



LEVINE JCC

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Martin Luther King, Jr. - Day of Service

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., an influential American civil rights leader, recognized the power of service. He famously said, "Everyone can be great because everybody can serve." Observing the Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday through service is a way to begin each year with a commitment to making our community a better place. Your service honors Dr. King's life and teachings and helps meet community challenges. Service also brings people together of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. MLK Day, observed on the third Monday in January, is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

"Today, the King holiday serves multiple purposes: It honors the total legacy of King; focuses on the issue of civil rights; highlights the use of nonviolence to promote change; and calls people into public service."
 - NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."
 -DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

"You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it."
 -PIRKEI AVOT 2:21

How to Celebrate MLK Day

LEARN:

Learn About and Discuss Dr. King's Life and Teachings:

- [Resources from Teaching Tolerance](#)
- [The Martin Luther King, Jr. Encyclopedia](#)

[Take the Racial Equity 21-Day Challenge!](#)

United Way's Challenge begins on **Monday, January 18, 2021** in honor of Dr. King. His life's work around civil rights and equality remains relevant in light of the many challenges we continue to face in our country. The Challenge is a powerful opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of how inequity and racism affect our lives and our community.

Register to receive daily email messages with links to recommended articles, videos, podcasts and more.

SAVE THE DATE: Virtual Racial Equity Town Hall Event Tuesday, February 23, 8:30am

Hear from Dr. Eddie Moore, Jr., creator of the equity challenge concept, attend breakout sessions and more!



VOLUNTEER IN THE COMMUNITY FROM HOME:

- [Make bookmarks for Promising Pages](#)
- [Make cards for hospitalized kids](#)
- [Donate to the JFS Food Pantry](#)
- [Become a Lasagna Mama](#)
- [Create flashcards for Classroom Central](#)

TEEN MITZVAH PROGRAMS AT THE J: [click](#)

READ:

- [I have a Dream](#) (book and CD) Preschool to Grade 3
- [DK Life Stories: Martin Luther King, Jr.](#) Grades 3-7
- [Dear Martin](#) Grades 9 & up
- [Shared Dreams: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Jewish Community](#) by Rabbi Marc Schneier

WATCH:

- *The Long Walk Home* (1990, PG)
- *Four Little Girls* (1997, TV-14)
- *The Help* (2011, PG-13)
- *Lee Daniels' The Butler* (2013, PG-13)
- *Selma* (2014, PG-13)
- *King In The Wilderness* (2018, TV-14)

LISTEN:

- [Words Matter Library: 56th Anniversary of the March on Washington](#)
- [My Road Trips with Martin Luther King](#)
- [We Celebrate the REAL MLK day](#)
- [MLK](#) (4-part series)
- [1619](#)
- [Sounds Like Hate](#)



"ATTEND":

TEMPLE BETH EL: Justice Shabbat
 Featuring Guest Speaker Eric Ward who will speak on
Confronting the Machinery of Hate: White Supremacy, White Nationalism, and Antisemitism

Eric Ward is a civil rights leader and national expert on the relationship between hate violence and preserving democratic institutions, governance, and inclusive societies. He'll share how antisemitism forms the theoretical core of white nationalism, driving racism, anti-immigrant bias, and other forms of minority hate.

Friday, January 15 - 7:30pm [click](#)



TEMPLE ISRAEL: Yom Gemilut Hasadim Mitzvah Day

A Day for Performing Acts of Loving Kindness: Virtual projects, DIY projects and some on-site activities (*registration required*).

Sunday, January 17 @ 9:30am [click](#)



City of Charlotte [click](#)
Town of Cary [click](#)
UNC Chapel Hill [click](#)

SHALOM PARK: Social Action/Racial Justice

- [LJCC Cares](#) [click](#)
- [Temple Beth El](#) [click](#)
- [Temple Israel](#) [click](#)
- [Shalom Green: Shalom Park Environmental Initiative](#) [click](#)
- [Shalom Park Freedom School](#) [click](#)
- [Jewish Community Refugee Initiative](#) [click](#)

