

RESOURCES FOR YOU TO DIVE INTO THIS MLK DAY

For many Jewish communities, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is an opportunity to both remember the legacy of Dr. King, as well as to reignite our commitment to work towards racial equity and justice. The task of creating a more just world where every person is treated with dignity and accorded equitable rights and resources is a hard one; at times, it might even feel impossible. And yet, our tradition teaches that the work must be done. As we learn from Pirkei Avot, “It is not incumbent upon you to finish the task, but neither are you free to absolve yourself from it.”



The fabric of our nation is interwoven with racism that affects our food systems, our education system, our political system, and every other institution we navigate in the United States. This guide explores the ways in which Jewish text, ritual, and history can guide us in planting the seeds for change. Let’s be clear, we will not solve racism in one night, we will not end hunger or food insecurity and we will not fix our educational system. But, we will have a framework to go back into the world with, we will have the tools to help us better identify when we witness injustice and when and how we can use our privilege and power, not just on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, but in our everyday lives.

YOUR DIY TOOLKIT

Use this suite of tools to help plan and facilitate dialogue for #MLKDay- and follow up afterward.

<p><u>RACIAL EQUITY IN A PANDEMIC</u> <i>Examine the ways in which our medical system has contributed to COVID-19 disparities in BIPOC communities.</i></p>	<p><u>THE TALMUD OF MLK</u> <i>In this Talmud, Dr. King’s speech is surrounded by Jewish text creating a conversation that spans millennia.</i></p>	<p><u>PRAYING WITH MY LEGS</u> <i>The legacy of the Civil Rights movement should inspire us to act now, not to be complacent.</i></p>	<p><u>JEWISH PERSPECTIVES ON RACIAL JUSTICE</u> <i>Racism continues today systemically and interpersonally. We must address it as part of an multiracial, multiethnic Jewish community.</i></p>
<p><u>A PERFECT MATCH</u> <i>Want to learn more about why ethnicity is the key to a perfect match? Check out this podcast episode.</i></p>	<p><u>GUIDE TO RESPECTFUL CONVERSATIONS</u> <i>Learn how to be respectful in difficult conversations.</i></p>	<p><u>RACIAL JUSTICE GLOSSARY</u> <i>Build a shared language around racial justice.</i></p>	<p><u>NEXT STEP GUIDE</u> <i>Need to know where to go from here? Check out this list.</i></p>