TOUCHSTONES
The Rev. Jennifer L. Brower

Again and again, I find myself in conversation with UUCSR members about our purpose—our vision and mission—the call to serve as witnesses to our beliefs through our living, the quality of our congregational life, congregational governance and organizational structure, volunteer and professional leadership, and congregational growth.

Whoa, what a list!

Each is of critical importance in parish life and calls for our attention. But we cannot focus on them all at once. So I have been considering what they all have in common. At the heart of every conversation, UUCSR members have been saying that they want to build greater institutional health and see our congregation grow and thrive. This is exciting. What I am hearing is wonderful, positive, and full of creative possibility. But...healthy growth depends on clarity of purpose and careful tending.

If we are quite serious about wanting our congregation—and Unitarian Universalism—to grow; if we are wanting to achieve the institutional fitness that will allow for healthy growth, then it is essential that we—first—take a much closer look at our spiritual growth and fitness.

A religious community that is fulfilling its purpose of encouraging the spiritual fitness of its members is a thriving congregation. It is a congregation where individual lives can be transformed.

As we grow more spiritually fit, we grow in feeling meaningfully connected to that which gives us life. Sound spiritual health is what...
supports us as we face the vicissitudes of life. A sturdy spiritual grounding allows us to grow in self-awareness—awareness of our gifts—and acknowledge the vulnerabilities and wounds we carry within ourselves, and experience in other people. A cultivated spiritual life gives us the resources to cope with the unpredictable and the tragic. It allows us to celebrate the gifts of life, to extend care to each other and to accept care when it is offered. And as we grow in spirit, we nurture greater health in our families, places of work and volunteerism, our neighborhoods and in our larger world—including our congregation.

The greater our spiritual fitness, the easier it is to tackle that laundry list of topics that are critical to congregational life, while staying in right relationship and covenant with each other. If we are genuine in our desire to see our congregation thrive and grow, we need to begin that work by focusing on our purpose as a Unitarian Universalist congregation; we must encourage each other’s spiritual growth, and not just the work of our committees.

Without a firm commitment to our spiritual depth, our dreams of congregational growth are likely to remain only a topic of conversation...

Yours in Faith,
Rev. Jennifer

SOULFUL SMALL GROUP

Friday, June 15, 2018, 7:00-8:30 PM, Room 14

Mary Gauthier’s song “Mercy Now” provides a springboard for sharing your thoughts and stories. It’s your choice whether or not to listen to the song and read the lyrics beforehand; the discussion works either way.

- Mary singing: [www.j.mp/uucsr11](http://www.j.mp/uucsr11)
- New Orleans pictures with the song: [www.j.mp/uucsr12](http://www.j.mp/uucsr12)
- Song with lyrics: [www.j.mp/uucsr13](http://www.j.mp/uucsr13)
- Lyrics only: [www.j.mp/uucsr14](http://www.j.mp/uucsr14).

Please join us in a relaxed and safe space as we explore the song’s spiritual and personal relevance with Alice Giordano and Steve Marston, your guides on this adventure. We start promptly at 7:00 and end at 8:30 PM. If you use the rear parking lot near the Chapel, you’ll save yourself a long walk. Newcomers welcome! Ask Lea Titza ([Ltitza@uucsr.org](mailto:Ltitza@uucsr.org) or 516.472.2975) for a copy of our format and covenant. If you register, you’ll receive an email reminder that includes the song lyrics and related food for thought. Visit the uucsr.org calendar for details.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We were gratified to see so many members of the Congregation at the Budget Hearings this month. Your questions were clear and thoughtful. If you have more questions or new thoughts on the proposed budget, we ask that you contact any member of the Finance Committee before the vote on June 3, 2018, so we can explain our decisions to your satisfaction.

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Realizing Our Hopes & Dreams

The 2018-2019 Pledge Drive is well underway. Have you made your pledge? Visit MYUUCSR to make your pledge online, or call Finance at 516.627.6536. Thank you.
On Sunday, May 13, 2018 at about 2:00 PM, the fire alarm was triggered because a fire pull station was activated. When an alarm is triggered, all fire doors will automatically close, strobe lights will go off and the alarm sound will be made. The evidence of an alarm is obvious. When this occurs, it is important that the building be evacuated and members and guests should use the nearest exit to do so. The fire department always responds to a pull-station alarm.

The congregation has a fire alarm panel in the administrative area on the lower level that allows staff to determine which alarm has been triggered. A member of the facilities staff will go to that location to determine the cause of the alarm and assess if there is a safety issue that requires people to remain outside of the building. If it is a false alarm, such as dust getting in a smoke detector, facilities staff will make it known that the building is safe for re-entry and reset the alarm system. The exception to this is an activation of a pull station which requires fire department intervention to reset. This resulted in a longer than expected alarm status on the 13th even though the alarm was identified to be false.

It is important to remember that even in the instances of false alarm, occupants of the building should follow the directions of the staff to ensure everyone’s safety. A fire drill will be held on Sunday, June 17, 2018, to help remind everyone how to respond to the fire alarm. Drills will be scheduled throughout the year starting fiscal year 2018/2019. Further, Adrian Rivera, Facilities Director, will be developing a safety response plan for Sundays which, given the size of attendance, provides both the greatest safety risk and greatest opportunity for volunteer assistance in the response. We look forward to sharing the plan in the upcoming months and seeking volunteer support.

The Denominational Affairs Committee of UUCSR is proud to report that Latifa Y. Woodhouse has been nominated to the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Latifa has been attending board meetings of the UUA this year and will be formally appointed during General Assembly (GA) 2018 in Kansas City. We congratulate Latifa on this notable achievement, and look forward to supporting her and celebrating her appointment with her at GA in Kansas City from June 20-24, 2018.

As we prepare for General Assembly, there are still individuals who are seeking roommates to share housing while in Kansas City. Please contact Karin Belfiore, DAC chair, at kriegbelfiore@gmail.com for further information.

PATV (Public Access TV) is now airing Shelter Rock special events on Cablevision.


Also Live Stream same dates/times available on PATV for those who do not get the stations above. Find previously shown programs on PATV’s On Demand Link.
Since I first wrote about the Poor People’s Campaign on May 8 in the last Quest, the campaign has been launched. On Monday, May 14, hundreds of thousands of people across the country gathered in Washington, DC and 40 state capitals to call attention to the grinding poverty that afflicts 41 million people in the USA; to name the racism and culture of white supremacy that continues to dehumanize our sisters and brothers of color; to protest the militarist and imperialist priorities of our government; and to demand a response to the climate crisis we all face.

The theme of the first week of action in this 40-day effort was “Somebody’s Hurting Our People: Children, Women, and People with Disabilities Living In Poverty.”

Those who gathered in Washington, DC, led by Rev. William Barber and Rev. Liz Theoharis, included people working minimum wage jobs; people living with disabilities; advocates and grassroots organizers; and religious leaders. By day’s end, over 200 peaceful protesters had been arrested, most for blocking traffic. UU President Susan Frederick-Gray was among those handcuffed and taken away. You can read her moving statement explaining her reasons for doing civil disobedience here: https://tinyurl.com/ydbzvzjl

In New York State’s capital, Albany, hundreds of protesters rallied and then peacefully shut down traffic during rush hour around state office buildings. New York State Poor People’s Campaign organizer, Barbara Smith stated that “business as usual must be disrupted if we are to create a new narrative” that addresses the issues of poverty and economic inequality that affect 15.5% or 2,967,564 individuals in NYS. https://tinyurl.com/ycefe97fr

UUCSR is preparing to join the Poor People’s Campaign. On Wednesday, May 30, you are invited to “Side with Love: A Call to Challenge Racism, Poverty, Militarism and the Climate Crisis,” 7:30 PM-9:00 PM, Art Gallery. Come learn about the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival at https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org and the NY state campaign at https://www.facebook.com/NYSSPC/. Please mark May 30 and June 4 on your calendars now!
Justice Coordinator. Music by Willow Interfaith Women’s Choir. To learn more about the Poor People’s Campaign go to www.poorpeoplescampaign.org. Sponsored by the SJ Racial Justice Task Force (Click for Side with Love details.)

Friday, June 1, 2018

What to Say After Thanking a Veteran for His/Her Service: Constructive-Civilian Dialogue, 7:30 PM–9:30 PM, Social Hall. Join Mary McCue, Iraq Veteran; Ray Zbikowski, LCSW, Vietnam Veteran; Jason Neal, Iraq and Afghanistan Veteran; Bill Kokell, Korean Theater Veteran; and Camillo Mac Bica, PhD, Vietnam Veteran for an informative and engaging panel discussion. Co-sponsored by the UUCSR Social Justice Committee and Veterans for Peace. (Click for event details.)

Monday, June 4, 2018

The Poor People’s Campaign Albany Action Day, 6:00 AM–8:00 PM. Join advocates from across New York State in support to the right to health care and a healthy planet in the midst of ecological devastation and the climate crisis. To reserve your space in the congregational van, contact Social Justice Coordinator, Claire Deroche at 516.472.2977 or cderoche@uucsr.org. There is no charge for transportation. Seating is limited. To learn more about the Poor People's Campaign go to www.poorpeoplescampaign.org.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

The Social Justice Committee of UUCSR sponsors several ways for members of the congregation to meet the needs of others for food and clothing. Please click to see the flyer with complete details.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

India Harris, Youth and Young Adult Program Coordinator

MIDNIGHT RUN

This is your opportunity to provide direct community service to those who are affected by homelessness and hunger in New York City. We are asking for donations of toiletries (soap, shampoo, lotion, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, combs and brushes), plus adult clothing (warm coats, long pants, socks, underwear, sweaters, long sleeve shirts, hats, gloves, shoes, and tote bags). We especially need men’s clothing and toiletries! We will be collecting these donations in a bin in the Main Lobby until the day of the run, Saturday, June 9, 2018. Thank you!

Have you ever thought of joining a team to teach RE?

We are in need of RE teachers, substitute teachers, and volunteers for youth programming outside of Sunday morning.

Here at Shelter Rock we are fortunate to have a vibrant religious education program for pre-school through high school. The Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore describes the Shelter Rock’s RE program as “…a community where questioning is welcomed, kindness is nourished, and opportunities for service to others is provided.”

We have over 200 hundred children and youth enrolled in our program. All of our RE volunteers teach as part of a team and receive support through training, resources and teacher appreciation events.

Here are ways you could support the RE program:

• **RE teacher:** Currently we have openings in several grades. You can teach with a team every week or can work with a team two dates a month to teach.

• **Classroom Support Person:** We have a “two adults in the class” policy. From time to time, we need an adult to fill in for an absent teacher to serve as the second adult in class. There is no teaching preparation involved, just your presence in the classroom.

• **Summer Program:** Our Arts and Nature at the Rock summer program during services needs volunteers to help with activities for this five-week program for Kindergarten thru fourth graders.

• **Youth Program Volunteer:** Programming for our Senior High Youth takes place outside of Sunday morning Youth Group. We would like to have volunteers for community service (Midnight Run, Service Trip, Service Days) and youth conference advisors (District Youth Conferences, United Nations Conference, General Assembly).

For more information on how to volunteer in our Religious Education program please contact Jeanne Nametz, RE Coordinator, jnametz@uucsr.org, 516.472.2914, or India Harris, Young Adult and Youth Coordinator, iharris@uucsr.org, 516.472.2943.

The theologian Frederick Buechner says that “Vocation is the place where our deep gladness meets the world’s deep need.” If you would like to support your own spiritual growth as well as impact the lives of our children and youth in RE, please let us know how you would like to volunteer!
The Urgency of Now: ABFE’s 2018 Conference

This Spring, I attended the biannual conference of the Association of Black Foundation Executives (ABFE), in Memphis, TN. ABFE is one of many affinity groups in philanthropy that educate funders and organizes philanthropic dollars to support specific communities or strategies. The Veatch Program has a steadfast commitment to supporting grassroots organizations long-term, and trusting organizations to put their grant money where they believe it is needed most. This helps build strong movements able to resist harmful social policies. Affinity groups help Veatch collaborate with other funders to advance movements that are grounded in values and trust. For 47 years, ABFE has been a resource, advocate, and catalyst of social change in Black communities.

In Memphis, I, along with other funders, had the opportunity to visit the Civil Rights Museum housed at the former Lorraine Motel, site of Dr. Martin Luther King’s assassination in 1964. The museum began with the middle passage (the part of the trade where kidnapped Africans were densely packed onto ships and transported across the Atlantic to the West Indies sold as slaves), through the Civil Rights Movement, to the election of Barack Obama. What did that 400-year time span have in common? Organizing. Visiting the museum brought to bear the vital role organizing has played in the collective freedom of the United States. We now find ourselves in a political moment that seeks to erase many of the gains won by people who organized to create change.

The conference theme was, “The Urgency of Now.” ABFE used this conference to elevate the necessity of investing in organizing as the main catalyst for change in our country at this time. As part of that theme, the Veatch Program was invited to participate on a panel that discussed strategies for economic security in Black communities. While most traditional funders focus on job creation, training, and policy development, I spoke about the organizing work done by our grantees. I focused on the fact that for every $1 invested in a community-based organization, there is a return on that investment of $100 plus. I discussed how people at the margins, like returning offenders, are left out of job training and creation opportunities. Investing in organizing ensures they are part of the solution. I told stories of grantees like OUR Walmart and the New Orleans Worker Center for Racial Justice. The urgency of now requires more from us. It requires us to be uncomfortable, to take risks, and to take action.

Organizing is about the working together to address root causes. I am incredibly proud of the work of the Veatch Program and opportunities to work with groups like ABFE to get more funders to invest in organizing.
You Can Help Victims of Domestic Violence!

**Donate Your Old Cell Phones**  Your old cell phone can be reprogrammed to help safeguard those at risk. Please put old cell phones in the Safe Center cell phone box in the UUSCR Main Lobby.

The Safe Center will reprogram the phone to be a 911 emergency call phone that will be distributed to domestic violence victims.

### ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

**WOMEN’S GROUP**
Judith Wylie-Rosett, President

**SAVE THE DATE**

**13TH ANNUAL ORCHESTRA AT SHELTER ROCK SUMMER CONCERT**

Stephen Michael Smith, Music Director/Conductor

**Sunday**
**August 5**
**1:00 PM**

All Are Welcome

**MEN’S GROUP**
Gerry Matusiewicz, Chair

**END OF YEAR BARBECUE PARTY**

**Saturday, June 30, 2018**
**4:00 - 8:30 PM • Meadow & Ballroom**

Pre-Registered:  $10 UUCSR Members  •  $15 Non-Members
At the Door:  $15 UUCSR Members  •  $20 Non-Members

Sing & Dance Along to the Tunes of Dexter Wells

★  Usual BBQ Fare ★
Beverages, Desserts
Open to all adult members and their guests!

Summer Splendor
A Symphonic Afternoon Under the Grand Tent

**GERSHWIN**  Cuban Overture
**STRAUSS**  Four Last Songs
Jennifer Sandidge, soprano
**RACHMANINOFF**  Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*
Nathaniel LaNasa, piano

*including Variation 18: Somewhere in Time

**PARTY END OF YEAR**

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Usual BBQ Fare  Beverages, Desserts
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Open to all adult members and their guests!
It is always a joy to welcome new members to the congregation, as we did on Mother’s Day Sunday, and to add people, with their unique gifts, to our liberal religious community. Amid our eloquent diversity, it is heartening to witness new people in our midst, who affirm values held dear by Unitarian Universalism – like the worth and dignity of all persons, and the freedom to search for truth and meaning.

I am pleased to introduce one who was welcomed this past Sunday, John Haney.

John, who has been attending services and participating in congregational life here for some time, originally came from Milwaukee. His father was a teacher during the Depression, so John’s family never suffered economically as many others did. A graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, John eventually obtained a Ph D. at the same university.

He has taught at Michigan State, the Air Command Staff College in Montgomery, Alabama, Colorado Springs, and finally 29 years at Queens College. He met his wife, Diane, in the Midwest, and they have two grown up sons. (Diane Haney, happily for us, has been a member of this congregation since April of 2016.)

John began as a Methodist, many years was an Episcopalian (attending, along the way, a chapel with a magnificent altar window view of Pike’s Peak in Colorado), and now is Unitarian Universalist. As to why he became a UU, he answered that “they are right on the most important issues.” He particularly appreciates that Unitarian Universalists put their ideals into practice.

John has written plays and short stories, and has attended 716 operas! (He’s been to opera houses around the world.)

A very cordial welcome to him! On behalf of all of us, I hope his experience with this congregation is a most rewarding one.

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**EXPEDITION**

**A Visit to the Tenement Museum in Manhattan**

103 Orchard St., New York, NY 10002  877.975.3786

**Tuesday, June 5, 2018**

2:00 PM

A guided tour through the “Hard Times,” as the tour is called, of the late 19th and early 20th century living in the lower east side.

The two tenements that make up what is now the Tenement Museum were home to an estimated 15,000 people from twenty countries between 1863 and 2011. If you are interested in taking the “Hard Times” tour, please pay in advance, either on the Tenement Museum website, or by contacting Ben Bortin. Only nine tickets remain as we go to press!

$22.50 per person, payable by credit or debit card at the Tenement Museum web site, or contact Ben Bortin to pay by check (bbortin@uucsr.org or 516.472.2934).

**THANK YOU**

The Nobel and Everitt families wish to express our profound appreciation to all who attended Gilda’s memorial or otherwise expressed their sympathy.

Barry and Maija Nobel

**What to Say After Thanking a Veteran for His/Her Service: Constructive Civilian-Veteran Dialogue**

Friday June 1st, 2018

7:30 to 9:30PM

Social Hall

Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock

48 Shelter Rock Rd., Manhasset, NY 11030

Free Admission – Directions at www.uucsr.org/directions

**Panelists**

Ray Zbikowski, LCSW, Vietnam Veteran

Jason Neal, Iraq and Afghanistan Veteran

Bill Kokell, Korean Theater Veteran

Camillo Mac Bica, Ph.D., Vietnam Veteran

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**LUNCH BUNCH**

**THE JOLLY FISHERMAN & STEAK HOUSE**

June 7, 2018   •   1 PM

$30 all inclusive

25 Main Street, Roslyn, NY 11576

516.621.0055

Sign or Contact Ben Bortin: BBortin@uucsr.org, 516.472.2934
MILESTONES

We hold in our hearts... Evelyn Reid who has entered hospice care at home. We pray for Evelyn's comfort in these days, and for her children, Penelope and Loughlin. Messages of care and support may be sent to the family’s home address: 82-43 233rd Street, Queens Village, NY 11427.

We extend our care to... Allan Cooperman and his family as they mark the passing of one year since the death of Alan's son, Max. Max died on June 5, 2017. Messages of care and sympathy may be sent to Alan’s home address: 8035 Springfield Blvd Apt 2B, Queens Village, NY 11427.

We hope for the swift healing of... Katy Schall who has been hospitalized since May 9, 2018. Messages of care may be sent to her home address: 4 Terrace Drive, Port Washington, NY 11050.

We send our care and support to... Norma Hohenstein who is hospitalized after being injured in a fall. We think, as well, of her husband, Joe, who is holding down the fort during Norma's recuperation. Messages of encouragement may be sent to the Hohensteins' home address: 214 Miro Place, Port Washington, NY 11050.

We offer our get-well wishes to... Diane Lombardy who has had knee replacement surgery. Messages of good cheer may be sent to her home address: 220 Shorewood Drive, Great Neck, NY 11021.

We hold in our hearts... Olive Jordan who is recovering from an emergency appendectomy. Messages of care may be sent to her home address: 464 Main Street, Apt. 315, Port Washington, NY 11050.

We send healing wishes to... Hy Livingston who is on the mend following coronary bypass surgery. As we send good wishes to Hy, we also extend care to his wife, Verna. Messages of ongoing encouragement may be sent to the Livingstons' home: 31 Secor Drive, Port Washington, NY 11050.

We extend our care to... Helen Schnier who is managing all that one must manage following a recent car accident. Messages of care and encouragement may be sent to her home address: 11 Sycamore Drive, Sands Point, NY 11050.

We hold in our hearts... Max Bonfield, whose changing health has made getting to UUCSR increasingly difficult. As we hold Max in mind, we also extend our care to his wife, Sandra, as she companions Max. Messages of care may be sent to the Bonfields’ home address: 16 Lincoln Road, Great Neck, NY 11021.

We offer our congratulations to... Fredda and Richard Guilbert as they celebrate the birth of their granddaughter, Harper Elyse Stull, born on May 3, 2018. She is the child of the Guilberts’ daughter, Danielle Stull and her husband, Doug Stull, and the baby sister of big brother, Logan, who is 2½ years old. Congratulations to all. Welcome, Harper, to our world!

We celebrate with... C. Nancy Reid-McKee, our Ministerial Intern, upon her successful completion of the requirements for her Master of Divinity degree, and her graduation from the Starr King School for the Ministry. Hearty congratulations, Nancy!

We hold in our thoughts... all those members whose names are not printed here, but who are living with health challenges, those who are experiencing disease of the body, mind or spirit, and the loved ones who are their companions. We remember, as well, those who mourn and could use a little tenderness. May we each minister to one another, so that no one need feel alone.

Rev. Jennifer

ADULT PROGRAMS

Introduction to Medical Qigong
TWO-DAY WORKSHOP
Saturday, June 16 & 23, 2018
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM • Veatch Ballroom

COST: $100
Payment should be made by cash or check on the first day of the workshop.

PRE-REGISTER BY JUNE 12:
Contact AshleyNicBaldwin@gmail.com to reserve your spot.
For more information, please visit www.thaiqiholistics.org.

Medical Qi Gong for Senior Health
Led by Ashley Baldwin

Beginning
Wednesday, June 6, 2018
11:00 AM • Hadley House

COST:
5-class package for students who want to attend all classes is $50
Please pre-register to receive the 5-class package discount price.
$12 per class for drop-ins.
Advance registration is recommended but not essential.
Please contact Susan Bagnini at sbagnini@uucsr.org.
New Trends in Gardening

A very exciting newer trend is the introduction of wildflower gardens or meadows. Native wildflowers, which require minimum irrigation and flourish without fertilizers, can be had from nurseries. Here at UUCSR, we are in the process of setting up and designing a wildflower meadow.

Under the guidance of the Green Sanctuary Committee and Buildings and Grounds, we have called a specialist to implement this new trend. David Jarwin, the Program Specialist at Queens College School of Earth and Environmental Studies, who currently has EPA environmental awards and grants of $125,000, will be mapping out our meadow. We hope that it will attract birds and pollinators as this kind of habitat insures healthy food and resists the extremes of global warming. People can walk into and around these meadows at leisure. The Nature Conservancy of Long Island has one at Uplands Farm Sanctuary in Cold Spring Harbor. It attracts birds and butterflies. The grass includes hedge groves, butterfly weeds, golden rods. These plants are a visual pleasure as we add them to our back and front yards.

Today many schools are going "Into the Woods." This special program created by Consolidated Edison, Queens College GLOBE NY Metro Program is part of a four-year National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Environmental Literacy grant. Teachers in New York City Elementary School learn how to enhance content knowledge about the earth by promoting grade-appropriate research projects where the students go out into various environments like local parks and woods.

On Long Island, we have easier access to such places and natural habitats, so our children and students can improve their environmental knowledge and connection. As for those of us who are growing plants indoors and tending outdoor gardens, we want a more purposeful connection. We want to eliminate the tastelessness of pesticide-grown vegetables and fruit. We promote organic, healthier choices at home and in the marketplace. However, if we do not grow the produce ourselves, we can link up to Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs) and buy from local farmers. We seek a wider variety of vegetables and fruits, not necessarily perfect looking, but awfully wonderful to cook and eat. In fact, it is becoming fashionable to do so. The new trends in gardening are helping people connect to nature by acting more responsible for the health of its habitats and our function in achieving that end.

Elaine Peters for the Green Sanctuary Committee

Our Neighbor—Jerry Jalazo

Jerry is a survivor of one of Brooklyn's tough neighborhoods, the only Jewish boy on the street. His quick wit and Italian sounding last name often, but not always, saved him from being "beaten to a pulp!" Grandmother rescued him by enrolling him in a Yeshiva for elementary school. He excelled and advanced to Brooklyn Technical High School. Accepted for a work/study college program studying Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture, he split his time between his studies at Virginia Tech and the Brooklyn Navy Yard. In 1960, a snow storm kept him safely in the office, saving him from the Great Explosion on an aircraft carrier where he was scheduled to be.

As a young man, he served as a volunteer fireman for six years with the Point Lookout/Lido Beach Fire Department, advancing to First Lieutenant: “They let me drive the fire truck ONLY once.”

His professional career was with Grumman where he participated in the development of the Lunar Excursion Module (LEM) for the moon landings. He programmed the simulator and trained astronauts to land on the moon and return safely. Among the astronauts were the crew of the ill fated Apollo 13 mission. Return they did, miraculously, relying on the LEM, against astonishing odds and with great skill. Speaking of the movie, Jerry reports he was in the LEM, sitting behind Tom Hanks and screaming, “We're all gonna die!” After that success, he changed careers and worked in finance.

Jerry came to UUCSR in 1995. On his first visit, as a Yeshiva graduate, he “expected the Heavens to strike him down!” Again, contrary to his expectations, he became deeply involved. Jerry has been teaching fifth graders in the Sunday School for 14 years. He served as term trustee and treasurer of the congregation for five years. And he has been a memorable “2,000,000 year old man” with his Sunday School kids, at UUCSR events and here at Hadley House.

When asked, Jerry reports he is most proud of his grown children, two daughters and a son, and his eleven-year-old grandson, who loves ice hockey and plays with the “Florida Panthers” youth team. Jerry is most thankful for living at Hadley House.

Nancy Jacobson, Roz Levinson, Lilyan Strassman
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018
Student Activity Fund Workshop, 6:00 PM, Art Gallery
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
Small Group Ministry Fourth Tuesday Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Terrace Room
Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Emergency Preparedness Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018
Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Summer Concert Planning Meeting, 1:00 PM, Bride's Room
Together to End Solitary Confinement, 6:30 PM, Worship Room
NAMI Family Support Grp, 7:00 PM, RE Rm 15
Film Screening of Strong Island, 7:00 PM, SH Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018
Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018
All Congregation Retreat - Stony Point Center, Bus DEPARTURE - Stony Point, 7:45 AM, Main Lobby. 9:00 AM, Nanuet, NY

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018
Caring Hearts - Quilters, 10:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018
Child Care, 9:30 AM, RE Room 2
Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
UU Cafe, 12:00 PM, Social Hall

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018
BUILDING CLOSED-Memorial Day Holiday, All Day,
Bus RETURN - from All Congregation Retreat at Stony Point, 12:00 PM, Main Lobby

TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2018
Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
Agenda Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library
Committee on Ministry Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2018
Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
NAMI Family Support Group, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15
Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace
Side with Love: A Call to Challenge Racism, Poverty, Militarism and the Climate Crisis, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery
Stewardship/Finance Taskforce Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2018
Yoga, 9:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
A Night of Music with Supper to Nourish the North Shore Soup Kitchen, 7:00 PM, Main Building

FRIDAY, JUNE 01, 2018
Tai Chi/Qi Gong, 10:15 AM, Social Hall
Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Veatch House
Veterans for Peace, 7:30 PM, Social Hall

SATURDAY, JUNE 02, 2018
Caring Hearts - Quilters, 10:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery
Senior Seminar Sleepover, 7:00 PM, RE Wing

SUNDAY, JUNE 03, 2018
Women's Group Board Meetings, 8:45 AM, Veatch Conference Room
REVISED Great Books-Even Deadlier, 9:00 AM, RE Room 4
Child Care, 9:30 AM, RE Room 2
Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room
Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Art Gallery
Coming of Age Class, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
NAMI Family to Family Classes, 6:30 PM, RE Room 15
Kundalini Yoga, 7:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom

MONDAY, JUNE 04, 2018
SJC Training Poor Peoples Campaign, Albany Action Day, 6:00 AM
SJC I.N.N. Staff Training, 8:30 AM, RE Wing
NAMI Family to Family Classes, 6:30 PM, RE Room 15
Kundalini Yoga, 7:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom

TUESDAY, JUNE 05, 2018
SJC I.N.N. Staff Training, 8:30 AM, RE Wing
Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
Event Planning Meeting, 11:00 AM, Office Conference Room
Expedition: Tenement Museum, 2:00 PM
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
RE Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 06, 2018
Medical Qi Gong for Senior Health, 11:00 AM, Community Room
WG - Women Talk Daytime, 12:00 PM, Art Gallery
Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
SRI Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Conference Room
Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace
Membership Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

THURSDAY, JUNE 07, 2018
Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery

FRIDAY, JUNE 08, 2018
Tai Chi/Qi Gong, 10:15 AM, Art Gallery
Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Veatch House
Souful Sundown, Supper 6:30 PM, Social Hall, Service 7:30 PM, Coffee House follows

SATURDAY, JUNE 09, 2018
COA Rehearsal, 8:30 AM, Worship Room
Caring Hearts - Quilters, 10:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery
COA Family Service, 6:00 PM, Chapel
Midnight Run Preparation, 6:30 PM, Social Hall
COA Party, 7:00 PM, Veatch House

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018
RESCHEDULED - SGM Second Sunday- Early AM Group, 8:30 AM, Office Conference Room
REVISED Great Books-Even Deadlier, 9:00 AM, RE Room 4
Worship Committee Meeting, 9:15 AM, Bride's Room
Child Care, 9:30 AM, RE Room 2
Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
WG Annual Election Meeting & Luncheon, 12:30 PM, Veatch House
UU Cafe, 12:00 PM, Social Hall
Love and Stitches, 12:30 PM, RE Room 15
Music Committee Meeting, 12:45 PM, Office Conference Room
Rescheduled - SGM First Sunday Meeting, 1:00 PM, Bride's Room
Adoption Triad Ministry - Jennie Dunn Meeting, 1:00 PM, RE Room 16

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018
Adult Programs Meeting, 5:00 PM, Veatch Conference Room
NAMI Family to Family Classes, 6:30 PM, RE Room 15
Kundalini Yoga, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018
AIDS Center of Queens County, 10:00 AM, SH Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Ballroom
Art Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM, Office Conference Room
Caring Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Multiple Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:30 PM, Ballroom
Publicity and Promotions Meeting, 7:30 PM, RE Room 15

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018
Manhasset School Retirees, 10:30 AM, Bride's Room
Medical Qi Gong for Senior Health, 11:00 AM, Community Room
Additional Wednesday programs at uucsr.org/

Visit UUCSR.org for additional calendar programs and events.
SHELTER ROCK FORUM
Presents Persons of Moral Courage

Screening of the Academy Award-nominated film

Strong Island

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 • 7:00 PM

Q&A with director

YANCE FORD*

uucsr.org/StrongIsland

*YANCE FORD will be honored at ERASE
Racism’s 2018 ANNUAL BENEFIT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018

WOMEN’S GROUP CORDIALLY INVITES MEMBERS & GUESTS TO

Annual Meeting & Election Luncheon

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018
12:30 PM • Veatch Ballroom

Enjoy Lunch and a Special Planned Program

Speaker: Lynn Cahalan,
Community Donation Manager, Savers Thrift Store

Lynn will discuss human and environmental costs of fashion increasing while the price of clothing has decreased.

Fashion show following, featuring Women’s Group “models” wearing items from the thrift shop.

FREE - Current Women’s Group Members
$10.00 - For new PAID 2018-2019 Women’s Group Members
$15.00 - Guests

Advanced Reservations Required

Please RSVP to Sharyn by June 8 516.472.2960; sesposito@uucsr.org

Next Quest: Tuesday, May 31, 2018 | Deadline for Content: Thursday, June 5, 2018