

# Memorials to Slavery, Lynching, and the Holocaust: Paths to Reconciliation

Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 7:00 pm  
Irvington Library, 12 South Astor St, Irvington NY



Montgomery



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Memorials create emotional spaces to help us acknowledge and understand the abuses of slavery, lynching and genocide. They provide opportunities to inform the present and motivation to ensure peace and justice for all.

*"Slavery in America was violent, traumatizing and tragic. It lasted over two centuries, creating a wound that has not healed. After emancipation, Black people were re-enslaved through Jim Crow laws. Disenfranchised and unprotected by the rule of law, there was great suffering, but nothing maintained racial inequality more than lynching. Thousands of black people were drowned, burned, shot and hanged. Millions fled the American South... Only by acknowledging the truth of our past can we have hope for our future. That is the purpose of the National Memorial for Peace and Justice."*

**Bryan Stevenson**, Exec Dir, Equal Justice Initiative, MacArthur Fellow

## "The Montgomery Four"



**Linda Rousseau**, MS (Left) is a retired educator, advocate for Social Justice programs at All Souls Unitarian Church, NYC, and prison reform advocate in NY.

**Adine Usher**, EdD (M Left) is an Educational Specialist, Consultant and Advocate for students with disabilities, and a member of the Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation at White Plains, NY.

**Tosia McCormick**, MS (M Right) is a psychotherapist in private practice and cofounder of a non-profit organization promoting health literacy and safer sex for mature adults.

**Robert Dottin**, PhD (Right) is a Professor of Biology at Hunter College of the City University of New York and a member of All Souls Unitarian Church, NYC.

*"We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."*

**Elie Wiesel**, Nobel Laureate.

*"All I can do is make this borrowed time matter."*

**Yisorel Goldstein**, Rabbi, Poway Synagogue, CA