



October 2019

MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

Bring a Friend Sunday **Sunday, October 13, 2019**

Please plan on bringing a friend to our Sunday Service on **October 13th**. We need to all do our part to increase membership at USR, so please invite a friend!!!! Thank you for your support.



Newcomers Brunch **Sunday, October 20, 2019**

Join us on October 20th, 11:30 a.m. for our Newcomer's Brunch. This is your opportunity to have brunch with Rev. Sarah, Jeanne and the Membership Committee as well as other visitors!. Please RSVP to Ann at usr.membership1@gmail.com by October 16th.



2019 Congregational Dinners **Saturday Evening, October 26th**

Every autumn we hold dinner gatherings at the homes of fifteen or more of our members. Our purpose is to have dinner in groups of just 8 to 10 people so we get to know each other better. It's also how new people can feel a part of things quickly. Each host and each guest prepares a part of the meal to share so everyone participates. In September we seek members to hosts a dinner. We ask everyone else to sign up to be a guest. By mid-October the Guest Register will be full. Now we can give each host a list of guests to invite, including their addresses and phone numbers. The hosts will then contact their guests and together they decide what part of the dinner each will bring.



To become a guest, please email, phone or sign up during coffee hour on Sunday's. Contact Pam Hahn.

Wednesday Brown-bag Lunch

Please join us at the next luncheon on October 2nd, to be hosted by Brietta Savoie at 1 p.m. at her home in Glen Rock, NJ. She will provide dessert and beverages. Please RSVP to let her know you are coming and to get directions if needed. Come to meet both old-timers and new-comers. Hope to see you there. Everyone is welcome.



New Jersey Unitarian's trip to Transylvania



Picture of New Jersey Unitarians visiting the UU history-loaded fortress of DEVA, in Transylvania.

The trip to Transylvania, was organized by the UU Partner Church Council Pilgrimage Service (UUPCCP). It also included a short visit to the Czech Republic and a 2-week road trip to several historic sites in Romania.

In Prague, we attended a Sunday service with the Unitarian congregation with whom we shared a meal and PowerPoint presentations, introducing the different congregations represented in our group (Paramus, Ridgewood, Montclair, Palisades, Morristown, and Mississauga).

The itinerary and visits in Transylvania and Wallachia, the two Romanian provinces that we toured, provided a new understanding of the historical roots of the Unitarian faith, going back to the Unitarian Reformation which started in the year 1565 with the historic sermon of David Ferenc (Francis David), in Cluj/Kolozsvár.

The "golden age" of the religious freedom, introduced by the Unitarian principles proclaimed in 1565, was followed by long centuries of hard compromises. This is well illustrated in the symbol adorning several of the historic places that were visited. There are four distinct features to the symbol: a dove, a serpent, a mountain and a golden crown. The dove symbolizes peace; the serpent symbolizes wisdom. It is inspired by a passage from Matthew's Gospel, chapter 10 v 16. *"Behold I am sending you forward as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."* There is also a golden crown at the top of the Transylvanian symbol. This is the crown of the only Unitarian king in history, John Sigismund, who, by signing "The Edit of Toleration" in Torda in 1568, recognized and supported the Unitarian Reformation.

Member, Claude Cesard

CIRCLE OF LIFE

Dear Members and Friends,

Howdy from Rev. Carlos Martinez! I promised Rev. Sarah I would drop a note to let you know where the heck I am. If you are ever in Southwest Florida you can find me as the Sr. Interim Minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers. I am here on a two year assignment doing what Interim Ministers do best: helping congregations through times of change and transition. If you are ever in this corner of Florida please let me know. I would be happy to meet up with you. You can reach me at the church 239-561-2700 or via email revmartinez@uucfm.org.



Update on USR Staffer:

Many of you will remember Sarah Summers who worked in the RE program a few years. She and her daughter, Anais, have moved to Austin, TX where she now attends the University of Texas. She is studying in a fully-funded PhD program in Religious Studies. She will be studying music and ritual with Dr. John Traphagan.

Anais is doing well and is enrolled in the RE program at First Unitarian Church of Austin. Sarah has family in Austin, so lots of support for child care. We wish them well!

MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

Field Trip

Adult Education Field Trip to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Robbinsville, NJ Saturday October 19th.

A Mandir is a Hindu place of worship and this majestic one is among the largest and most beautiful in the USA. Witness over 13,500 pieces of stone and marble carved in India and assembled at the temple in NJ!

We'll car pool from USR at 9:00 a.m. for the 75-minute drive to the Mandir. We'll have a tour of the structure, observe a 20 minute-Arti worship ritual that dates back thousands of years to ancient India and we'll have time to explore the culinary goodies in the shop and purchase a meal of our choosing from the cafe. Arrive back at USR 2:30-3:00.

For more information [click here](#) and to sign up, contact Georgetta Walsh. **Sign up by October 12th.**

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

Shared Plate collection October

Traditionally when there is a Social Justice Weekend, USR has had a plate collection to recognize the work of the panelists on our program. In this spirit, during the month of October one half of the shared plate collection will be as always donated to USR. The other half will be split between two not for profit groups, Clean Water Fund NJ and Paterson Habitat for Humanity.

Clean Water Fund NJ helps to develop, pass, strengthen and defend the nation's major water and toxics laws. At the panel on October 5, the Clean Water Action NJ panelist will be speaking about, among other things, the current lead crisis in Newark's water.

Paterson Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families build a place to call home. They believe affordable, safe, and clean housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities. Most of you are no doubt familiar with Habitat. Paterson's group is vibrant and active.

Please give generously. Thank you.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

The Racial And Environmental Justice Committees invite you to:
“Disrupting Environmental Inequality”

Social Justice Weekend Oct. 4,5,6, 2019

On **Friday**, view the film, “Mann v Ford”, which tells the story of a community struggling with corporate toxic dumping on land owned by Native Americans in Ringwood, NJ. Friday’s night’s post film discussion will be led by USR’s own, John Nolan.

On **Saturday**, a light supper will be followed by a panel discussion with Amy Goldsmith of Clean Water Action who will focus on lead in Newark’s water system, Chief Vincent Mann of the Turtle Clan, Lenape Nation, who will share the story of his peoples’ fight for justice against the Ford Motor Company and Steve Kehayes of Paterson Habitat for Humanity. Our moderator is Jeff Tittel, statewide director of the Sierra Club.

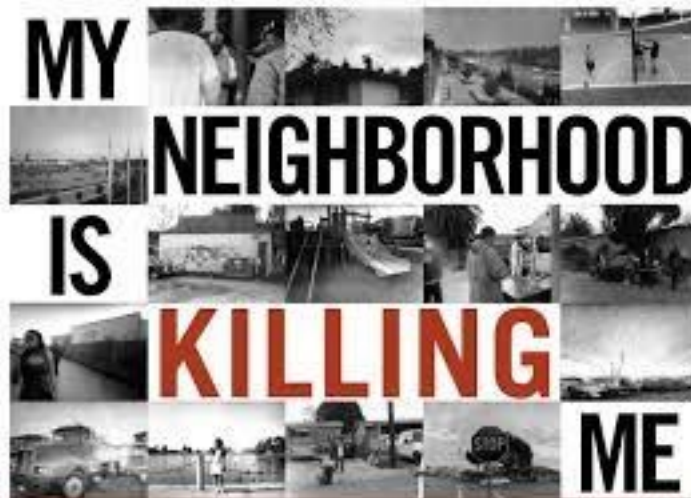
On **Sunday**, Rev Sarah Lenzi will round out the weekend with a service on topic.

See the flyer [here](#) for details

Want to find out a little more about environmental racism? View these two short, concise Youtube videos.

<https://youtu.be/nnF5I7lt6nQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TrbeuJRPM0o>



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEES
OF THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF RIDGEWOOD INVITE YOU TO



OCTOBER 4th, 5th and 6th, 2019

A SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEKEND

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4th

FILM: MANN V FORD

Ramapough Tribe's legal fight with Ford Motor Company over the contamination of Ringwood, NJ.
Discussion following film led by USR member John Nolan.

7:00 pm in the Fellowship Room

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th

PANEL DISCUSSION

Panel discussion on how environmental racism allows our neighbors to suffer disproportionately from pollution and environmental hazards featuring **Jeff Tittel**, Director, New Jersey Sierra Club, **Chief Vincent Mann**, Turtle Clan, Ramapough Lenape Nation, **Amy Goldsmith**, State Director New Jersey Clean Water Action, and **Steve Kehayes**, Paterson Habitat for Humanity.

Light supper served, \$10 suggested donation. Reservations for dinner: usr.secretary@gmail.com
Doors open at 6:00pm, speakers 7:00pm in Anderson Auditorium

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th

Sunday service with address by Rev. Dr. Sarah Lenzi. All are welcome!

Child care available with two weeks notice. For reservations, please contact Jeanne Nametz at dre1@gmail.com

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Saturday, October 19th

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

\$25 at the door

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



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SAVE THE
DATE

UU FAITHACTION FALL ISSUES CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 10AM TO 3:30PM



What is yoUUr Issue? Where can yoUUr voice be heard? Join us at this year's Annual Fall Issues Conference, Saturday, October 19th at Central Unitarian Church located at 156 Forest Avenue, Paramus, NJ
Guest speakers: Dr, Meghan Sacks, Associate Professor of Criminology at FDU and Dr. Sara Wakefield, Associate Professor of Sociology at Rutgers.

REGISTER AT WWW.UUFAITHACTION.ORG



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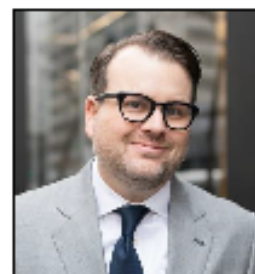
Jared Maples



Pastor Gil Monroe



Lisa Harris Glass



Evan Bernstein

A Communitywide Forum

Hate Has No Place

With growing concern about the dramatic rise in acts of hate, both locally and nationally, we invite you to participate in this vital open forum, featuring a panel of esteemed community leaders who will engage in an insightful dialogue regarding issues of hate directed toward Jews, Muslims, African Americans, Hispanics, and other ethnic and minority groups. They will also share their thoughts on what we in our communities can do to make a difference in addressing these virulent issues. The discussion will conclude with an interactive Q&A with the audience.

Panel includes:

- **Mohammed Hameeduddin**, Mayor of Teaneck
- **Jared Maples**, Director, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness
- **Pastor Gil Monroe**, Director/Founder, Faith-Based & Clergy Initiatives, Brooklyn Borough President Office
- **Lisa Harris Glass**, Chief Planning Officer, Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey
- **Evan Bernstein**, panel moderator, New York /New Jersey Regional Director, Anti-Defamation League

Will include a Welcome and introduction by Lori Sackler, BID President and Founder, and comments by Rabbi David Seth Kirshner, Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, Closter, and President of the NY Board of Rabbis.

Sponsors to date include: Bergen Indivisible for Democracy (BID), Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey, Anti-Defamation League, National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section, NJ Chapter of Moms Demand Action, YWCA Northern New Jersey, Temple Emanu-El, Congregation Ahavath Torah, Temple Emeth, The Social Responsibilities Council of the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, and the Kaplen JCC on the Palisades.

Tue, Oct 29, 7:30 pm, Free and open to the community.



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COUNCIL

GET OUT THE VOTE

The Social Responsibilities Council is committed to a GOTV campaign between now and the election on **Tuesday, November 5, 2019**. The SRC table will have Applications to register to vote and Applications to Vote by Mail at the SRC table all fall. If you are registered, think about a neighbor, friend or family member who may not be registered. You can bring them an application.

As we all know, one of the major obligations of citizenship is to vote. You must be 18 years old to vote. You can register when you are 17 years old if you will be 18 on voting day. You must also be a resident of the county for at least 30 days before the election. The deadline to register to vote for the November election is **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**.

You can submit an Application to Vote by Mail Ballot (formerly called Absentee Ballot). The last day to apply for a Vote by Mail ballot by mail for the General Election is **Tuesday, October 29, 2019**. It must be received in the County Clerk's office 7 days prior to election.

A voter can also apply in person to the county Clerk until 3:00 p.m. on **Monday, November 4**, the day before election. The County Clerk's office will also be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on **Saturday, November 2** to vote in person by Mail in Ballot for the November election. Link for this application is:

<https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/assets/pdf/forms-vote-by-mail/vote-mail-ballot-bergen-english.pdf>

Legislation was recently passed so that if you voted by mail in recent elections, you will get a ballot in the mail. If you received one, you can opt out, but will be asked to fill out a provisional ballot at your polling place. See article about this new law:

For accurate information, call the County Clerk's office at (201)336-7020 or go to the website.

www.bergencountyclerk.org

Remember to find us at the SRC table!

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, November 8, 2019

Film: "Plastic Ocean"

Did you know that Ridgewood has voted to ban single use plastic bags effective Jan 1, 2020?

Come to see the movie "Plastic Ocean" and find out why this step is so important.

The Environmental Justice Committee is co-sponsoring the evening with the Ridgewood Green Team. Watch for details.



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6 10:00 Service - Rev. Sarah Lenzi	7 12:30 Monday Lecture Series/ Fellowship Rm 7:00 BOT Meet- ing/Conf. Rm. 7:45 Zen Medita- tion/Fellowship	8	9	10 6:15 Committee of Shared Min/ Conf. Rm 7:45 Adult Choir Practice/ Fellowship	11	12
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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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