



Created in fall 2015, CBI's Racial Justice Committee works to strengthen our Congregation's commitment to the Jewish value of equal justice. Our mission includes increasing our awareness of racial injustice, bias, privilege, and systemic racism, and developing ways for congregants to become involved in bringing about positive change in partnership with local community groups pursuing racial equity.

We'd love to hear from you!

Please email us at racialjustice@bnais.com to give us your feedback on tonight's service, ask questions, get on our email list, or learn more about the Racial Justice Committee.



Scan this QR code to see the Racial Justice Committee's web page with links to additional information.

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

RACIAL JUSTICE

SHABBAT

FEBRUARY 16, 2024, 7:30 PM

Songs and prayers

Hinei Ma Tov

Hinei ma tov u'ma naim
Shevet achim gam yachad

*Behold how good and sweet it is
For people to dwell together
In unity!*

Hinei ma tov u'ma naim
Shevet achayot gam yahad

Mi Chamochah / Redemption Song

Mi chamochah ba-eilim Adonai
Mi kamocha nedar bakodesh
Nora t'hilot oseih feleh
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Malchut'cha ra-u vanecha
Bokei-a yam lifnei Moshe uMiriam
Zeh Eli anu v'amru
Adonai yimloch l'olam va-ed

Won't you help to sing
These songs of freedom
'Cause all I ever had,
Redemption songs

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Hashkiveinu/One Day
(Craig Taubman/Matisyahu)

Hashkiveinu Adonai Eloheinu l’shalom
V’haamidenu shomreinu l’chayim
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Sometimes I lay under the moon
and I thank God I’m breathing
Then I pray, Don’t take me soon
’cause I am here for a reason

Sometimes in my tears I drown,
but I never let it get me down
So when negativity surrounds,
I know some day it’ll all turn around
because

All my life I’ve been waiting for, I’ve
been praying for, for the people to say
That we don’t wanna fight no more,
there’ll be no more wars,
and our children will play

One day, one day, one day
One day, one day, one day

Mi Shebeirach (Lisa Levine)

Mi shebeirach avoteinu
Avraham, Yitzchak v’Yaakov
Mi shebeirach imoteinu
Sarah, Rivkah, Leah v’Rachel

May the One who blessed our Mothers
May the one who blessed our Fathers
Hear our prayer, and bless us as well

Bless us with the power of your healing
Bless us with the power of Your hope
May our hearts be filled with understanding
And strengthened by the power of Your love

Bless us with the vision for tomorrow
Help us to reach out to those in pain
May the warmth of friendship
Ease our sorrow
Give us courage, give us faith
Show us the way.

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Od Yavo Shalom

Od yavo shalom aleinu
Od yavo shalom aleinu
Od yavo shalom aleinu
Ve'al Kulam

Salam, aleinu ve'al kol ha'olam
Salam, Shalom

Salam, aleinu ve'al kol ha'olam
Salam, Shalom

*Peace will surely come to us, to
everyone, Peace, for us and for the
entire world*

California Reparations

The Task Force

California established the Task Force to Study and Develop Reparations
Proposals for African Americans through legislation (AB 3121) enacted
September 30, 2020. The Legislature charged the Task Force with studying
the institution of slavery and its lingering negative effects on living African
Americans, including descendants of persons enslaved in the United States,
and on society. AB 3121 called for a report to the Legislature, to be made
available to the public, with recommendations for appropriate remedies of
compensation, rehabilitation, and restitution.

The Report

The Task Force issued its final report on June 29, 2023, following nearly two
years of public hearings and in-depth research and deliberations. The report
contains comprehensive empirical data and historical evidence on slavery in
California—where it was tolerated despite the state’s designation as a “free
state”—and the far-reaching negative impacts of discriminatory laws and
policies born from the end of slavery. In the report, the Task Force makes
hundreds of recommendations for state policy and budgetary changes to
address these impacts. The report is available on the California Secretary of
State’s public website at oag.ca.gov/ab3121/report. You can find a link to
this report and other resources by scanning the QR code on the reverse.

2024 Legislative Package

The California Legislative Black Caucus recently announced a 2024
Reparations Priority Bill Package as a first step in what will be a multi-year
effort to implement the legislative recommendations in the report. The
package includes 14 measures to be introduced during the current legislative
session addressing access to education, civil rights protections and apologies
for rights violations, criminal justice reform, health equity, and business
opportunities.

Learn More

- Use the QR code on the reverse or visit our website at cbisacramento.org/racialjustice to learn more.
- Join us at CBI’s retreat, Stars & S’mores, for an informal conversation with Rabbi Alfi about what Jewish values teach us about reparations.