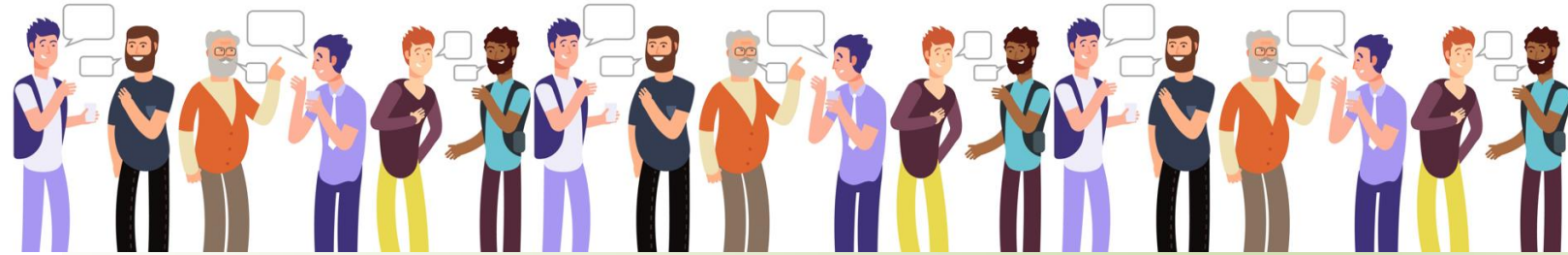


Brotherhood of Temple Israel

Hearing Men's Voices 2022-2023

In-Person Discussion Series

Hearing Men's Voices provides a safe, supportive environment in which men can delve into areas of mutual interest and concern.



This year's topic is: "Diversity & Inclusion"

The theme for this year's HMV is sharing our feelings about inclusion and diversity. The uncertainty of using the right words can be paralyzing. Most of us are worried we will say or do the wrong thing. As a result, we simply don't talk about race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, age, or other differences. Join us at Hearing Men's Voices. Bring your own stories and your perspectives.

- November 17, 2022 (Thursday)** **The Terminology of Inclusion** (*Facilitator: Noah Horowitz*)
The words we use both react to social change and also help drive acceptance of it. How do we choose the right words? What shouldn't we talk about? Have the words you've been using recently gotten discouraged?
- December 13, 2022 (Tuesday)** **Acknowledging our Preconceptions** (*Facilitator: Bruce Creditor*)
However we were brought up, it involved one kind of preconception or another. Modern inclusion and respect for diversity asks us to recognize, if not overcome, these preconceptions. What does it take to recognize our own preconceptions? How do we find ourselves reacting? Does Jewish tradition help or get in the way?
- January 24, 2023 (Tuesday)** **Old and New World** (*Facilitator: Elliot Feldman*)
Growing up, we were trained to live in a world that worked a particular way. The world is different now. What techniques have you found for coping in today's world? Is the Old/New gap today any different it was when WE were the new kids?
- February 16, 2023 (Thursday)** **Sexuality and Gender** (*Facilitator: Ken Wolkon*)
Who you love, and who you feel you are, is a spectrum. Do you face this issue, for you or family members?
- March 23, 2023 (Thursday)** **Tolerating the Intolerant?** (*Facilitator: Rob Carver*)
Perhaps not everyone in your family or friends sees things the same way. Do you have difficulty talking with them? Do you need to cut them out of your life, or is there an alternative? What strategies do you use to find a pathway to talk?
- April 25, 2023 (Tuesday)** **From "Us" and "Them" to "We Are the World"** (*Facilitator: TBD*)
The world is a big place, with all kinds wanting to be included. Have you seen any trouble making room for them? How do we create a better world?
- May 11, 2023 (Thursday)** TBD (rain date)

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