A (NON-EXHAUSTIVE) LIST of NEXT STEPS

Pursuing racial justice is an ongoing process that will evolve as we move through our experiences. As Jews, our tradition urges us to continue on the path towards justice. We cannot stop after reading these sources; rather, we must use our discussions today as a stepping stone towards seeking justice and equity in our everyday lives.

I, __________________, commit to the following steps:

TAKE ACTION

☐ Volunteer with direct service organizations that incorporate a racial justice lens
☐ Volunteer with local neighborhood organizations and build relationships with people who work at and get services from that organization
☐ Volunteer with Repair the World’s community partners in Baltimore, Chicago, Detroit, Miami, NYC, Philadelphia, or Pittsburgh
☐ Buy produce from local farms, particularly those owned, managed, and operated by farmers of color
☐ Attend local council, tenant, union, school board, and community meetings
☐ Frequent restaurants and other local businesses owned and operated by People of Color
☐ Get involved with Jewish organizations supporting Jews of Color and creating multi-racial, multi-ethnic Jewish community like, Be’chol Lashon, Jewish Multiracial Network, Jews in All Hues, and Visions, Inc.

READ/WATCH/LISTEN

☐ Read blogs with a racial justice lens by People of Color, like “Colorlines,” “Black Girl Dangerous,” “Blavity,” and “Very Smart Brothas”
☐ Read blogs by Jews of Color, like Michael Twitty’s “Afroculinaria,” and Erika Davis’s “Black, Gay and Jewish”
☐ Read food and education justice publications, like “Civil Eats,” “YES! Magazine,” and “Chalkbeat”
☐ Organize a book club to read books by authors of color
☐ Put podcasts hosted by People of Color in regular rotation, like:
  • Our National Conversation About Conversations About Race by Panopoly
  • Code Switch by NPR
  • The Racist Sandwich Podcast
  • Still Processing by The New York Times
  • For a list of more podcasts about race, check out Podcasts in Color
☐ Watch movies or television shows that have a writer, director or lead actor who is a person of color

EDUCATE AND DISCUSS

☐ Host a Turn the Tables dinner as part of Repair the World’s national campaign, #ActNow with:
  • your synagogue, minyan, or other religious community
  • networks built through organizing, advocacy, or volunteering work
  • the Jewish organizations you are involved in
☐ Raise issues or racial, food, and/or educational justice in your synagogue or other prayer community
☐ Study the intersections of Jewish values and social justice with Mechon Hadar’s Project Zug
  • Take Rabbi Seth Goren’s court, “Intro to Jewish Social Justice”
☐ Learn more about local and national issues that impact communities of color
☐ Learn the history of your neighborhood and local communities

1 In the case of any action taken, communities directly impacted by injustice and oppression should be leading any efforts to address root causes or urgent needs.