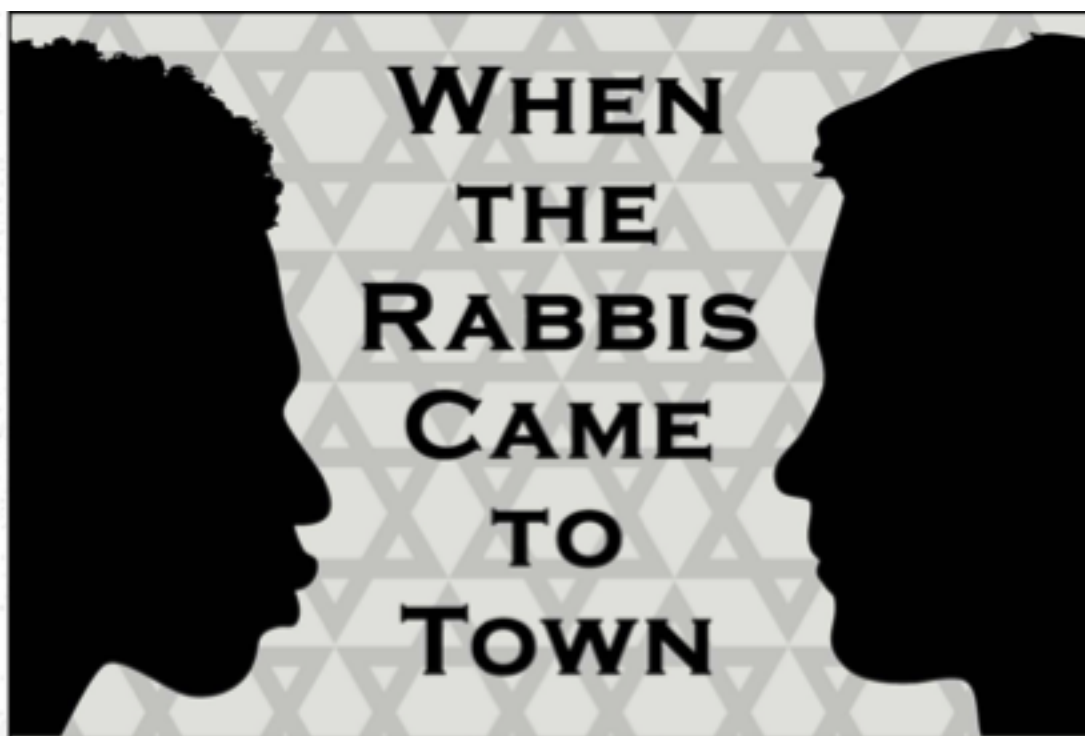




**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
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**9/26/2026
04:00**

1201 JEFFERSON ST, MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

A STAGE PERFORMANCE DIIRECTED BY DIANE VAN WESEP ABOUT THE LARGEST ARREST OF RABBIS IN AMERICAN HISTORY STARRING ADAM BELL. THE 4 P.M. PERFORMANCE IS FOLLOWED BY A 5:30 P.M. VIP WITH RABBI ALLEN SECHER AND ACTOR ADAM BELL ALSO AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC.

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WHEN THE RABBIS CAME TO TOWN PREMIERE EVENT

A PLAY BY ROGER RAPOPORT AND LESLYE WITT STARRING ADAM BELL

On June 18, 1964 sixteen rabbis answered Rev. Martin Luther King's call to join a St. Augustine, Florida civil rights protest at the Monson Motor Lodge. Arriving after months of beatings, shootings and bombings, the rabbis staged a parking lot anti-segregation sit-in with King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference. As the rabbis were being arrested, the Lodge manager simultaneously dumped muriatic acid on black and white teens trying to desegregate his swimming pool. A national outcry over the largest arrest of rabbis in American history, and the racist dousing of the teens, led to Senate passage of the Civil Rights Act the following day.

This stage play tells the story of Rabbi Secher's 70-year battle against anti-semitism and for civil rights. Direct from sold out performances in Chicago and Florida, this show is followed by a VIP with Adam Bell, Rabbi Secher, Director Diane Van Wesep and the playwrights. [Tickets for the play and the VIP can be ordered here.](#) They can also be ordered via the QR code. First Congregational members and students with I.D. are admitted to the show free.

Donations supporting nationwide travel of this Muskegon based play can be made via heartland-iff.org, the QR code or mailing to 2441 Westwood St. Muskegon, MI 49441.

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