

Unitarian Congregation of Niagara

Dates to Remember... March 2019

- Mar. 25 (Mon. 2:00 p.m.) UCN Book Club** – at the home of Joan Rothman. Please let Joan know that you are coming. Book is *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.
- Mar. 29 (Fri. 6:00 p.m.) UCN Pub Night** – George's Greek Village, 535 Queenston St., St. Catharines. Entrance is from the Parkway. All welcome, no need to register, just pay the restaurant for whatever you order. This month's topic is *Creativity*.
- Mar. 31 (Sun. 11:00 a.m.) The Wonderful You and Technology** – Jim Glassford

April 2019

- Apr. 12 (Fri. 7:00 p.m.) UCN Film Night** – This month's film will be *BlacKkKlansman*.
- Apr. 16 (Tues.) May Newsletter Submission Deadline** – LesLee Turmel larganturmel@gmail.com
- Apr. 26 (Fri. 6:00 p.m.) UCN Pub Night** – Topic and venue to be advised.

FRAGRANCE-FREE POLICY

The Unitarian Congregation of Niagara is a fragrance-free zone. Fragrance may be distressful and threaten the well-being of those around you. In order to make this a safe and welcoming environment for everyone who comes here, we ask that you refrain from wearing fragrances. Your understanding and co-operation is appreciated.



A Purim Klezmer Service

– Penny Blake and Paul Pipher

March 24, 2019

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Doreen M. Peever Desmond Sequeira

A Purim Klezmer Service
Sunday, March 24, 2019

Service Leader: Penny Blake
Guest Musicians: Nu Klezmer Orchestra

Prelude MILONGA (piano and clarinet)
A Brazilian Tango by Astor Piazzolla

Welcome

Chalice Lighting:

To face the world's darkness –
a chalice of light.
To face the world's coldness –
a chalice of warmth.
To face the world's terrors –
a chalice of courage.
To face the world's turmoil –
a chalice of peace.
May its glow fill our spirits, our hearts, and our lives.
Harrisonburg UU, Virginia

Joys and Concerns

Reflections on Purim and Klezmer

Reading:

For millennia
People have gathered together to hear stories,
To root for the underdog,
To jeer the evil and the unkind.
We see in our stories
Mirrors to our own lives

Where we hope good things will happen to good people
And that evil will be vanquished.

This morning we gather for story,
For cheering and jeering,
For hope and for justice.

May this ancient story shed new light on our own lives
And may we know ourselves connected to millions of listeners who
have come before us and millions of listeners who will come after.
Let us worship together

By [Sharon Wylie](#)

L'CHAIM REBBE – trad.

DANCE ME – Leonard Cohen

ESTHER BRANDEAU – Penny Blake

Reading:

First they came for the Communists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Communist
Then they came for the Socialists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Socialist
Then they came for the trade unionists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a trade unionist
Then they came for the Jews
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Jew
Then they came for me
And there was no one left
To speak out for me
Martin Niemoller

PEAT BOG SOLDIERS – words, Johann Esser Wolfgang Langhoff
Music, Rudi Goguel

AM YISRAEL CHAI, OD AVINU CHAI – Ugandan tune
The people Israel lives, our father lives.

PIANIST – Offertory
From Roman Polanski film, arr. P. Pipher

Story: The Butterfly

HEVENU SHALOM ALEICHEM – trad., May peace be with you!

MOISHE HALT ZICH – Casriel Broydo, arr. Paul Pipher

Story: The Spoon

ODESSA BULGAR – a South Russian dance

Chalice Extinguishing

We have a calling in this world:
We are called to honor diversity,
To respect differences with dignity,
And to challenge those who would forbid it.
We are people of a wide path.
Let us be wide in affection
And go our way in peace.
Amen.

By [Jean M Rickard](#)

Announcements

Postlude

LAUGHING ALL THE TIME – Szer- Schlechter, arr. P. Pipher