

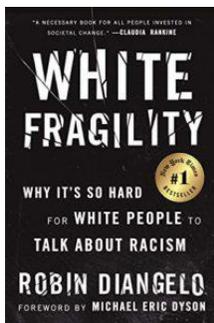


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FIVE WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Reform Judaism's beliefs grow from the Hebrew Prophets' calls for social justice. We are to do what we can to make those values manifest and real in our community. Here are four things you can get involved with or attend with Temple Sinai to make a difference:

1. **ANTI-RACISM BOOK GROUP. Monday nights in August. 7 – 8:30 pm**



Book groups figure prominently on every list of “things you can do to combat racism in the US.” Our book group will be an open and accepting environment, an opportunity for discussion, reflection, and learning; it is NOT to indoctrinate or convince you of one point of view. Temple Sinai member Carol Heffer, LCMHC, will be facilitating our group, and we will start with reading and discussing **Robin Diangelo's *White Fragility***, a book that is being read so widely it sold-out on Amazon. It is a ‘must-read’ if you want to keep up on the national conversation about racism, and it is best to read it and discuss it with others. The book is controversial, receiving strong support from many educators, while others have criticized it as dehumanizing toward black people. Join our book group for a safe and open place to discuss this book and your reactions to it. It is also a great opportunity to reflect on who you are as we approach the High Holy Days.

Get this short (170 pages) book yourself and read the first three chapters for the initial discussion. Identify sections or ideas that engage you to discuss with the group.

[Please register here by July 26](#)

2. **SPEAKER EVAN TRAYLOR. Friday, July 31. 6:30 pm**



Evan Traylor grew up in the Reform movement and in the African American community. His grandparents on one side were slaves and on the other, Holocaust survivors. Evan became the President of the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) and then worked for the Union of Reform Judaism as the Presidential Fellow for Millennial Engagement. He is starting his rabbinical studies at HUC this year. Evan is a gifted speaker, and he will share some of his experiences and insights on living in both communities as our nation confronts both rising racism and anti-Semitism. Please encourage your friends to join us for his sermon, and for a discussion ‘talk-back’ session during *oneg*.

3. **HELP GET OUT THE VOTE!** now through mid-August.



Want to help get out the vote for the upcoming election?

All you need to do is sign up, then get a package of 20 stamped postcards and a list addresses of unregistered eligible voters around the country. You just write the address and a short note (sample provided) and stick them in the mail.

This needs to be done in early August to meet state deadlines.

To sign up or get more information contact the Social Action Committee at tikkun-olam@templesinaivt.org by **JULY 25th**. We will let you know when and where to pick up your packet.

4. **SUPPORT THE SOUTH BURLINGTON FOOD SHELF.** Ongoing



With people out of work from the pandemic, more families are depending on the Food Shelf to feed their families. Last year, we collected a tremendous amount of dry-good during the High Holy Days and became the first big delivery of food to the new Food Shelf. This year let's try and double what we did last year, either with actual dry goods or through donations. We will be in touch about how we will manage this in this time of social distancing, but please support the Food Shelf as often as you can, and particularly during our High Holy Drive.

5. **GET INVOLVED WITH OUR SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE.**

Just email tikkun-olam@templesinaivt.org. Help us make a difference.