



**The Unitarian Universalist
Community Church of Santa Monica**

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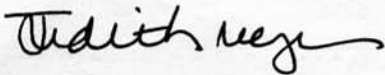
Dear ministerial colleague, Sunday service leader, or program director:

I write to recommend an extraordinary presentation: "From Wharf Rats to Lords of the Docks: The Life and Times of Harry Bridges," to you for a Sunday service or evening program. Ian Ruskin presents his acclaimed, one-man play depicting the life of Harry Bridges, a visionary labor leader and unique personality from the 30's, who, against all odds, fought against injustice, racial and religious discrimination, and the supposed threat of an "ism" – communism – and won; an inspiration for our struggles of today.

Yesterday Ian performed this play for our Labor Day service to a packed sanctuary and received a standing ovation!

I have had the pleasure of watching Ian Ruskin develop this program over the years. I serve on the Advisory Board of the Harry Bridges Project. I know the commitment, integrity, and intelligence Ian brings to this work. He and his family have been part of our UU community for many years. I encourage you to invite him to your church and give your congregation the experience of learning about the life of Harry Bridges. They will be inspired as we were.

Sincerely,



The Rev. Judith Meyer, Minister