



Abraham's Table of Long Island

"Come together and listen." Genesis 49:2



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Beloved Community Interfaith Responses to Hate on Long Island

Before, During and After MLK Weekend January 13-16, 2023

1. There will be a Beloved Community brunch/opening ceremony on the morning of January 13th at 10AM at the **Suffolk Y JCC** in Commack featuring speakers and choirs. (For more information: Bat Sheva Slavin - bslavin@syjcc.org)
2. There will be a closing choir concert with speakers including keynote speaker Keynote Speaker Frank Meeink, a recovering Skinhead, on Monday January 16th at 4PM, both at the **Suffolk Y JCC** in Commack. (For more information: Bat Sheva Slavin - bslavin@syjcc.org)
3. **The Turkish Cultural Center of Long Island** will provide Muslim prayers and Turkish music at the Beloved Community opening and closing programs January 13th and 16th (For more information: Sadri Altinok sadrialtinok@gmail.com)
4. **The Interfaith Clergy Council** (Syosset, Woodbury, Cold Spring Harbor, Jericho, Westbury) is using Beloved Community toolkit resources for adult discussions on ways to fight hate and helping children cope with hate and a teen discussion on how to deal with our implicit biases. They are also providing a children's program about acceptance and a service opportunity for all to help stock the Jericho along with a peace song fest. (For information: Rabbi Jay Weinstein - interfaithclergyCouncil@gmail.com)
5. **Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** RC Church in Wyandanch is publishing the Beloved Community toolkit bulletin inserts beginning December 17 through January 15th. Prayers from the toolkit will be used during all Masses on MLK weekend and priests will devote their sermons to the anti-hate campaign at all masses that

weekend. (For more information: Rev. Charline Vendredy, Pastor – vendredycharly29@gmail.com)

6. **Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church** is publishing the Beloved Community toolkit bulletin inserts. Prayers from the toolkit will be used during all services on MLK weekend and the sermons will have anti-hate themes. MLK music selections will also be offered during services. In addition, they will host a discussion of “Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story” on Sunday evening January 15th at 7 PM. Dr. King carried Thurman's book, *Jesus and the Disinherited* throughout the civil rights movement. (For more information: Rev. Ron Garner, Pastor, Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church - ron.garner@gmail.com)
7. **Garden City Jewish Center** is publishing the Beloved Community toolkit bulletin inserts. Prayers from the toolkit will be used during all services on MLK weekend and the sermons will have anti-hate themes. MLK music selections will also be offered during services. They are also participating Blessed Community MLK weekend interfaith activities in Garden City. (For more information: rabbi Steven Wise Goodman - ishahtovah@gmail.com)
8. **Garden City Community Church** will incorporate Beloved Community prayers and music into their services. Garden City Community Church will also incorporate tools from the tool kit into their Tuesday morning Prayer Service, and at the Confirmation Classes in the evening. They are also participating Blessed Community MLK weekend interfaith activities in Garden City. (For more information: Rev. Lynn Sullivan - lsullivan@thegccc.org)
9. **Garden City Interfaith Beloved Community** activities: Sunday, January 15th: Garden City Community Church will host an interfaith service. Rev. Rayford Howell from South Hempstead Congregational Church, UCC, will be the guest preacher. Rabbi Stephen Goodman from the Garden City Jewish Center will participate in the service. Rev. Lynn Sullivan of the Garden City Community Church will host.
10. **Garden City Interfaith Beloved Community** activities: Friday, January 20th: Garden City Jewish Center will host an interfaith service. Rev. Earl Thorpe from the Church in the Garden, American Baptist, will be the guest speaker. Rabbi Stephen Goodman will host. Garden City Community Church will attend. . (For more information: Rev. Lynn Sullivan - lsullivan@thegccc.org)
11. **Temple Beth Torah in Melville** has invited a Pentecostal African American congregation to their regular shabbat service on January 13th. (For more information: Rabbi Susie Moskowitz - www.tbtny.org or call 631-643-1200 x 300)
12. **Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge** has invited clergy from the three churches in Hauppauge, with whom they hold an annual pre-Thanksgiving Interfaith Service, to join them for Shabbat services on Friday evening, January 13th, along with their congregations.
13. **Temple Isaiah in Stony Brook** is devoting their January 20th shabbat service to the memory and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King. (For more information: Irish Schiff - irisschiff18@gmail.com)
14. **The Sisters of St. Dominic** are offering a Beloved Community vespers service on Sunday, January 15th at 3PM at their mother house chapel in Amityville. (For more information: Sr. Lenore Toscano, OP - vitam630@yahoo.com)

15. **The Nursing Sisters of the Sick Poor in Rockville Centre** are offering a Beloved Community prayer service for members their congregation at St. Joseph Villa. (Not open to the public)
16. **The Sisters of St. Joseph** have been sending out a weekly prayer since January 1st around the theme of The Beloved Community with an attachment from the toolkit to all of our Joseph Community, Sisters, Associates, Aggreges, Partners in Mission, for individual use and for use with the many communities each is connected with. On the Sunday of MLK weekend the Nonviolence Community is meeting around the same topic.
17. **Temple Beth Sholom in Roslyn** is planning a major program with speakers and cultural presentations at 3PM on Sunday, January 15th. (For more information: Wende Hyman - whyman1716@aol.com)
18. **The Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center in East Hills** will host multiple activities throughout MLK weekend, beginning with a communal breakfast bringing together people from different their community representing ranges of age, gender, nationality, religion, etc. Big Brothers/Big Sisters will be on site to collect clothing and the JCC will be collecting shoes for NAMI, food for the CNB (Community Needs Bank) and packing over 1000 bags of different items (laundry kits, snack packs, etc.) and distributing these to people in need and at local pantries and shelters. They will also have a screening of the ADL/NAACP webinar on Jewish-Black Relations and there will be arts projects that are inclusive for all ages (For more information: Danny Capps - dcapps@sjicc.org)
19. **The Poor People's Campaign** is hosting a State of the State program in the parish hall of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in Wyandanch on January 15th at 3PM. Prejudices against poor people are one of the themes of the Beloved Community. (For more information: Susan Karbiner - jkarbiner@aol.com)
20. **Beloved Community** is developing with LI Cares a two-sided document that challenges myths about poor people (e.g., they are poor because they do not want to work) which will be made available to all who plan a food drive during MLK weekend for distribution to those bringing food donations. The document will also be distributed to food pantries by LI Cares and Island Harvest. (For more information: Richard Koubek – rkmicahli@gmail.com)
21. **Kehillath Sholom Synagogue in Cold Spring Harbor** on Monday, January 16 at 9:30AM will begin MLK Day in the spirit of community service MLK Day with a reading and conversation with Calvin Alexander Ramsey, author of children's book, Ruth and the Green Book, followed by preparing soup, sandwiches, and cupcakes for Helping Hands Rescue Mission's Tuesday lunch program. Children and adults welcome. (For more information and to RSVP to Rabbi Lina Zerbarini (rabi@kehillathshalomsynagogue.org)).
22. **NAACP and the ADL** are hosting a webinar on Building Bridges between the Black-Jewish Communities, 5-6 PM January 15th. (For more information: Scott Richman - srichman@adl.org)
23. **The North Country Peace Group** is hosting a reading and discussion of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Beyond Vietnam – A Time to Break Silence" Speech, Thursday, January 12, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. via Zoom. (For more information: Myrna Gordon or Susan Perretti at ncpeaceg@gmail.com.)

24. **The South Country Peace Group, Inc.** (SCPG) will dedicate its weekly vigil on January 14, 2023 to the Beloved Community and MLK's anti-hate, anti-racism, anti-poverty and anti-war legacy and wisdom. SCPG has shared resources from the Beloved Community toolkit for anti-hate programming. They also publicized the planned reading of MLK's Speech re: Vietnam 1/12/23 Zoom webinar on MLK's "Beyond Vietnam – A Time to Break Silence" speech on Thursday, Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. to be hosted by our North Shore/Suffolk sister organization North Country Peace Group. (For more information: Michelle Santantonio - southcountrypeace@outlook.com)
25. **The East Northport Jewish Center** will include Beloved Community prayers and a sermon during MLK weekend services, encourage members to attend the Beloved Community opening and closing programs and the rabbi will preach on have. (For more information: Rabbi Ian Silverman - rabbiiian@aol.com)
26. **Long Island Jobs with Justice's AMOS Project** is hosting a Zoom panel discussion on February 13, 7:00-8:30PM titled, "Justice Ministries in Action: How Faith Communities Are Addressing Racism on Long Island." (For more information: Ani Halasz - ahalasz.lijwj@gmail.com)
27. **St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Huntington Station**, will incorporate Beloved Community themes in liturgies during MLK weekend. (For more information: Vicar Jean Dougherty - 39jeandougherty39@gmail.com)
28. **Dix Hills Jewish Center** will incorporate Beloved Community themes in liturgies during MLK weekend. (For more information: Alice Fossner - grammyfoz1@gmail.com)
29. **Gathering of Light Interspiritual Fellowship** will devote their entire service to Beloved Community themes on MLK weekend. (For more information: Rev. Joanne Barrett - evjoab@aol.com)
30. **The Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock** Sunday, January 15 at 11:00 AM will feature Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore preaching on the topic, "Preparing the Way for the Beloved Community." (For more information: Claire Deroche - CDeroche@uucsr.org)
31. **Mount Sinai Congregational Church** will dedicate a Peace Pole and Peace Garden as part of their Sunday service, January 15th at 11:15AM. (For more information: Tom Lyon - tomlyon6@gmail.com)
32. **Chavurat Emet of Smithtown** will devote its January Shabbat service to prayers, poems and music of the Beloved Community. In addition, the sermon and discussion afterwards will be devoted to the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his special relationship with Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. (For more information: Rabbi Marcey Wagner - marceywag@gmail.com)