



Photos: Winter Solstice Ceremony welcomes brighter days

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The table is set for the Winter Solstice celebration in the Rotunda



Joe reads the history of the Winter Solstice at the beginning of the ceremony.



Rosemary Maletto-Ares and Lilyana, 10, stand during for one of the parts of the ceremony.



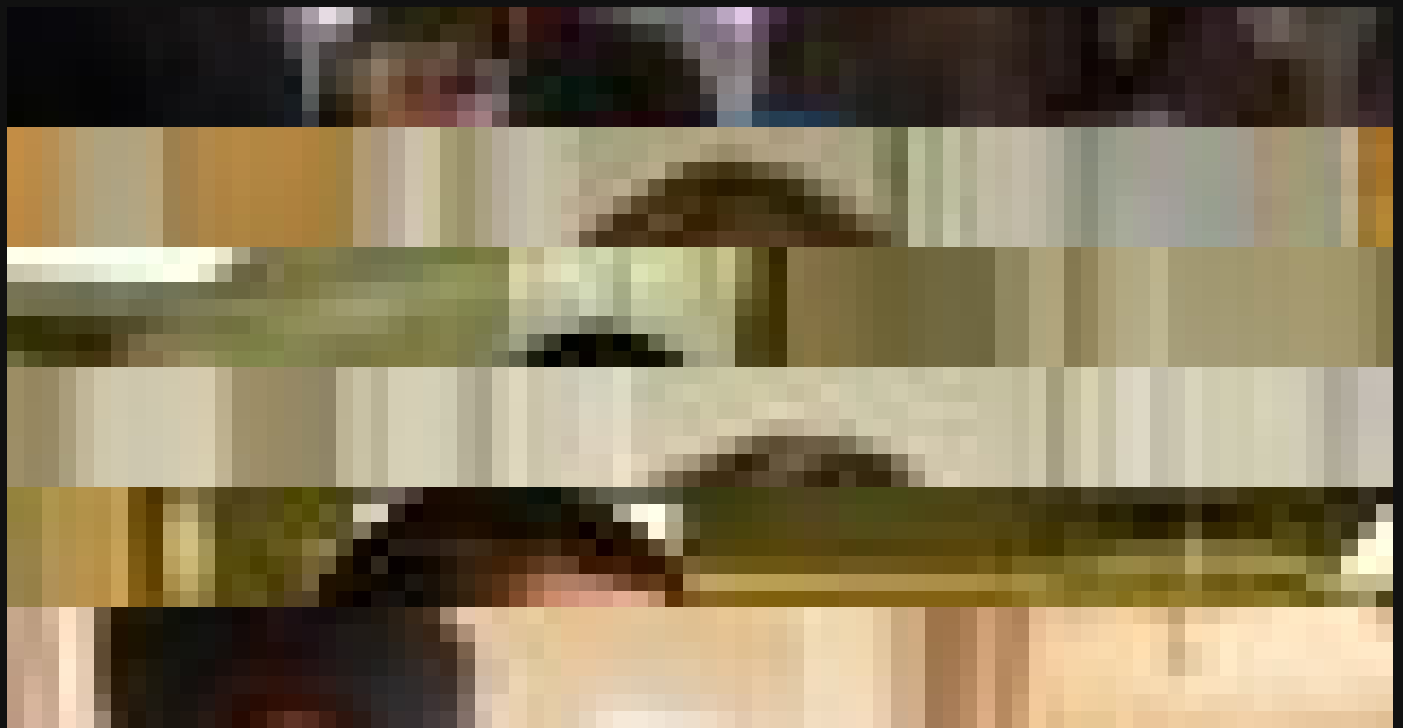
Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael of UUCM sits in the ceremony in the Rotunda



Amy Sotelo reads the narration for the Meditation.



Giancarlo Panticello receives the Cakes and Ale from Rosemary Maletto-Ares before the Hail and Farewell closing the ceremony.



The shortest day of the year is recognized with rituals, readings and meditation for the Winter Solstice ceremony of the UUCM Sacred Wheel CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans), in the Rotunda of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Montclair, Sunday, Dec. 22. The group meets throughout the year, continuing thousands of years of the spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions. CUUPS also collected nonperishable food donations to go to various local food pantries.