

Folks with White Privilege Affinity Group:

The next meeting time and place has been changed since it was first announced. Our next meeting is **Wed Nov 20, 2019 6:30 – 8:30 at Kehilla in the back classroom.**

Everyone who identifies as white is welcome, whether or not you have attended these meetings in the past, we'd love to have you!

The articles we will be reading and videos we will be watching in preparation for our Nov. 20 meeting are listed below as suggested homework:

Suggested homework:

a – Read short essay by Aurora Levins Morales published in Jewish Reconstructionist journal “Evolve” called “Radical Inclusion” <http://evolve.reconstructingjudaism.org/radical-inclusion/>

b – Watch video of Ilana Kaufman speaking to a Jewish audience about racism in Jewish community <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QCtBqbsZPLo>

c – For our September meeting, our homework included group member Aviva Wilcox's powerful piece about seeking a Jewish community for her interracial family: the ways Kehilla has made her family feel welcome, and some thoughts on things we can do to lean further into becoming the kind of place where Aviva's family and other people of color, including Jews of color, feel welcomed and affirmed.

In September we reflected on the piece, and ways that our group can help Kehilla grow in that direction. One thing that Aviva mentioned would be helpful is if those of us in this affinity group could bring the conversation to others who might not have thought about these issues or might be more apprehensive. Those present invited all of us to take up the challenge of talking with 2-3 others -- in Kehilla, but outside this affinity group:

- 1) about the article and/or the experiences of people of color at Kehilla
- 2) about ways in which those of us who are white can raise our awareness about how to be more fully embracing
- 3) about things we might be doing that undermine our being truly welcoming, in ways we might not even realize.

Aviva's article is <https://kehillasynagogue.org/aviva-w/> (and she references another article we previously read "[White Jews: What Black Jews Need From You in 2019](#)"). We encourage you to use your buddy as a resource if you need support, and we look forward to debriefing those conversations together at our next meeting!

d - And lastly please remember to connect with your buddies -- or email us if you need a buddy and we will try to connect you

e – This summer we sent out a short survey asking participants about how this group is going. If you have not taken the survey please take

it. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1H58sIKrNeXYaCgvvQItZX4YDoj2o4YPBOrSjU7jn_VY/edit#responses

Finally, none of the above is required, just enthusiastically suggested!

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