

Erev Shabbat Service  
in honor of

# MARTIN LUTHER KING

Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas  
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With Special Guest Speaker  
Michael W. Twitty

שבת שלום



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

## Shabbat Shalom

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.

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.

We come together this night at a time once again fraught with danger and terror, on the razor's edge of hatred, witness to those who would embrace tyranny and supremacy.

Dr. King taught --- and we believe, even now, even now -- that hate will fade and hope will shine as we grow more, and as we know more. Education, knowledge, facts and science, hope and love and compassion and empathy-- these are the keys to a better tomorrow.

## 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,

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 דוּדֵי 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 אֲוֶרֶךְ קוּמִי אֲוֶרֶי,  
עוֹרֵי עוֹרֵי 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 עֲטֹרַת בַּעֲלָה, גַּם בְּשִׂמְחָה וּבְצִהְלָה,  
תּוֹךְ אֲמוּנֵי עַם סִגְלָה, בּוֹאִי כַּלָּה, בּוֹאִי כַּלָּה. 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!

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יי' הַמְּבָרָךְ.  
בְּרוּךְ יי' הַמְּבָרָךְ 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 יי', 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!

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.

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מְלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

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

Blessed is God's glorious majesty forever and ever.

### 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 kdoshim  
l'Eloheichem. Ani Adonai Eloheichem,  
asher hotzeiti et-chem mei-eretz  
Mitzrayim lih'yot lachem l'Elohim  
ani Adonai Eloheichem.

וְאָהַבְתָּ אֶת יי אֱלֹהֶיךָ  
בְּכָל-לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל-נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל-  
מְאֹדֶךָ: וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה  
אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוְּךָ הַיּוֹם עַל-  
לִבְבְּךָ: וְשִׁנַּנְתָּם לְבִנְיָד וּדְבַרְתָּ  
בָּם בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ וּבִלְכֻתְךָ  
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 יי אֱלֹהֵיכֶם  
אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם מִמִּצְרַיִם  
מִצְרַיִם לְהָיוֹת לְכֶם לְאֱלֹהִים  
אֲנִי יי 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 shalt 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'olan, 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* [harvest hut] shelters a field worker from the sun, we ask God to “shelter” us at night.

## 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 יְיָ  
אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ,  
וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי שָׁבַת וַיִּנָּפֵשׁ.

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 תִּפְתָּח 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 לְבְנֵי בְנֵיהֶם לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה:

מֶלֶךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמִגֵּן:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, מִגֵּן אַבְרָהָם וְעֲזַרַת 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'kayem emunato lischeinei afar.

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

אַתָּה גִּבּוֹר לְעוֹלָם אֲדֹנָי,

מִחַיֵּה הַכּוֹל אַתָּה, רַב לְהוֹשִׁיעַ:

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

מִזְרִיד הַטָּל מְשִׁיב הַרוּחַ וּמִזְרִיד הַגֶּשֶׁם.

Baruch Atah Adonai, m'chayah hakol.

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

*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 לָךְ,

מְלַךְ מֵמִית וּמְחַיֵּה וּמְצַמִּיחַ יְשׁוּעָה:

וּנְאֻמָּן אַתָּה לְהַחְיֹת הַכּוֹל.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, מִחַיֵּה 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

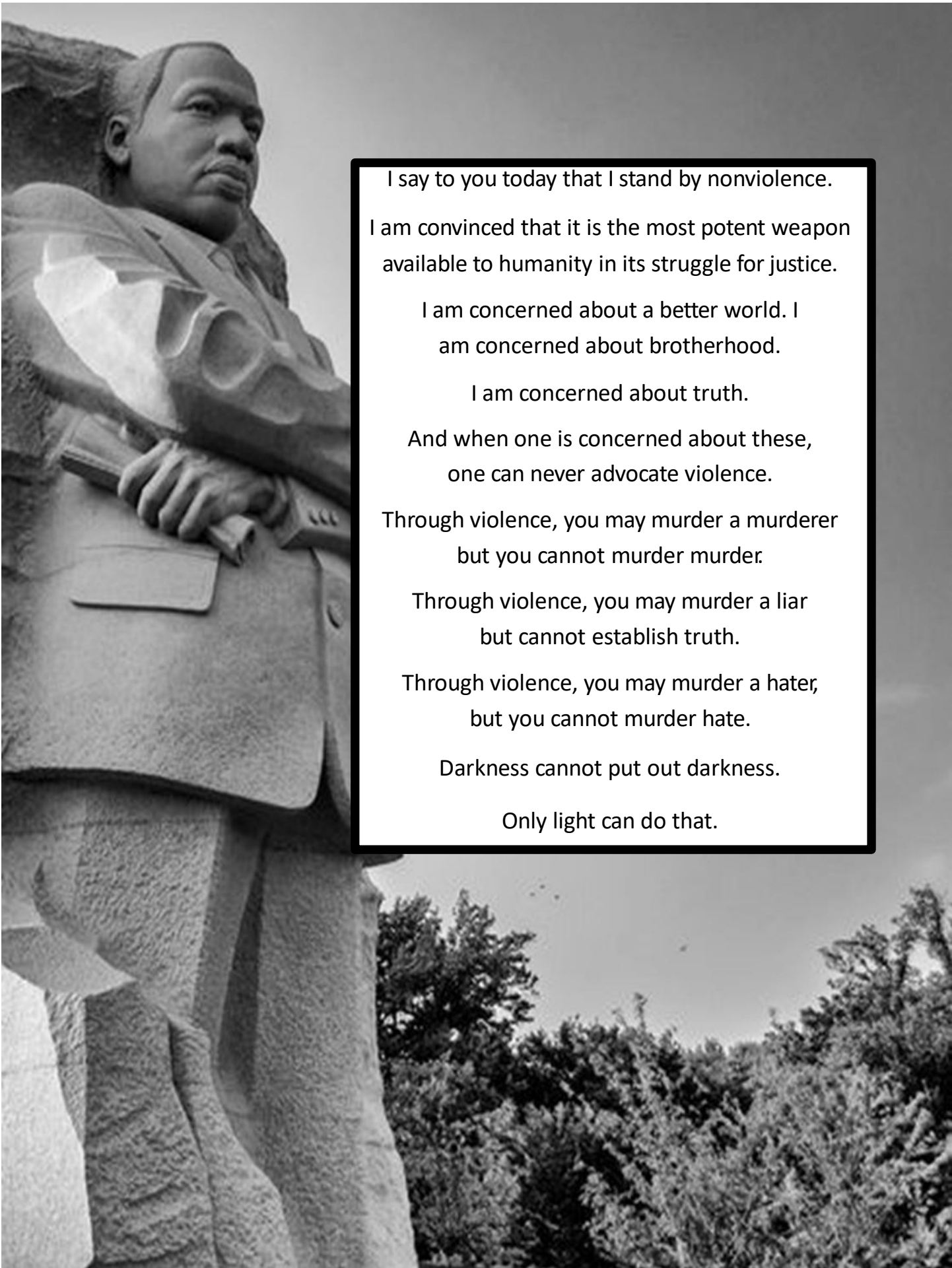
The third blessing focuses on God's holiness and our desire to act in a holy manner.

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.*

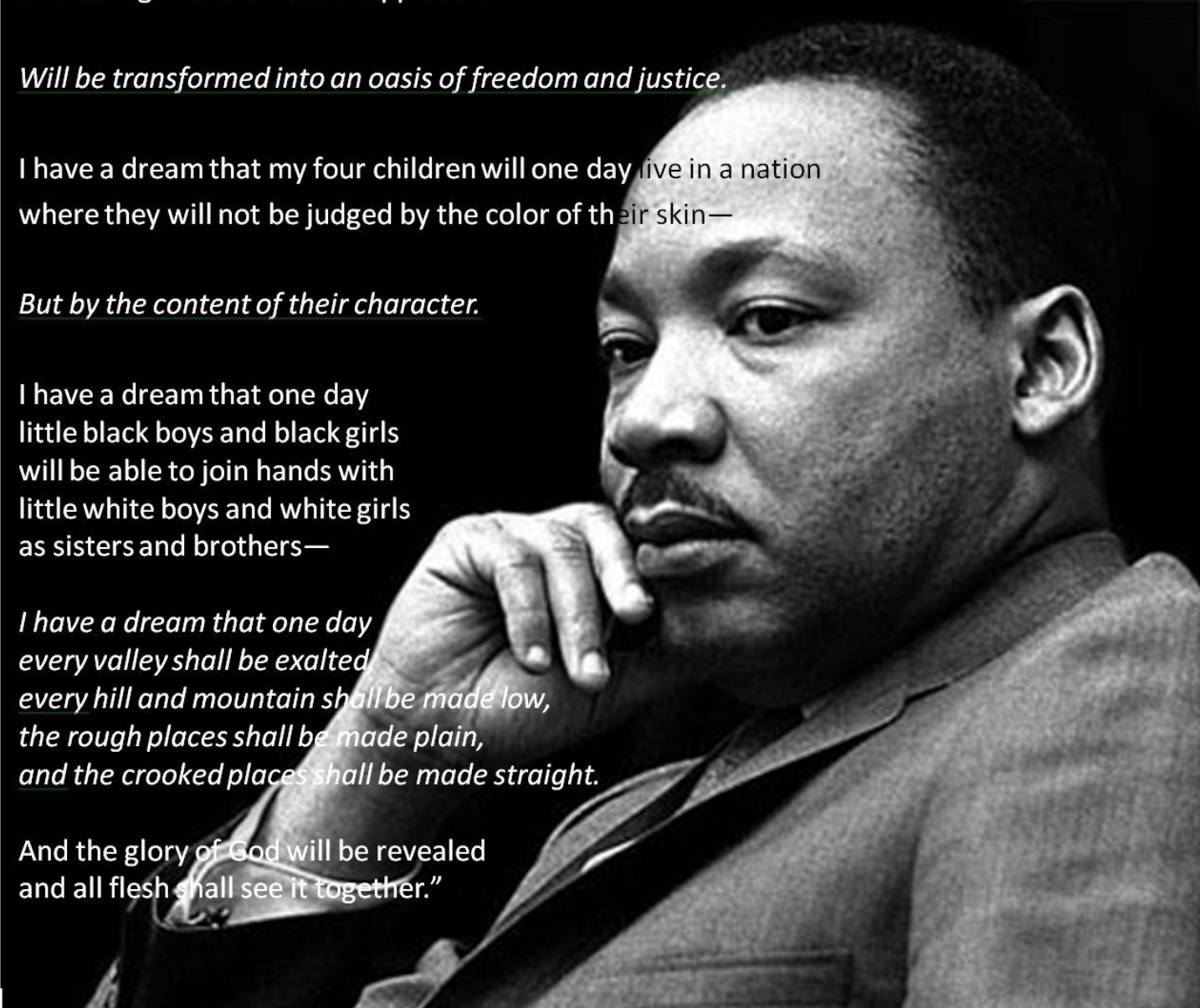
I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin—

*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 שָׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו  
הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם  
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,



**We wish a *Ref'uah Sh'leimah* (a Complete Healing)  
to the following of our family and friends:**

Robin Adler  
Laurie Allen  
Judith Arbacher  
Rachel Arbacher  
Charles Arthur  
Pauline Balsam  
Amiel Cohen  
Quinn Copps  
Yigal Ehrlich  
Jared Falek  
Gina Talia Farahnick  
Marci Finkelstein  
Wycliffe Francis  
Julie Friedman  
Marilyn Grishman  
Violet Adelaide Johnson  
Jay Kranitz  
Helen Leneman  
Sheri Levson  
Linda Lewensohn  
Steven Markowitz  
Tom McCoy

Sheldon Minion  
Raymond Newton  
James Nicholson  
Maria Grace Nicholson  
Erik Pedersen  
Rosa Pupko  
Dorothy Ring  
Carolyn Rosenthal  
John Rosenthal  
Monte Rosenthal  
Henia Rubins  
John Schenkel  
Ruth Schloss  
Maxine Shayna Stark  
Bill Stein  
Robert Tunick  
Rachel Wallace  
Andrea Weibel  
Rona Wolfson  
Rayna Sandra Zaner



# The 2021 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Awards

## History and Reflection:

Dr. Stuart Wechter and Brook Robin

## Recognition of Students:

Rabbi Michael Feshbach

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Antilles School

Charlotte Amalie High School

Ivanna Eudora Kean High School

Seventh Day Adventist School

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School

VI Montessori School and Peter Gruber Int'l Academy

Maura Richardson

Janae Boschulte

Mi'Kaylah Thomas

Kaylin Wallen

Jonica Faith Cardin

Shania Nieves

Deja-Marie Simon

## Keynote Remarks: Recommitting to the Mission

### Introduction of the speaker

## Keynote Address: Michael W. Twitty



**Michael W. Twitty** is a culinary historian and food writer from the Washington D.C. area. He founded the blog [Afroculinaria.com](http://Afroculinaria.com). He has appeared on *Bizarre Foods America* with Andrew Zimmern, *Many Rivers to Cross* with Henry Louis Gates and, most recently, *Taste the Nation* with Top Chef's Padma Lakshmi.

His 2017 book *The Cooking Gene*, tracing his ancestry through food from Africa to America and from slavery to freedom, was a finalist for The Kirkus Prize and The Art of Eating Prize and a third place winner of Barnes & Noble's Discover New Writer's Awards in Nonfiction. *The Cooking Gene* won the 2018 James Beard Award for best writing as well as book of the year, making him the first Black author so awarded. His piece on visiting Ghana in *Bon Appetit* was included in Best Food Writing in 2019.

## 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 גְּדוּלָה לְיוֹצֵר בְּרֵאשִׁית,  
שֶׁלֹא עָשָׂנוּ כְּגוֹיֵי הָאָרֶצוֹת,  
וְלֹא שָׁמְנוּ כְּמִשְׁפְּחוֹת הָאָדָמָה.  
שֶׁלֹא שָׂם חֶלְקֵנוּ כִּהֵם,  
וְגוֹרְלָנוּ כְּכֹל הַמּוֹנֵם.  
וְאָנַחְנוּ כְּרַעִים וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים,  
לְפָנֵי 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**

Bertha Becker

David Jonathan Kezner

Andrew Bernsohn

Sarah Kezner

Sylvia Cohen

Herman Lichstein

Meyer Davis

E. Ray Pariser

Gene Feldman

Ruzena Steglova

Maurice Glazer

Aron Tenenbaum

Hannah Isaacson

Mary Weintraub

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

Earl Altman	Ruth <u>Fierberg</u>	Norma <u>Kligman</u>	Beth Rice
Bonnie Berman	Jack Finkelstein	Roselyn <u>Korn</u>	Leo Rosenberg
David Brill	Rae Goldberg	Stuart <u>Letwat</u>	Frances <u>Saltz</u>
Caitlin Brown	Edward <u>Goldfeder</u>	Kurt Loewy	Leo <u>Samen</u>
<u>Nuala Carragher</u>	Isidor Goldstein	Pearl <u>Lovinger</u>	Sol Schindler
<u>Sayde Davis</u>	Debbie <u>Gutenplan</u>	Nathan <u>Lutzker</u>	Larry Silver
Charles Devore	Jake Heller	Debbie <u>Marmer</u>	William Silverman
Robert Devore	Charles Hirschfeld	Jack <u>Melinger</u>	Marion Smith
Jerome <u>Dornfeld</u>	Alice <u>Holzer</u>	Nathan Miller	Charles Stern
Frances Eber	Max <u>Horwitz</u>	Minnie <u>Orchovsky</u>	Esther Weingarten
<u>Howard Eckhaus</u>	Sadie Kessler	Naomi <u>Ostrove</u>	Howard Wolf
Baruch Epstein	David <u>Kezner</u>	Shirley Perry	Joseph <u>Wolpert</u>
	Benjamin Klein	<u>Helaine Polansky</u>	Robert <u>Wunsch</u>

**Sheloshim**

Ruth Novick  
Tommy Raskin  
Kathie Prior Phillips  
Bernie Horowitz

**Recent Deaths**

Capitol Police Office Howard Liebengood  
Capital Police Officer Brian Sicknick  
Mike O'Donnell  
Brooke Granieri





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 ever.  
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

יְתַגַּדֵּל וַיְתַקְדֹּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.  
בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כְרַעֲוִיתְהּ,  
וַיְמַלִּיךְ מַלְכוּתְהּ,  
בְּחַיִּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן  
וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל,  
בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזָמַן קָרִיב. וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.  
יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ  
לְעָלַם וּלְעֵלְמֵי עֵלְמַיָּא.  
יְתַבְרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח, וַיִּתְפָּאֵר  
וַיִּתְרוֹמַם וַיִּתְנַשֵּׂא,  
וַיִּתְהַדָּר וַיִּתְעַלֶּה וַיִּתְהַלַּל  
שְׁמֵהּ דְדְקֻדְשָׁא בְרִיךְ הוּא,  
לְעֵלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא,  
תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא,  
דְאָמִירוּן בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.  
יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא,  
וְחַיִּים עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.  
וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.  
עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו,  
הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵינוּ,  
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

***Maura Richardson*** has been chosen by **All Saints Cathedral School** as this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award recipient. Maura has been a leader when it comes to community service. She has taken charge in leading food drives and toy drives during the pandemic. She actively works to repair and protect our marine environment, and she has been an advocate bringing attention to the University of the Virgin Islands' Marine Science Program. Academics remain a strong focus as she has been an honor student throughout her high school career and a member of the National Honor Society. Maura fulfills "The Dream" of Dr. King, promoting her fellow students' participation in the fight for equality by leading discussions and actions throughout the student body to support civil rights movements.

***Janae Boschulte*** is this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award recipient chosen by **Antilles School**. She has been constantly involved in community service initiatives throughout her high school career, serving as President, Co-President or Class President of the Junior State of America, National Honor Society and Student Council. Janae has also been a Peer Tutor and Student Ambassador for Antilles School, and she has volunteered at The Forum as well as at The Humane Society. Moreover, she has been a member of the Quiz Bowl Brainstorms Team in each of her four high school years, even serving as Co-Captain. Janae has enjoyed numerous academic achievements including the College Board National Recognition Programs African American Scholar; the Brown University Book Award; and Awards for Academic Excellence in History and the Social Sciences, Literature and Language Arts, Mathematics, Sciences and Physical Education and Health. She dedicates her voice and her time to supporting organizations in the larger community whose purposes are to lift up those who cannot lift up themselves.

***Mi'Kaylah Thomas*** has been chosen by **Charlotte Amalie High School** as this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award recipient. Mi'Kaylah has served her community as a member of the Word of Faith International Christian Center Generation 6:20 and as a Gem of Excellence in the Academic Cotillion of 2019. She has also been a dance instructor for the past six years at the Virgin Islands Institute of Performing Arts. Academically, Mi'Kaylah has maintained high honors during all marking periods and is a proud member of the National Honor Society. She uses her talent of dance to help inspire the youth of her community to use their gifts and nurture them to rise above racism that is needlessly taking so many black lives. She leads by example and uses her selfless personality to be a positive role model, always putting the "team" first rather than herself.

***Kaylin Walen*** has been chosen by **Ivanna Eudora Kean High School** as this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award recipient. She has participated in many service activities including Beach and Mangrove clean-ups, Service Learning projects with Junior ROTC, and Volunteer duties at the Bethlehem House Homeless Shelter and the Eldra Shulterbrandt Residential Facility. She was also the recipient of a community grant awarded from UVI Storm Strong Program and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to create educational projects on hurricane preparedness, mold reduction and safe drinking water. She has excelled academically, achieving High Honor Roll and being a member of the National Honor Society. Kaylin was on the 2019 winning St. Thomas/St. John District Quiz Bowl Team, and she has been part of the JROTC Leadership and Academic Teams. She challenges herself with AP Classes and was recognized as "Best Overall Student" at Alpine Securities SAT Prep Program. Kaylin does not allow discrimination to frighten her or hold her back from opportunities. She is proud to have attended class, studied and made friends with many other races – living "The Dream" of Equality for which Dr. King so valiantly fought.

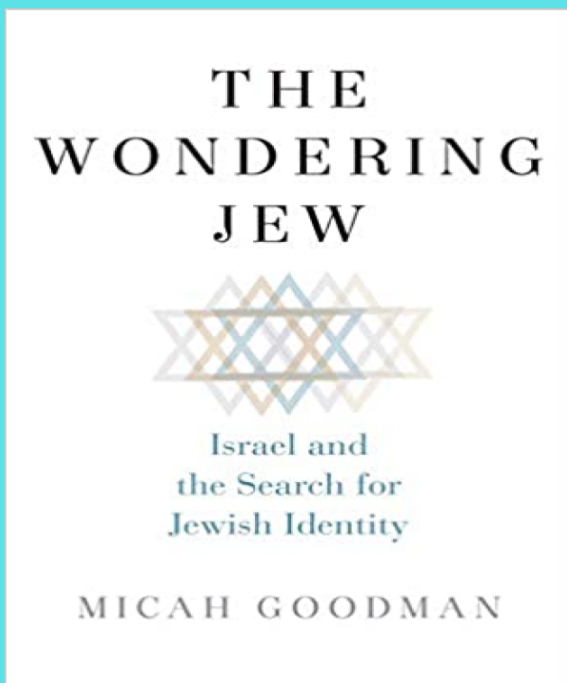


***Jonica Faith Cherish Cardin*** has been chosen by **St. Thomas-St. John Seventh-Day Adventist School** as this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award recipient. Jonica is an honor student and has strived to serve her school community as Vice President of the Student Council in 2019 as well as Secretary of the Senior Class of 2021. She has completed over 100 hours of community service at different agencies in St. Thomas: Volunteer at the Ebenezer Senior Citizen Facility, Volunteer with the Maranatha Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Services monthly Feed the Homeless Program, Junior Counselor at the Tshwane Intervention and Afterschool Program Inc, and Student Missionary at the 2019 Caribbean Conference of Seventh Day Adventists in the Dominican Republic. She is also a member of the School's Steel Orchestra and has been the Elementary School's Art Club instructor. Jonica is the top student in the Senior Class of 2021 and is an Early Admissions Student to UVI. She participated in the NCC Annual Science Fair on Tortola where she won the individual 3<sup>rd</sup> place for her Physics Project on Hydraulics. She Participated in Poetry Out Loud, and she helped her school win 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 2019 Shakesperian Festival. She is a determined, courageous and compassionate individual always willing to take on any challenge and to be of service to others.

***Shania Nieves*** has been chosen by **Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School** as this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award recipient. Shania is an active Altar Server for the Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Prior to the pandemic, she would visit the elders of the community to sing and talk with them. For two years, she was a member of the Parish Youth Group. For the School, she helped in the preparations and events associated with the International Night, and she was instrumental in putting together the 12<sup>th</sup> grade class virtual Christmas Program. She has achieved second honor roll throughout high school and was given Certificates of Excellence in Science and Service in June 2019. She is a great team player, always encouraging her peers and finding great joy in making other people smile.

***Deja-Marie Simon*** has been chosen by **Virgin Islands Montessori School and Peter Gruber International Academy** as this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award recipient. Deja-Marie is a true activist and advocate for all people, unafraid to use her voice to show the world that everyone deserves equal rights. She recently started her own online art business to help support the Black Lives Matter Movement. She has been involved in several community activities including as a volunteer at the Taste of Nations event, M2M, the Haunted Forest and Fall Fest. She participated in community outreach after Hurricanes Irma and Maria. She also participated in a Black Lives Matter march as well as in fundraisers for Black Lives Matter and Black LGBTQ+. Deja-Marie does all of this while participating in the academy's challenging International Baccalaureate program.

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**Gylchris Sprauve**, our accompanist,  
who put extra time, spirit and energy into this service.  
and many others who have lent their voices and spirit to this service.

**Note from Rabbi Michael Feshbach:**

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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