

**I have decided to
stick with love.
Hate is too
great a burden
to bear**

~ Martin Luther King ~

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The Sponsors wish to thank:

- The many wonderful and excellent speakers **and performers** listed in the program, in particular:
 - o Mrs. Emily Perlman of Temple Beth Shalom for conducting and performing the choir music
 - o Ms. Kim Marie Nicols for American Sign Language interpretation
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- **Needham Public Schools** Student Volunteers

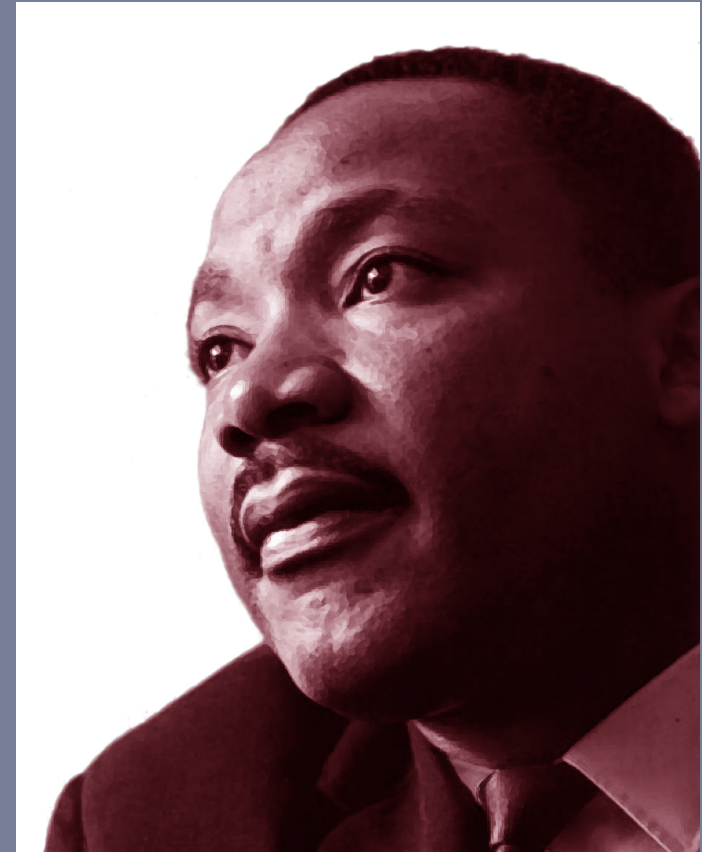
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- Hazel's Bakery - 459 Great Plain Ave.
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2017 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



**"Our lives begin to end when we
become silent about the things that
matter." - Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Sponsored by the following local organizations:

- *Needham Diversity Initiative*
- *Needham Clergy Association*
- *Needham Human Rights Committee*
- *The Needham Public Schools and its METCO program*

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Students participating in the "39 Candle Ceremony":

Grade 6

Jeniyah Joseph
Bailey Chandler
Chanu Lim
Amari Sharma
Achyut Shatri
Valerie Smirnov
Ashley Luby
Cameron Fox
Tara Standard
Kristie Sandler
Izzy Prentiss
Alexandra Voloshin
Alex Kotkin

Grade 7

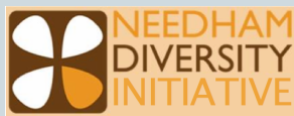
Julia Clark
Aprilia Grimaldo
Welsh
Pietro Rozzo
Alina Ouligian
Ashley Reyes
Will Anderson
Alana Kierstead
Santiago Galan
Dia Oumarou
Andrew Daly
Lily Oehlkers
Kyler McNatt
John Kiely
Ryan Hannigan
Hannah Kesselman

Grade 8

Luca Mancino
JJ White
Elena Lopez
Advika Krishnan
Sammy Scott
Aidan Michelow
Nicole Hagen
Lucas Pirner
Keren Bernard
Angelika Kartsagoulis
Trixie Ogbebor
Sasha Rieser
Cristina Perez

Needham's MLK Community Youth Choir:

Hazel and Nina Barzilay, Savannah and Arielle Brown, Ebony Diego, Darien Ho, Alana Laforest, Rachel and Adam Lewis, Breann and Blake Lungelow, Mia and Adam Markley, Naylah Pierre, Julia Shulman, Lily Fogelman, Sophie Sherman



Please support the mission and activities of Needham Diversity Initiative by participating in its activities and by making a tax-deductible donation at: www.needhamdiversity.org or through PayPal @ needhamdiversity@gmail.com. To participate in our meetings and to attend our various events please visit our web site to learn more.

Needham Diversity Initiative, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable corporation whose mission is to create a welcoming town. Our goal is to explore, foster, strengthen, and celebrate Needham's diversity of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender (including identity and expression), ethnic identity, socioeconomic status, ability, and age.

Program

Introduction - Michelle Comma & Max Coren, NHS

"Shed a Little Light" - Bellevue Community Church, Nashville

"The Bomb Squad" - Needham High School Step Dance Group

"That's Me" - Audience Response Activity

"39 Candle Ceremony", Honoring Dr. King's 39 Years

6th Graders - High Rock School
7th & 8th Graders - Pollard Middle School

Remarks - Now More than Ever - Allies Needed

David Summergrad - President, Needham Diversity Initiative

Plugged In Teen Band Program - "Song for Aleppo" -

<https://www.facebook.com/CivilMarchForAleppo>

"Peace Train" by Cat Stevens

Ms. Sandra Rizkallah, Co-Director/Co-Founder

Mr. Tom Pugh, Co-Founder/Co-Director

Statement by the Board of Selectmen: Maurice Handel

In Memoriam - Calling the Roll - Led by **Gretchen Cook-Anderson, Rebecca Young and Cary Weir Lytle**

Pollard School Social Justice League - "Reflection on the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

A Moment of Reflection - Needham Clergy Association
- **Rev. Heike Werder, President**

Needham's MLK Community Youth Choir - Led by **Mrs. Emily Perlman** and children from Needham schools and Temple Beth Shalom - **"One World"** - Words and Music by Lory Lazarus

Luminescence and Needham High School Chorale

- *"Alabama"*
- *"We Shall Overcome"*
- *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

Thank You and Farewell - Video

COMMON & Yolanda Adams Perform "Glory"

Processional - Stevie Wonder: "Happy Birthday Dr. King"