

Announcing a new Tuesday evening short course starting in November

Tuesdays 8.15pm – 9.30pm on Zoom

Racism: Identifying it, Learning about it, Combatting it

3 November

Jewish teaching on racism

with Rabbi Alexandra Wright

‘And God created human beings in the Divine Image’: How Jewish texts uphold the principle of the unity of humanity

While the Bible contains some harsh comments about certain tribes (for example, the Amalekites), overwhelmingly it teaches us not to discriminate on any grounds and to see humanity as one people, the children of One God. ‘God stamped every human being with the seal of Adam, yet not one of them is like another’ (*Mishnah, Sanhedrin 4:5*). God made us all different, unique, yet part of the unity of creation.

10 November

Jewish history of anti-racism activity

with Dr Edie Friedman (Executive Director of JCORE – the Jewish Council for Racial Equality)

17 November

Facts and figures of racism in Britain, and practical action to combat it

with Dr Edie Friedman in conversation with Lord Simon Woolley, political and equalities activist

24 November

Report of the Board of Deputies inquiry into racism in the Jewish community

presented by Stephen Bush, head of the Commission

Register for these sessions at education@ljs.org.

Zoom links will be emailed on the Monday before each class.

Cost: Free for LJS members and friends; £10.00 per session for non-members.

About our guest speakers



Edie Friedman

Dr Edie Friedman was born in Chicago and moved to the UK more than 40 years ago. Concerned to strengthen the link between social justice and Jewishness, in 1976

she founded the Jewish Council for Racial Equality (JCORE), of which she is now the executive director. In 2014 she co-founded Tzelem - the Rabbinic Call for Economic and Social Justice in the UK.



Simon Woolley

Lord Simon Woolley is the Director and one of the founders of Operation Black Vote, a national and internationally renowned race equality organisation. In the last

25 years Lord Woolley has helped transform our political and civic institutions, ensuring they are inclusive and representative.

Lord Woolley is seen as the inspiration and one of the architects for the United Kingdom’s Race Disparity Unit and served as the Advisory Chair since its inception. He received a Knighthood in the 2019 Birthday Honours for his services to race equality and was nominated for a life peerage in the same year.



Stephen Bush

Stephen Bush is a British journalist and political editor at the New Statesman. He started his career at The Telegraph, and has written for the Financial Times, The Guardian,

Evening Standard, The Times, and has a weekly column for the i newspaper. In June 2020 Stephen was appointed to chair the Board of Deputies of British Jews’ commission on racial inclusivity within the Jewish community.

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