



Jewish tradition teaches that we – individually and collectively – are responsible for making our communities and our world a better place. Doing this work and raising awareness about it is known as social action. Closely related is the concept of social justice, which is understanding the root causes of inequality and injustice in all spheres of life – from racial and economic injustice to marginalized populations, environmental inequality, and more – and striving to create the world as we know it can and should be.

As you well know, *tikkun olam* (repair of the world) has always been a pillar of our camp values. Jacobs Camp is where our children, the future Jewish leaders of our region, learn how to become change makers and action-takers to create a better world. Below are just a few resources we have collected that address how we can talk to our children about race. We hope this helps lay the foundation for an understanding that can help us all build a more whole, just, and compassionate world. We will continue to read and learn alongside you and your families. #CultureofKindness #CultureofGratitude #HSJ365 #JacobsMagic

“It is not on us to complete the work, but neither are we free to desist from it”

(Pirkei Avot 2:21)

On talking to kids about race and violence in America:

<https://childmind.org/blog/talking-kids-race-violence-america/>

From PBS Parent Resources: Highlighting diverse books for children:

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/teaching-your-child-about-black-history-month>

Interview with Howard Stevenson (child psychologist) about how to talk to your children about racial incidents:

<https://www.gse.upenn.edu/news/talking-children-after-racial-incidents>

From the Anti-Defamation League (ADL): Resources on talking to your children about current events:

<https://www.adl.org/education/resources/tools-and-strategies/table-talk>

This site reviews the importance of teaching your child about race and ethnicity. It offers a robust “toolbox,” including suggestions for different age groups:

<https://www.apa.org/res/parent-resources/engaging-my-child>

From National Geographic: Talking to kids about race:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/family/in-the-news/talking-about-race/>