



Dear Community,

Shavuah tov to all. It is with profound heaviness that we begin this week in mourning; honoring the lives of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, Sean Reed, and countless other precious lives taken by state violence, white supremacy, and the anti-Blackness that is at the core of policing and the society in which we live.

As we witness the swell of uprising and public action around the country, we are honoring the pain, courage, and power that is at the heart of these movements and communities, as their power and grief echos across dozens of US cities and beyond.



In this moment, Kavod is recommitting ourselves as individuals, as a collective, and as a multiracial Jewish community, to dismantling policing, uprooting anti-Blackness, and supporting the creation of local, community-based solutions.

As always, we urge our community to follow the lead of national and local Black-led organizations; such as the [Movement for Black Lives](#), [BYP100](#), [Color of Change](#), and those working on the ground in Minneapolis, Louisville, and Georgia.

We urge our community to support (financially and through ongoing solidarity actions) local Black-led organizing and partners, both here in Boston and beyond. [Movement for Black Lives](#), [Black Visions Collective](#), [Reclaim the Block](#), [Families for Justice as Healing](#), [Massachusetts Bail Fund](#), [Mass Action Against Police Brutality](#), [Youth Justice and Power Union](#), [Young Abolitionists](#), and [Sisters Unchained](#).

For our white members, we encourage you to [seek out continued actions to support racial justice](#). For our Black members and other members of color, consider [this list of conversations & practices for healing racialized trauma](#) and [consider joining our JOCISM caucus tonight at 8PM for reflection and support space](#).

To get more involved in our community's efforts to dismantle the police state, consider joining related teams by contacting our Social Justice or Partnerships chairs at socialjustice@kavodhouse.com and partnerships@kavodhouse.com.

- **Community Safety/Alternatives to Policing Team** — Building infrastructure for security practices that rely on community resources rather than policing, in relationship with local organizations.

- **Ujima/Solidarity Economies Team** — Supporting the growth of economic systems that return wealth and decision making power to working class, Black and Brown communities.
- **Anti-Racism Curriculum Team** — Using political education to educate our community and other Jewish organizations about white supremacy to move towards action.
- **For identity-specific support** — Join the Jews of Color, Indigenous Jews, Sephardim & Mizrahim caucus (sivan@kavodhouse.com), or the white Ashkenazi affinity space (hannah.weinronk@gmail.com).

With love and solidarity,

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