

Racial Justice Resources

Below you will find a variety of resources that provide an informative and engaging look into institutional racism, privilege, and the lived experiences of Jews of Color. We invite you to review and reflect on these resources, as well as share and discuss them within your congregations and communities. We encourage you to use these resources to generate thought-provoking discussions and support you in the social justice and antiracism work that lies ahead.



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Books

The New Jim Crow—Michelle Alexander
Black anti-Semitism and Jewish racism
James Baldwin [and others]
The Fire Next Time—James Baldwin
How Jews Became White Folks and What That Says About Race in America—Karen Brodtkin
Between the World and Me—Ta-Nehisi Coates
White Fragility—Robin DiAngelo, PhD
Invisible Man—Ralph Ellison
Bad Feminist—Roxane Gay
In the Shadow of Race—Victoria C. Hattam
Ain't I a Woman—bell hooks
Waking Up White—Debby Irving
Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority: Our Jewish Obligation to Social Justice—When Good Isn't Enough: Understanding Racial Privilege and Challenging Racial Injustice—Ilana Kaufman and Rabbi Rebekah P. Stern
The Colors of Jews—Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz
How to Be An Antiracist—Ibram X. Kendi
Uprooting Racism—Paul Kivel
To Stand Aside or Stand Alone—P. Allen Krause
The Bluest Eye—Toni Morrison
So You Want to Talk About Race—Ijeoma Oluo
Just Mercy—Bryan Stevenson

Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?—Beverly Daniel Tatum, PhD
Black White and Jewish—Rebecca Walker

Articles (can be found online)

Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity: What are They and Why Do They Matter to Us?—April Baskin
Explaining White Privilege to a Broke White Person—Gina Crosley-Corcoran
Black, Jewish And Avoiding The Synagogue On The High Holy Days—Leah Donnella
What Does it Mean to 'Code Switch' in Jewish Spaces?—Chris Harrison
Finding My Jewish Soul: A Black Army Veteran's Journey to Judaism—Bryant Heinzelman
I Am Always All Parts of My Identity- Identity-and I Hope You Are, Too—Everlyn A. Hunter
After Pittsburgh, is anyone considering Jews of Color?—Ilana Kaufman
Privileged—Kyle Korver
What I Said When My White Friend Asked for My Black Opinion on White Privilege—Lori Lakin Hutcherson
White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack—Peggy McIntosh
Bagels, Lox, and Grits: Defining My Jewish Identity—Yolanda Savage-Narva
Ilana Kaufman: black, Jewish and challenging ideas about the face of federation—Rebecca Spence



Wholly Jewish, the latest podcast from ReformJudaism.org, explores what it means to be Jewish with multifaceted and diverse identities. Hosted by April Baskin, the URJ's former Vice President of Audacious Hospitality, the first season features members of the JewV'Nation Fellowship's 2018 Jews of Color Leadership Cohort, who share their personal experiences and what it means to be "wholly Jewish." This podcast is available for download at ReformJudaism.org and on iTunes and Android.

Film/TV

13th
BlackKkKlansman
Dear White People (Film & Series)
Finding Your Roots
Fruitvale Station
I am Not Your Negro
If Beale Street Could Talk
Little White Lie
Queen Sugar
Separate But Equal
The Hate U Give

Podcasts

Code Switch, NPR
Judaism Unbound: Episode 90, *Audacious Hospitality*—April Baskin and Episode 162, *100% Black, 100% Jewish. 0% Safe.*—MaNishtana
Race Matters, NPR
This American Life, NPR: Episodes 362-363 *The Problem We All Live With*
Wholly Jewish, URJ: Season 1 featuring the JewV'Nation Fellowship's Jews of Color Leadership Cohort

Short Clips/Videos

5 Tips for Being a Proactive Ally—
by Franchesca Ramsey
How to Overcome our Biases: Walk Boldly Towards Them—TED talk by Vernā Myers, 2014
How to Tell Someone They Sound Racist—
by Jay Smooth
Let's Get to the Root of Racial Injustice—TED talk
by Megan Ming Francis, 2016
*Practical Diversity: Taking Inclusion
from Theory to Practice*—TED talk by
Dr. Dawn Bennett-Alexander, 2015
What is Systemic Racism? (Video Series)
by Race Forward

For additional resources, download the Jews of Color Educational Resource Module at URJ.org/AHResources.