

# PUBLIC COMMUNITY EVENT: COMMUNITY ACTION TO RESIST HATE

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CONGREGATION SHALOM OF CHELMSFORD AND ANJUMAN-E-EZZI  
BRIDGES: BUILDING RESPECT IN DIVERSE GROUPS TO ENHANCE SENSITIVITY

You are cordially invited to join community leaders and the general public to attend a screening and discussion of the **Not in Our Town film: Waking In Oak Creek**

Panel discussion to follow, facilitated by Patrice O'Neill, Executive Producer & CEO, Not In Our Town

**Date:** Wednesday, May 18, 2016 @6:00pm

**Location:** Anjuman-e-Ezzi (Billerica Islamic Center) 246 Rangeway Road, Billerica, MA

Refreshments and a light dinner will be served



Full Film: Waking In Oak Creek

## About the Film

As the Sikh community in Oak Creek, Wisconsin prepares for Sunday prayers, a deadly hate attack shatters their lives, but not their resilience. After six worshipers are killed by a white supremacist, the local community finds inspiration in the Sikh tradition of forgiveness and faith. Lieutenant Murphy, shot 15 times in the attack, joins the mayor and police chief as they forge new bonds with the Sikh community. Young temple members, still grieving, emerge as leaders in the quest to end the violence. In the year following the tragedy, thousands gather for vigils and community events to honor the victims and seek connection. Together, a community rocked by hate is awakened and transformed by the Sikh spirit of relentless optimism.

## About Not in Our Town

Not in Our Town is a movement to stop hate, address bullying, and build safe, inclusive communities for all. Not in Our Town films, new media, and organizing tools help local leaders build vibrant, diverse cities and towns, where everyone can participate. For more information, visit [www.niot.org](http://www.niot.org)

## About BRIDGES: Building Respect in Diverse Groups to Enhance Sensitivity

The mission of Bridges is to provide a civil forum for relationship building, two-way communication, facilitating mutual education, and promoting resolution of systemic concerns between interested law enforcement agencies and interested segments of the community, with the overall goal of ensuring the safety, security, and well-being of all of society without the unlawful targeting, profiling, or curtailing of rights of any individual or community. For more information, visit [www.mabridges.org](http://www.mabridges.org)



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## Draft Agenda

- 6:00p      **REFRESHMENTS & NETWORKING**
- 6:30p      **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**  
*Riyaz Esmail, BRIDGES*  
*Janab Murtazabhaisaheb Nomani, Anjuman-e-Ezzi*  
*Rabbi Shoshana Perry, Congregation Shalom of Chelmsford*
- 6:45p      **INTRODUCTION OF NOT IN OUR TOWN & PRESENTATION OF WAKING IN OAK CREEK**  
*Riyaz to introduce Patrice O'Neill, Executive Producer & CEO, NIOT*
- 7:40p      **PANEL & AUDIENCE DISCUSSION**  
*Moderator: Patrice O'Neill*  
*Panelists: Stephen Scaffidi, Mayor of Oak Creek*  
*Navjeet Singh, Sikh community member*  
*Shahin Shahin, Arab community member*
- 7:56p      **BREAK FOR PRAYER**
- 8:15p      **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION**  
*BRIDGES members will help facilitate each group discussion*
- 8:45p      **RETURN TO FULL GROUP DISCUSSION**  
*Brief report outs from each of the smaller groups*
- 9:15p      **CLOSING REMARKS**  
*U.S. Attorney's Office*

*\*Cara is the point of contact for out of town guest speakers*