



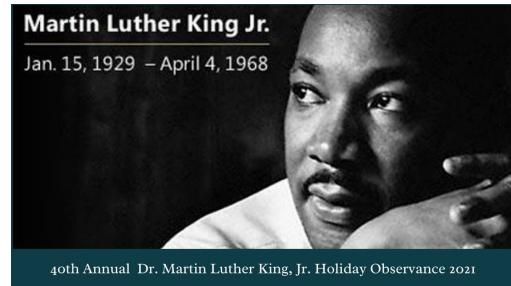
As you know, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is tomorrow. While celebrations and observances will look different than in years past, there are still many opportunities to engage with Dr. King's memory and legacy, both in and out of the Jewish community. Below you will find some events and resources that we have compiled with the hope that they will inspire learning and service in the spirit of Dr. King's dream.

LOCAL EVENTS & RESOURCES

40th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Observance

Monday, January 18 from 10am-6pm

For 40 years, the [NAACP in Maine](#) has hosted the largest celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the state. While this year's format is different than years past, it surely will not disappoint. The NAACP in Maine has combined forces with [Maine Initiatives](#) and a [Steering Committee](#) of statewide organizations to put together a virtual version of the annual [Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday Observance](#). Through a [Virtual Teach-in and Call to Action](#), this program, offered on a sliding scale, boasts over twenty different learning opportunities for young people and adults alike.



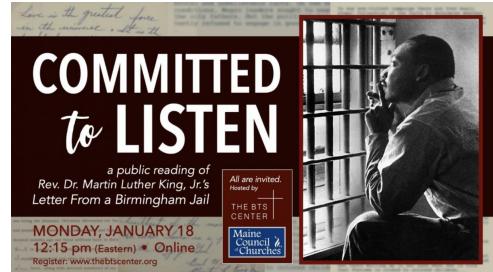
Learning opportunities include:

- [BIPOC Consumerism](#) - Black Owned Maine
- [Diaspora's Homage to MLK Jr and the Civil Rights Movement](#) - Black P.O.W.E.R. ** *For Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Only***
- [The Dr. King Legacy: Kids Edition](#) - AmeriCorps
- [The "Unavoidable Impatience" for Justice: Opportunities in the Wake of the BLM Protests to Dismantle Systemic Racism in Maine](#) - ACLU of Maine
- [Being Black in Maine: Lived Experiences and Prospects for Change](#) - Greater Bangor Area Branch NAACP and the University of Maine Alumni Association
- [Reviewing Resistance Language](#) - The Telling Room
- [And so much more!](#)

Committed to Listen: A Public Reading of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail"

Monday, January 18 at 12:15pm

Join The BTS Center and the Maine Council of Churches as they read aloud the ever important "[Letter from Birmingham Jail](#)," which calls for religious leaders and institutions to join in the effort to challenge and combat racism. Find more detailed information [here](#) and registration details [here](#).



Black Owned Maine was started this Spring by Rose Barboza as an online directory for Black owned businesses. It has since evolved into a comprehensive resource, a community hub for entrepreneurs, a funder of grants for families, and so much more. Take a peek at the local [Southern Maine directory](#), [donate funds](#) to the programs that they run (including a family relief fund), [donate your time](#) to help accomplish the many projects that Black Owned Maine has in the works, and/or take their [Maine Black Business Pledge](#) that aims to have people commit 10% of their spending power to Black owned businesses. Black Owned Maine will also be teaching a session on [BIPOC Consumerism](#) as a part of the NAACP in Maine's MLK Jr. Day Celebration. Find the details [here](#).



EVENTS & RESOURCES FROM THE WIDER JEWISH COMMUNITY

Judaism and Justice: A Morning of Meaningful Learning in Honor of MLK Day

Monday, January 18 from 9am – 12pm

Presented by the Shalom Hartman Institute and the UJA Federation, this morning of meaningful online learning offers opportunities to study with leading scholars about Judaism, justice, and our role in pursuing a more equitable world. While [registration is required](#), the program is offered at no cost to participants.

Sessions include:

- Sara Labaton – Caring For The Sick: Human and Divine Presence in the Face of Illness
- Yonah Hain – MLK's Letter from a Birmingham Jail and the Jewish Tradition: Injustice and Communal Responsibility
- Lila Kagedan – Racial and Social Disparities in Health: What Can the Prophets Teach Us?
- Justus Baird – Learn. Do. Pursue Justice: A Panel Discussion (moderator)

Find the full schedule of events [here](#).

Be'chol Lashon's MLK Day and Black History Month Resource Page

[Be'chol Lashon](#) is an international organization dedicated to strengthening "Jewish identity by raising awareness about the ethnic, racial and cultural diversity of Jewish identity and experience. Be'chol Lashon brings the historic Jewish commitment to civil rights and racial justice forward into the 21st century. Embracing the historical diversity of the Jewish people and, more importantly, the growing diversity of the community today is the most important step toward securing relevancy in an exciting American future."



Some resources found on their website include:

- [MLK Day and Black History Month Resource Page](#) - includes book recommendations (for both adults and kids), blog posts from folks in the community, discussion guides, and more!
- [Passport to Peoplehood for Families](#) - an "educational resources explore the history and traditions of Jewish communities around the world and celebrate the fact that Jews are a multicultural people." During the pandemic, it is being offered *free of charge*.

Relevant Blog Posts:

- [Finding Encouragement in MLK's Words—And America's Changing Demographics](#) by Tiferet Berenbaum
- [Honor MLK By Empowering Jews of Color](#) by Jada Garrett

Kol Tzedek - USCJ's Racial Justice Conference

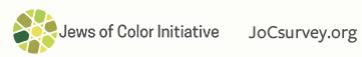
In November, USCJ presented Kol Tzedek, their conference on racial justice and community organizing. To reach a wider audience, USCJ has posted recordings of the keynote speakers and some

of the breakout sessions so that the community can continue to utilize this resource. Of note are Ilana Kaufman's keynote "[Leading for Change, Adapting to the Moment](#)" (which begins at 3:45) and Reverend Dr. Natosha Reid Rice's keynote "[To Do Justly](#)" (which begins at 5:40). You can find all the recordings [here](#).

Count Me In - Jews of Color Initiative Survey

The [Jews of Color Initiative](#) launched their Count Me In survey to help them better understand the experiences and perspectives of Jews of Color across the US. The goal of this survey is for Jews of Color to share how they "think about Jewish identity, how systemic racism has shaped their experiences, how we want the Jewish community to better reflect the diversity of U.S. Jews, and more." If you identify as a Jew of Color, take the survey; if you know a Jew of Color, pass it on. Let's help JoCI reach their goal of 1,000 participants!

Visit www.jocsurvey.org for more information and/or to participate in the survey.



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