



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
March 31, 2019

Sharing Our Plate: -- March 31, April 7
[B'Tselem](http://www.btselem.org) - The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, strives to end Israel's occupation, recognizing that this is the only way to achieve a future that ensures human rights, democracy, liberty and equality to all people, Palestinian and Israeli alike, living on the bit of land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea. B'Tselem (literally: in the image of), the name chosen for the organization by the late Member of Knesset Yossi Sarid is an allusion to Genesis 1:27: "And God created humankind in His image." The name expresses the Jewish and universal moral edict to respect and uphold the human rights of all people. Please visit www.btselem.org for more about their work. **Make your check out to HUUC, with B'Tselem on the memo line.**

"Becoming Practically Imperfect"

Rev. Jill Cowie, March 31

Author Brene Brown says, "Perfectionism is a self-destructive belief system that says, 'If I look perfect, and do everything perfectly, I can avoid or minimize the painful feelings of shame, judgment, and blame.'" This is all myth. Learning to be practically imperfect is a joyful practice that opens us to be truly grounded in relationship.

"Finding Hope In the Stories We Tell: A Service of Our Living Tradition"

Rev. Jill, April 7

Author Rebecca Solnit says that we give meaning to the change in our lives by the stories we tell. This Sunday we will hear the stories of four of our elders as we honor their years of cultivated wisdom. We will also welcome our new members, pledging to walk with them with gratitude for their added presence in our ever-unfolding congregational story of justice-seeking and compassion-claiming love.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Being on a journey

Children start in the Sanctuary. Nursery is staffed 9:45 to 11:15.

- Butterflies & Rocks will meet 10:20 to 11:10, and afterwards will be escorted back to their parents in the sanctuary. If we come early, a story will be read upstairs in the Belfry room.
- Building Bridges & SHYG will meet 10:00 to 11:30 to continue prepping for UU Advocacy Day, with Stacie.

Please welcome the children to coffee hour. It's a time for sharing and getting to know one another.

This week, in a 1-room schoolhouse, the children will explore creating their life-story in 6 words. They will be the Heminways' of our future! In keeping with our message of journey, the children will be doing mindful mirror imaging with each other. It's also our last chance to work on Auction items!

Last week, the Butterflies learned about Rosa Parks and how we can all get along even if our skin color is different. The Rocks say a video clip called "This is America." We talked about how fairness in America does not always mean equality, especially when we look different.

The BBs and SHYG left RE with an understanding about basic government civics in preparation for UU Advocacy Day, taught by Stacie, with adult team leaders.

-Laura Vilain, DRE Intern

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's time for a night in the tropics! The HUUC auction 2019

Our annual HUUC Auction is fast approaching. It's just days away—Saturday, April 6 at 5pm. If you are donating an item, please drop it off at the Fellowship Building

this Sunday (March 31st) before or after the church service. Stay for coffee hour in the Fellowship Building to see all the amazing items. Dinner reservations are available, but you need to sign-up. To reserve your seat, go to www.uuharvard.org and follow the link. We appreciate donations to defray the costs of hosting. Suggested donation: \$20. We still need volunteers to help and to bring food for the auction. Again, go to www.uuharvard.org and follow the link for Sign Up Genius. All proceeds from the auction go to the Church. Be prepared for an evening of food, fun, and fabulous finds. Hope to see you there! Questions, contact: carolmacfarlane@gmail.com Thanks.

**Tuesday April 2, DACA and ICE
Rev. Jill Cowie and Heide Solbrig**

Jill will talk about her experience with Iris and her daughter from El Salvador and how ICE needs to be shut down. Heide will discuss her visits to El Paso to create a comics essay documenting life on the border and the immigration and human rights crisis created by the Trump administration.

Easter Flowers! Time to sign up for our Easter Flower display April 21. This year you can buy flowers in memory of someone who has passed away or in honor of someone still with us. Your name and the name of your loved one will be printed in the Order of Service that Sunday. Order your flowers on the sign-up sheet located in the church entrance lobby this Sunday. You can take the flowers home with you after the service on Sunday April 21. Your choice of flowers are: pink, blue hydrangea \$24/Easter lily \$9/Asia or Oriental lily \$9/white, yellow Mini-daffodil (6") \$9/white, yellow daffodil \$9/purple and pink, blue and white hyacinth \$9/ red, purple, yellow, pink, white tulip \$9/crocus (if available) \$6

**All Leaders Meeting Thursday, April 25,
7:00-9:00 p.m. Topics to be covered:**

How is your committee progressing towards its goals? What is something you'd like to address next year, in line with the larger vision of our purpose? We are looking to

gather how to message the ministries of our committees to the full congregation, so the ideas shared at this meeting are vitally important. We are Committees. Please send a representative to the meeting; RSVP to kirsti.gamage@gmail.com

SPRING CLEANING – We have started a Spring Cleaning project that will include digging into all of the closets in both the Church and Fellowship Building and getting rid of items that are no longer needed. In this process we are also looking for historically significant items that should be added to the church archives. If you or a committee have items that are in storage but should be retained, please let me know. We will make sure they are properly stored and labeled so they can be found when needed.

Thank you, Glen Frederick

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday March 31

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

“Becoming Practically Imperfect”

Rev. Jill Cowie

11:00-12:00 Bring Auction items, and
Coffee Hour in Fellowship Building

11:15-11:45 a.m. Jr. Choir

12:00-1:00 p.m. “Say What You Mean”

Monday April 1

6:00-9:00 p.m. HRA:PI Meeting

Tuesday April 2

6:30 & 7:30 p.m. Pot Luck & Program
Alliance. Rev. Jill & Heide Solbrig

Wednesday April 2

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Meditation

Thursday April 4

4:30-6:00 p.m. Caring Network

7:30-9:00 p.m. Choir

Friday April 5 [Admin Office closed]

4:00-7:00 p.m. Auction Set Up

Saturday April 6

5:00 p.m. Auction!

Sunday April 7

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**“Finding Hope In the Stories We Tell:
A Service of Our Living Tradition”**

Rev. Jill Cowie

11:30-1:00 Soul Matters

12:00-1:00 Chimers