



## September Newsletter

As the Jewish New Year approaches, the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice invites you to join us in the Jewish tradition of reflection and *teshuvah* (repentance) typical of the High Holiday season. In this historical moment we are paying particular attention to the role we play in maintaining systems of oppression and are committing ourselves to improving our actions in the service of dismantling them. To this end, we hope that you will participate in one of our upcoming public events, all of which focus on varying responses to racial (in)justice. Below you will find information about these online events, including links to register. As always, every event is free and open to the public. If you have questions, please contact Swig JSSJ Program Interim Director Oren Kroll-Zeldin at [omkrollzeldin@usfca.edu](mailto:omkrollzeldin@usfca.edu).

We wish you all a *shana tova* – a happy, healthy, and sweet new year.

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### ***Teshuvah* and Repentance**

Monday, Sept. 14, 6:30–8 p.m. • Online  
Webinar

Jewish tradition created a series of five protocols for the healing process known as *Teshuvah*, or repentance. These protocols include regret for harm, accepting accountability, truth telling, reparations, and guarantees of non-repeat of the harm. In this lecture, renowned activist and religious leader

**Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb** explores the application of this ancient healing



practice to the wounds generated by the transatlantic slave trade and the ongoing systemic harms of white supremacy.

[Register Here](#)

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## Other, Together: A Black-Jewish Perspective on Fighting Racism and Antisemitism

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 6:30–8 p.m. • Online Webinar

Black and Jewish American communities have histories of co-resistance and intercommunal tension that reflect the complex racial hierarchies of the United States. In this talk filmmaker **Rebecca Pierce** will discuss anti-Black racism and antisemitism in the context of U.S. white supremacy from her perspective as a Black Jewish filmmaker and activist. She will explore the ways that racism and antisemitism are inherently linked, how these issues manifest in our communities, and how to navigate tensions created by a white supremacist system that pits marginalized people against each other.

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## White and Jewish on the Way to Racial Justice

Thursday, Oct. 8, 6:30–8 p.m. • Online Webinar

In the national reckoning over racism in the

racial justice. Jewish peace activist and feminist trailblazer **Rabbi Amy Eilberg** will present sacred texts from the Jewish tradition that inspire deep engagement with issues of racial justice and personal transformation. By engaging with Jewish tradition and contemporary politics, the lecture will focus particular attention on the complexities of white privilege for those Jews who are white while inspiring all of us to become full partners in dismantling racism in America.



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## Racism, Antisemitism, and Israel/Palestine

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 6:30–8 p.m. • Online Webinar

**Dr. Clarence Jones**, Director of the **USF Institute for Nonviolence and Social Justice**, will deliver the sixth annual Swig Program Human Rights lecture to address the need to revitalize Black-Jewish solidarity. The persistence of structural racism, as expressed in continued police brutality against Black men and women, has been the focus of national attention with the galvanizing and potentially transformative Black Lives Matter movement. At the same time, over recent years we have witnessed a rise in antisemitism, including the murder of Jews, in our country and internationally. Racist and antisemitic violence arise largely from the same toxic source: the ideology and practice of white supremacy. Overcoming these interrelated evils requires a nonviolent response in addition to interfaith and interracial unity. Unfortunately, understanding and affirmation of the mutual dependency and shared human rights commitments of Blacks and Jews have been undermined by increasing tensions in Israel/Palestine: on the one hand,

left, including some activists in the Black Lives Matter movement; on the other hand, the continued suppression of Palestinian self-determination. Dr. Jones will address these painful challenges and suggest a nonviolent path forward. After the lecture, Dr. Jones will be in conversation with USF **Rabbi-in-Residence Camille Angel**.

This event is co-sponsored by the USF Institute for Nonviolence and Social Justice.

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**BREAKING BREAD  
AND THE BINARY  
THURSDAYS**

## **Breaking Bread and the Binary**

Sept. 10 – LGBTQ+ Heroes of 9/11

Sept. 17 – Rosh Hashanah Celebration

Sept. 24 – Bisexual Visibility

Qmmunity, in partnership with the **Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice** and **University Ministry**, hosts a popular weekly gathering for LGBTQIA and friends called Breaking Bread and the Binary. This event takes place every Thursday from 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Also, our Rabbi-in-Residence Camille Shira Angel will be hosting a mini Spectrum Retreat on Oct. 17–18. Interested students should contact **Rabbi Angel** for more details.

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