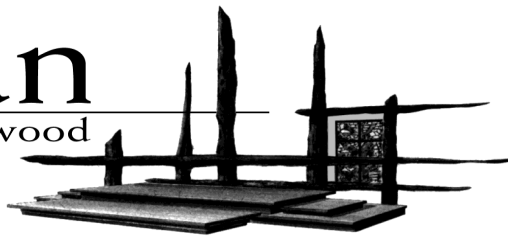


Unitarian

Society of Ridgewood



From the Interim Minister's Mailbox

The name of the ninth month of the year, September, comes to us from Latin via Old English. It means "seven." In the Roman calendar, this month was the seventh of year, March being the first. However, with the adoption of the Julian calendar (and perhaps earlier), January was the first month and September the ninth. In the ancient calendars, the New Year began in March. Now it begins in January.

Now it is in September, however, that many religious and academic institutions and other organizations begin their new year. And in the Jewish calendar, the New Year begins on Rosh Hashanah. This year it begins at sunset on October 2nd, although it often occurs during September.

The Unitarian Universalist tradition is to commence the new congregational year on the first Sunday following Labor Day and shift to a lighter summer schedule forty weeks later.

So here we are, at the start of a new year in the life of the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood. After the lighter schedule of summer programs, the summer school vacation, travels for many, and periods of relaxation for most, it is time to begin again.

I will be back in the pulpit on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. The following Sunday, September 11th, will be the ingathering service for all ages and water ritual. Please bring water to share. Religious education classes will resume on September 18th. The youth group will have already resumed meeting in August and other groups will quickly get up to speed in September.

It is good to gather together and make the most of our gathering:

May we work together to make the most of this new year of community, spiritual growth, deeper understanding, and action for a better world.

May the ties of community grow stronger and deeper across the generations.

May each individual in this community grow in spirit.

May each one understand more deeply all that matters.

May the actions taken make the world a better place.

It will be a great joy to gather together and begin again.

Rev Dr TJ

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The countdown to the start of the church year has begun! It has been a busy month preparing the religious education program, and I am so excited to pilot a few new programs this year, beginning with the Blessing of the Backpacks on Thursday, September 1, at 6:45pm. I hope to see you, your kids, and their backpacks there! We will have a short ceremony followed by food and fellowship.

As some of you may know, your Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) has also been hard at work throughout the summer - and they need your input! It is especially important that the voices of RE parents are heard in this process. To ensure your voices are heard, the MSC and I have collaborated to offer two Cottage Meetings especially for RE Parents. The first will be on Friday, **September 16**, from 6:30pm-8pm. Childcare will be offered from 6:30pm-9:30pm, allowing parents the opportunity to go out for dinner on their own after the meeting. This is a sample of our pilot "Parents' Nights Out" program, scheduled for November 4, February 3, and May 5. The second will be on Sunday, **September 18** from 11:30am-1:30pm, and I will lead a concurrent Kids' Cottage Meeting. Keep an eye out for an online signup in September's eblasts to sign up for either meeting.

Reflections

September seems to me to offer even more chances for new beginnings than January. This is especially true for folks who are starting a new school year (children or adults!), or those whose jobs follow a traditional academic calendar. I remember in college I would often make "new school year" resolutions at the start of each year - don't procrastinate, speak up more in class, and be more socially engaged are a few I remember. Why not set intentions for the new church year as well? While I know how busy life gets, and that sports and school commitments don't even cease on Sunday, your child can only have an excellent religious education experience if they attend as frequently as possible. In her book [The Gift of Faith: Tending the Spiritual Lives of Children](#) (an excellent, quick read that I highly recommend), Jeanne Nieuwejaar quotes the Rabbi Moshe Waldoks:

I often go out to groups and say, 'How many want your kids to be professional soccer players?' Of course, nobody raises their hand," says Waldoks. "Then I say, 'How many want them to be Jews at the end of the century?' Oh! Everyone raises their hand. So where's the investment? You're investing in soccer and you want your kids to be Jews?

Of course, it's not quite as straightforward for us. Maybe some of you do want your kids to be professional soccer players, and I imagine that many of you would be hesitant to say you want your kids to be Unitarian Universalists - we are loathe to impose our religion on anyone. And that's ok! I do believe, though, that we all want our children to engage in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning, and our religious education program is designed to give them the tools to do so. With regular attendance, our kids will not only be better equipped for this search, but they will feel more at home at church, forge stronger friendships with their church peers, and have more opportunities for intergenerational connection with other congregants. Make your intentions simple: come to church! If you haven't already done so, registering your child is a great first step - you can do so [here](#). You can also make sure all the important RE events of the year are on your family calendar using our [RE QuickCal](#) See you at church!

In Faith,
Johanna

RE Open House

Sunday, October 2, 2016 — 9:45 am to 11:45 am

Have you ever wanted to invite a friend to the Society, but never found the right time? Do you have a coworker or neighbor who you think is really a Unitarian Universalist at heart? Do your kids friends wonder why they have to promptly leave Saturday night sleepovers to make church on Sunday morning? Invite them to our RE Open House on October 2! Everyone will start in Anderson for a Time for All Ages, then visiting children will join their age-appropriate RE Class, while visiting parents will meet with Johanna to learn about our religious education program and have all their RE-related questions answered. Rev. Tony will be available to meet with visitors after the service to offer a broader perspective on congregational life at USR. Please contact Johanna at usr.dre1@gmail.com or [207-409-6192](tel:207-409-6192) for more information.

FROM THE BOARD



I hope that everyone has enjoyed the summer and that you are all re-energized to embark on what promises to be an exciting and fulfilling congregational year. It will be exciting because, among the many other things that will go on, we will conduct a search for our new minister and hope to call the person that our Search Committee presents to the congregation next Spring. However, the fulfilling part is largely up to you.

Like many other things in life, I believe that what you receive from the USR is directly proportional to how much you put in. There are so many different ways to be an active participant at the USR that will enrich your life. Of all of the ways that we can measure the health of our congregation, I think that the level of engagement of the entire congregation is most important.

Surely, I would be pleased to see increased membership or more income, which would enable us to do more. But in the long run I don't think that those things are as important as a fully-engaged congregation. There are so many opportunities for everyone to participate. I invite those of you who are on the sidelines to jump in and become involved this Fall.

Thank you,
Rob



Several of the Racial Justice subcommittee's programs this Fall will focus on America's criminal justice system.

1. Legislation is pending in the New Jersey Assembly to limit the use of solitary confinement in the state's prisons. The Montclair Unitarian congregation has created a **life-size replica of a solitary cell**. We have arranged to borrow it **starting Friday September 9**. It will be on our front patio and **open for public viewing on Sundays and on a schedule** that will be posted on the cell. Members of our congregation have volunteered to staff its open hours. Plan to check it out.

And we will have **letters asking our local members of the Assembly to vote for these morally essential changes in New Jersey's penal practices for you to sign at the Action Table Sunday, September 18**. It has already been passed 23-16 by the NJ Senate.

2. Come to the **discussion of "Just Mercy"**, the award-winning memoir by Bryan Stevenson on **Friday evening, September 23 at 7 p.m.** He tells of his work representing people who are impoverished or black or both on death row. We are very fortunate to have Louis Acevedo, Deputy Public Defender in Bergen County as the discussion leader.

3. Save the Date: We will have a chance to see a **new documentary, "Profiled"**, and hear its producer and director, Kathleen Foster, discuss the film on **Friday, November 4**.

Breaking News: There will be a **press conference on Saturday, 9/10 at 10:30 a.m. on the USR patio**. Assemblywoman **Shavonda Sumter** will address the bill she is sponsoring that will restrict use of solitary confinement in correctional facilities. All welcome.

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

ADVANCE PURCHASE TO SEPTEMBER 29 PREVIEW PARTY TICKETS ON SALE FOR \$18 NOW!

See Georgetta Walsh during Coffee Hour or email her.



North Jersey Fiber Arts Festival 2016 is the USR Signature Fundraiser. Join in the fun with a chance to view the documentary YARN (click [here](#) to see trailer) and shop the vendors during Preview Night for best selection.

The film, food, beverages and dessert are all included in the \$18 ticket price along with admission to the two-day festival on **September 30** and **October 1** held at the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, 113 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, NJ. Opportunity to take part in a wide variety of small, hands-on workshops are available Friday and Saturday.



Save the Date for Crafts in Ridgewood

The Crafts in Ridgewood event is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year on **November 18th and 19th**. Mark your calendars! We will have plenty of amazing gift ideas for your holiday shopping with new and favorite crafters. This event was started 25 years ago as part of the Society's ongoing Social Responsibilities tradition. It provides additional funding for Community Action with a Ministry for People (C.A.M.P.), an after school and preschool program in Paterson.

Our dedication to the C.A.M.P. program began 38 years ago and continues thanks to the wonderful volunteers from our congregation who make time to tutor students, teach classes, sit on task force committees and work with Citizens for Swimming.

Please help us celebrate in November. Admission is free and 25% of the vendors' profits go to C.A.M.P. If you'd like to be a part of the fun, please contact Marcy Cagan. There are a variety of volunteer possibilities ranging from a one-hour commitment to being part of the team. We'd love to have you.



MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

One Book USR

Our next meeting is **September 28th** at 7:30 p.m. We will be discussing *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough. This exciting and fact-packed book shows the seque between the brothers love of bicycles and aerial locomotion. We will also compare this book to *The Boys in the Boat*.

Congregational Dinners

October 22, 2016

We are looking for USR Members who will enjoy being a HOST for any size group you can seat around your table on Saturday, **October 22nd**. Hosting involves calling a list of people who have already signed up to attend a dinner, so they'll say YES! You then ask or tell them what you would like them to contribute to the meal. You can prepare whatever you wish, or nothing beyond hosting itself. It's your choice. We will provide you with a model invitation and menu, plus other suggestions that help. This is one of USR's favorite events because it's an opportunity to get to know people better in a cozy setting. People will sign up in September to be guests.

Please email your reply to Holly Nolan as soon as possible. Thank you so much for hosting.

First Wednesday Brown-bag Luncheon

Please join us for the next First Wednesday Brown-bag Luncheon on **September 7, 2016** to be hosted by Judy Scanlan at 1 p.m. at her home in Ridgewood, N.J. She will provide dessert and beverages. Please R.S.V.P to let her know that you are coming and to let her give you directions if needed. All are welcome.

A Letter from your Youth Program Coordinator

Welcome back from summer! I hope everyone had a restful, relaxing time over the last few months and is looking forward to coming back to their church community.

Our CUC/USR youth program has a lot of activities planned for the coming year. The time has changed for our weekly youth group meetings to 12:30pm-2:30pm, alternating church locations every other month. For the months of August and September we'll be meeting at USR and then in October and November we'll be back at CUC. We've got youth cons coming up, social justice activities, a new youth adult committee, our youth-led worship service, and there may you may even see this newsletter column written by a one of our youth in the coming months. There are lots of exciting things on the horizon!

There are a few of our youth group members that I wanted to acknowledge for their summer UU activities. Hannah Rigdon did a magnificent job as the Junior Business Manager of this year's General Assembly Youth Caucus in Columbus, OH leading our youth in the work of racial justice. Two of our teens also attended the Central East Region's Goldmine Leadership School this year at Murray Grove, Adam Hartman and Faith Keenan, where they became experts in leadership, UU worship, and UU history. And a big thanks to everyone in the congregation who donated money at our car wash fundraiser last Spring, as it helped to fund scholarships for Goldmine!

Now that the year has begun I'll be available by email on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Otherwise I'm always available to meet by appointment.

See you all this month!
James

SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS

An Update from the USR Ministerial Search Committee

Survey Update:

- In the midst of a hot humid July, preparations for travel, vacation days, alternate routines, 134 surveys were completed and returned!
- Now, in late August, the Search Committee is busy analyzing survey results to determine common desires for the congregation's future ministry.

Cottage Meetings:

- Surveys have their limitations. Consequently, informal, small group discussions called "Cottage Meetings" will be held to provide the opportunity for each congregant to voice his/her opinions about the future ministry and/or to learn what others envision.
- It is important for the Search Committee to hear from all members of the community—the children, the youth, their parents, the singles, widowed, retired, working...new members, as well as those who have been active for many years, are encouraged to take part in the process.
- **Sign-up procedure for Cottage Meetings will be in the September eblasts, and also at the Welcome Table on Sundays.**

Cottage Meeting Schedule:

- **Parents' Night Out Cottage Meeting: September 16th** from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Children will be entertained from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Parents will have 90 minutes to themselves after the end of the Cottage Meeting.
- **Kids' Cottage Meeting:** Sunday September 18th from 11:15 to 1:15 while parents attend the adult Cottage Meeting.
- Sunday, September 18th from 11:15 to 1:15
- Tuesday, September 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, September 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday September 20th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 25th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 28th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 28th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

MINISTRY COUNCIL

Upcoming Services

- September 4th **“A Working Religion for Working People” - Rev. Dr. Tony Johnson**
 Labor Day weekend is a good time to reflect upon what makes a religion work for people who work. We spend much of our lives working. Whatever the work a person does – skilled or unskilled, well-paying or low wage – each deserves a religion that works for working people. Musician: Ron Levy, piano
- September 11th **“Tranquil Streams and Pounding Waves: Ingathering with Water Ritual and Remembrance of 9-11” - Rev. Dr. Tony Johnson**
 Please bring water to share, whether from summer travel or a source close to home. The children will be in most of the service, with an out-of-Anderson activity during adult talk in the middle. Musicians: Ron Levy, piano; Cecelia Brauer, armonica (glass harmonica)
- September 18th **“Back to School” - Rev. Dr. Tony Johnson**
 Public schools have been open for two weeks or more and Sunday School begins today. In one manner or another, we are always learning. It's back-to-school time for all of us!

 The service will include the Service of Dedication for Reed Graham Buchert and his parents. Musician: Ron Levy, piano
- September 25th **“Unitarians and Christians, Walking Together” - Rev. Dr. Tony Johnson**
 Originally, Unitarianism was a dissenting movement within Christianity. Then it became an inclusive movement that included Christians among others. In some congregations, the Unitarians became totally humanistic. In others, the Unitarian Christians kept the Humanists out. What does it mean – in the congregation and in society at large – for Unitarians and Christians to walk together? Musicians: Ron Levy, piano; RJ Kelley, French horn

CIRCLE OF LIFE

We send our heart-felt wishes to Members Steve and Regina Andrews and their family as Steve prepares for open-heart surgery **September 8th** at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City. Please keep Steve and Regina in your thoughts.

We send our love to former Member, Jack Ritter (Robin Ritter's father) as he is receiving hospice care in Naples, FL. Robin told us her father is in good spirits.

MINISTRY COUNCIL

Society Singers and Children's Chorus Update

Ron Levy, USR Music Director, is pleased to announce the schedule for the rehearsals and performances of the Society Singers and the Children's Chorus:

October 2	Society Singers
November 6	Children's Chorus
December 4	Society Singers
December 25	Society Singers and Children's Chorus
February 5	Children's Chorus
March 5	Society Singers
April 2	Children's Chorus
May 7	Society Singers
June 4	Children's Chorus

Rehearsals for the Society Singers will take place on the three Thursdays leading up to the performance, in Anderson (unless there is a change) at 7:30 p.m. and will generally last between 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 hours. In addition, there will be a warm-up rehearsal the morning of the service, commencing at 8:45 sharp. Singers can elect to participate in as many services as desired; attendance is required at TWO of the Thursday rehearsals AND the Sunday morning warm-up. The children will rehearse on the three Sundays of their performance, in the Fellowship room at 9 a.m.

There will be a sign-up sheet for the above-listed performances on the bulletin board in the church hallway; in addition, Ron asked that you duplicate that information with an email to him, at: Levynotes@aol.com.



This September at the Cottage Place Gallery

Favorite works of art selected from the personal collections of the USR art committee members:

Bob Demarest
 Doug Goodell
 Jeanne Short
 and
 Carol Wolf, chair

Upcoming October exhibition:

Award-winning wildlife photographer, Chris Dei

Save the date: Artist's Reception on Sunday, October 23rd from 2-5 p.m.

MINISTRY COUNCIL



Consider CONNECTIONS – sign-up today!

Join a Connections Group for the Fall 2016 season. Connections is a small group program where USR members, friends and newcomers can get acquainted, deepen their relationships across generations and participate in a forum for self reflection. Six to ten people gather to speak from the heart, to be heard and to listen deeply to each other. Topics typically explore social, spiritual and ethical issues.

The Fall 2016 program runs from October to January. Groups are led by trained facilitators who follow a structured format and meet for 2 hours, twice a month

for a total of eight sessions. In addition, each group engages in a service project of their choice.

Please click [here](#) to register for a group today!

Contact Bea Cronin or Debbie Wardell if you have questions.



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL



Peace and Justice will be meeting on **September 18th** at 11:30 in Reeb. This will be our first meeting for the year. Everyone is welcome, members and friends.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

Plate Collection Report (2015-2016)

In 2009, the USR Board granted the Social Responsibilities Council (SRC) approval to use the Offertory Collection at Sunday services to collect money for social justice causes, as determined by the SRC. In 2014, the Board asked the SRC to increase the number of collections to up to 15 per year, allowing for emergency requests. During the 2015-2016 congregational year there were 14 plate collections. The congregation responded generously for a total of \$14,080. A big and sincere thank you to all who have contributed!!

If you would like to request consideration for a group you feel would fit the mission of USR, please complete a plate collection request form (on the website or at SRC table) and submit to the SRC. Questions: Email Carol Loscalzo.

Don't get **TRAPPED** into thinking **TRAP** laws are in the past.

The Reproductive Justice Committee is still celebrating the Supreme Court's decision in the Whole Women's Health vs. Hellerstedt case solidifying that Texas women face undue burden as a result of the TRAP laws enacted upon clinics in the Lone Star state.

For those of you feeling fuzzy on the acronyms, TRAP = Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers. They are laws that single out the medical practices of doctors who provide abortions and impose on them requirements that are different and more burdensome than those imposed on other medical practices. (Thanks for the definition, [Center for Reproductive Rights.](#))

The documentary **TRAPPED by Dawn Porter** serves as a TRAP Law 101 course as it delves into the dangerous impact that TRAP laws have on the people and communities of the clinics they regulate. While the documentary focuses on the time leading up to the Supreme Court decision, the victorious outcome of the case does not overshadow the importance of understanding that TRAP laws continue to hinder access to choice for huge populations of people nationwide. **This documentary is essential viewing.**

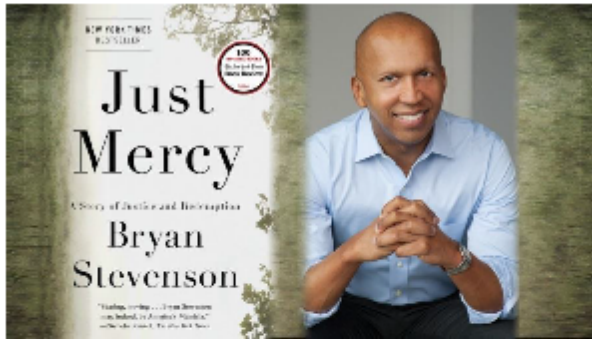
Join us on **Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 pm at USR** for a screening of the documentary TRAPPED, followed by a discussion led by **Kelly Baden, Interim Senior Director, US Policy and Advocacy at the Center for Reproductive Rights.** She will share her personal knowledge and experience working on a historical Supreme Court case, as well as answer your questions on where the future of the reproductive rights movement is going. (Spoiler alert: No breaks in sight. Keep moving forward.) Doors open at 7:00 pm, movie begins at 7:20 pm, and Ms. Baden will speak following the movie.

We are co-sponsoring with Northern NJ- NOW, National Council for Jewish Women - Bergen County, and the New Jersey Abortion Access Fund. Please click [here](#) for more details.

Save the Date: On Monday, September 12, NJ people will gather **on the steps of the state capitol from 11 - 12p.m.** in Trenton for a National Moral Day of Action. UU Legislative Ministry of NJ (UULMNJ) is one of the sponsors. It is being organized by Rev. William Barber who has organized Moral Mondays in North Carolina. A grassroots social justice movement, this event will be occurring in almost all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Stay tuned - more information to follow as soon as it becomes available. Questions? contact Carol Loscalzo.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

BOOK DISCUSSION: Friday, September 23, 2016 Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson



“A searing, moving and infuriating memoir. Bryan Stevenson may, indeed, be America’s Mandela. For decades he has fought judges, prosecutors and police on behalf of those who are impoverished, black or both. Injustice is easy not to notice when it affects people different from ourselves; that helps explain the obliviousness of our own generation to inequity today... We need to wake up.”

Nicholas Kristof, *The New York Times*

Date: Friday, September 23, 2016

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Unitarian Society of
Ridgewood (Fellowship Room)
113 Cottage Place
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

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Free child care available with 2 weeks notice. Requests can be sent to Ann Pareti at usr.membership1@gmail.com.

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Stevenson’s memoir from his work representing people on death row gives a powerful voice to the potential for mercy to redeem us, and provides a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice.

The Racial Justice Committee invites you to read Stevenson’s memoir and join in a discussion based on the book’s content. Reading the book is encouraged, yet not required.

Discussion will be led by **Louis Acevedo**, Deputy Public Defender, Bergen County.



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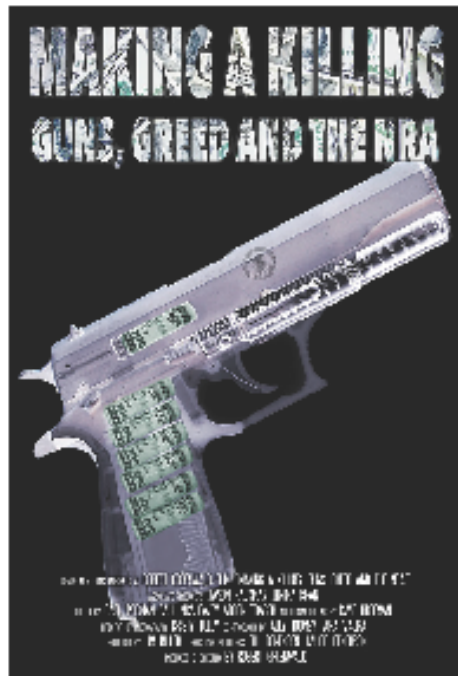
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MAKING A KILLING: GUNS, GREED, AND THE NRA

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16TH, 7:30 P.M. (OPEN 7:00)

DISCUSSION MODERATOR:

ED GROSS, BERGEN COUNTY BRADY CHAPTER



MAKING A KILLING: GUNS, GREED, AND THE NRA tells the stories of how guns, and the billions made off of them, affect the lives of everyday Americans. It features personal stories from people across the country who have been affected by gun violence, including survivors and victims' families. The film exposes how the powerful gun companies and the NRA are resisting responsible legislation for the sake of profit — and thereby putting people in danger.

The film looks into gun tragedies that include unintentional shootings, domestic violence, suicides, mass shootings and trafficking — and what we can do to put an end to this profit-driven crisis. Through this film and campaign, Brave New Films will work with partners to fight for a country where public safety is more valued than profit. Director: Robert Greenwald (90 minutes, Not Rated)

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"Come for the film, stay for the discussion!"

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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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