

RESOURCES TO COMBAT RACISM

Temple Beth-El, Summer 2020

Many resources (in the form of books, other writing, webinars, videos, and more) are available for personal exploration and group discussion. Here is a list of some resources that have been suggested by members of our congregation, as a helpful starting point.

Organizations and Initiatives

1. Local (alphabetized)

- Black Lives Matter Ithaca - www.facebook.com/Black-Lives-Matter-Ithaca-459262570936151/?_tn=%2Cd%2CP-R&eid=ARDQg3ewpc0DPxXASpu-hN9PEZue8A5ran-Smq7kGblqaGUyQPj9Nmn-eV7luW-HmXiSCICC_H7jwy0N
- Building Bridges - <https://buildingbridgestompkins.org/>
- Decarcerate Tompkins County - <https://decarceratetompkinscounty.weebly.com/local.html>
- Dorothy Cotton Institute - www.dorothycottoninstitute.org/
- Multicultural Resource Center - www.multiculturalresourcecenter.org/
- Mutual Aid Tompkins: Neighbors Supporting Neighbors - www.mutualaidtompkins.com
- Southside Community Center - <https://sspride.org/>
- Support local Black-owned businesses - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/0/d/1A-BGggtU0isfCBoDhE9Yu_WEJCE9IQdff4Z_9mGzBnk/htmlview?urp=gmail_link
- SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice), Ithaca group intended to provide white people with tools to learn and support: <https://tompkinscountysurj.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/tcsurj/>
- The Tompkins County Structural Racism Website, created by SURJ, documents the inequities of systemic racism locally: www.tompkinscountystructuralracism.org/

2. National (alphabetized)

- ACLU criminal law reform project - www.aclu.org/issues/criminal-law-reform
- Be'chol Lashon - <https://globaljews.org>
The home page has statements by Black Jews with links to articles. "Be'chol Lashon brings the historic Jewish commitment to civil rights and racial justice forward into the 21st century."
- Bend the Arc - www.bendthearc.us
www.bendthearc.us/jews_for_black_lives_three_actions_you_can_take
www.bendthearc.us/statement_in_solidarity_with_black_lives
- Campaign Zero - www.joincampaignzero.org/#vision

- Color of Change - <http://act.colorofchange.org>
- Jewish Multi-Racial Network - <https://www.jewishmultiracialnetwork.org/>
- NAACP current campaign - <https://naacp.org/campaigns/we-are-done-dying/>
- Not Free to Desist: Re-imagining our collective jewish covenant - www.notfreetodesist.org

Readings and Videos on Racism and Police Violence

Eric Goldstein, *The Price of Whiteness: Jews, Race, and American Identity*

Ibram X. Kendi books, articles, and videos, which include -

- *How to Be an Antiracist* (Cornell Campus Community book read this year)
- *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*
- An antiracist reading list - www.nytimes.com/2019/05/29/books/review/antiracist-reading-list-ibram-x-kendi.html

Leah Penniman, *Farming While Black*, www.soulfirefarm.org

Kivel, Paul, *Guidelines for Becoming Strong White Allies*, www.racialequitytools.org/resourcefiles/kivel3.pdf

Robin DiAngelo, *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*

Richard Rothstein, *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*

Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*.

Cherrie Moraga and Gloria Anzaldua (ed's) *This Bridge Called My Back, Fourth Edition: Writings by Radical Women of Color* 4th Edition

Online guide about anti-racism, created by Cornell librarians Camille Andrews and Eric Acree - <http://guides.library.cornell.edu/blacklivesmatter>

How to reform American police, according to experts - www.vox.com/2020/6/1/21277013/police-reform-policies-systemic-racism-george-floyd

Reimagining Policing in the Wake of Continued Police Violence (from June 3, 2020) -

www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_qB6SsErpA&

President Obama joins local and national leaders in the police reform movement to discuss the tragic events of recent weeks, the history of police violence in America, and specific action steps needed to transform a system that has led to the loss of too many lives.

Twitter thread by Samuel Sinyangwe on research-based solutions to stop police violence -

<https://twitter.com/samswey/status/1180655701271732224>

He is a cofounder of Campaign Zero, an organization dedicated to research and policy change around police violence toward African Americans.

<https://www.joincampaignzero.org/#vision>

<https://policescorecard.org/> - a campaign of Campaign Zero

How to Actually Fix America's Police -

www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/06/how-actually-fix-americas-police/612520/

25 most important books about racism -

<https://www.teachthought.com/education/25-most-important-books-about-racism/>

75 Things White People Can Do for Racial Justice -

<https://medium.com/equality-includes-you/what-white-people-can-do-for-racial-justice-f2d18b0e0234>

Anti-racism resources for white people -

https://docs.google.com/document/u/2/d/1BRIF2_zhNe86SGgHa6-VIBO-QgirlTwCTugSfKie5Fs/mobilebasic?fbclid=IwAR2DN_P9eJRBwDwhqtuYLRXeScoDukfe6cibu6eeXG8ZMwhRvUGQH4LtbEk

Free e-books from Cornell Press, until August 31 -

<https://cornellpress.manifoldapp.org/projects/project-collection/antiracism-and-racial-justice-resources>

More books on anti-racism - <https://bookshop.org/lists/dear-white-people>

Racial Equity Tools - www.racialequitytools.org

The 8 R's of Talking About Race: How to Have Meaningful Conversations - www.netimpact.org

Video on Implicit Bias - www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoBvzl-YZf4

How to Make this Moment the Turning Point for Real Change from Barack Obama -

<https://medium.com/@BarackObama/how-to-make-this-moment-the-turning-point-for-real-change-9fa209806067>

Anguish & Action from the Obama Foundation - www.obama.org/anguish-and-action/

Being Anti-Racist (from the National Museum of African American History & Culture) -

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race/topics/being-antiracist>

Anti-Racism Resources for White People: bit.ly/ANTIRACISMRESOURCES

This google doc includes articles to read, videos to watch, organizations to follow on social media, tools for white parents of white children, and other lists of resources.

Film on race relations in Israel: www.thepassengersfilm.com/

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Some Resources for Families

Your age-by-age guide to talking about race - www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/teaching-tolerance/talking-about-race-with-kids/

Coretta Scott King Book Award Winners for children and young adults -

www.commonensemedia.org/lists/coretta-scott-king-book-award-winners

Embrace Race - www.embracerace.org/resources/where-to-find-diverse-childrens-books

How white parents can talk to their kids about race - www.npr.org/2020/06/03/869071246/how-white-parents-can-talk-to-their-kids-about-race

Talking to young children about race and racism - www.pbs.org/parents/talking-about-racism

An online search using combinations of the terms “children”, “kids”, “racism”, and “race” yields a great number of resources from many organizations, including Save the Children, Teaching for Change, and more.