

Erev Shabbat Service  
in honor of

# MARTIN LUTHER KING

Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas  
Friday, January 18, 2019



With Special Guest Speaker

*Lt. Governor Tregenza A. Roach*



Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel (right) marched arm-in-arm with Dr. King in the 1965 March from Selma to Montgomery Alabama.

## Shabbat Shalom

### שבת שלום

Welcome to the Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas for this annual and very special service in honor and memory of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. King taught --- and we believe -- that hate will fade and hope will shine as we grow more, and as we know more. Education is the key to a better tomorrow.

For over 20 years, our historic synagogue has fostered the values of Dr. King's life by supporting model students on our islands, those of our youth who exemplify and carry forward his legacy.



The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 were drafted in the conference room of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC), under the aegis of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which for decades was located in the RAC building.

## Halleli

Words: Psalm 68, Music by Noam Katz

Halleli naf-shi- et Adonai (4x)

Praise God, oh my soul!

Ha-le-lu-ia, ha-le-lu-ia, ha-le-lu-ia, ha-le-li! (4x)

## This is the Day

Words: Psalms 133:1, Music by Lisa Levine

This is the day that God has made

Rejoice, rejoice in it! (3x)

Be glad and rejoice in it! (2x)

Be glad and rejoice in it.

This is the day (this is the day)

Rejoice, rejoice in it! (3x)

This is the day (this is the day)

Be glad and rejoice in it.

that God has made.

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluya,

Be glad and rejoice in it.

Hallelu, Halleluya, Amen (2x)

Hinei hinei, mah-tova umah-na-im,

הִנֵּה מָה טוֹב וּמָה נְעִים שֶׁבֶּת אַחִים גַּם יַחַד

She-vet achim gam yachad. (2x)

Hallelu/Hinei...

# Welcome

In the storms of our lives, in wind and water and the hard work of repair,  
we have known darkness and we have tasted despair.

*We remember this night to be bearers of light.*

In the face of hate, let us bring love.

*In moments of loss, let us bring hope.*

We kindle these flames to invite justice into our lives.

*We light these lights to invite holiness into our hearts*

## Light These Lights (Candle Blessing)

Words and Music by Debbie Friedman

We light candles to usher in most holidays. It is traditional to use two candles on Shabbat, symbolic of the two commandments to *remember* and *observe* Shabbat.

Oh hear our prayer, we sing to You  
Be gracious to the ones we love  
And bless them with goodness and mercy and peace.  
Oh hear our prayer to You.  
Let us light these lights and see the way to You  
And let us say: Amen.  
Let us light these lights and see the way to You  
And let us say: Amen.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק  
נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת.

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam,  
Asher kid'shanu b'mitz'votav v'tzivanu  
L'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

*May these candles remind us  
to give more help, and do no harm,  
to create and not destroy,  
to share light, and channel heat.  
And when our Sabbath rest is done,  
may we return to our work  
to make this world a better place.*

*Holy One of Blessing, You set us a task,  
and command us to kindle  
the lights of Shabbat.*

“Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and the persistent work of dedicated individuals who are willing to be co-workers with God. Without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the insurgent and primitive forces of irrational emotionalism and social stagnation. We are always challenged to help time and to realize that the time is always right to do right.”

-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



## L'cha Dodi

Words: Shlomo Alkabetz,

L'cha dodi lik-rat kalah, p'nei Shabbat n'kab'lah.

לְכָה דוּדִי לְקִרְאֵת כַּלָּה, פְּנֵי שַׁבַּת נְקַבְּלָה.

Shamor v'zachor b'dibur echad,  
Hish-mianu El ham'yuchad;  
Adonai echad, ush'mo echad,  
L'sheim ul-tif'eret v'lit'hilah.

שָׁמֹר וְזָכוֹר בְּדַבּוּר אֶחָד, הַשְּׁמִיעֵנוּ אֵל הַמְיֻחָד,  
יְיָ אֶחָד וּשְׁמוֹ אֶחָד, לְשֵׁם וּלְתַפְאֵרֶת וּלְתִהְלָה. לכה

Lik'rat Shabbat l'chu v'nei'chah,  
Ki hi m'kor hab'rachah  
Meirosh mikedem n'suchah,  
Sof ma'aseh b'machashava t'chila.

לְקִרְאֵת שַׁבַּת לָכוּ וְנִלְכָה, כִּי הִיא מְקוֹר הַבְּרָכָה,  
מֵרֵאשִׁית מִקֶּדֶם נְסוּכָה, סוֹף מַעֲשֵׂה בְּמַחְשָׁבָה תִּחְלָה. לכה

Hitor'ri, hitor'ri,  
Ki va oreich! Kumi ori  
Uri, uri, shir dabeiri;  
K'vod Adonai alayich niglah.

הִתְעוֹרְרִי הִתְעוֹרְרִי, כִּי בָּא אֲוֶרְךָ קוּמִי אֲוֶרִי,  
עוֹרִי עוֹרִי שִׁיר דַּבְּרִי, כְּבוֹד יְיָ עָלֶיךָ נִגְלָה. לכה

## All Rise to Welcome the Sabbath Bride

Boi v'shalom ateret ba'lah;  
Gam b'simchah uv'tzoholah  
Toch emunei am s'gula  
Boi Kala! Boi Kala!

בּוֹאִי בְּשָׁלוֹם עֲטֶרֶת בַּעֲלָה, גַּם בְּשִׂמְחָה וּבְצִהְלָה,  
תּוֹךְ אֲמוּנֵי עַם סִגְלָה, בּוֹאִי כַלָּה, בּוֹאִי כַלָּה. לכה

*Beloved, come to meet the bride; beloved, come to greet Shabbat. Keep and Remember: a single command, the Only God caused us to hear; the Eternal is One, God's name is One, for honor and glory and praise. Come with me to meet Shabbat, forever a fountain of blessing. Still it flows, as from the start: the last of days, for which the first was made. Awake, awake, your light has come! Arise, shine, awake, and sing; the Eternal's glory dawns upon you. Enter in peace, O crown of your husband; enter in gladness, enter in joy. Come to the people that keeps its faith. Enter, O bride!*

## Sh'ma and its Blessings

### **Am I Awake / Bar'chu**

*Music by Noah Aronson*

The Bar'chu is the "call to worship" and is formally the first part of the evening service. It requires a *minyan* (ten people), calling everyone together for prayer.

Am I awake, am I prepared?  
Are you listening to my prayer?  
Can you hear my voice?  
Can you understand?  
Am I awake, am I prepared? Ya la lai lai lai  
Bar'chu et Adonai ham'vorach!  
Bar'chu Adonai ham'vorach l'olam va-ed!

בָּרְכוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְבָרָךְ.  
בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

*Praised be the Eternal One, to whom our praise is due!*  
*Praised be the Eternal One, to whom our praise is due now and forever!*

### **Roll Into Dark**

God assigns structure and order to the night. Our fear of darkness is allayed by knowing that God ordains it; night must be as safe as the day. Thus we do not connect darkness to chaos, but rather understand it as part of God's plan.

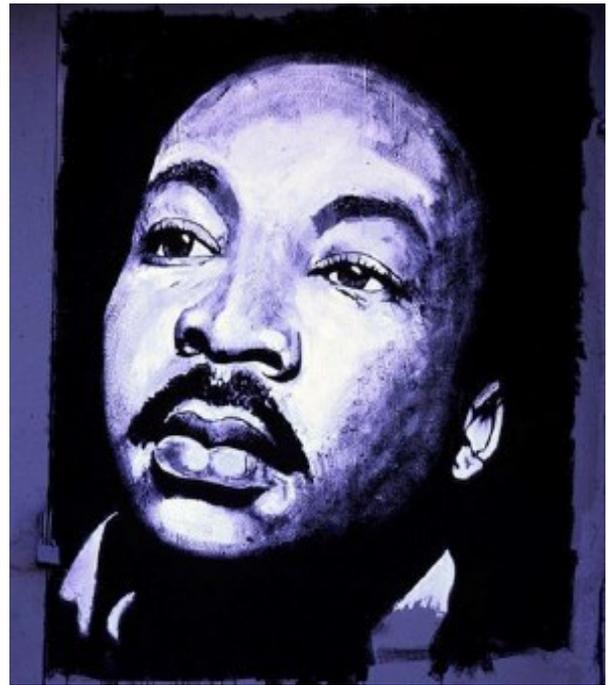
Roll into dark, Roll into light  
Night becomes day, Day turns to night  
Borei Yom v'laila Goleil or mip'nei choshech v'choshech mip'nei or  
Baruch Atah, Adonai, hama-ariv aravim.

גוֹלֵל אוֹר מִפְּנֵי חֹשֶׁךְ, וְחֹשֶׁךְ מִפְּנֵי אוֹר.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַמַּעֲרִיב עֶרְבִים.

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Injustice to any people is a threat to justice to all people—and I cannot stand idly by, even though I live in the United States and even though I happen to be an American Negro, and fail to be concerned about what happens to my brothers and sisters who happen to be Jews in Soviet Russia. For what happens to them, happens to me—and to you; and we must be concerned.”

—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



# שְׁמַע

## Sh'ma

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד!

Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad!

Hear, O Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One!

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מְלֻכוֹתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Baruch shem k'vod malchuto l'olam va-ed.

Blessed is God's glorious majesty forever and ever.

The central declaration of faith in Judaism, the Sh'ma is a proclamation of the unity and eternal nature of God. There is a tradition to cover one's eyes during the recitation of this prayer, to help with focus and concentration.

### Please Be Seated

V'AHAVTA et Adonai Elohecha,  
b'chol l'vav'cha uv'chol nafsh'cha uv'chol  
m'odecha. V'hayu had'varim ha-eileh  
asher anochi m'tzav'cha hayom al  
l'vavecha. V'shinantam l'vanecha v'dibarta  
bam b'shivt'cha b'veitecha uv'lecht'cha  
vaderech uv'shochb'cha uv'kumecha.  
Uk'shartam l'ot al yadecha v'hayu  
l'totafot bein einecha. Uch'tavtam  
al m'zuzot beitecha uvisharecha.

Lmaan tizk'ru, vaasitem et  
kol mitzvotai vih'yitem k'doshim  
l'Eloheichem. Ani Adonai Eloheichem,  
asher hotzeiti et-chem mei-eretz  
Mitzrayim lih'yot lachem l'Elohim  
ani Adonai Eloheichem.

וְאָהַבְתָּ אֶת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ  
בְּכָל-לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל-נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל-  
מְאֹדֶךָ: וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה  
אֲשֶׁר אֶנְכִי מְצַוְּךָ הַיּוֹם עַל-  
לִבְבְּךָ: וְשִׁנַּנְתָּם לְבִנְיָךָ וּדְבַרְתָּ  
בָּם בְּשַׁבְּתֶךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ וּבִלְקַחְתֶּךָ  
בְּדֶרֶךְ וּבְשֹׁכְבְּךָ וּבְקוּמֶךָ:  
וּקְשַׁרְתָּם לְאָזְנוֹת עַל-יְדֶיךָ וְהָיוּ  
לְטֹטְפוֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ: וּכְתַבְתָּם  
עַל-מְזוּזוֹת בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ:

לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת-  
כָּל-מִצְוֹתַי וְהָיִיתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים  
לְאֱלֹהֵיכֶם: אֲנִי יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם  
אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם מִמִּצְרָיִם  
מִצְרָיִם לְהָיוֹת לְכֶם לְאֱלֹהִים  
אֲנִי יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

And thou shalt love Adonai thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words which I command you on this day shall be in thy heart. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children. And thou shall speak of them when thou sittest in thy house, when thou walkest by the way, and when thou risest up, and when thou liest down. And thou shalt bind them as a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them on the doorposts of thy house, and upon thy gates. That ye may remember, and do all of my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

At the shores of the Sea,  
Miriam took her timbrel in her hand,  
and sang a song of praise.



*With confidence and love, she led our ancestors away,  
away from fear and hesitation, despair and hatred,  
until all hands were joined, all voices raised in hymn and thanksgiving.*

May her example lead us, too,  
and may her song grow to truly be ours -  
the song of men and women joined in understanding and respect.  
*The song of God's miracles; an earth protected and cherished;  
a gift for our children and the generations to come.*

### Miriam's Song

Debbie Friedman

#### Chorus:

And the women dancing with their timbrels  
followed Miriam as she sang her song.  
Sing a song to the One whom we've exalted  
Miriam and the women danced  
and danced the whole night long.

And Miriam was a weaver of unique variety  
The tapestry she wove  
was one which sang our history  
With every strand and every thread  
she crafted her delight!  
A woman touched with spirit,  
she dances toward the light

#### Chorus

When Miriam stood upon the shores  
and gazed across the sea  
The wonder of this miracle she soon  
came to believe  
Whoever thought the sea would part  
with an outstretched hand  
And we would pass to freedom  
and march to the promised land!

#### Chorus

And Miriam the prophet took her  
timbrel in her hand  
And all the women followed her  
just as she had planned  
And Miriam raised her voice in song  
she sang with praise and might  
We've just lived through a miracle  
We're going to dance tonight!!

#### Chorus

*Mi Kamocha B'eilim Adonai,  
Mi Kamocha Ne'edar Bakodesh  
Nora Tehilot Oseh Feleh...*



# Alternative Version: Mi Chamocha/ Wade in the Water

## Chorus:

Wade in the water  
Wade in the water children  
Wade in the water  
God's gonna trouble the water

Who is like You, Adonai?  
Wade in the water  
None is like you, none at all  
God's gonna trouble the water

## Chorus

*Mi chamocha ba'elim Adonai?*  
God's gonna trouble the water  
*Ne'dar bakodesh*  
God's gonna trouble the water  
*Nora t'hilot*  
God's gonna trouble the water

## Chorus

We were slaves and now we're free  
God's gonna trouble the water  
But redemption is a way of being  
God's gonna trouble the water  
*Adonai yimloch*  
God's gonna trouble the water  
*L'olam, Va-ed*  
God's gonna trouble the water

## Chorus

After freedom from slavery, our people sang these words at the Sea of Reeds, to celebrate their freedom (Exodus 15).

We sing these words still today  
to imagine the great redemption yet to come,  
a time of freedom and justice for all.  
We imagine a day when the world is more perfect,  
and we know it is our role to work towards that day.



We ask God to protect us while we sleep. Sleep is "1/60 of death" (Brachot 57b), our most fragile state.

Like when a *sukkah* shelters a field worker from the sun,

## Hashkiveinu/One Day mashup

Craig Taubman/Matisyahu

*Hashkiveinu Adonai Eloheinu L'Shalom  
 V'ha'amideinu Shomreinu L'chayim.*

Sometimes I lay under the moon  
 and thank God I'm breathing  
 Then I pray: "Don't take me soon  
 'cause I am here for a reason."

Sometimes in my tears I drown  
 but I never let it get me down.  
 So when negativity surrounds  
 I know some day it'll all turn around 'cause...

All my life I've been waiting for  
 I've been praying  
 for the people to say  
 That we don't wanna fight no more,  
 there'll be no more wars  
 And our children will play

One day, One day, One day Ohhhh (2x)  
*Hashkiveinu...*

## V'shamru

Words: Exodus 31:16-17

Music: Lisa Levine

As God, according to tradition, rested on the seventh day, so do we, in emulation, make our time of Shabbat, the Sabbath, into a day of rest, holiness, celebration and joy.



V'SHAMRU v'nei Yisrael et HaShabbat,  
laasot et HaShabbat l'dorotam  
b'rit olam.  
Beini uvein b'nei Yisrael  
ot hi l'olam,  
ki sheishet yamim asah Adonai  
et hashamayim v'et haaretz,  
uvayom hashvi-i shavat vayinafash.

וְשָׁמְרוּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת הַשַּׁבָּת,  
לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת הַשַּׁבָּת לְדֹרוֹתָם  
בְּרִית עוֹלָם.  
בֵּינִי וּבֵין בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל  
אוֹת הִיא לְעוֹלָם,  
כִּי שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים עָשָׂה יי  
אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ,  
וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי שָׁבַת וַיִּנְפֹּשׁ.

THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL shall keep Shabbat,  
observing Shabbat throughout the ages as a covenant for all time.  
It shall be a sign for all time between Me and the people of Israel,  
for in six days Adonai made heaven and earth,  
and on the seventh day God ceased from work and was refreshed.



All Rise

Amidah

עמידה

Adonai, s'fatai tiftach, ufi yagid t'hilacha

אֲדֹנָי שְׁפָתַי תִּפְתַּח וּפִי יַגִּיד תְּהִלָּתְךָ.

*Eternal God, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise*

*(Psalm 51:17)*

### Avot v'Imahot

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu v'Elohei avoteinu  
V'Imoteinu, Elohei Avraham, Elohei Yitzchak,  
V'Elohei Ya-kov, Elohei Sarah, Elohei Rivkah,  
Elohei Rachel, v'Elohei Leah, Ha-El hagadol  
Hagibor v'hanora, El elyon. Gomeil chasadim

The *Amidah* (Standing Prayer) begins with three blessings of praise. *Avot v'Imahot*, the first, extols God's greatness and reminds God of our *z'chut avot*, the merit of our ancestors, through whom we hope to be seen as worthy of good things as well. Traditionally, the evening *Amidah* is recited silently.

Tovim, v'koneih hakol, v'zocheir chasdei avot

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵנוּ

V'imahot, umeivi g'ulah liv'nei v'neihem,

אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם, אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק, וְאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב,

L'ma-an Sh'mo b'ahava.

אֱלֹהֵי שָׂרָה, אֱלֹהֵי רִבְקָה, אֱלֹהֵי לֵאָה וְאֱלֹהֵי רַחֵל,

Melech ozeir umoshia umagein.

הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֲלִיוֹן,

Baruch Atah Adonai, magen Avraham v'ezrat Sarah.

גּוֹמֵל חַסְדִּים טוֹבִים, וְקוֹנֵה הַכֹּל,

יְזַכֵּר חַסְדֵי אֲבוֹת וְאִמּוֹת,

וּמְבִיא גְאֻלָּה לְבָנֵי בְנֵיהֶם לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה:

מֶלֶךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמַגֵּן:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, מָגֵן אַבְרָהָם וְעֹזֶרֶת שָׂרָה

*Blessed are You, Eternal our God and God of our forefathers and foremothers:  
God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob; God of Sarah, God of Rebekah,  
God of Rachel and God of Leah; the great, powerful, and awesome God,  
God exalted, who bestows good and kindness and controls everything,  
Who remembers the kindnesses of our forefathers and foremothers, and who with  
love brings redemption to their children's children for the sake of Your name;  
Ruler, Helper, Savior, and Protector. Blessed are You,  
Eternal One, Shield of Abraham and Protector of Sarah.*

## G'vurot

The second Amidah blessing gives examples of wondrous daily acts of loving-kindness bestowed upon us. God helps those crushed in spirit and even body. We also include a prayer for rain in the land of Israel.

Atah gibor l'olam, Adonai, m'chayeih hakol atah, Rav l'hoshi-a.  
Ma-shiv ha-ru-ach u-mo-rid ha-ga-shem  
M'chalkel chayim b'chesed, M'chayeih hakol  
B'rachamim rabim.  
Somech noflim, v'rofe cholim, umatir asurim,  
Um'kayeim emunato lischeinei afar.

Mi chamocha ba-al g'vurot, umi domeh lach,  
Melech meimit um'chayeh umatzmiach y'shuah?

אַתָּה גִּבּוֹר לְעוֹלָם אֲדֹנָי,

מְחַיֶּה הַכּוֹל אֶתְּךָ, רַב לְהוֹשִׁיעַ:

V'ne-eman Ata l'ha-chayot hakol.

מִזְרִיד הַטָּל מְשִׁיב הַרוּחַ וּמִזְרִיד הַגֶּשֶׁם.

Baruch Atah Adonai, m'chayeh hakol.

מְכַלְכֵּל חַיִּים בְּחֶסֶד, מְחַיֶּה הַכּוֹל בְּרַחֲמִים רַבִּים,  
סוֹמֵךְ נוֹפְלִים, וְרוֹפֵא חוֹלִים, וּמַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים,  
וּמְקַיֵּם אֱמוּנָתוֹ לִישְׁנֵי עֶפֶר,

*You are eternally mighty, O God; You give life to everything.*

*Great is Your ability to save!*

*With kindness You sustain the living,  
with great compassion give life to all,  
helping the fallen and healing the sick;  
bringing freedom to the restrained*

מִי כְמוֹךָ בְּעַל גְּבוּרוֹת וּמִי דוֹמֶה לְךָ,

מְלַךְ מְמִית וּמְחַיֶּה וּמְצַמִּיחַ יְשׁוּעָה:

וּנְאֻמָּן אֶתְּךָ לְהַחְיֹת הַכּוֹל.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, מְחַיֶּה הַכּוֹל.

*and keeping faith with those who sleep in the dust.*

*Who is like You, Master of Might, and Who is like You,  
O Ruler who causes death and life and the birth of salvation?*

*You faithfully give life to all. Blessed are You,  
Eternal One, giving life to all.*

## You Are Holy

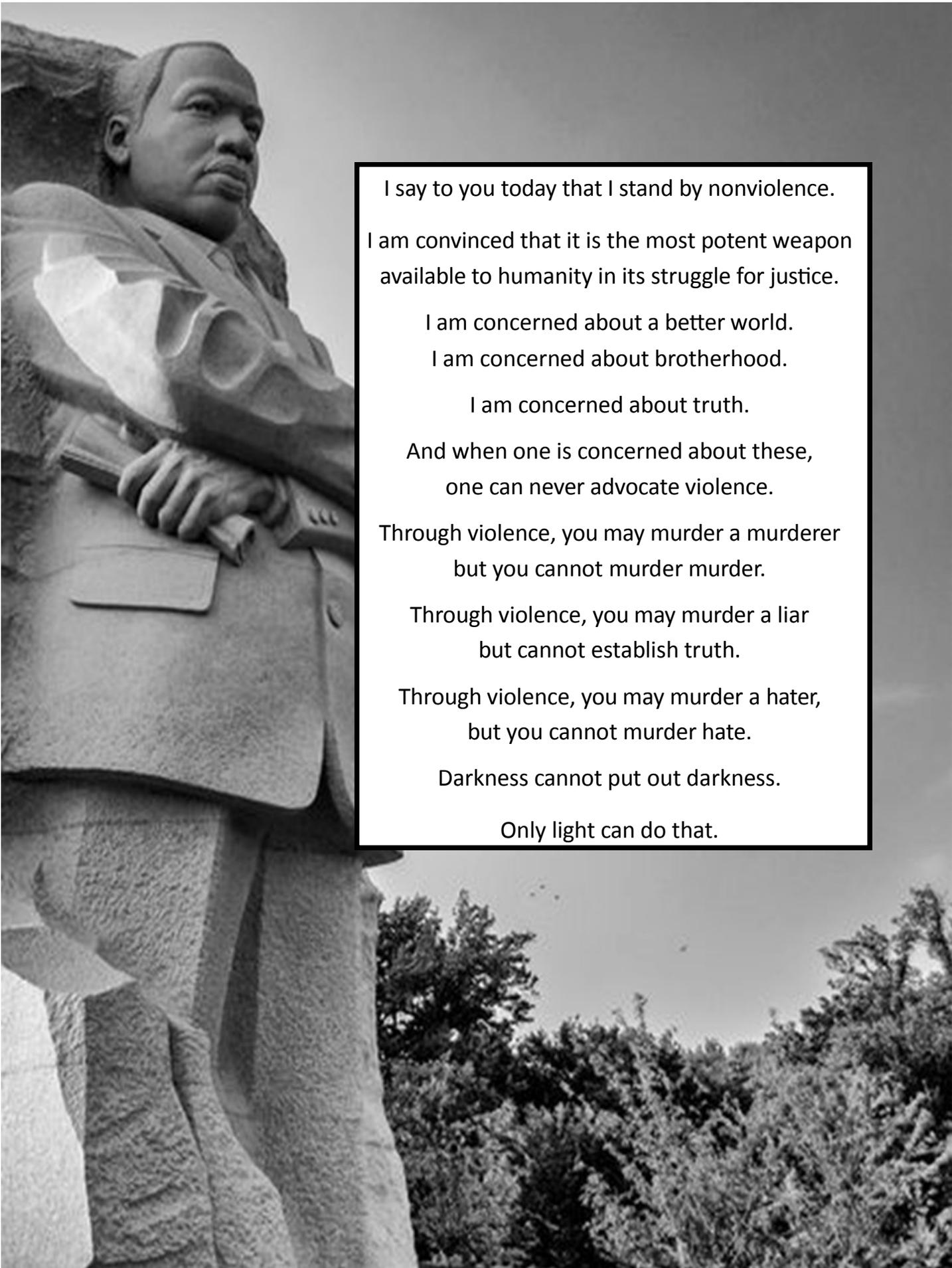
Lisa Levine

The third blessing focuses on God's holiness and our desire to act in a holy manner.

You are holy, Your name is holy,  
And we celebrate Your holiness day by day  
Atah kadosh v'shimcha kadosh  
Uk'doshim b'chol-yom y'hal'lucha, Selah!  
Ba-ruch Atah Adonai, ha- El Hakadosa!

אַתָּה קְדוֹשׁ וְשִׁמְךָ קְדוֹשׁ,  
וּקְדוּשָׁיִם בְּכָל יוֹם יְהַלְלוּךָ סְלָה.  
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, הָאֵל הַקְּדוֹשׁ

All Are Seated



I say to you today that I stand by nonviolence.

I am convinced that it is the most potent weapon available to humanity in its struggle for justice.

I am concerned about a better world.

I am concerned about brotherhood.

I am concerned about truth.

And when one is concerned about these,  
one can never advocate violence.

Through violence, you may murder a murderer  
but you cannot murder murder.

Through violence, you may murder a liar  
but cannot establish truth.

Through violence, you may murder a hater,  
but you cannot murder hate.

Darkness cannot put out darkness.

Only light can do that.

"I have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed—

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all people are created equal.*

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the children of former slaves and the children of former slave-owners—

*Will sit down together at the table of brotherhood.*

I have a dream that one day, all those places sweltering with the heat of injustices, sweltering with the heat of oppression—

*Will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.*

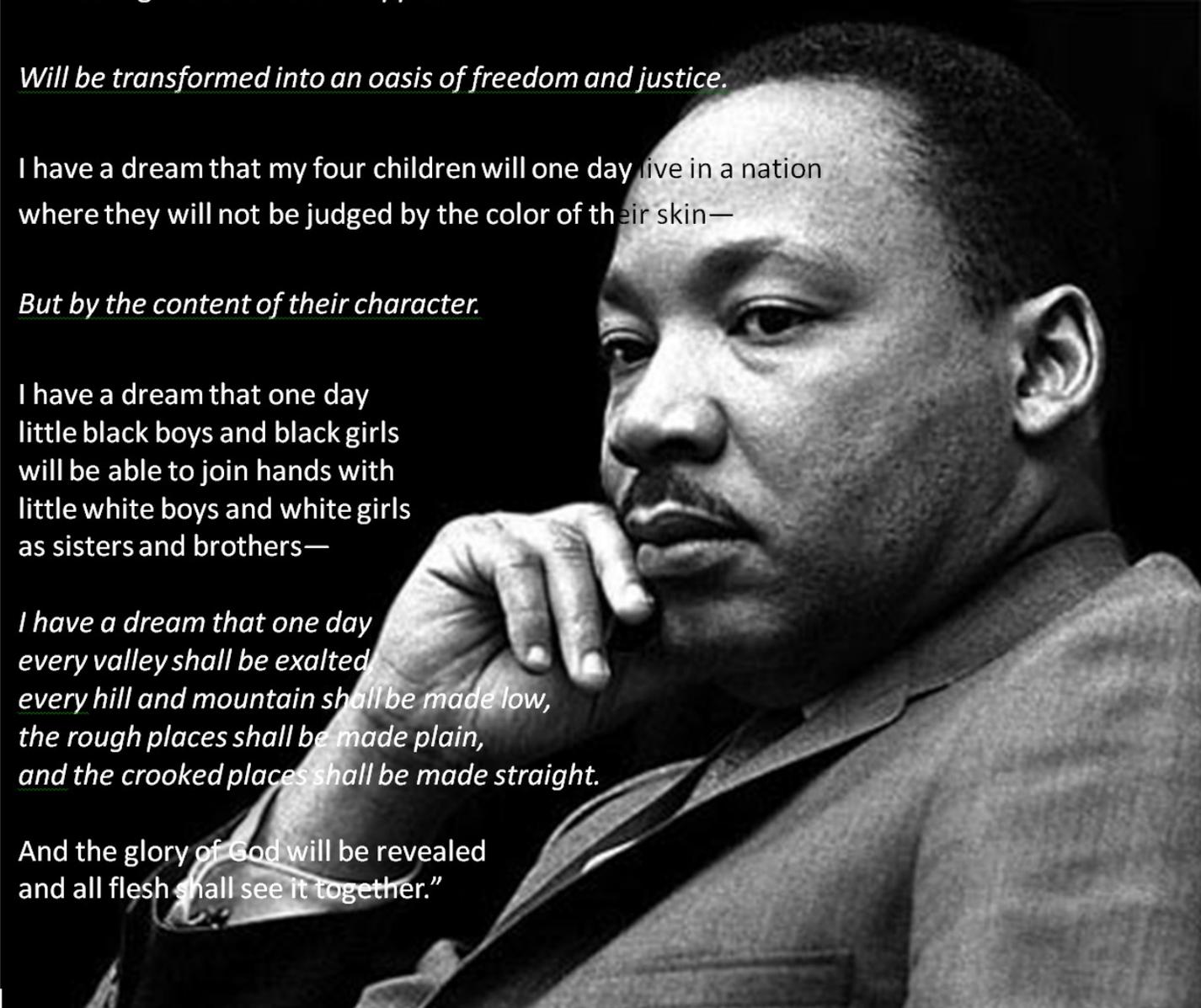
I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin—

*But by the content of their character.*

I have a dream that one day little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers—

*I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places shall be made plain, and the crooked places shall be made straight.*

And the glory of God will be revealed and all flesh shall see it together."



## SILENT PRAYER

O-seh sha-lom Bim-ro-mav  
hu ya-aseh shalom Aleinu  
V'al-kol-Yisrael, v'al kol yosh'vei Teivel  
V'imru: Amen.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו  
הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם  
עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל  
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

May the One who causes peace to reign in the heavens  
make peace for us, for all Israel, and for  
all the inhabitants of the world.  
And let us say: Amen.

### Mishebeirach (May the One Who Blessed...)

#### Prayer for Healing

*Debbie Friedman*

Mi shebeirach avoteinu  
M'kor hab'racha l'imoteinu May  
the source of strength,  
Who blessed the ones before us,  
Help us find the courage  
to make our lives a blessing,  
and let us say: Amen.

Mi shebeirach imoteinu  
M'kor habrachah l'avoteinu  
Bless those in need of healing  
with r'fuah sh'leimah,  
the renewal of body,  
the renewal of spirit,



Khaled Abushaqra	Armando Koghan	Sandy Symkens
James Armour	Robert Kozarek	Elliot Tescher
Kenneth Arthur	and family	Alfreda Thomas
Richard Barth	Marvin Kranz	Pauline Tischler
Karen Bertrand	Sheri Levson	Kerry Topper
Alex Botros	Ronald Lockhart	Robert Tunick
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## Keynote Remarks

### Introduction of the speaker

### Keynote Address:

Lt. Governor Tregenza A. Roach



Lt. Governor Tregenza Roach was born on St. Kitts, and moved to the Virgin Islands at age eight. He has served in every branch of the government here, and has wide experience in the public and private sectors. He is an attorney, educator, scholar, author, poet, journalist and public servant. He has worked as a reporter, editor, law clerk, professor, legal counsel for the Commission on Education and then Executive Director of the Board of Education. He was involved in the most recent Virgin Islands Constitutional Convention, and has brought that experience to other countries as well. He has taught Humanities and Constitutional Law at the University level. He comes to his newest role having served, most recently, three terms as Senator in the Legislature of the United States Virgin Islands.

## Greetings and Announcements

## Concluding Services

### Aleinu

The Jewish people accept the one God, Creator of all. We look to share this quality with all peoples of the world who will one day recognize the redemptive qualities of believing in the one God.

Aleinu l'shabeach la'Adon hakol  
latet gedulah l'yotzer b'reishit,  
shelo asanu k'goyei ha'aratzot,  
v'lo samanu k'mishp'chot ha'adamah,  
shelo sam chelheinu kahem,  
v'goralenu k'khol hamonam.  
Va'anachnu kor'im, umishtachavim  
umodim,  
lif'nei Melekh, Malkhei haM'lakhim,  
haQadosh barukh Hu.

עֲלֵינוּ לְשַׁבַּח לַאֲדוֹן הַכֹּל,  
לְתַת גְּדֻלָּה לַיּוֹצֵר בְּרֵאשִׁית,  
שֶׁלֹא עָשָׂנוּ כְּגוֹיֵי הָאָרֶצוֹת,  
וְלֹא שָׁמְנוּ כְּמִשְׁפְּחוֹת הָאָדָמָה.  
שֶׁלֹא שָׂם חֵלְקֵנוּ כִּהֵם,  
וְגוֹרְלָנוּ כְּכֹל הַמּוֹנֵם.  
וְאֲנַחְנוּ כּוֹרְעִים וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים,  
לִפְנֵי מֶלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמַּלְכִּים  
הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא.

*It is our duty to praise the Sovereign of all, to offer greatness to the fashioner of creation, who has not made us like the nations of the land and who has not placed us like the families of the earth, who has not placed our portion with them, nor our lot with all their multitudes. We bow and prostrate and acknowledge the Ruler, Ruler of Rulers, the Holy One of Blessing.*

“So we conclude by saying today that we have a task. Let us go out with a ‘Divine dissatisfaction.’

Let us be dissatisfied until America will no longer have a high blood  
pressure of creeds and an anemia of deeds.

*Let us be dissatisfied until the tragic walls that separate the outer city of wealth and comfort and the inner city of poverty and despair shall be crushed by the battering rams of the forces of justice.*

Let us be dissatisfied until slums are cast into the junk heaps of history,  
and every family is living in a decent sanitary home.

*Let us be dissatisfied until men and women, however black or brown or yellow they may be,  
will be judged on the content of their character and not on the color of their skin.*

Let us be dissatisfied until every state capital house leaders who will do justly,  
will love mercy, and who will walk humbly with God.

*Let us be dissatisfied until from every city hall, justice will roll down like waters and  
righteousness like a mighty stream.*

Let us be dissatisfied until that day when the lion and the lamb shall lie down together,  
and all people will sit under their vines and fig trees and none shall be afraid.

At that time, we will recognize that out of one blood,  
God made all humanity to dwell upon the face of the earth.”

V'ne'emar v'haya Adonai,  
 L'melech Al Kol Ha'Aretz  
 Bayom hahu, bayom hahu,  
 Yihyeh Adonai Echad,  
 U'shmo Echad

וְנֵאמָר: יְיָ לְמֶלֶךְ עַל-כָּל-הָאָרֶץ;  
 בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יִהְיֶה יְיָ אֱחָד, וְשֵׁמוֹ אֶחָד!

God stretches out the heavens and establishes the earth (Isaiah 51:13). You are our God; there is none else. In truth You alone are our Sovereign God, as it is written in the Torah: Know this day and place it in your heart that the Eternal One is God in the heavens above and on the earth below; there is none else (Deuteronomy 4:39). And it has been said: the Eternal One shall rule over all the earth; On that day the Eternal shall be One and God's name shall be One (Zechariah 14:9).

קדיש יתום

**Mourner's Kaddish**

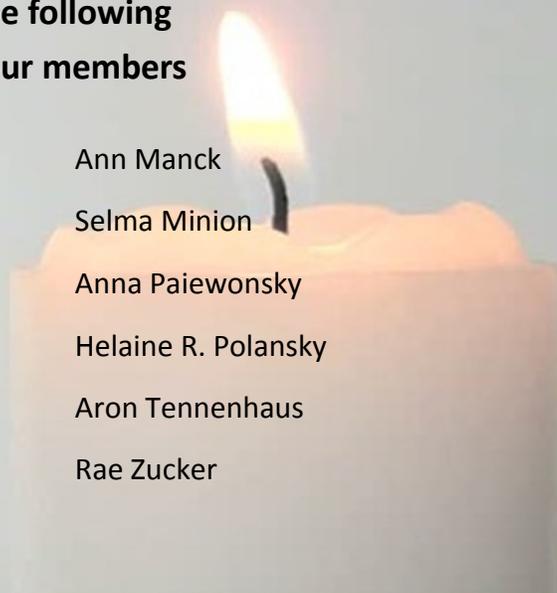
**Those Who Sow**

Debbie Friedman

Those who sow	HaZor'im B'dimah
Who sow in tears	B'rinah Yik'tzoru
Will reap in joy (x2)	HaZor'im B'dimah
Those who sow	B'rinah Yik'tzoru
Who sow in tears	
Will reap, will reap in joy (x2)	

**We observe the Yahrzeit of the following members and those dear to our members**

Lina Weinberg Bachrach	Janchel Groisman	Ann Manck
Helen Berlin	Esther Gruber	Selma Minion
Leonard Blazar	Hannah Isaacson	Anna Paiewonsky
Sarah Becker Camhi	Louis Kelemen	Helaine R. Polansky
Sylvia Cohen	Florence Lapin	Aron Tennenhaus
Gene Feldman	Herman Lichstein	Rae Zucker



**We observe the *Yahrzeit* (Anniversary of the Death)  
of the following *Chai* members or loved ones of our Chai Members**

Earl Altman

Sarah Ast

Arthur Berkley

Lowery Bishop

Lorayne Brody

Milton Brown

Mary Chervony

Ruth Fierberg

Irene Fink

Emil Frey

Lillian Fried

Carrie Fullman

Mike Glasser

Martin Hoffinger

Rose Inhaber

Helen Jacobson

Esther Korenge

Stuart Letwat

Adolph Melasky

Ann Muldorf

Marilyn Nochimson

Shirley Perry

Bernice Pestka

Max Pollock

Aliya Robles

Steven Rubenstein

Robert Rubinstein

Rachel Sandler

Helen Schwartz

Hilda Shainis

Herman Siegle

Larry Silver

Judith Stendig

Howard Wolf

**Recent Deaths**

George Bernard Rockstein,

brother of Steve Rockstein

Larry Cohen,

husband of Wendy Cohen



This prayer assures mourners that death is not the end. God remains a source of strength even as we struggle through difficult times. The *Kaddish* entails — it almost demands — interaction between mourners and the community, thus reminding us not to retreat from society or turn away from others at times of emotional distress. The *Kaddish* takes the form of a doxology, a liturgical praise of God, but its real power is simply in the mantra, the rhythm, the sound and the flow of the words.

YITGADAL v'yitkadash sh'mei raba.

B'alma di v'ra chirutei,

v'yamlich malchutei,

b'chayeichon uv'yomeichon

uv'chayei d'chol beit Yisrael,

baagala uvizman kariv. V'im'ru: Amen.

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'varach

l'alam ul'almei almaya.

Yitbarach v'yishtabach v'yitpaar

v'yitromam v'yitnasei,

v'yit'hadar v'yitaleh v'yit'halal

sh'mei d'kudsha b'rich hu,

l'eila min kol birchata v'shirata,

tushb'chata v'nechemata,

daamiran b'alma. V'imru: Amen.

Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya,

v'chayim aleinu v'al kol Yisrael.

V'imru: Amen.

Oseh shalom bimromav,

Hu yaaseh shalom aleinu,

v'al kol Yisrael. V'imru: Amen.

Let the glory of God be extolled; let God's great name be hal-  
lowed in the world whose creation God willed. May God's will-  
soon prevail in our own lives, and in the life of all Israel, and let  
us say: Amen. Let God's great name be blessed forever and ev-  
er. Let the name of the Blessed Holy One be glorified, exalted  
and honored, though God is above all the praises, songs and  
adorations that we can utter, and let us say Amen. For us and  
all Israel, may the blessing of peace and the promise of life  
come true, and let us say Amen. May the One who causes peace  
to reign in the high heavens let peace descend upon us, on all  
Israel, and all the world, and let us say Amen. May the Source  
of peace send peace to all who mourn And comfort to all those  
who are bereaved. And let us say Amen

יְתַגְדֵּל וַיְתְּקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.  
בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כְרַעֵיתָהּ,  
וַיְמַלִּיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ,  
בְּחַיֵּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן  
וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל,  
בְּעֵנְגָלָא וּבְזַמַּן קָרִיב. וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.  
יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ  
לְעָלַם וּלְעֵלְמֵי עֵלְמַיָּא.  
יְתְּבָרַךְ וַיְשַׁתְּבַח, וַיְתַפְּאֵר  
וַיְתַרְוֶם וַיְתַנְשֵׂא,  
וַיְתַהַדֵּר וַיְתַעַלֶּה וַיְתַהַלֵּל  
שְׁמֵהּ דְּקַדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ הוּא,  
לְעֵלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא,  
תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא,  
דְּאָמִירוּן בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.  
יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא,  
וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.  
וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.  
עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו,  
הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ,  
וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.



## Closing Song

We shall overcome (2x),  
We shall overcome someday.

Deep in our heart, we do believe,  
We shall overcome someday.

We'll go hand in hand (2x)  
We'll go hand in hand someday.  
Deep in our heart, we still believe,  
We'll go hand in hand someday.

We are not afraid (2x)  
We are not afraid today.  
Deep in our heart, we still believe,  
We are not afraid today.

Od ya-vo sha-lom, od yavo sha-lom  
Od ya-vo shalom A-lei-nu  
Al-ku-lam, ani ma-a-min  
She-od ya-vo-sha-lom yom yom!



## Kiddush and Motzi (Blessing Over Wine and Bread)

# Closing Songs: Alternative Options

## Lift Every Voice and Sing

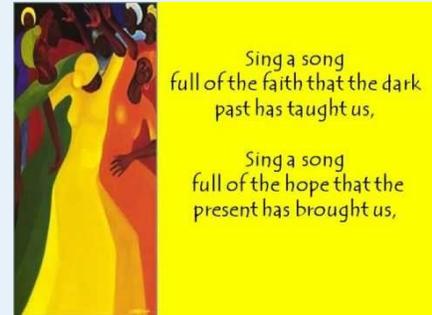
James Weldon Johnson

J. Rosamond Johnson

Lift every voice and sing  
Till earth and heaven ring  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
let our rejoicing rise,  
high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea  
sing a song full of faith that the dark past has taught us,  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
bitter the chast'ning rod,  
felt in the day that hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat,  
have not our weary feet,  
come to the place on which our fathers sighed?  
we have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
thou who has brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who has by thy might,  
led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray  
lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,  
least our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,  
shadowed beneath the hand,  
may we forever stand,  
tru to our God,  
Tru to our native land.



## Valiant Virgin Islands

Gylchris Sprauve

Crown jewels of the Caribbean Sea,  
With love created for you and me.  
Grand majestic vistas,  
Charming emerald sisters.  
None can equal their beauty!

We celebrate our history,  
Great men and women of dignity.  
Firm determination, talent, inspiration.  
Timeless is their legacy!

### Refrain:

Lift your voice in thanks and praise  
For momentous glorious days!  
Pressing on through arduous trials  
Valiant are my Virgin Isles!

I sing of Crucian royalty,  
Three queens who fought for equality.  
With fearless hearts they dared to break apart  
The hateful chains of human slavery.

Without our sister where would we be?  
St. Croix, the largest of the three.  
Resistance is her truest name,  
Her candor without shame  
And matchless bravery!

### Refrain

St. Thomas, Rock enduring,  
Beacon bright, ensuring.  
Futures filled with hope and pride!  
A melting pot of peoples and languages  
Cradle of advancement for all who try....

St. John in Seventeen thirty-three  
Kanta, Bolombo and Aquashi;  
Despite the traitors' faithless acts  
That saved their masters' backs  
For six months they were free!

God give us wisdom as we  
Stand firm in perfect unity.  
Together victory can be ours  
We cannot bend to powers  
That threaten liberty!

Sing, oh sing of brilliant minds!  
Fine examples of mankind!  
History's pages tell no lies,  
Valiant are my Virgin Isles!

Lift your voice in thanks and praise  
For momentous glorious days!  
Pressing on through arduous trials  
Noble are my Virgin Isles!  
Determined are my Virgin Isles!  
Valiant are my Virgin Isles!



# About the Recipients

*Josuhar Espinola* has been chosen by All Saints Cathedral School as this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award recipient. Josuhar is a member of the National Honor Society and class Vice President. He has volunteered in various community activities such as Viking Run, Food Truck Fete and Beach clean-up. Josuhar attended the West Point Summer Leaders Experience, where he received a Certificate of Excellence and the Naval Academy Summer Seminar. Mr. Espinola is someone you can depend on, goes the extra mile to be a team player and puts forth the effort to assist students and peers.

*Trinity Riggle* has been chosen by Antilles School as this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award recipient. Trinity works hard to improve the quality of life for our community. She has dual passion for theatre and for teaching. Trinity has used theatre to lend voice to the stories of students who fly under the radar, to the elderly at View Nursing and Rehabilitation and Lucinda A. Millan Home and to young students without access to theatre. She cares and stands up for others, especially those who otherwise go unseen. Ms. Riggle is President of the Student Council as well as President of the International Thespian Society and volunteers at The Family Resource Center and Salvation Army.

*ShaunTae Dior Richardson* has been chosen by Charlotte Amalie High School as this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award recipient. ShaunTae advocated on behalf of the VI parents of autistic children by talking to kids at Lockhart Elementary School about equality and nondiscriminatory acts against kids with autism. She adopted a Danish student so she could learn about their culture and share hers; she has spoken on WUVI radio station to encourage people to speak out against domestic violence and sexual abuse. ShaunTae is a High Honor Student, received the Principals Award, and participated in a march speaking out against the construction of modular classrooms on the school's athletic fields.

*Chenijah Dawson* has been chosen by Giff Hill School as this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award recipient. She is the reigning St. John Festival Princess, which represents hours of dedicated effort and a willingness to publicly represent our community. Chenijah also designs and makes jewelry to raise funds for Giff Hill School's sister school in Namasagali, Uganda. She is the Vice President for the Student Council, is on the Honor Roll and takes AP and Honors classes. Ms. Dawson is the ultimate role model in advocating for herself and others. Where there is injustice or unfair treatment, Chenijah is fearless about making her views known and seeking appropriate reme-

***Ki'Andre Dequan Thomas*** has been chosen by Ivanna Eudora Kean High School as this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award recipient. Ki'Andre has contributed countless hours of selfless service in caring, assisting and collecting of items for the homeless within the community. His persistence in bringing awareness about gun violence to teens has led him to participate in marches, verbal and oral insights, and peer to peer talks on his school campus. Mr. Thomas has many academic achievements, such as the High Honor Student Award, the John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, and Junior Achievement Company Program.

***Vernisha D. Hodge*** has been chosen by St. Thomas-St. John Seventh-Day Adventist School as this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award recipient. Vernisha is an honor student, self motivated and driven to excel. Ms. Hodge went on a Student Mission trip to Temoaya, Mexico, where she participated in painting the Foshte Ju Ku Rehabilitation Center, building a playground for the children of the area, teaching English as a Second language to children and adults, distributing backpacks to needy students in poverty-stricken area schools, and taught women how to prepare meals using Soy Protein. Vernisha volunteered at the Queen Louise Home for the Aged and The Sugar Estate Senior Resident/Independent Senior Living Home.

***Nichel Daniel*** has been chosen by Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School as this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award recipient. Nichel is the President of Future Business Leaders of America and Vice President of the Student Council. She embraces the role of leadership by inspiring the youth to come together to stand tall in faith, hope, love and charity. Ms. Daniel participated in serving projects, such as food drives, feeding the less fortunate at Bethlehem House, the Lead2Feed Project and attended the March for Life Event in Washington, D.C. Nichel has lived out Dr. Martin Luther King Dream by treating each person with love and respect regardless of race, color, religion or anything. She pursues her dream in choosing Hospitality/Culinary Arts and encouraging every-

***Gregory L. Christian*** has been chosen by Virgin Islands Montessori School and Peter Gruber International Academy as this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award recipient. Gregory is a dedicated student who takes pride in his work and does not back down from challenges. He went on Mission Trips to Puerto Rico with The St. Thomas Reform Church Homeless outreach relief work after Hurricane Maria. Mr. Christian has a true and genuine love for service, believes in his community and wants to make it stronger.

**Upcoming Services, Community Programs, Learning and Events at  
the Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas**

***Parashat Yitro***

**Exodus 18:1-20:23**

**Friday, January 25, 2019**

Erev Shabbat Service, 6:30 PM

Sermon: Seven Laws, Ten Commandments and the Foundation of Morality  
Oneg Shabbat (Reception) following the service in honor of Steve and Leslie Rockstein

**Saturday, January 26, 2019**

**Special Shabbat Morning Service, 10:00 AM**

including reading of the Ten Commandments

Torah Study and light reception follows

in Lilienfeld House at 11:00 AM



**A Day on St. John**

**Sunday, February 17, 2019**

Rabbi Feshbach speaks at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John on  
“How Can A God Who Has No Body Speak to Us? Spirituality and the Story of Sinai”  
beginning at 10:00 AM, followed by interactive discussion  
“Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Judaism  
But Did Not Know it was OK to Ask.”

**Return of the Israel Film Series**

**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

*Footnote*, 5 PM

Location TBD



**Musical Shabbat Service with  
Cantor Lisa Ann Wharton and Drummer Akiva Wharton**

**Friday, March 8, 2019, at 6:30 PM**

**The Festival of Purim:**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

**Farcical, Off-Beat and Zany Service, with Reading of the Book of Esther, 6 PM**

Pot Luck Dinner follows the family friendly service

**Communal Seder: Festival Meal for the First Night of Passover**

**Friday, April 19, 2019 at Lilienfeld House,**

beginning at 6:00 PM



The St. Thomas Synagogue  
**2019** Antiques, Art  
& Collectibles  
**AUCTION**

Antilles School MCM Center  
Sunday, February 10  
Doors open 10 a.m.  
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**Summer 2019 Congregational Family Trip to Israel**  
**July 10-21, 2019**

**LAND PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

10 nights accommodations at the following hotels or similar

- o 3 nights Dan Panorama Tel Aviv, Tel Aviv, Israel
- o 2 nights Nof Ginosar, Galilee, Israel
- o 5 nights Dan Panorama Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel

- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour escort/manager from arrival to return
- Porterage of one piece per person on arrival and departure at each hotel
- Local guides as required
- Entrance fees per itinerary

**MEALS:**

Breakfast every morning  
Two dinners at Kibbutz

**NOT INCLUDED:**

Meals other than what is listed  
Tips to guide and driver  
Personal expenses  
Insurance

**LAND PACKAGE:**

\$3025.00 per person based on double occupancy  
Single Supplement and Children's Rates available on request

**AIR TRAVEL:**

RT from St. Thomas to Tel Aviv  
\$1900.00 per person (estimate).  
Travel by individual arrangement;  
use miles if possible.

With questions, to express interest  
or to make a reservation contact:

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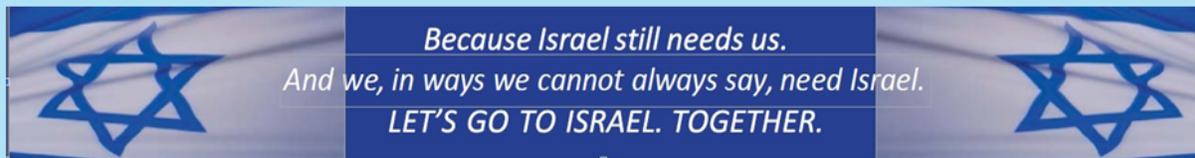
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**A special thank you, on this occasion to:**

**Gylchris Sprauve**, our accompanist,  
who put extra time, spirit and energy into this service.

**Luba Dolgopolsky**,  
for her considerable musical talent,  
participating in services with us for the first time.

**Talia Feshbach**, our Cantorial Soloist,  
and many others who have lent their voices and spirit to this service.

**Note from Rabbi Michael Feshbach:**

Friends: This service is a blend of a community program which has been held, for many years, here at the Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas, and the liturgy and much of the music sung at a similar service at my former congregation, Temple Shalom of Chevy Chase, MD. For the inspiration and many of the arrangements of that liturgy, and for the energy and creativity that led to it, I am deeply grateful to my former Cantor, Lisa Levine.

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in spirituality and study and service,  
one generation to the next,  
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