USH E-Vision: May 21, 2025
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"Our office is closed Sunday, May 25 for Memorial Day"

Sunday Morning Service
May 18, 10:30

"The Heart Tender of Possibilities"

Exploring our yearly theme of "living into possibilities" we will explore how our hearts can become a pathway to vulnerability and embodiedness.

Rev. Beth Ann. Molnar
Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Lewis
Sam Hoffman, Director of Music Ministries
Tracy Wilson, Pianist

Can't be here in person to worship? Join us on Zoom! Meeting ID: 870 8183 4449 Passcode: 483844

Virtual Coffee Hour to follow!
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Worship is also streamed on Facebook. Follow our page and receive notifications every time we go live. www.facebook.com/ushnyc

Upcoming Worship Services, 10:30 a.m.

June 1 - "The Refugee of Love" Reverend Beth Molnar
June 8 - "Hope Is Not Optimism" Reverend Dr. Jacqueline Rose Molnar
June 15 - Interfaith Sunday Worship Service - Reverend Beth Molnar/ Reverend Dr. Jacqueline Lewis/ Rabbi Mary Zamore
June 22 - "Wa'ML Precious Gift: A Story Oliver Bandbrother", Tracy Wilson, Pianist, Sam Hoffman, Director of Music
June 29 - Pioneer Communion, Reverend Beth Michael Michael, Worship Associate, Christopher Hoffman, guest organist

Message from Rev. Beth...

On Sunday, June 1st, after the service we will have distinguished guests with us to lead a Q-and-A. Some speakers discussing their fathers of faith and how they have lived into their own vocations of faith. We will have a time of open mic where people can share how the words, music and sermon have spoken to them. We will also have a time of blessing of those who are impacted by the Conclusion Council of Interfaith Understanding, and of those who are impacted by the Supreme Court decision on Dobbs v. Jackson. There is a lot to do, so let Fellowship Hall Refreshments call us to lunch!

Everybody prayers,
Rev. Beth

USH General Interest

A number of members and friends have asked about a collection for Sam, to wish him well and celebrate his years of service to our congregation. We know that many have wanted their fair share of the cake and refreshments at Sunday. Some have wanted to give a little more than the cost of a piece of cake or a cup of coffee. You can now do so by clicking Donate or here (note: Donations with Zeeffin in the memo will go to the Sam collection). Sam's last day is June 30. Any questions, please see the contact sheet or by email: Gilchrist@ushonline.org

Thank you
Jacqueline Lewis

We've All Part of a Web: Unpacking the Web of Complicity and Responses to this Moment in History & Where to Go from Here

Reverend Dr. Jacqueline Rose Lewis and Reverend Beth Ann Molnar are the co-organizers of the Interfaith Alliance for Conclusion Council of Interfaith Understanding, Rev. Beth and Jacqueline Lewis are co-pastors of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Paramus (UU) in Ridgewood, and

BOOKS OF ... CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

"Getting Beyond the Border: How Immigration Became a Political Crisis"

"We are thrilled to welcome Jonathan back to CBI to learn from his expertise. It is no secret our society falls short of our mandate to "welcome the stranger" and we look forward to the depth of understanding he's able to offer us on the subject." - Rabbi Andi Fliegel

His talk will be followed by a conversation with Bob Fishman, Founding Executive Director of CIRC (CT Immigrant & Refugee Coalition) and Maggie Mitchell Salem, Executive Director of IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services).

There is no charge but a suggested online donation at cbict.org of $20 to CIRC and/or IRIS, is encouraged.

Books will be available for purchase from River Bend Bookshop at the event or you can preorder at www.riverbendbookshop.com. A book signing will follow the presentation.

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Join us in August, at Rowe Center for
The Together Retreat!

This all-ages retreat will join generations hand in hand, individuals and families alike, as you design your own experiences, choosing from a range of workshops, outdoor adventures, music, art, campfires. and more. Enjoy the beauty of the Berkshire mountains, the nearby lake and huge pine trees, and Rowe's excellent food. We've made it possible for this to be affordable with children free or low cost.

Tuesday, August 19 – Saturday, August 23
Choose your own length of stay while feeling held in a close community.

Something for everyone — workshops, swimming, campfires, music, games, laughter, offering fun and meaning. Each morning and afternoon a range of workshops and other activity options will be announced. There will be outdoor excursions, expressive arts choices, and meaningful discussions.

The Together Retreat is hosted by Co-Directors
Sarah Pirtle (she/her) and Bella Jaffe (they/them). Alongside their staff from across the Rowe community, they create a safe and transformative space for all ages.

REGISTER ONLINE:
https://rowecenter.org/together-retreat/

Contact either of the Co-Directors with questions —

Rev. Sarah Pirtle: **sarahpirtle@gmail.com**

Bella Jaffe: **ijaffe@wesleyan.edu**

Clay Connor: **executivedirector@rowecenter.org**

USH Resources

June 2025 Board Meeting: Tuesday, 6/10, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Link

2024 – 2025 USH Board of Directors —

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Have a question or comment for the board? Send an email to: **ushboardofdirectors@gmail.com**.

Click **HERE** to view the USH Directory, Reports, and other church business information online. You will need the user ID and Password to access these documents.

Contact Karolina Wojtysko for the username and password.

The latest financial reports for FY 2024-2025 have been posted; click **HERE** to view.

*See the 2024/25 Annual Report **HERE***

The **Board Meeting Minutes for March 2025** have been posted.

Link for Welcome Team Sign-Up Genius

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The deadline for USH E-news submissions is noon Tuesday!

Please write in the 'Subject' field "USH Enews", and include the dates that your submission should be featured. Announcements about upcoming events appear for two consecutive weeks **maximum**, unless other arrangements have been made with the editorial team.

When forwarding information concerning an "outside" event or organization, **please pre-edit your copy** in order to keep the piece to 200 words or less. Note that all material is subject to editing prior to publication. **Also, please submit editable material** (text and images separately, rather than "poster" format).

Articles should be sent as email file attachments, (MS Word preferred) and images need to be sent separately as jpeg, jpg, png, tiff, bmp, or gif files.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Editor-in-Chief: Tina Davies
Production and Technical Expertise: Karolina Wojtysko

USH Calendar of Events

The calendar for **May 2025** can be viewed **HERE**.

Please consult our Online Calendar regularly for all upcoming events coordinated by the Unitarian Society of Hartford

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