

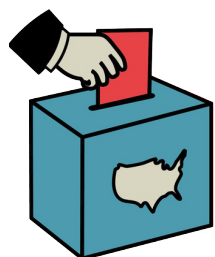
Join the Cory United Methodist Church and Park Synagogue for  
**COMMON ROOTS: FACING OUR PAST, BUILDING OUR FUTURE**



***"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."*** This quote from **James Baldwin**, prominent African-American author, is the inspiration for a new series of programs planned by the Cory United Methodist Church and Park Synagogue. Park and Cory have developed a wonderful relationship over the past several years due to their common roots---one being meeting in the same impressive building on E. 105th Street in the Glenville neighborhood. Park, then known as the Cleveland Jewish Center, constructed and met in the building from the early 1920's until the late 1940's, and Cory has owned and worshiped in it ever since. As African-Americans and as Jews, their congregations also share a difficult history of persecution and oppression. Today, they, as minorities in our community, face racism and anti-Semitism. We invite everyone in the Cleveland community to come learn about their histories and to discuss what all of us can do to make changes in our society and build a better future for all people.

***All three programs are free and open to the community.***

**Part I: "Ballots & Bullets—Black Power, Politics & Urban Guerrilla Warfare in 1968 Cleveland"**



**Sunday, February 24 • 12:30 pm Doors Open • 1:00 pm Program Begins**  
**Park Synagogue Main—Sanctuary, 3300 Mayfield Road, Cleveland Heights**

**Featuring James Robenalt**, speaking about his new powerful book, ***Ballots & Bullets***. In this session, Cleveland author James Robenalt will discuss the racism, political climate and lack of opportunities for African Americans in Cleveland that led to the Glenville riots in 1968. Whether you lived in Cleveland at the time or only heard about the riots, come to find out the startling history of this incident. Robenalt's book will be available for purchase and signing.

**Part II: "Fighting Oppression & Discrimination--- Past & Present"**

**Sunday, March 31 • 12:30 pm Doors Open • 1:00 pm Program Begins**  
**Cory United Methodist Church, 1117 E. 105th St.**

**Featuring Marsha Mockabee, Urban League of Greater Cleveland President/CEO, and Rabbi Jeremy Pappas, Anti-Defamation League Regional Director.**

Join us as we hear from community experts about racism, anti-Semitism, and discrimination in the African-American and Jewish communities—past and, unfortunately, present in our world today---and what we as individuals and as a united community can do to fight these problems that confront us.



**Part III: "Sharing our Stories and Making Changes"**

Date and location to be determined

This session will give Park and Cory members an opportunity to come together in moderated breakout groups to share our personal stories as Jews and African-Americans and discuss how we can make positive changes in our society.

**RSVP's are requested for all programs to Ellen Petler at [epetler@parksyn.org](mailto:epetler@parksyn.org) or 216-371-2244 ext. 122 or Helen Grayson at [coryumch@aol.com](mailto:coryumch@aol.com).**