



## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Events

As Martin Luther King, Jr. Day approaches, we prepare to celebrate his lasting legacy of justice, love and equality. Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford commends Dr. King's contributions to tolerance and peace - themes that are more relevant than ever today. Below is a list of local events honoring Dr. King's life and work. We hope you will consider attending one or more of them.

### Friday, January 13

#### **"The King of Hearts": A Special MLK Shabbat Service**

7:30 p.m.

Congregation Beth Israel  
701 Farmington Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06119

Join Congregation Beth Israel's longtime friend, Rev. Dr. Alvan Johnson, Jr., Pastor of Grant AME Church in Boston, and Rabbi Emeritus Stephen Fuchs for this 29th annual commemoration. The Social Justice Committee invites you to hear Pastor Johnson's message about the meaning of Rev. Dr. King's words and deeds in 2017, entitled "The King of Hearts." To learn more, call 860.233.8215.

### Monday, January 16

#### **13th Annual Shema Tour with Temple Beth Hillel**

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Temple Beth Hillel  
20 Baker Lane  
South Windsor, CT 06074

This tour will visit three locations serving disadvantaged people. One location will be adopted as Temple Beth Hillel's social action project. The program is free and lunch is included. To learn more, call 860.282.8466.

#### **True Colors MLK Day GSA Summit**

Noon to 5:00 p.m.

True Colors  
30 Arbor Street  
Hartford, CT 06106

This free program designed for student Gay-Straight Alliances is open to everyone in the community. Lunch is included. **Click here** to learn more.

#### **Seventh Annual *Can't Stop Now!***

3:30 p.m.

Faith Congregational Church  
2030 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06120

Rabbi Debra Cantor of B'nai Tikvah-Sholom, a member of the JCRC Board, will be the keynote speaker. The program is free; a freewill offering will be taken for Zezzo House Mission. To learn more, visit [faithmatterstoday.org](http://faithmatterstoday.org).

#### **"A History of Black-Jewish Relations and Why It Matters Today More Than Ever"**

7:00 p.m.

Emanuel Synagogue  
160 Mohegan Drive  
West Hartford, CT 06117

Professor Cheryl Greenberg of Trinity College will give a history of Black-Jewish relations. The program is free. To learn more, call 860.236.1275.

#### **Bloomfield Interfaith Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Service**

7:00 p.m.

Beth Hillel Synagogue  
160 Wintonbury Avenue  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

Bloomfield clergy will participate. The program is free; food pantry donations are welcome. To learn more, call Tobie Katz at 860.242.5561.

#### **"Inclusion, Acceptance and Social Justice Advocacy: the Legacy of Martin Luther King"**

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Solomon Schechter Day School  
26 Buena Vista Road  
West Hartford, CT 06107

SSDS Head of School Andrea Kasper and West Hartford Public Schools Superintendent Thomas Moore will speak, along with storyteller Matthew Dicks and WNPR Host Chion Wolf. This free program is presented by SSDS, WHPS and Speak Up. RSVP to 860.561.0700 or [rsvp@ssds-hartford.org](mailto:rsvp@ssds-hartford.org).