Performance

Learn about and experience our nine Bergen County faith communities

## Interfaith Youth Singers

Featuring children and youth of our faith communities

## Purchase tickets in advance! Call your religious community

**Baha'i**  
973-464-4006

**Hindu**  
201-818-0969

**Jain**  
201-321-5652

**Jewish**  
201-337-0224

**Muslim**  
201-675-0516

**Protestant**  
201-403-4341

**Roman Catholic**  
201-935-6492

**Sikh**  
201-566-4644

**Unitarian Universalist**  
201-262-6300

Advance sale tickets available until February 1. Make checks payable to Arya Samaj of N.J. Bring food donations for Center for Food Action.

**\$40 adults and \$30 for children ages 12 and under • Free parking • Wheelchair accessible**

*Our 32nd annual gathering! Sponsored by nine faith communities in Bergen County and hosted this year by the Hindu community. Visit [seasonscatering.com](http://seasonscatering.com) for venue information.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 RE In Service
3 <b>10:00 Service - Rev. Peggy Clarke</b>	4 12:30 Monday Lecture Series/ Fellowship Rm  7:00 BOT Meeting/Conf. Rm  7:45 Zen Meditation/Fellowship	5 7:30 Connections/Youth Rm	6	7 7:30 Adult Choir/ Fellowship	8	9 10:00/Pastoral Training/Fellowship  8:00 Society Café Concert/Anderson
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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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**Special Deadline for March**  
**NOW accepting articles for February 19th deadline**  
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