Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

October 25, 2026

"Who's a Mensch and How Might Things Be Different Right Now If We Could All Be Mensches?"

with Rabbi Lori Shaller

and Kohenet Batya Diamond

Opening Music "Olam Chesed Yibaneh," words from Psalm 89:3, music and English lyrics by Rabbi Menachem Creditor

Announcements

Opening Words

Chalice Lighting

Music "Lo Yisa Goy": Isaiah 2:4, music by Shalom Altman

Lo yisa goy el goy cherev, lo yilmedu ode milchama
And everyone 'neath their vine and fig tree }
Shall live in peace and unafraid } 2x
And into plowshares beat their swords }
Nations shall learn war no more } 2x

Candles of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon "Who's a Mensch and How Might Things Be Different Right Now If We Could All Be Mensches?"

Offering

Music "Salaam" (Ode Yavo Shalom Aleinu) by Mosh Ben-Ari

Ode yavo shalom aleinu [3x]
V'al kulam
Salaam Aleinu v'al kol ha-olam
Salaam Shalom [2x]
[Peace will yet come upon us, and everyone]

Closing Words and Benediction

Closing Music "Olam Chesed Yibaneh" words from Psalm 89:3, music and lyrics by Rabbi Menachem Creditor

> **Olam chesed yibaneh**, ya-da-dai, dai-dai, ya-da-da-dai [4x]
> I will build this world from love ya-da-dai …
> And you must build this world from love, ya-da-dai …
> And if we build this world from love ya-da-dai …
> Then G!d will build this world from love ya-da-dai …

Thank you to our hospitality volunteers: Bill Bridwell, Deb Swanson, and Karen Sankey for service support; Stephanie Michalczyk for flowers; Doris Troy, Rich Piea and Genevieve Abbot for refreshments; and Laura Beebe, who will be ringing our bell.

Pastoral Coverage and Care
Rev. Vicky Hanjian will provide pastoral care. She can be reached at 508-696-8225 or av.hanjian@verizon.net

Need Someone to Listen?
In addition to pastoral care being available from Rev. Vicky, your Lay Ministers are available to lend support to anyone in our UUSMV community in their time of need by being available to listen and offer comfort. You can reach them individually by calling: Jan Casey (508-942-3643), Bill Bridwell (774-563-8542), Kevin Longval (781-249-4712) or reach out to uu.society.mv@gmail.com

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