



January 2019

## MINISTRY COUNCIL

### Office Holiday Schedule

The office will open on Wednesday, January 2nd. Please contact Rev. Sarah via email at [usr.minister@gmail.com](mailto:usr.minister@gmail.com) if you have a pastoral need. Or for anything else, please contact Ann Pareti at [usr.membership1@gmail.com](mailto:usr.membership1@gmail.com).

## STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL



Please save the date for our annual Society auction Saturday evening, **January 26, 2019**. Snow date is Saturday, February 2, 2019.

Come and celebrate 51 years of fun and fellowship at the largest USR fundraiser! The link for the Auction Offering form is below and is due no later than **January 5th**. Items to offer might include dinners, bbq's, picnics, tickets to theatre and sporting events, vacation/getaway homes, etc. Please click [here](#) to submit your generous offerings for the Society auction. Thank you!

## MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

### Welcome New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood as of December, 2018: Jessica Franklin, Suleman Khawaja, Valerie Wallace and Rachel Gibson.

### Newcomer's Brunch

We are planning our next brunch on Sunday, **January 13th**, 11:30 a.m. in the conference room. Please join us for an informal get together so we can begin to get to know you and you get to know us! RSVP to Ann Pareti at [usr.membership1@gmail.com](mailto:usr.membership1@gmail.com).

## SAFE CONGREGATION RESPONSE TEAM

### AED/CPR Training

It is that time of year again. Please read and consider registering for this training. The Safe Congregation Response Team is offering AED/CPR training on Saturday, **January 5, 2019** (snow date: January 12) from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. It will include basic CPR for adults, children and infants as well as AED training. The team is pleased to offer this excellent training free of charge to the first 10 people who register. To register, email Chandrika Chowdhry at [usr.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:usr.secretary@gmail.com).

Questions? Email Carol Loscalzo. See flyer on page 6.

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

### January Plate Collections

C.A.M.P. YDP in Paterson is the recipient of 50% of the January plate collections.

In a time when worthy non profit organizations are struggling, C.A.M.P. needs your support more than ever.

C.A.M.P. YDP is an afterschool program, preschool program, and summer program for children on the northside of Paterson, about 10 miles from Ridgewood. Most of these kids are children of color. Many of them come from single parent households. Most are living at, or below, the poverty line. Parents are working, but struggling to buy food and pay rent, which leaves their children without the resources (babysitters, sports programs, tutors, summer camp...) that many of our kids take for granted.

C.A.M.P. aims to provide a safe after school experience with guided homework help, a full day preschool for children who are not accepted to the public preschool, and enriching experiences as part of a summer program. All of these are resources that the C.A.M.P. parents cannot afford to provide.

Unitarian Society of Ridgewood has a long history with C.A.M.P. YDP. Generations of volunteers beginning in the 1970s with Betty Velonis and others, continuing onto Barbara Goldberg, Sue and John Handley, Brietta Savoie and now Mike Patterson, Ira Mendelsberg, Judith Brauburger, and Jan Bottcher have assisted in the afterschool program. Citizens for Swimming, supported by USR, provides lessons and fun at Graydon Pool during the summer.

Your donations in the January plate collection will continue this tradition of support for our neighbors in Paterson.

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

### Crafts in Ridgewood 2018

We had an amazing Craft Fair this past November, which brought in new visitors and yielded approximately \$3,000 for C.A.M.P, plus \$280 for Citizens for Swimming. I'd like to thank the village of people who helped put this event together. Starting with Suzanne Willis, who became my wingman (woman?) and Carol Wolf who provides her exceptional talent to everything she does. Suzanne, Carol and Bob Cohn got our sign ready for the Ridgewood RR trestle. Marshall Katzman handled all our social media promotions. Nicole Threlfall kept our Facebook page updated to great success and Mike Patterson took the time to post fliers all over the area, with help from Marilyn Maney.

Karen Ramsahai, Jeri Cohn and Jeanne Short handled the wine and food for the Friday night reception and Dawn Walter and her merry band sold baked goods and ornaments on Saturday. Bob Cohn, Mike Patterson, Doug Goodell, Jeff Cagan and Ron Hirshman helped set up the event. Sally Lewis and her volunteers took care of the money receipts, greeting visitors and registering them for door prizes. And, I couldn't get anything done without the incredible staff at the Society: Ann Pareti and Chandrika Chowdry, along with Carol Loscalzo, the Social Responsibilities Chair. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the fair. Our goal is to continue to fund our outreach by selling quality, handmade goods.

Marcy Cagan  
Chair



### John Lindsay-Poland

After the poetry service on **December, 30, 2018**, stay to hear John Lindsay-Poland (son of our Helen Lindsay), Healing Justice Associate at the American Friends Service Committee and author of [\*Emperors in the Jungle: The Hidden History of the U.S. in Panama\*](#), published by Duke University Press, discuss his newest book [\*Plan Colombia\*](#).

For more than fifty years, the United States supported the Colombian military in a war that cost over 200,000 lives. During a single period of heightened U.S. assistance known as Plan Colombia, the Colombian military killed more than 5,000 civilians. In *Plan Colombia* John Lindsay-Poland narrates a 2005 massacre in the San José de Apartadó Peace Community and the subsequent investigation, official cover-up, and response from the international community. He examines how the multibillion-dollar U.S. military aid and official indifference contributed to the Colombian military's atrocities. Drawing on his human rights activism and interviews with military officers, community members, and human rights defenders, Lindsay-Poland describes grassroots initiatives in Colombia and the United States that resisted militarized policy and created alternatives to war. Although they had few resources, these initiatives offered models for constructing just and peaceful relationships between the United States and other nations. Yet, despite the civilian death toll and documented atrocities, Washington, DC, considered Plan Colombia's counterinsurgency campaign to be so successful that it became the dominant blueprint for U.S. military intervention around the world.

Go in get your refreshments and bring them back into the Fellowship Room to hear John speak!

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

## REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

### Words of Choice

The holidays will be over in January and the Reproductive Justice committee members invite you to join them and others for a fascinating, moving and timely production by acting group, Words of Choice. An additional treat will be hearing commentary by Lynn Roberts, an emeritus Board Member of Sister Song. See flyer on page 7.

### Title IX Changes

The Department of Education under Betsy DeVos has proposed a significant roll-back to protections for sexual harassment and assault victims under Title IX. The Department has made public that these changes came about after meeting with mens' rights groups, advocates and school institutions.

The proposed changes include narrowing the definition of sexual harassment and limiting where and how schools respond to claims of harassment. Certainly these changes would lead to less reporting and also less school-led investigations.

The good news is that the Public can make meaningful comments opposing these changes which will be taken into consideration before changes go into effect next year. Deadline to comment is January 28, 2019.

Organizations like End Rape on Campus and Know Your IX have published comment guides, with more information for individuals and/or organizations who are writing comments to support Title IX, including a template, see below.

<https://www.knowyourix.org/notice-comment-2018/submit-a-comment/>

There will be Actions available at both the SRC table in early January and at the Words of Choice Event on January 13th. Thank you.

### MLK Weekend

The Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee of Ridgewood/Glen Rock invites you to a full weekend of special activities to celebrate Martin Luther King weekend. Please check out the flier in this newsletter for all of the events:



Friday night film, "King in the Wilderness", Saturday afternoon social justice forum with U.S. Attorney Gurbir Grewal, Sunday afternoon gospel concert and traditional Monday interfaith service. Please join the USR Racial Justice Committee members and others for some or all of these events.

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

### **The Third Annual Women's March Solidarity, Power, Progress Saturday, January 19, 2019**

The [first Women's March on New Jersey](#) attracted about 7,500 marchers to Trenton the day after President Donald Trump's inauguration. About 15,000 people [packed Morristown Green](#) in January for the 2018 Women's March on New Jersey.

Now, organizers are planning to march for a third time.

The 2019 Women's March on New Jersey [will be held in Trenton](#) on **January 19th**, organizers have announced. The 11 a.m. march will begin at the State House Annex on West State Street and conclude on the steps of the War Memorial around 1 p.m.

"The organizers of the Women's March on New Jersey want women, here in our state, to rally together for something, not demonstrate against something," organizers said.

The New Jersey march is expected to be one of dozens of similar [women's marches held around the country January 19](#). The largest event is expected to be the [Women's March on Washington](#), which is being organized by the national women's march organization. Sister marches will be held in cities around the nation, including large marches in New York and Philadelphia.

For further information, check out 2019 NJ Women's March Face Book page or email the organizers at [womensmarchnj2019@gmail.com](mailto:womensmarchnj2019@gmail.com). Watch eblasts for further information.

In the meantime, there is a brief period when you can purchase apparel for the fundraising campaign . It is now available at <https://www.bonfire.com/2019wmonj/>.

### **NNJSC Looking for Host Family**

The Northern New Jersey Sanctuary Coalition is looking for a volunteer host family, with at least one Spanish-speaking member, for a 24 year-old Salvadoran mother and her 4 year old son, M. B, whose hometown is essentially controlled by gangs, was raped in 2014 by a high-ranking member of a gang and became pregnant with M. Earlier this year, M's father, who is currently incarcerated in El Salvador, threatened B that she had to bring M to visit him in jail or else he would have M kidnapped and kill B. With no choice but to flee from her home country, B embarked on the dangerous journey from El Salvador to the U.S. border with her son M. At the border, B and M declared themselves as seeking asylum. They were taken into custody by immigration officials, and then separated for about six weeks. They were reunited in July, and B is trying to build a safe life for herself and M here in the U.S. If you have questions or know anyone who might be interested in helping, please see our website, [nnjsanctuary.org](http://nnjsanctuary.org) and contact Dr. Elizabeth Ames, president of the NNJSC.



# SAVE THE DATE SAVE A LIFE

A red square graphic with a white heart in the center. The text 'AED/CPR' is written in large white letters across the heart, and 'Training Opportunity' is written in smaller white letters below it. A grey ECG line runs horizontally across the middle of the square.

**AED/CPR**  
Training Opportunity

**Saturday, January 5th, 2019**

Snow Date: Saturday, January 12th

## **FREE AED/CPR Training Opportunity**

for USR Members and Friends

Certification will cover adults, children and infants

## **Saturday, January 5, 2019**

## **9 am to 12 noon**

(Snow Date: Saturday, January 12th)

**Fellowship Room**  
The Unitarian Society  
of Ridgewood  
113 Cottage Place  
Ridgewood, NJ

To register, please email the USR secretary, Chandrika Chowdhry at [usr.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:usr.secretary@gmail.com) or call 201-444-6225.

Email Carol Loscalzo at [closcalzo2@aol.com](mailto:closcalzo2@aol.com) if you have any questions or require additional information.

Childcare available with two weeks notice:  
email [usr.dre1@gmail.com](mailto:usr.dre1@gmail.com)

Sponsored by the Safe Congregation Response Team

# words of choice

**Sunday, January 13, 2019**

Doors Open at 2:00 | Program begins at 2:30 pm

*A woman's right to choose soars in a tapestry of 12 powerful 'shorts' – serious and comic. These are stories from the heart: humorous and tender; poignant and riveting; from theater, spoken word, comedy poetry, oral history and journalism. Smart, funny, endangered!*

## **Reproductive Freedom is What We Want! –And What we Deserve!**

Are you looking forward to December and holiday plans? Think way beyond that, and mark your calendar NOW for the REAL event—a fascinating, moving, and (unfortunately) timely production by acting group Words of Choice sponsored by the Reproductive Justice Committee of the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, Northern New Jersey Chapter, National Organization for Women, and National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County Section.

**Speaker:** Lynn Roberts, PhD, Emeritus Board Member of SisterSong and co-editor, *Radical Reproductive Justice*

### **Location:**

Unitarian Society of Ridgewood  
113 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, NJ 07450  
[www.uuridgewood.org](http://www.uuridgewood.org)

**\$10 suggested donation**

## **Sponsors:**

**REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE COMMITTEE** | **THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF RIDGEWOOD**



**Northern New Jersey Chapter**

**NCJW | ESSEX**  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

Child Care provided with 2 weeks notice. Please email Jeanne Nametz at [usr.dre1@gmail.com](mailto:usr.dre1@gmail.com)

THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
**CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**  
 OF RIDGEWOOD & GLEN ROCK



# LIFT EVERY VOICE DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR NOW MORE THAN EVER

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

### FILM & DISCUSSION

#### Ridgewood Public Library

125 N. Maple Ave. • Ridgewood, NJ 07450

**7:00pm**

Please join us for the Reel Voices Film Festival screening of *King in the Wilderness* (1h50m; 2018), the documentary that follows the final 18 months of Dr. King's life, followed by a discussion led by **Dr. Obery Hendricks, Jr.**

- Refreshments will be served
- Reservations required  
[ridgewoodlibrary.org/events/reelvoicesfilmfestival](http://ridgewoodlibrary.org/events/reelvoicesfilmfestival)

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

### DAY OF SERVICE PROJECT

#### Glen Rock Annex

678 S. Maple Ave. • Glen Rock, NJ 07452

**10:00am - 2:00pm**

### AFTERNOON PROGRAM

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM

#### All Saint's Episcopal Church

40 Central Ave. • Glen Rock, NJ 07452

**4:00pm - 6:00pm**

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

#### Gurbir S. Grewal

New Jersey Attorney General  
 Glen Rock Resident

#### Helen Archontou

CEO YWCA Bergen County

#### Student Panelists

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

### GOSPEL CONCERT

#### Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

399 S. Broad Street • Ridgewood, NJ 07450

**4:00pm**

## MONDAY, JANUARY 21

### INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE

#### Ridgewood United Methodist Church

100 Dayton Street • Ridgewood, NJ 07450

**10:00am**

### FEATURED SPEAKER

#### Reverend Gregory Jerome Jackson

Pastor, Mount Olive Baptist Church  
 Hackensack, NJ

### SPECIAL GUEST

#### Nancy Giles

### ANNUAL MARCH

#### Van Neste Square

### FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

#### Quimby Hall

• ALL EVENTS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC •





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ROMAN  
CATHOLIC

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UNITARIAN  
UNIVERSALIST

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   |
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|  |  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4   | 5<br>9:00 CPR/AED<br>Training/Fellowship                                |
| 6<br><b>10:00 Service - Rev. Sarah Lenzi</b><br><br>11:30 Membership Mtg/<br>Conf. Rm<br><br>11:30 Reproductive<br>Justice/Upstairs Mtg<br>Rm        | 7<br>12:30 Monday<br>Lecture Series/<br>Fellowship Rm<br><br>7:00 BOT Meet-<br>ing/Conf. Rm<br><br>7:45 Zen Medita-<br>tion/Fellowship | 8<br>7:30 CYRE<br>Meeting/Conf.<br>Rm    | 9<br>7:00 Racial Jus-<br>tice Mtg/<br>Upstairs Mtg.<br>Rm<br><br>7:30 One Book<br>USR/Conf. Rm | 10<br>7:30 Adult<br>Choir/<br>Fellowship | 11<br>7:00 Environ-<br>mental Justice<br>Movie/<br>Anderson | 12<br>9:00 CPR/AED<br>Training/Fellowship<br><br>Snowdate               |
| 13<br><b>10:00 Service - Rev. Sarah Lenzi</b><br><br>11:30 Newcomer's<br>Brunch<br><br>2:30 Reproductive Jus-<br>tice "Words of Choice"/<br>Anderson | 14<br>12:30 Monday<br>Lecture Series/<br>Fellowship Rm<br><br>7:45 Zen Medita-<br>tion/Fellowship                                      | 15<br>7:30 Connections<br>Group/Youth Rm | 16   | 17<br>7:30 Adult<br>Choir/<br>Fellowship | 18  | 19<br>2:00 Social Respon-<br>sibilities Council/<br>Anderson            |
| 20<br><b>10:00 Service - Rev. Sarah Lenzi</b><br><br>11:15 Town Hall Meet-<br>ing/Anderson<br><br>11:45 P&J Mtg/Conf<br>Rm                           | 21<br>9:00 MLK Day/<br>Anderson and<br>Fellowship<br><br>7:00 Sunday Ser-<br>vice/Conf. Rm<br><br>7:45 Zen Medita-<br>tion/Fellowship  | 22                                       | 23   | 24<br>7:30 Adult<br>Choir/<br>Fellowship | 25  | 26<br>6:30 Annual Ser-<br>vice Auction/<br>Anderson and Fel-<br>lowship |
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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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