

Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Remembrance Celebration



New Bedford's 2013 event details: <http://www.newbedfordguide.com/new-bedford-martin-luther-king-jr-day/2013/01/15>

Mayor Mitchell is pleased to join with the Greater New Bedford Area Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee in welcoming the public to attend the "Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Remembrance Celebration." The Celebration will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 3:00pm at Tifereth Israel Congregation, 145 Brownell Avenue, New Bedford.

"This is an important day for our city and I encourage everyone to attend the Celebration and take advantage of the opportunity to reflect on Dr. King's message of peace and unity," said New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell.

Dr. King was an integral part of the Civil Rights Movement which laid the foundation for the equality of treatment and opportunity enjoyed in America and around the world today. Though he was assassinated in 1968, Dr. King's dream lives on, touching the hearts and minds of people throughout the world.

The theme for the 2012 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of

Remembrance Celebration is “ *A Stone of Hope*” inspired by the MLK memorial recently dedicated in Washington D.C. The Committee will incorporate special features of the memorial within the program. The keynote speaker this year is Congressman Barney Frank, an influential legislator who represents New Bedford and was first elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1980. Congressman Frank recently announced that his current term will be his last term in office.

The program will also include performances by the Carney Academy and Betsy B. Winslow School Chorus and the New Bedford Public Schools Marching Band. Also scheduled to perform are Miss New Bedford 2012 – Marlena Johnson, Lavalley “Chops” Turner and extraordinary vocal talent and recording artist Sririam of Berklee College of Music will make a special musical presentation.

Prior to the Celebration, attendees will gather in the Tifereth Israel parking lot at 2:30pm and will march into the building’s main entrance located on Hawthorn Street. The procession will be led by the New Bedford High School Marching Band.

Members of the MLK Program Planning Committee include representatives of New Bedford Branch of the NAACP, the Human Relations Commission, the City of New Bedford, Grace Episcopal Church, Bethel AME Church, New Bedford Public Schools, Tifereth Israel Congregation, Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. James, and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford.

Members of the MLK, Jr. Service Planning Committee include the New Bedford Branch of the NAACP, The Human Relations Commission, The City of New Bedford, Grace Episcopal Church, New Bedford Public Schools, Baha’i Faith, Tifereth Israel Congregation, The Jewish Federation and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

For additional information visit the City website at

www.newbedford-ma.gov or contact Marci Pina-Christian or the City of New Bedford Human Relations Commission at (508) 979-1464.