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**A NON-PARTISAN GUIDE TO
THIS NOVEMBER'S ELECTION**

An illustration of a brown hand holding a white ballot with blue lines and a red checkmark. The hand is positioned as if about to drop the ballot into a white slot. The background is a solid orange color.

In the midst of a global pandemic, a national reckoning on race, a climate crisis, and countless systemic injustices, we find ourselves with an opportunity to make a difference.

By casting our ballots, we are fulfilling the Jewish obligation of pursuing justice. When our ancestors were wandering in the desert, they were told, *“You shall appoint magistrates and officials for your tribes, in all the settlements that the Eternal is giving you, and they shall govern the people with due justice.”*¹ This shows us that voting and justice are core to who we are. As a Jewish people, equality is a part of our fabric – **and while casting a ballot is vitally important, we know we need to go further. We can volunteer and make a difference in this election.**

In recent years, our elections have been left vulnerable to laws that limit access to voting, specifically restricting voting access for Communities of Color, people with disabilities, LGBTQ+ individuals, people who are currently or formerly incarcerated, people experiencing homelessness, and other historically marginalized groups. The *Talmud* teaches us that if we see harm and do not speak out, it is as if we are the ones who are responsible for the harm being done.² We need to take action, and volunteer, to ensure that every eligible American can safely cast their ballot by November 3, 2020.

From voting to volunteering, this **#RepairTheVote** nonpartisan guide will walk you through everything you need to know to exercise your right to vote and how you can use your time to serve in this election.

¹ Deuteronomy, 16:18

² Talmud Shabbat 54b:20

An illustration featuring three hands holding signs against a blue background. The central hand holds a dark blue sign with white and yellow text. To its left, a hand holds a yellow sign with black text. To its right, a hand holds a red sign with yellow text. The hands are rendered in a stylized, flat-art style with orange and pinkish tones.

**SERVE AS
A POLL
WORKER**

**VOLUNTEER
TO GET OUT
THE VOTE**

At Repair the World, we know that
volunteering is crucial at any time, but
especially during an election.

**PHONE
BANK TO
GOTV**

VOLUNTEER FROM HOME



Become an Election Protection Volunteer →

You can volunteer to staff hotlines on election day, from home. Nonpartisan Election Protection volunteers will be voters' first line of defense against restrictive election laws, COVID-19 related voting disruptions, or anything else that could silence their vote.

Write letters to encourage unlikely voters to vote →

It takes two minutes, one stamp, and increases the odds that the recipient will vote this November. This is a concrete action you can take, no matter where you live, to get unlikely-to-vote fellow citizens to the polls.

Call unlikely voters → who live in states with voter ID laws and encourage them to vote. Through VoteRiders, you can help get out the vote by phone banking, text banking, or volunteering on their hotline.

Text eligible voters →

and encourage them to register to vote, vote by mail, and connect them with resources so they can vote safely. This is one of the best ways to meet voters where they are—on their phones!

Build a voting squad →

As a voting squad captain, you can gather your friends, family, and community to get registered and ready to vote.

VOLUNTEER IN PERSON

An illustration on the left side of the page shows several stylized human figures from the chest up, wearing face masks. The figures are rendered in various colors including yellow, brown, and blue. The background behind them consists of large, overlapping circles in shades of orange, red, and pink.

Become a Poll Worker →

This year, America is facing an unprecedented shortage of poll workers. Repair the World partnered with Power the Polls to recruit thousands of new poll workers this November. With fewer poll workers, polling places across the country are expected to close or have long delays.

Millions of Americans—especially voters with disabilities and those without reliable mail service—rely on in-person voting to cast their ballots. If you are considered low-risk³ for COVID-19, think about signing up with Power the Polls to help make sure we have a safe, fair, and efficient election for all voters.

³ Determine your risk for COVID-19



For more ways to volunteer year-round, check out Repair The World's [volunteer page](#) for in-person and virtual opportunities done in partnership with local service organizations addressing urgent needs in our communities.

OUTLINE YOUR PERSONAL VOTING PLAN

Voting can be complicated, so here's your personal checklist to make sure that your voice is heard in November.



✓ CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS

If you're not registered → [Check your state's registration deadline](#) and [register to vote](#) today.

✓ FIND THE BEST WAY FOR YOU TO STAY SAFE AND VOTE DURING COVID-19

Vote by Mail → Check here to see if you're eligible to vote by mail. (In many states, COVID-19 risk is a valid reason!) To make sure your mail-in vote counts, mail your ballot in as early as possible or find a local ballot box where you can drop it off.

Vote Early In-Person → 40 states and DC offer an option for voters to cast their ballot pre-Election day.

✓ IF YOU'RE VOTING IN-PERSON

Confirm your polling location →

Check if you need an ID to vote →

Follow the CDC's COVID-19 guidelines →

- Maintain social distancing.
- Wear a face mask.
- Bring a personal black ink pen and a stylus for use with a touch screen voting machine.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer immediately before and after voting.

Know Your Rights →

- If the polls close while you're in line, stay in line – you have the right to vote.
- If you make a mistake on your ballot, ask for a new one.
- If the machines are down at your polling place, ask for a paper ballot.
- If you run into problems or have questions on Election Day, call the Election Protection Hotline: 1-866-OUR-VOTE / 1-866-687-8683.

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This is an unprecedented moment that calls for an unprecedented response. Now more than ever, our democracy counts on you.

It's on us to not only participate in the election process, but to power it so that every voice can be heard. We are committed to taking action to pursue a more just world, **how will you serve?**

Learn more at act.weRepair.org/vote