



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

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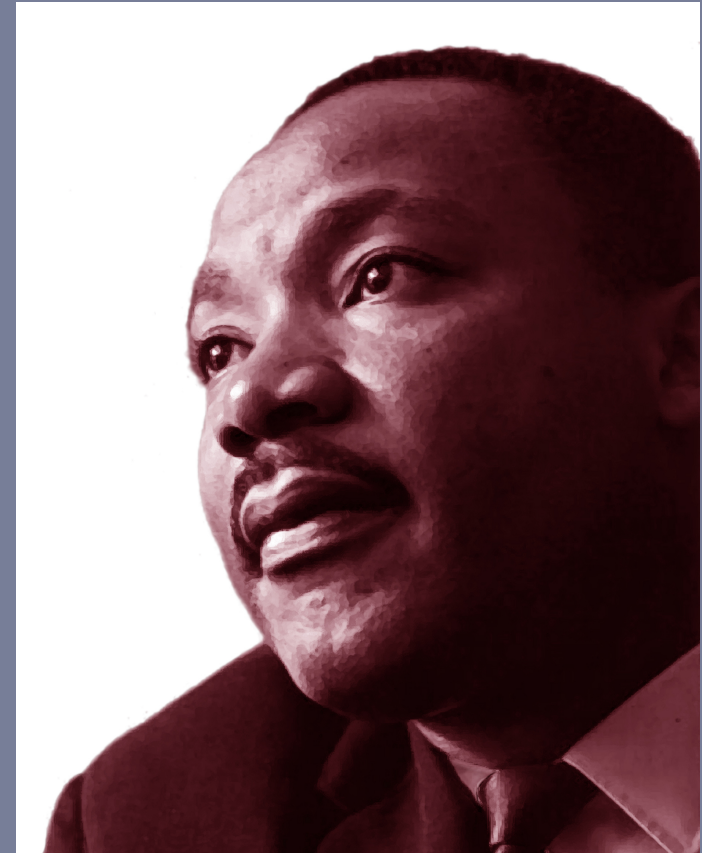
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## **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

January 18, 2016



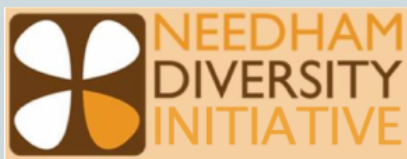
**"Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to  
Justice Everywhere"-** Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

Thanks to the following students who participated in the "39 Candle Ceremony" and "The Social Justice League":

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Nicholas Schwartz		Ashley Marshall



**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. Needham Diversity Initiative, Inc. organizes events throughout the year to advance its mission. These events include the annual Needham Diversity Summit in the fall, the annual Needham Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration in January, speakers, films, and performers.

All those interested in supporting and contributing to the mission of Needham Diversity Initiative are invited to make a tax-deductible donation, to participate in our planning meetings and to attend our various events listed on our web site.

Please contact us at: [www.needhamdiversity.org](http://www.needhamdiversity.org)

## Program

**Introduction and Welcome** - Jeremy Sutherland, 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

**A Reflection** - David Summergrad - President, Needham Diversity Initiative

**Plugged In Teen Band Program** - "*Lean on Me*"

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

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

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

**Social Justice League** - Video & Words - Pollard Middle School Students

**A Moment of Reflection** - Needham Clergy Association  
- Rev. Greg Mobley

**Needham's MLK Community Choir** - Led by Dr. Dennis Slaughter and Members of Boston Community Choir  
All are invited to join in.

- "*Ooh Child*"  
- "*Deep in My Heart*" (*We Shall Overcome*)  
- "*Lift Every Voice and Sing*"

**Thank You and Farewell** - Jeremy Sutherland

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

**American Sign Language Interpretation** by Kim Marie Nicols