

Race and Judaism Resources

Articles

- [‘Believe Us’: Black Jews respond to the George Floyd protests in their own words](#)
- [What Not to Say to Jews of Color Right Now](#)
- [What the Movement for Black Lives Means to Jews](#)
- [Reform Jewish Leadership Statement: Black Lives Matter is a Jewish Value](#)
- [Ways Your Congregation Can Act Now for Racial Justice](#)
- [Stop Comparing Anti-Semitism and Racism in America](#)
- [As a Black Jew, “I’m Begging You: Don’t Arm Your Synagogue”](#)
- [What Non-Black Jews Can Do to Combat Anti-Black Racism](#)
- [A Guide to Talking to Your White Jewish Family About Anti-Black Racism](#)
- [Black Jewish Rapper Westside Gravy Is Calling Out Racism and Anti-Semitism](#)
- [Black Jews Are Grieving, And We Need You to Sit Shiva With Us](#)
- [How I Learned to Love Myself as a Black Jew](#)
- [Ashkenormativity Is a Threat to All Jewish Communities](#)
- [White Jews Should Understand Why Black Americans Need Reparations Now](#)
- [The Black Jewish Queen of Sheba You Probably Didn’t Learn About in Hebrew School](#)
- [I Never Thought My Skin Color Would Keep Me From Finding a Jewish Husband](#)
- [This Black Jewish Musician Powerfully Blends Yiddish Poetry and African American Spirituals](#)
- [Why I’m Using My Privilege as a White Rabbi to Join the Black Lives Matter Protests](#)
- [I Helped Coin the Term ‘Jews of Color.’ It’s Time for a History Lesson](#)
- [What It’s Like to be a Trans Jewish Woman of Color](#)
- [Jews of Color Get Personal and Political at First Public Gathering](#)
- [What Not to Say to Jews of Color — and What to Say Instead](#)
- [Jews of Color and the Policing of White Space](#)
- [White Jews: Stop Calling Yourselves “White-Passing”](#)
- [I Told Jews To Think About What Being ‘White’ Means. Then The Racism Exploded](#)
- [Sanctifying Black Lives](#)
- [Is God Racist and Sexist? Why are We?](#)
- [Reeling from my journey into America’s ugly past](#)
- [“Diversity” Won’t Challenge Jewry’s Role in White Supremacy](#)
- [Tzedek and Race](#)
- [Black Jews Are Being Chased Out Of the Jewish Community By Racism. Here Are Their Stories](#)

- [Anti-Semitism - And Racism - Are Forcing Me To Choose Between My Black And Jewish Identities](#)
- [Jews Of Color Have Been Consistently Undercounted By The American Jewish Establishment. Until Now](#)
- [Counting Inconsistencies: An analysis of American Jewish population studies, with a focus on Jews of Color](#)
- [Tiffany Haddish's Bat Mitzvah Is a Powerful Affirmation for Black Jews](#)
- [White Jews: An Intersectional Approach](#)
- [White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack](#)
- [When White Rabbis Talk About Race](#)
- [7 Ways Jews of Color are Included/Excluded in Synagogues](#)
- [Our True Colors](#)
- [What I Wish Other Jews Knew About Romani Jews](#)
- [More than a Feeling: Jews and Whiteness in Trump's America](#)
- [8 Nights, 8 Actions](#)
- [Truth, Reconciliation and Repair in Engaging Racism](#)
- [It's Time For The Jewish Community To Do Teshuva For Its Treatment of Jews Of Color](#)
- [Jewish Communities stop investing in the police](#)
- [8 Pitfalls To Avoid When Being an Ally to Jews of Color](#)
- [Jews Cannot Be Silent in the Face of Anti-Black Racism](#)
- [24 Jewish organizations speak out on the death of George Floyd](#)
- [Jews of Color Deserve Teshuva](#)
- [Jews of Color, Covid-19, Civil Unrest - An Argument for Inclusion](#)
- [Dear Jewish Community, Here's What to Do Now](#)
- [10 Rules for Engagement for White Jews Joining the #BlackLivesMatter Movement](#)
- [Dear Jews, Black Lives Can't Only Matter When You're Criticizing The Movement](#)
- [Why You Need to Care About Black Lives Matter](#)
- [Jews for Racial Justice Move the Conversation About Police Brutality Into White Communities](#)
- [Against Analogy](#)
- [The Shooting At Tree Of Life Has Helped Me Support The African American Community](#)
- [When Jews Attack Black Lives Matter, It Only Fuels Anti-Semitism](#)
- ['As a Jew of Color, I Need More People in My Community to Speak Up'](#)
- [Advocating for black community is a Jewish duty, say Pittsburgh students](#)
- [What is Juneteenth to a Black Jew?](#)

- [I'm a black rabbi. I've never been in a Jewish space where I wasn't questioned](#)
- [Jews In All Hues founder discusses how the organization facilitates conversations about race](#)
- ["It should call out to every Jew:" Crown Heights rallies for Black Lives Matter](#)
- [Racism Within the Jewish Community](#)
- [As a Frum Woman of Color, I Don't Fit Into Any Box](#)
- [The Heavy Baggage that Comes With Being a Black Jewish Convert](#)
- [Black Americans and Jews of color don't need another short-term ally — we need you to join our fight](#)
- [Jewish community expresses solidarity following George Floyd's death](#)
- [I'm a Black, Jewish Teen Calling For Unity It should be everybody against racists, supremacists, inequality and injustice](#)
- [Arming Synagogues Will Make Them Less Safe - For Black Jews. Stop Erasing Us](#)
- [Stop Using Israel as an Excuse to Not Support Black Lives Matter](#)
- [Today Jews Need to Support Black Lives Matter; Tomorrow We Can Talk About Israel](#)
- [An opportunity to confront white supremacy and create a Jewish, intersectional future](#)
- [The Black Jews Are Tired](#)
- [Truth, Reconciliation and Repair in Engaging Racism](#)
- [Dancing between Light and Shadow - Increasing Awareness of the Impact of Covid 19 Disparities on Jews of Color](#)
- [My Black Father's Legacy](#)
- [Skin in the Game How Antisemitism Animates White Nationalism](#)
- [My Black and Jewish Identity Cannot Be Separated](#)
- [Althea Bernstein, Black Jewish Teen, Was Set on Fire in Her Car](#)
- [Racial Justice is a Jewish Issue](#)
- [Why I Am A Zionist for BLM](#)
- [After Pittsburgh, is Anyone Considering Jews of Color?](#)
- [Bagels, Lox, and Grits: Defining My Jewish Identity](#)
- [Black, Jewish, and Avoiding the Synagogue on the High Holy Days](#)
- [Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity: What are They and Why Do They Matter to Us?](#)
- [Finding My Jewish Soul: A Black Army Veteran's Journey to Judaism](#)
- [I Am Always All Parts of My Identity - and I Hope You Are, Too](#)
- [Ilana Kaufman: Black, Jewish, and Challenging Ideas about the Face of the Federation](#)
- [Jews of Color and Who Counts in the Jewish Community](#)
- [Just Because I'm Jewish Doesn't Mean I'm Not Black](#)

- [Mourning, Broken, Afraid: A Letter to My Friends](#)
- [What Does it Mean to 'Code Switch' in Jewish Spaces?](#)
- [White Jews: It Is on Us](#)

Books

- Black Anti-Semitism and Jewish Racism -Nat Hentoff and others
- The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews -Nation of Islam (2 volumes)
- Black, White & Jewish: Autobiography of a Shifting Self -Rebecca Walker
- [20 Books by Black Jewish Authors You Should Read](#)
- [The Price of Whiteness: Jews, Race, and American Identity](#)
- [Author Marra B. Gad on Being a Biracial Jew](#)
- The Colors of Jews -Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz
- How Jews Became White Folks and What That Says About Race in America -Karen Brodtkin
- In the Shadow of Race: Jews, Latinos, and Immigrant Politics in the US -Victoria C. Hattam
- Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority: Our Jewish Obligation to Social Justice -Rabbi Seth M. Limmer, etc
 - Specifically the essay entitled, “When Good Isn’t Enough: Understanding Racial Privilege and Challenging Racial Injustice” -Ilana Kaufman and Rabbi Rebekah P. Stern

To watch

- [What Makes This Jew Different Than All Other Jews? Race, Difference, and Safety in Jewish Spaces](#)
- [Racism in the Jewish Community: The Uncomfortable Truth](#)
- [Reflections on Authentic Identities with Rabbi Sandra Lawson](#)
- [White Nationalism and Coalition Building](#)
- [Speak Torah to Power with Avodah](#)
- [Who Counts? Race and the Jewish Future](#)

Podcasts

- [Wholly Jewish: From Tennessee to Iraq and Back Podcast + transcript](#)
- [Jews Talk Racial Justice](#)
- Judaism Unbound
 - [“Audacious Hospitality” \(episode 90\)](#)
 - [“100% Black, 100% Jewish” \(episode 162\)](#)

Prayers

- [Havdalah](#): Minnesota Uprising 2020 Written and compiled by Rabbinical student Sam Schauvaney
- [Amida for Racial Justice](#) Written by Rabbi Leora Abelson and Rabbi Hayley Goldstein
- [Kaddish](#) for Black Lives and Terror Victims
- OneTable's [In Solidarity - Around the Shabbat Table](#) Resource
- [Black Jewish Prayers for Dr. Martin Luther King, Shabbat, and Everyday](#) by Dr. Tarece Johnson
- [JFREJ Juneteenth Seder Haggadah](#) from Jews for Racial and Economic Justice
- [#BlackLivesMatter Haggadah Supplement](#) by Jews for Racial and Economic Justice
- [El Maley Rakhamim for Victims of Racial Violence](#)

Organizations

- [Jews of Color Field Building Initiative](#): The Jews of Color Field Building Initiative is a national effort focused on building and advancing the professional, organizational and communal field for Jews of Color
- [Joyous Justice](#): April N. Baskin is the Principal of Joyous Justice Consulting where she provides highly-customized life coaching and diversity consulting.
- [Mitusi Collective](#): Building resilient community around nature & wellness, embodied Jewish practice, and multiracial justice
- [EDOT](#): The Midwest Regional Jewish Diversity Collaborative is a set of partnerships and activities focused on affirming Jewish racial and ethnic diversity across communities in the Midwest region.
- [Global Purpose Approach](#): Our mission is to have a united world filled with appreciation, empathy, respect, peace, and love. We aim to educate individuals to be purposeful humanitarians and transformational global leaders who appreciate and respect diversity, inclusion, equality, and justice.
- [Be'chol Lashon](#): is a tremendous organization that offers racial diversity training for Jewish institutions . They also run support groups and camps for Jews of Color and produce media that features the voices of Jews of Color.
- [Jews in ALL Hues](#): (JIAH) is an education and advocacy organization that supports multiple-heritage Jews and Jews of Color
- [Dimensions Educational Consulting Inc](#): a women and Jewish People of Color led nonprofit that provides training and consultancy in diversity, equity and inclusion. Dimensions has a unique, research-based model that is tailored to client needs. We

facilitate and support organizations and individuals as they create collaborative environments that promote creativity, innovation, productivity and social justice.

- [Jewish Multiracial Network](#): The Jewish Multiracial Network sets out to nurture and enhance Jewish diversity throughout the community, at large, via capacity development, community development, community empowerment, and social capital.
- [Jews of Color Caucus](#): Unruly is an intersectional blog created and operated by members of the Jews of Color and Sephardi/Mizrahi (JOCSM) Caucus organized in partnership with Jewish Voice for Peace.
- [JIMENA](#): Created in 2002 by former Jewish refugees from the Middle East and North Africa who desired to share their personal stories and rich culture with college students, policy makers and North American Jewish communal and lay leaders throughout North America.
- The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC): [Resources for Racial Justice Allyship and Action](#) or [Racial Justice](#)
- Jewish Youth for Community Action (JYCA): [Jews Against Marginalization](#). SF Bay Area based organization empowering youth to advocate for their interests. Particularly interested in developing community for JOCSM (Jews of Color, Sephardim, Mizrachim) youth.
- Jewish Social Justice Roundtable: [Racial Justice Resources](#)
- Truah
 - The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights on [Racial Justice](#)
 - [Anti Racism Resources](#)
- [Jewtina y Co](#): Originally created to be an exclusive platform for women, the name JEWTINA (jɔd-tēnə), denotes the intersection of Jewish and Latina identities.
- [Jews for Racial Economic Justice](#): For almost 30 years, Jews For Racial & Economic Justice (JFREJ) has pursued racial and economic justice in New York City by advancing systemic changes that result in concrete improvements in people's everyday lives.
- [Repair the World](#)
- [Tzedek Lab](#)
- [Bend the Arc: Jewish Action](#)
- [Facing History and Ourselves](#)
- [Religious Action Center's racial justice page](#)

Other

- Kaleidoscope: looks at the diversity of the Jewish experience. Trailer video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AnjuJ0wm_bM
 - [Jews for Black Lives: 3 Actions You Can Take Right Now](#)
 - Reconstructing Judaism Resources: <http://evolve.reconstructingjudaism.org/judaism-and-race>
 - Resources for Jews for #blacklivesmatter: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WWRFKAAOMuoYXlDz-l8hrEspig_-LagbU6O7seQxrE/htmlview?fbclid=IwAR3913owbS1qt99uYGZAXI1gjJ72Oq45scwFiD7F6ukAV7eAAjrBkDLFRnY
 - Learning Sessions about Judaism and Antiracism with Joyous Justice: <https://joyousjustice.com/antiracism-academy>
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Main references for this document: <https://bit.ly/anti-racist-jews> AND <https://reformjudaism.org/books-films-and-more-delve-antiracism-work>

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