

**In Celebration of  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**



**all different  
all equal**

*Re-affirming the work of Dr. King and sharing  
our values as Americans of many faiths.*

**Wednesday, January 16, 2013  
7:30pm**

Congregation Torat El  
301 Monmouth Road  
Oakhurst, NJ

## ***Program***

**Heenay ma tov:** *Dorian Parreott, Jon Shutman, and  
Cantor Bruce Siegel*

**Introduction:** *Jeff Donner, Program Co-Chair*

**New Life Tabernacle Church Choir:** *“We Shall  
Overcome”, “Oh Precious Lord Take My Hand”  
Interlude to “Kumbyah”*

**Congregation Torat El:** *Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun*

**Congregation B’nai Israel Choir:** *“Hallelujah”*

**Keynote Address:** *Dr. Donald D. Warner*

**Mount Pisgah Baptist Temple Choir:** *Special Selections*

**“I Have A Dream” Reenactment:** *Prof. Darrel Willis*

**Closing Remarks:** *Reverend David J. Parreott, Jr.*

**“America the Beautiful”:** *Choirs and Audience*

**Closing Prayer:** *Reverend Virginia Jarocha-Ernst*



*Everyone is cordially invited to attend a  
reception in our Social Hall immediately  
following the service.*

*Many thanks to the B’nai Sholom/Beth El Foundation for  
their generosity to make this evening possible.*

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Program Committee:**

*Jeff Donner, Stuart Koperweis, Jerry Russell, Pam Cardullo,  
Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun, Cantor Bruce Siegel*

***Keynote Speaker: Dr. Donald D. Warner***

Dr. Donald Warner has had a long career in education and public service. Originally from Philadelphia, Warner joined the U.S. Marines, serving in the Korean War. He went on to work with the Philadelphia Department of Recreation, and graduated from Temple University in his hometown, majoring in English, which led him to his career in education.

Dr. Warner subsequently earned his Master's and Doctorate Degrees in Education, working as a teacher and administrator in Philadelphia, and as a principal and acting superintendent in the Willingboro public school district. Dr. Warner then became superintendent of Red Bank Regional High School. He held that position from 1975 to 1997.

After his retirement from RBR, Warner worked as interim superintendent of schools for Asbury Park from 2003-2004. He earned another Master's Degree in Christian Education and Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, serving as interim pastor for an Asbury Park congregation and for Pilgrim Baptist Church on the west side of Red Bank.

Dr. Warner has also served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Brookdale Community College, where the school's Student Life Building is named in his honor.

Finally, Dr. Donald Warner is a published author of several professional research articles and poetry books.

Heenya ma tov

Heenay ma tov umana-im      הנה מה טוב ומה נעים

Shevet achim gam yachad.      שבת אחים גם יחד

How good and pleasant it is to for friends to dwell together.

From Psalm 133



### *America the Beautiful*

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining  
sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern impassion'd stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness.

America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears.

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.

### ***We Shall Overcome***

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,  
We shall overcome someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We shall overcome someday.

The Lord will see us through, The Lord will see us through,  
The Lord will see us through someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We shall overcome someday.

We're on to victory, We're on to victory,  
We're on to victory someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We're on to victory someday.

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,  
We'll walk hand in hand someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We'll walk hand in hand someday.

We are not afraid, we are not afraid,  
We are not afraid today;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We are not afraid today.

The truth shall make us free, the truth shall make us free,  
The truth shall make us free someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
The truth shall make us free someday.

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,  
We shall live in peace someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We shall live in peace someday.

## **I Have A Dream**

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification; one day right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

*City of Asbury Park  
Office of the Mayor*

Dear Rabbi Schonbrun,

Please extend my greetings and well wishes to all those joining today in celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As an American, a Civil Rights Leader and an Everyday Citizen he serves as a role model for all of us who cherish the principles of equality and respect for human dignity.

Dr. King dreamed of an America, and indeed a world, in which all of God's children shared in the rights, privileges and responsibilities of building a better society in which everyone could enjoy the blessings of liberty. I believe that each one of us has a role to play in helping to see his dream fulfilled, as we continue our march to the Promised Land.

We can proudly say that Dr. King's dream was at work as we faced one of our greatest challenges - Super Storm Sandy. Without regard for color, creed or religion, New Jerseyans reached out to each other in our time of great need to lend shelter, assistance and support. Our unity and determination, during this great challenge, is something that I am confident Dr. King would have been very proud to witness.

Today, I am proud to salute you, the members of Congregation Torat El and visiting guests on this most important day. When we work together, "we remember the dream and truly let freedom ring."

Sincerely,

*Mayor Ed Johnson*

*May the door of this synagogue be wide  
enough to receive all who hunger for love;  
all who are lonely for fellowship.*

*May it welcome all who have cares to  
unburden, thanks to express, hopes to  
nurture.*

*May the door of this synagogue be narrow  
enough to shut out pettiness and pride,  
envy and enmity.*

*May its threshold be no stumbling block to  
young or straying feet.*

*May it be too high to admit complacency,  
selfishness and harshness.*

*May this synagogue be, for all who enter,  
the doorway to a richer and more  
meaningful life.*

**Congregation Torat El  
Jersey Shore Jewish Center**