



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
April 7, 2019

## Sharing Our Plate: -- 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](http://www.btselem.org) for more about their work. **Make your check out to HUUC, with B'Tselem on the memo line.**

## "Finding Meaning 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.

## "Through the Gate" (Palm Sunday) Rev. Jill, April 14<sup>th</sup>

This Sunday will be the beginning of the Easter journey as we stand at the gate, preparing to enter Jerusalem, the site of so many "thresholds" in the life of Jesus and the disciples—and by extension, the thresholds of our lives. On Palm Sunday, hope seemed to be afoot. But like many moments of our lives, things can turn on a dime and we find ourselves going through gates we never dreamed of—facing turbulent

times and things that require change, courage, and perseverance.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Being a people of wholeness

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 for UU Advocacy Day!, Tues., 4/9, 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 be planting seeds! We will also explore being wholly ourselves through our names and naming things around us.

Last week, we went outside and mindfully-created fairy houses. We also shared our 6-word stories.

Next week, we will be watching the movie *Inside Out*, working to figure out who we are as whole people and what that means.

-Laura Vilain, DRE Intern

### Easter Bunny Help Needed

Please pick up zip lock bags of plastic eggs to fill with your small-wrapped, nut-free candies and stickers for the youngsters. Please bring filled eggs back to church on or before Easter Sunday, April 21.

### **Help Wanted: Bunny job description**

Thank you Tim Coonahan for your nearly 20 years of heading the Bunny Committee—and now we are looking for new member(s)! Please talk with me, Laura, to apply. Guaranteed happy outcomes, a single meeting per year, and close proximity to chocolate!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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](mailto:kirsti.gamage@gmail.com)

**LOST & FOUND --** Missing a pair of gloves, a jacket, a serving dish, or your favorite water bottle?? Well check the baskets that have been set up in the main closet of each building and in the FB kitchen pantry. Unclaimed items will be consolidated in these baskets and held for a reasonable time. However, the first week of

every month, all items will be discarded or donated to a local charity.

Thank you, Glen Frederick

**THANK YOU!!** Thanks to the energetic folks who pitched in to clean up the Fellowship Building grounds after a long winter including John Chapman, Bill Cordner, David Neville, Donnalisa Johnson, Li Liang, Glenn Alexander and Dave Kendall.

### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sunday April 7

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**“Finding Meaning 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

Tuesday April 9

6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Board

Wednesday April 10

7:00-8:00 p.m. Meditation

Thursday April 11

7:00-9:00 p.m. Soul Matters Pot Luck

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

Sunday April 14

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**“Through the Gate” (Palm Sunday)**

**Rev. Jill**

11:30-1:00 Say What You Mean

### **This year's Walk for Hunger is on Sunday May 5, just around the corner!**

Please consider walking or sponsoring a walker at

<http://www.projectbread.org/walk-for-hunger> and search for our team: “Harvard Hunger Resistance Movement”. Or you can go directly to this link to join or donate. [http://support.projectbread.org/site/TR/Walk/WalkforHunger?pg=team&fr\\_id=1380&team\\_id=80841](http://support.projectbread.org/site/TR/Walk/WalkforHunger?pg=team&fr_id=1380&team_id=80841). More information to come in the Belfry and Weekly News. Thank you for your support! Let us know if you have any questions!

-Piali De and Ann Whitney