FESTIVAL PROGRAM

Friday Evening, Jan. 4, 7:00-9:00 pm
Sanctuary (3rd Fl)

Spirit Rising
Interactive Service with Speakers & Music

Leaders: Rabbi Arthur Waskow, Shalom Center; Rev. Elliot Waters, former pastor of Church of the Annunciation; Rabbi Linda Holtzman, Mishkan Shalom; Rabbi Elizabeth Bolton; Rev. Dr. Alyn E. Waller, Senior Pastor, Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church

Speakers: “What Would King & Heschel Have Us Do Today?”
♦ Dr. Vincent Harding - Historian, Writer, Close Colleague of Dr. King
♦ Rabbi Michael Lerner – Chair, Network of Spiritual Progressives; Editor, Tikkun magazine; Student of Rabbi Heschel

Music: Multi-faith Choir, conducted by Rabbi Elizabeth Bolton
♦ Refreshments provided after the program ♦

Saturday, Jan. 5, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Grounding & Renewal

Morning, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

9:00-10:00 am Bible/Torah Study .................................................. Chapel (3rd Fl)
“Heschel, King & Civil Disobedience” led by Rabbi Linda Holtzman

10:00-12:15 Shabbat/Sabbath Worship Service ............... Sanctuary (3rd Fl)
Rabbis Linda Holtzman, Brian Walt, and Yael Levy. Makhelat Micha’el: Mishkan Shalom Community Choir, led by Rabbi Elizabeth Bolton

12:30-1:30 pm Light Lunch - ............................................................. Social Hall (1st Fl)
$5.00 (Must Pre-Order with Registration)

12:30 pm thru afternoon ............................................................... Room 6 (2nd Fl)
Video Clips of Rabbi Heschel and Dr. King
Saturday Afternoon
1:30-6:00 pm

1:30-3:30 Three Roundtable Conversations
Main speakers, local leaders, groups and audience discuss three different topics

#1 Heschel & King in the Context of Interfaith and Multiethnic Collaborations - Kehillah Room (2nd Fl)

Featuring: Dr. Vincent Harding, Historian, Writer, and Close Colleague of Dr. King
Moderator: Rebecca Alpert, Rabbi, Associate Professor in the Departments of Religion & Women’s Studies at Temple University

Participating Local Leaders & Groups:
- Bishop Dwayne Royster, Executive Director of POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower & Rebuild), an interfaith group working on social and economic projects in Philadelphia
- Rugiatu Conteh, Communications Director of Philadelphia CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations), an organization that promotes understanding of Islam, encourages dialogue and builds coalitions for justice and mutual understanding; and participant in the Philadelphia Interfaith Walk for Peace and Reconciliation
- Allison Pokras, Executive Director of Operation Understanding, where African American and Jewish young people work together to build knowledge, understanding and acceptance of each other’s histories and cultures

#2 Spiritual Politics: King & Heschel in the Age of Global Materialism, Selfishness & Corporate Tyranny - Sanctuary (3rd Fl)

Featuring: Rabbi Michael Lerner, Chair of The Network of Spiritual Progressives; Editor of Tikkun magazine; and Student of Rabbi Heschel

Moderator: Steve Masters, President of JustLaws, a law firm concentrating on legislative advocacy for non-profits, businesses and concerned citizens; founder and past president of Brit Tzedek v’Shalom; founder and past board member of J Street

Participating Local Leaders & Groups:
- Will O’Brien, Founder and coordinator of the Alternative Seminary, a grass roots program of biblical and theological study in Philadelphia; works with Project H.O.M.E. a nationally recognized nonprofit organization which provides solutions to homelessness and poverty in Philadelphia. For over 20 years, he has been involved in advocacy on issues of homelessness and poverty.
- Rev. Micah C.T. Sims, Northeast Regional Coordinator of Occupy the Dream; national board member for the Empowerment Movement, a group of churches seek-
ing to bring empowerment through voting and social actions; and most recently, the Deputy Operation Vote Director of Obama for America Campaign in PA focusing on outreach to African Americans, women and faith communities

♦ Gwen Snyder, Director, Jobs with Justice, a coalition of labor unions, student, community, & faith groups working together for the rights of all working people

♦ Joseph Schwartz, Professor of Political Science at Temple University, whose teaching and published work focuses on the interaction among morality, ideology and political development

# 3 The Evolving Face of Human Rights - Chapel (3rd Fl)

**Featuring:** Ms. Dorothy Cotton, Human rights activist; former Education Director of Southern Christian Leadership Conference; founder of the Dorothy Cotton Institute

**Moderator:** Mordechai Liebling, Rabbi, Director of Social Justice Organizing Program at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College; former Executive Vice-President of Jewish Funds for Justice

**Participating Local Leaders & Groups:**
- Bryan Miller, Director, Heeding God’s Call, a faith-based movement to prevent gun violence
- Jacob Winterstein, Philadelphia Student Union, an activist student-led group that works for a high quality education in the Phila school system
- Blanca Pacheco, New Sanctuary Movement, an interfaith, multicultural immigrant rights organization
- Joshua Glenn, Decarcerate PA, a coalition of organizations and individuals seeking an end to mass incarceration and the harms it brings to communities

1:30-3:30 pm - Children’s Program, ages 3-9
**Storytelling, music & more - School (2nd fl rear)**

**Presented by:**
- Shira Burcat and Julia Terry of Artwell, a non-profit organization that aims to awaken dreams and inspire creativity in young people
- Alex Weisman, Reconstructionist rabbinical student with experience in children’s programming
- Milt Cohen, storyteller and performer
- Elliot Seif, accordion player and song leader
- Assisted by high school students from Parkway NW Peace & Justice High School

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Saturday Afternoon, 1:30-6pm
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3:45-4:30 pm – SheWho .......................................................... Heschel-King Room (3rd fl)
Philadelphia’s Feminist, Women’s Vocal Ensemble

4:45-5:30 pm Voices of a Different Dream ..................... Heschel-King Room (3rd fl)
Poetry and Song to Soothe the Soul and Fire the Heart

4:00-6:00 pm - Dinner $10.00 (Pre-ordered only w/ registration) ...... Social Hall (1st fl)

Saturday Evening 6-9:30 pm
Sanctuary (3rd fl)

JUSTICE CALLING

6:00-7:15 pm - Showcase of Community Groups:
Hear what community groups are doing and how you can get involved

♦ Moderator: Rev. Jesse Brown
♦ Music: Rev. Rhetta Morgan, Ecclesia Spiritual Center

7:15-7:30 pm   Gathering Music by Hazzan Jack Kessler & Atzilut

7:30 pm to Closing - Call To Action:
From Prophetic Voice to Prophetic Action

♦ Hosted by: Rev Dwayne Royster, Executive Director of POWER & Rabbi Linda Holtzman, Senior Rabbi, Mishkan Shalom
♦ Opening Song: Rev. Rhetta Morgan, Ecclesia Spiritual Center
♦ Welcome: Rabbi Linda Holtzman, Senior Rabbi, Mishkan Shalom, Bishop Dwayne Royster, Executive Director of POWER
♦ Choir: Young People’s Inspirational Choir of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Conducted by Philip G. Wieszczyk
Rap Song: Rap in the Spirit of King & Heschel with Youth from Mishkan Shalom & Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Germantown, Produced by Matt Bar of Bible Raps

Featured Speakers: What Would King & Heschel Have Us Do Today?
- Rabbi Brian Walt, Founding Executive Director of Rabbis for Human Rights NA; and Founding Rabbi Emeritus of Mishkan Shalom
- Ms. Dorothy Cotton, Human Rights Activist; Former Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Founder, Dorothy Cotton Institute

Musical Performance: Hazzan Jack Kessler & Atzilut

*** Raffle Drawing: Winners Announced ***

Film: Clips from Praying With My Legs, a documentary on Rabbi Abraham Heschel. Comments from Filmmaker Steve Brand

Closing Words: Rabbi Arthur Waskow, Director of The Shalom Center

Closing Song: Rabbi Elizabeth Bolton

Refreshments provided after the program