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Join us! Upcoming Social Justice Meetings sponsored by Oseh and its Partners

- **Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition Public Health Series:** Beginning on **Tuesday, September 21 at 1 PM**, the HCLHIC will begin its five-part webinar series, “Operationalizing Anti-Racism, Social Justice, and Health Equity Principles through Performance Improvement”. Presenters and panelists will lead participants through discussions and activities dedicated to advancing health equity through performance management and systems change. There will be ample time for discussion and peer-to-peer learning; participants will be encouraged to share their questions and experiences along the way. Click [here](#) to learn more about this series and to register.
- **Let the Sun Shine Residential Solar Discussion:** On **Sunday, October 3 at 7 PM**, join the Environmental Justice Working Group as it welcomes a panel of local experts who will discuss options for residential solar power. There will an opportunity for questions and answers and each participant will receive a solar resource packet. Participants can join via [Zoom](#) using the standard Oseh password.
- **JUFJ Housing Team Meeting:** On **Tuesday October 5 at 12 PM**, join a webinar with the JUFJ Montgomery County Housing team to get updates on all of the local campaigns to increase access to affordable housing. [RSVP](#) here.
- **Showing up for Racial Justice webinar on Combatting Anti-Semitism:** On **Thursday October 14 at 8 PM**, SURJ will be sponsoring a webinar aimed at breaking down how antisemitism upholds White supremacy historically and today. Panelists include Rabbi Jessica Rosenberg from Jewish Voice for Peace Rabbinical Council, Dove Kent, USA Director of Strategy and Outreach at Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism Project, and Enzi Tanner, LSW, from Jewish Community Action Community Safety Organizer. Register [here](#).
- **National Academy of Medicine Annual Meeting “Crossing the Policy and Equity Chasm”:** On **October 17 and 18**, the National Academy of Medicine will be holding its annual national meeting (virtually) with a focus on lessons learned from our currently compounding health crises. Please note that there is a \$50 fee to attend; one panel will be devoted entirely to a discussion of actionable policy in climate change and human health. In addition, there will be a separate special interest group discussion on climate change. Learn more about the agenda and how to register [here](#).



Food for Thought: Get informed on Trending Social Justice Topics

- **Learning for Justice Program for Educators:** The Southern Poverty Law Center's (SPLC) Learning for Justice program provides free resources to K-12 educators, including teachers, administrators, counselors and other practitioners who work with children. Formerly known as Teaching Tolerance, the LJC program is central to SPLC's overall mission: to be a catalyst for racial justice in the South and beyond, working in partnership with communities to dismantle White supremacy, strengthen intersectional movements and advance the human rights of all people. To learn more about the LJC program and to access available resources, please check out this [guide](#).
- **Race Disparities in Policing:** The ACLU of Maryland has recently released a report — Chasing Justice — that uses longitudinal data analysis to reveal the extent of race disparities in different aspects of policing. Read the report [here](#).
- **Microplastics and their Impact:** The negative impact of plastic pollution on the animal kingdom has become well-known. Sierra Club offers up a blog post that provides one parent's harrowing encounter with microplastic that illustrates how plastic is all around us and even inside of us. Access the post [here](#).



Call to Action: Please Support the Work of our Social Justice Partners

- **Helping out Refugees and Asylum Seekers:** HIAS has many opportunities for you to support refugees. In-kind donations — contributions of goods and services such as frequent flyer miles — can immediately impact the lives of newly arrived refugees, as well as asylum seekers. Please check out the [HIAS website](#) for more information.
- **Support the Prince George's County Care for All Campaign:** The Prince George's Care for All coalition is dedicated to creating a centrally administered universal primary care system to uninsured residents. Help [spread the word](#) to county leaders that universal primary care will improve quality of life for all Prince Georgians.
- **Provide your Input on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to the Chesapeake Bay Program:** The Chesapeake Bay Program has just released its [Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Strategy Implementation Plan](#) and it is looking for your input. The recommendations in this implementation plan go far beyond just hiring more diverse staff. While that's important, it's also critical that the organization create organizational change that will positively impact the communities and residents throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Several resources are

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available on the [DEIJ Action Team's website](#) to help you navigate through the implementation plan. Comments on the draft implementation plan will be accepted until **Monday, September 27, 2021**. Feedback can be [emailed](#) or you can submit a [public comment form](#).

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Fact Sheets

Oseh congregants come to our congregation with a broad swath of life experiences and education. To help members who may be new to social justice generally, or want to be better grounded in any of the topics of interest among the different working group members, we have begun the process of compiling current Fact and Data Sheets from objective US government agencies, NGOs, and academic sources. This is not an exhaustive list but is offered as a place to get started. Additionally, the Racial Justice Working Group compiled this [resource list](#) specific to its work. As always, we welcome any and all feedback.

Racial Justice:

- George Floyd justice in Policing Act: <https://judiciary.house.gov>
- Health disparities: <https://www.kff.org/racial-equity-and-health-policy/report/key-facts-on-health-and-health-care-by-race-and-ethnicity/>
- Fact sheets from the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division (covers discrimination across a number of areas including education, employment, criminal justice and immigrant rights): <https://www.justice.gov/crt/guidance-and-resources>

Immigrant Justice:

- Data/Statistics: <https://dhs.gov/immigration-statistics> and https://www.hrw.org/sites/default/files/media_2021/01/2021_hrw_world_report.pdf
- General information on immigration and customs enforcement: <https://ice.gov/factsheets>
- General information on the UN Refugee Agency: <https://www.unhcr.org/en-us/about-us.html>

Environmental Justice:

- General information on environmental health research: <https://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/materials/index.cfm>
- Carbon pricing (from 2016): https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2016-12/documents/social_cost_of_carbon_fact_sheet.pdf
- General information on sustainability: https://css.umich.edu/sites/default/files/css_doc/Bound_Factsheets_2020.pdf

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