JCRB AJC Kansas City

Racial Justice Policy

JCRB AJC is committed to pursuing racial justice in our community and in our nation. Our longstanding opposition to discrimination compels us to acknowledge and respond to the systemic ways that discrimination persists. Recognizing the interrelated aspects of racial injustice today, we support policies that promote racial equity in areas including housing, voting, education, criminal justice, healthcare, employment, economic opportunity, and all others in which systemic and personal racism manifests itself. We look to our partners within communities of color to inform our understanding and actions, as we resolve to engage in continued vigilance and appropriate action to achieve a just and equitable society. By doing so, we uphold the highest tenets of Judaism.

The biblical story of the Israelite's Exodus from Egypt has universal appeal because it speaks to the innate desire for freedom that all human beings possess- as individuals and as communities. As Jews, we understand what it's like to suffer when viewed as "other." We stand with those who are demonized, marginalized, "otherized" or made to feel less than fully human due to intentional, implicit, or systemic racial bias.

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