

Intersectional Jewish Identities Resources

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Informative Websites and Articles

Race, Religion & American Judaism

This project aims to produce cross-disciplinary research, public scholarship, and curricula to advance scholarly and public understanding of race, religion, Jewishness, racism, and antisemitism; multicultural, multiracial heritage of Jewish people; and how to challenge racism effectively and in keeping with Jewish ethical ideas.

All Topics

<https://jewsandrace.com/topics/>

Topics fall under three umbrellas: Theories of Race and Jewish Identity; the Diversity of the American Jewish Experience; and Jewish Ethical Responses to the Problems of Racism.

Adult Curriculum

https://jewsandrace.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Adult-final_updated.pdf

This curriculum guide helps adult learners engage deeper with the ten scholarly research projects about Jews and race.

Jews of Color Initiative (JoCI)

Resources/Toolkit

<https://jewsofcolorinitiative.org/library/>

JoCI works to build a truly multiracial, anti-racist Jewish community in which Jews of Color can experience joy and reach their full potential and belonging as leaders and community members. This virtual resource library covers a wide range of topics, including racial justice, the experiences of Jews of Color, and grantmaking.

Jews for Racial & Economic Justice (JFREJ)

JFREJ is a grassroots organization that draws from its Jewish values and diverse histories with persistence, commitment, and care to dismantle the systems and institutions that perpetuate racism, inequity, and injustice.

Resources

<https://www.jfrej.org/news/categories/resources>

These resources cover a variety of topics, including abortion rights, unraveling antisemitism, and fighting Anti-Asian hate.

No Silence on Race

Resources

<https://www.nosilenceonrace.ca/resources>

No Silence on Race works to build inclusive Jewish spaces in Canada, reflective of the racial diversity that exists within Jewish communities and throughout Jewish histories. These resources center the experience of Jews of Color, and include Indigenous Education Resources, a Book List, and Videos & Films.

Be'chol Lashon/Global Jews

Be'chol Lashon strengthens Jewish identity by raising awareness about the ethnic, racial, and cultural diversity of Jewish identity and experience. They bring the historic Jewish commitment to civil rights and racial justice forward into the 21st century, and believe that addressing race inside the Jewish community is vital to impacting overall social and racial justice.

“Why Diversity Is Important”

<https://globaljews.org/resources/research/why-diversity-is-important/>

This article gives an overview on Jewish diversity in the US, race in America, why racial and ethnic diversity is important in the Jewish community and highlights some conflicts that Jews of Color face.

Jewish Diversity Library

<https://globaljews.org/resources/archive/>

This archive highlights and educates about diverse Jewish experiences and Jewish communities around the world.

Temple Emanuel, Rochester, NY

Jews of Color Resource List

<https://emanuelrochester.org/jews-of-color-resource-list/>

This page has links for various organizations, articles and blog posts, books, and videos centered around the experiences of Jews of Color.

JIMENA: Jews Indigenous to the Middle East and North Africa

Sephardic and Mizrahi Lesson Plans

<https://www.jimena.org/sephardic-and-mizrahi-lesson-plans/>

JIMENA's programs aim to ensure that the accurate history of Mizrahi and Sephardic Jews is incorporated into mainstream Jewish and Middle Eastern narratives in order to create balance in attitudes, narratives, and discourse about Middle Eastern refugees and the modern Jewish experience. This collection of lesson plans and educational units is on antisemitism and Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews.

The Jewish Educator Portal

“The History of Black Jews in America”

<https://educator.jewishedproject.org/content/history-black-jews-america>

The Jewish Educator Portal inspires and empowers educators to create transformative Jewish experiences. This video highlights the history of Black Jews in America since before the colonial era to the present day, and includes a lesson plan and resources.

Jewish Virtual Library

“Who are the Ethiopian Jews?”

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/who-are-the-ethiopian-jews>

The Jewish Virtual Library is a source for information about Jewish history, Israel, the Holocaust, antisemitism, and Judaism. Use this link to learn more about the history of Ethiopian Jews, from their origins as one of the older diaspora communities to their modern history and the discrimination they often face as Black Jews in Israel.

Keshet

Resources and Events

<https://www.keshetonline.org/resources-and-events/>

Keshet is an organization working for the full equality of all LGBTQI+ Jews in order to strengthen Jewish communities, build LGBTQI+-affirming spaces, and to advance LGBTQ+ rights nationwide. This resources and events page allows you to look at various topics in their resource library, learn more about activism and allyship, explore the connection between LGBTQ identity/experience and Jewish text/tradition, etc.

Jewish Queer Youth (JQY)

Resources

<https://www.jqyouth.org/resources/>

Jewish Queer Youth is a nonprofit organization supporting and empowering LGBTQI+ youth in the Jewish community. They work to ensure the emotional and physical health and safety of these individuals, with a special focus on teens and young adults from Orthodox, Chasidic, and Sephardic communities. The JQY provides a list of podcasts, websites, books, and films related to LGBTQ+ Jewish experiences.

Educator Resources

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Youth Curriculum

https://jewsandrace.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Full-Youth_Updated-1.pdf

This curriculum has lessons designed for students sixth grade and up, each designed to be 60-70 minutes in length. These lessons allow students to explore, discuss, and gain greater understanding of race, religion, and Judaism, and of their interactions and impact.

Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle (JFGS)

Educational Resources on Diversity and Inclusion in the Jewish Community

<https://www.jewishinseattle.org/jewish-community-relations-council/get-involved/educational-resources-on-diversity-and-inclusion-in-the-jewish-community/>

JFGS serves as a community voice, works to strengthen connections to Israel and World Jewry, and aims to make investments in Jewish life for today and the next generation. This page includes a list of events, educational resources, terminology and data, and additional resources about diversity in Jewish communities.

Films and Guides

Kupferberg Holocaust Center (KHC)

The Kupferberg Holocaust Center hosts a range of programs about Holocaust memory and its ongoing impact across, as well as relevancy to, societies around the world through annual commemorations, special events, student-focused initiatives, our National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) colloquia series, and lectures about our originally researched exhibitions.

Intersecting Identities: Growing Up Asian and Jewish

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBxbJfVdiWw>

In their book, “JewAsian,” authors and spouses Dr. Helen Kiyong Kim and Dr. Noah Samuel Leavitt examine the intersection of race, religion, and ethnicity in the increasing number of households that are Jewish American and Asian American to explain how these unions reflect not only the identity of married individuals but also the communities to which they belong.

Periphery

Periphery is a photographic and film which shares narratives from individuals of multiracial and multiethnic backgrounds, and invites us to appreciate the richness of Jewish identity and cultural expression.

The Short Film and The Extended Series

<https://peripheryexhibit.org/extended-series/>

A photographic and film project in which participants share their experiences and explore ideas of representation, intersectionality, ethnicity, race, and sexuality.

Educator Resources

<https://peripheryexhibit.org/curriculum/>

Materials to prepare students to watch clips from *Periphery*, *The Extended Series* as well as to explore key themes in greater depth. Materials are broken down into sections for Jewish School Educators, Public School Educators, and Jewish Community Leaders.

The LUNAR Collective

Film Series

<https://www.youtube.com/@AsianJews/featured>

The LUNAR Collective cultivates connection, belonging, and visibility for Asian American Jews through intersectional community programming and authentic media storytelling. This film series features 23 Asian American Jewish young adults in nuanced, unscripted conversation—providing a space for learning, healing, expression, solidarity, and joy.

JIMENA: Jews Indigenous to the Middle East and North Africa

Forgotten Refugees Film

<https://www.jimena.org/resources/forgotten-refugees/>

Following World War II, Jewish life in countries in the Middle East and North Africa (excluding the new state of Israel) began to dramatically disappear. Jews abandoned their ancestral homelands, often leaving behind their homes, communities, and livelihoods. This film displays interviews with many Mizrahi Jews and makes clear that the question of identity is still nuanced and complex for many of them.

Book Lists

“Social Justice Reading Lists Focusing on Jews of Color” by Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel

<https://tsti.org/act/social-justice-advocacy/social-justice-reading-list-focusing-on-jews-of-color/>

Be’chol Lashon/Global Jews

Books that explore the intersection of race, ethnicity, and Judaism

<https://globaljews.org/resources/books/>

Books for children

<https://globaljews.org/resources/childrens-books/>

“Staff Favorites: Recent Books That Reflect Diverse Jewish Experiences” by the New York Public Library

<https://www.nypl.org/blog/2021/03/10/staff-favorites-diverse-jewish-experiences>

“Celebrating Diversity – Books by Black Jewish Writers”

<https://heidislowinski.com/2022/02/21/jewish-authors-of-color/>

“Queer Jewish Narratives (LGBTQIA+ Reads)” by Jewish Book Council

<https://www.jewishbookcouncil.org/books/reading-lists/queer-jewish-narratives-lgbtqia-reads>

“8 Books That Feature Queer Jewish Women to Read Right Now”

<https://www.autostraddle.com/queer-women-jewish-books-423408/>

Organizations/Projects Featuring Intersectional Jewish Identities

Black Jewish Liberation Collective

<https://www.blackjewishliberation.org/>

A collective of Black Jews based in the United States who amplify their voices and uplift their cultural and political organizing. They create space for community building and strategizing to support Black people who are working towards liberation and dismantling white supremacist patriarchy, racialized capitalism, and antisemitic violence.

Ammud: The Jews of Color Torah Academy

<https://www.ammud.org/>

Ammud empowers Jews of Color by providing community and personalized support to gather and learn unchallenged in their Jewishness. Ammud allows Jews of Color to access the Jewish education needed to become empowered members and leaders of the broader Jewish community, creating space to celebrate marginalized customs and traditions and (re)build culture.

Jewpanese Project

<https://www.carmeltanaka.ca/initiatives/jewpanese-project>

Instagram: @jewpaneseproject

Since May 2020, a community of Jewpanese (Jewish and Japanese) people and families all over the world began to meet virtually in celebration of Jewish and Asian Heritage Months. This community is currently recording their lived experiences and stories at the intersection of being Jewish and Japanese in an oral history project conducted by Carmel Tanaka called the *Jewpanese Project*. Follow them to learn more about their lived experiences and histories, and if you are Jewpanese, you can sign up to get involved and/or be interviewed.

The LUNAR Collective

<https://www.weareasianjews.org/>

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Jewtina y Co.

Instagram: @jewtinayco

An organization that works to nurture Latin-Jewish community, identity, leadership, and resiliency via cohort experiences, community storytelling, and culturally-sustaining learning resources.

Extensive List of LGBTQ Jewish Groups and Organizations

<https://www.jqyouth.org/lgbtq-jewish-orgs/>

Find LGBTQ Jewish organizations in cities across the world, including New York City, Los Angeles, Boston, Tel Aviv, London, and Sydney. This list was put together by Jewish Queer Youth, a nonprofit organization supporting and empowering LGBTQI+ youth in the Jewish community.