



**Monadnock Interfaith Project**  
*Building An Interfaith Coalition for Community Understanding and Social Justice*

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## September 2023

Dear friends,

In these precious summer days, may you feel the wind in the air and the sunshine on your face. As the flowers bloom and vegetables grow large in gardens may we each stop to appreciate the abundance in our lives. We are grateful to share many MIP updates below!

### Interfaith Lay Leaders August Gathering Highlights!!



In early August MIP had a wonderful lay leader gathering with many moments of connection and inspiration. People of Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and Buddhist faiths participated.

We came together from around the region to build loving relationships, learn about each others' community outreach activities, reflect on our faith's call to social justice, and explore ways to collaborate in the future.

There were over 30 participants from 13 local congregations and organizations. The photos above and below show folks engaged in breakout discussions followed by a group picture.

We plan to have quarterly lay leader gatherings, with the next session on November 15. If you are interested in connecting across faith traditions with other wholehearted people contact Angela Pape, MIP Community organizer: [angelapape.mip@gmail.com](mailto:angelapape.mip@gmail.com)





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**Save the Date!**  
**MIP Picnic**  
**October 1, 12pm**  
Congregation Ahavas Achim  
84 Hastings Ave, Keene



Join us for the annual MIP picnic. Connect with friends across congregations and celebrate the ways that MIP makes a difference in people's lives. Bring your friends and [RSVP here](#).

The picnic is free, MIP will provide a lunch buffet and drinks. Just come with a healthy appetite! We will nourish ourselves and our spirit with food, music, and fellowship. There will be an opportunity to donate in support of MIP's work.

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Support Hundred Nights and have lots of fun doing it at their exciting and engaging Amazing Race fundraiser on September 9! Visit the [Hundred Nights Amazing Race Webpage](#). You can:

- Help run a challenge event.
- Enter the race, cost is \$100 per Team of two.
- Fill in a variety of possible volunteer roles throughout the day.

Interested congregations and individuals can reach out directly to race organizers:  
Mindy Cambiar (hundrednightsinc@gmail.com)  
Randyn Markelon (rmarkelon@hundrednightsinc.org)

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**MIP Book Discussion  
in collaboration with  
The Cohen Center for**



# Holocaust & Genocide Studies

Friday Sept 22, 10:30am  
Covenant Living of Keene, 95 Wyman Rd

We invite you to join us at our next interfaith event, a discussion of Dara Horn's *People Love Dead Jews*. Dara Horn's work has been selected by New York Times Notable Books, Booklist's Best 25 Books of the Decade, and San Francisco Chronicle's Best Books of the Year.

In *People Love Dead Jews*, she challenges us to confront the reasons why there might be so much fascination with Jewish deaths, as emblematic of the worst of evils the world has to offer, and little respect for Jewish lives, as they continue to unfold in the present.

MIP is one of numerous groups in the region reading Dara Horn's book. Our discussion will be co-lead by Rabbi Dan Aronson of Congregation Ahavas Achim and Reverend Becky Poor, Covenant Living's Interfaith Chaplain. Copies of the book are available through [Dara Horn's website](#) and locally at the Toadstool Bookshops.

This is an opportunity to grapple with important contemporary issues among wholehearted members of our community. If you are interested in participating in MIP's book discussion group, please [RSVP here](#).

Dara Horn will be coming to the region Tuesday, October 3 for the 2023 Holocaust Memorial Lecture, "In the Haunted Present: Jews in a Non-Jewish World." MIP's discussion group will help generate questions for her talk.

Click here to find out more about the [Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and how to attend Dana Horn's lecture](#).

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## Housing Campaign

Take the [MIP Housing Quiz!](#)  
And read [personal stories of real people challenged to find safe and secure housing](#).



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