

# UU JEWISH VOICES GATHERING

Morristown, NJ - March 14-16th

## PROGRAM OF SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Friday, March 14

**4 pm** Welcome & Registration Table Open

*Light snacks available.*

*Sign up for Small Group (Havorah) at Welcome/Check In.*

*Groups will be announced at Ingathering Shabbat Service.*

*Small groups are designed to foster community and connection over the course of the weekend.*

**5pm -5:45pm** Ingathering Shabbat Service  
- Rev. Dara Olandt, Worship Leader

Rev. Dara Olandt currently serves the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Blacksburg, Virginia and is Chair of the Jewish Voices Gathering Planning Committee.

**6pm - 6:30pm** Havorah Gathering - 1st meeting of Small Groups

**6:30pm** DINNER option available on-site or you may choose to have dinner on your own.

### Saturday, March 15

**8am** Registration Table Open

**8:30am - 9 am** Havorah Gathering over Breakfast  
(2nd meeting of Small Groups. For those who arrived Saturday, this is your 1st meeting.)

**9:15am - 10:15am**

**Keynote/Opening Worship**  
with Rev. Marti Keller and Rev. Leah Hart-Landsburg

The keynote will place the recently published book, *Jewish Voices in Unitarian Universalism* (January 2014, Skinner House Books) in a broader context, especially in light of “identity” as explored in the Pew Study on Jewish Identity in America Today, which came out last year and has been the subject of much discussion and even some controversy.

Rev. Marti Keller and Rev. Leah Hart-Landsburg co-edited the recent book. Rev. Leah Hart-Landsburg is current president of UUJA. Rev. Marti Keller is past-president of UUJA.

**Reviews of *Jewish Voices in Unitarian Universalism*:**

Leah Hart-Landsberg and Marti Keller have assembled a rich and exciting collection of reflections by people in the Unitarian Universalist world who are also Jewish. The inner conflicts, the joyous integration of both traditions, and the wisdom that emerges from the life experiences of the contributors to this book open all of us readers to new insights in both traditions!

—Rabbi Michael Lerner, Editor, *Tikkun Magazine*

*Jewish Voices in Unitarian Universalism* is a powerful expression of the depth, breadth, and diversity of Jewish belief and practices within contemporary Unitarian Universalism. These essays detail some of the joys and struggles of living as a hyphenated UU, and yet, because of that struggle, many of the authors have found both their Jewish and Unitarian Universalist faith deepened.

—Kathleen Rolenz, Editor, *Christian Voices in Unitarian Universalism*

**Workshop Slot 1 (1 option)**

**10:30am - 12:15pm**

**Jewish Ethnicity, Race, and Anti-Oppression Workshop**

**- Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs**

Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs will offer a workshop asking us to honor our ancestry and think deeply about what our living faith demands today. He will probe the inherent tension between treasuring a particular identity and living into the longing to build and to be the Beloved Community.

Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs currently serves the Unity Church – Unitarian congregation in St. Paul, Minnesota with co-minister, Rev. Janne Eller-Isaacs.

**12:30pm - 1:30pm – LUNCH provided on-site**

## **Workshop Slot 2 (2 options)**

**1:45pm - 3:30pm**

### **Bringing the Jewish Traditions & Teaching to Life**

- Rev. Alison Miller

Our congregations bring Jewish traditions to life in various ways – through local UUJA groups, non-Sunday services, lifespan RE Classes, Shabbat gatherings, and more. We will share what is going well in a number of congregations and spark ideas for how to further develop programming that seeks to honor Jewish wisdom and practices.

Rev. Alison Miller currently serves the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship in Morristown, New Jersey.

### **Beyond the Holidays: Weaving Jewish Sources and Practices Into UU Worship** - Rev. Dara Olandt

How can Jewish readings, practices, music and wisdom infuse our UU worship life... even beyond the oft celebrated holidays, such as Passover and the High Holidays? Join for this celebration of what is possible. We'll explore creative and innovative ways to weave Jewish sources into worship with authenticity, integrity and fun! Please consider bringing a favorite quote, reading, or piece of music from a Jewish source, which moves you. *And if none come to mind... not to worry!*

We'll be looking at several examples provided. Also, please consider bringing a journal to records personal reflections during the time we share together in this participatory workshop!

## **BRIEF BREAK**

**4pm - 4:30pm** Havorah Meeting (3rd session of Small Groups)

## **BREAK & FREE TIME**

**5:15pm - 6 pm** Havdalah Service

-- Rev. Kelly Asprooth-Jackson, Worship Leader

Rev. Kelly Asprooth-Jackson currently serves First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Beverly, Massachusetts.

**6:15pm DINNER-** Provided on-site.

**7pm Purim Celebration!**

*Featuring the David Glukh Klezmer Ensemble*

With its distinctive instrumentation of piccolo trumpet, accordion, violin, bass and percussion, this highly polished ensemble of Juilliard graduates has performed worldwide to critical acclaim. Its repertoire includes traditional klezmer along with special “fusions” between klezmer and other traditions – Irish, Gypsy, Classical, Latin, Jazz, Georgian, Middle Eastern, Chinese, Macedonian, Israeli, Hassidic, Russian, Funk, Tango, Flamenco, Indian, and improvisational world-beat. Performing at NYC’s Lincoln Center and Merkin Concert Hall, LA’s Skirball Center, and at celebrity events at the Plaza and Waldorf, the ensemble has also collaborated with SONY Classical Recording Artist, Violinist Lara St. John, and with jazz great Dave Douglas.

Website: [www.glukh.com](http://www.glukh.com)

**Sunday, March 16**

**9:15am -10:00am** BREAKFAST and Closing Havorah  
(Last Small Group meeting)

**10:15am -10:45am** - Closing remarks  
-- Rev. Leah Hart-Landsburg, President, UUJA

*Housekeeping & Evaluations*

**11 am –Worship**  
- Rev. Alison Miller

Jewish Voices Gathering attendees join for worship that is also open to the general public and the community of Morristown Unitarian Fellowship.