

INTERFAITH/SOCIAL ACTION

The Interfaith/Social Action Committee is one of the vehicles within OZ involved in the pursuit of social justice. We are excited to participate in the Imagine 2025 project to reimagine Ohavi Zedek's future, especially in the post-pandemic period, and to reinforce our deep and profound commitment to pursuing social justice within and beyond the Ohavi Zedek community.

Currently we have an anti-racism work group that is making an effort to eliminate any unintended racism or behavior that might make BIPOC (Black and Indigenous People of Color) members feel uncomfortable or unwelcome within OZ, and how we can make a contribution to anti-racist progress in the community beyond our synagogue. As Jews, I believe that this must be our commitment, both spiritually and ethically.

Recently there have been suggestions that we can make a contribution to abating the hunger crisis that exists in the community around us. We are exploring efforts as to how best to do so. As always, we want our actions to match our rhetoric and to be effective in what we do and how we go about doing it.

I am gratified to report that we have been working closely with the Adult Education Committee in our anti-racist efforts. I am very respectful of Adult Education and appreciate working with Nancy Sugarman and her committee members.

I wish to extend a welcoming invitation to Hebrew School and Preschool parents to join in OZ efforts to achieve racial justice. Please feel free to contact me if you have an interest in being part of social justice efforts at Ohavi Zedek.

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