



## Anti-Racism Bibliography

These resources are a small fraction of what exists in our world. They have been recommended by people who have been doing anti-racism work in Jewish communities and others for some years.

In compiling this list, we initially wanted to organize and prioritize them somehow, to make it feel less overwhelming and more user-friendly. At the same time, we wanted to avoid the impersonal “omniscient narrator” voice that would put an unwarranted stamp of approval on some resources over others. The result of our process is the following list with brief, personal comments from some of the people involved in compiling this list.

- **Rabbi Sandra Lawson:** “Upon entering Jewish spaces Jews of color often face a myriad of questions about their Jewish identity. This line of questioning creates a sense of othering and makes Jews of color feel like they do not belong in Jewish spaces. Depending on which study one uses, Jews of color make up about 15 to 20 percent of the Jewish community in the United States. I created this [source sheet](#) as a text study for Jewish communities to remember their Jewish values and to learn that from the time we left Egypt to today we will always be *an Erev Rav*, a mixed multitude of people.”
- **Rabbi Ellen Lippmann:** “I have been deeply moved by *The Warmth of Other Suns*, by Isabel Wilkerson, an astounding history of the Great Migration. And I am moved again and again by anything I hear or read by Claudia Rankine, who explains in simple, accessible ways how it feels to be on the receiving end of active anti-Black racism and how clueless we white people can sometimes be.”
- **Rabbi Lev Meirowitz Nelson:** “I read Michelle Alexander’s *The New Jim Crow* right as I started working at T’ruah, and it provided the foundation for a lot of how I understand mass incarceration and racism. More recently, Eric Ward’s “Skin in the Game” was a major influence for connections to white nationalism and antisemitism.”
- **Rabbi Dev Noily:** “I think it’s common to overlook the history and present of Indigenous people in the U.S. when talking about racism, and for me it’s vital to include them at the core of any learning about racism in the U.S.”
- **Rabbi Mira Rivera:** “There are three websites I use frequently in my teaching and work on racism. Amnud.org is the JOC [Jews of Color] Torah Academy.

Dimensionedc.com, Yavilah McCoy's company, hosts many resources. And the Jewish Women's Archive has a lovely database with stories of inspiring Jewish women, including women of color."

## **FROM OUR PARTNERS**

We are delighted and grateful to have the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR, Reform movement), OHALAH (Renewal), and Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association as partners for Human Rights Shabbat 2019. Their affiliated organizations also have a wealth of resources on fighting racism.

The URJ's Audacious Hospitality initiative:

<https://urj.org/audacioushospitality/audacious-hospitality-toolkit>

Reconstructing Judaism's resources on Judaism and Race:

<http://evolve.reconstructingjudaism.org/category/Race>

## **BOOKS**

The New Jim Crow, by Michele Alexander

How Jews Became White Folks, by Karen Brodtkin

I'm Still Here by Austin Channing Brown

The Person You Mean to Be: How Good People Fight Bias, by Dolly Chugh

White Fragility, by Robin DiAngelo (and see her videos too: <https://robindiangelo.com>)

Combined Destinies: Whites Sharing Grief about Racism, Ann Todd Jealous

How To Be an Anti-Racist, Ibram X. Kendi

The Dark End of the Street, Danielle McGuire

Stamped from the Beginning, Ibram X. Kendi

My Grandmother's Hands, by Resmaa Menakem

Any fiction or essay by Toni Morrison z"l

So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo

Racing to Justice, John A. Powell

Citizen: An American Lyric, by Claudia Rankine

Just Mercy, by Bryan Stevenson

The Underground Railroad, by Colson Whitehead

Warmth of Other Suns, by Isabel Wilkerson

## **ARTICLES**

“The Case for Reparations,” by Ta-Nehisi Coates:

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/06/the-case-for-reparations/361631/>

“Ta-Nehisi Coates Revisits the Case for Reparations”

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/the-new-yorker-interview/ta-nehisi-coates-revisits-the-case-for-reparations>

“This Elul, It’s Time To Do Teshuva For American Racism,” by George Altshuler

<https://forward.com/opinion/430725/teshuva-requires-us-to-grapple-with-the-violent-legacies-of-slavery-and/>

“It’s Time For The Jewish Community To Do Teshuva For Its Treatment of Jews Of Color,” by Jared Jackson

<https://forward.com/opinion/432509/its-time-for-the-jewish-community-to-jew-teshuva-for-its-treatment-of-jews/>

“Jew of Color Have Been Consistently Undercounted by the American Jewish Establishment. Until Now.” By Ari Feldman

<https://forward.com/news/national/425129/jews-of-color-survey-jewish-population/>

“Black Jews Are Being Chased Out of the Jewish Community by Racism. Here Are Their Stories.” By Nyla Burton

<https://forward.com/opinion/408769/black-jews-are-being-chased-out-of-the-jewish-community-by-racism-here-are/>

“The Intersection of Racism and Anti-Semitism,” by Cherie Brown

<https://ejewishphilanthropy.com/the-intersection-of-racism-and-anti-semitism-the-hook/>

The 1619 Project, by *The New York Times*:

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/1619-america-slavery.html>

“Understanding Anti-Semitism,” by JFREJ: <https://jfrej.org/understanding-antisemitism/>

“Racism Against Native Americans Persists,” by Evelyn Red Lodge

<https://www.hcn.org/issues/49.17/opinion-racism-against-native-americans-persists>

“Skin in the Game; How Anti-Semitism Animates White Nationalism,” by Eric Ward

<https://www.politicalresearch.org/2017/06/29/skin-in-the-game-how-antisemitism-animates-white-nationalism>

## **PODCASTS AND VIDEO**

Seeing White (podcast series):

<https://www.sceneonradio.org/seeing-white/>

CODE SWITCH (single episode):

<https://www.npr.org/templates/transcript/transcript.php?storyId=602678381>

“Who Counts? Race and the Jewish Future,” ELI Talk by Ilana Kaufman

<https://elitalks.org/who-counts-race-and-jewish-future>

“Why Healing from Internalized Whiteness Is a Missing Link in White People’s Anti-Racism Work”  
Webinar with Sandra Kim (stay for the Q&A):

<https://everydayfeminism.com/healing-from-internalized-whiteness-free-webinar/>

“How Can I Say This So We Can Stay In This Car Together?” with Claudia Rankine

<https://onbeing.org/programs/claudia-rankine-how-can-i-say-this-so-we-can-stay-in-this-car-together-jan2019/>

## **TRAININGS OR TRAINERS**

We strongly recommend that you consider doing some training with your staff board, and community. Here are some people and organizations that may be able to help:

Undoing Racism, training by the People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond:

<https://www.pisab.org>

Cherie Brown: <https://ncbi.org/our-team/>

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Yavilah McCoy: <https://dimensionedc.com/staff/>

John Powell (Haas Institute, Berkeley): <https://haasinstitute.berkeley.edu/johnpowell>

Aba Taylor: <http://interactioninstitute.org/people/aba-taylor/>

Eva Vega-Olds- <http://www.evavegadiversity.com/>

## **LITURGY AND DIVREI TORAH**

Juneteenth Seder Haggadah, from Jews for Racial and Economic Justice:

[https://jfrej.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/JFREJ-Juneteenth-Haggadah\\_Color\\_HiRes\\_v6.pdf](https://jfrej.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/JFREJ-Juneteenth-Haggadah_Color_HiRes_v6.pdf)

Rimonim Liturgy Project: <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/rimonim-liturgy-project#/>

“Seeing the Dark in a Different Light: The Power of Our Language to Promote Racial Justice,” by Rabbi Dev Noily: <https://www.truah.org/resources/seeing-the-dark-in-a-different-light-the-power-of-our-language-to-promote-racial-justice/>

“From Racism to Liberation: Confronting Tzara’at in Our Society,” by Rabbi Alana Alpert: <https://www.truah.org/resources/from-racism-to-liberation-confronting-tzaraat-in-our-society/>

## **OTHER**

Continuum Chart on Becoming an Anti Racist Congregation:

[https://www.aesa.us/conferences/2013\\_ac\\_presentations/Continuum\\_AntiRacist.pdf](https://www.aesa.us/conferences/2013_ac_presentations/Continuum_AntiRacist.pdf)

Source Sheet from Rabbi Sandra Lawson: [www.sefaria.org/sheets/110837](http://www.sefaria.org/sheets/110837)