

Our shared Scriptures portray God as zealous about justice — a Divine Liberator who hears the cries of the oppressed and acts with urgency to make matters right. God’s passion for racial justice is grounded in Creation itself — made in God’s image, we are all owed equal respect and inherent dignity. But with hate crimes on the rise and people of color still afflicted by severe disparities in healthcare access, home ownership, and a myriad of other measures of well-being, the fierce necessity of confronting racism in all its forms is plain to see. In the words of Emmett Till’s mother, whatever happens to any of us had better be the business of us all! Summoning the courage to have “uncomfortable conversations,” we will explore our traditions’ core teachings about human equality and examine what we must do now to end the ongoing racial injustice that grieves the Heart of God.



Catholic-Jewish Women’s Conference

The Catholic-Jewish Women’s Conference, founded in 1977, exists to foster mutual understanding and fellowship between women of our two vital faith traditions. Our annual conference, featuring noted Catholic and Jewish speakers as well as participant discussion, is open to all women interested in interfaith dialogue.

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Conference Speakers



Alessandra Harris

Alessandra Harris is an author, wife, mother of four, and co-founder of the media site, *Black Catholic Messenger*. She earned degrees in Comparative Religious Studies and Middle East Studies and is currently studying in the Diocese of San Jose's

Institute for Leadership in Ministry. Alessandra loves to encourage people by spreading the Good News, advocating for racial justice, and raising awareness about mental health. She has contributed to publications such as *America Magazine*, *Grotto Network*, *US Catholic*, *Critical Theology*, and *Catholic Worker*. Her third novel, *Last Place Seen*, will be published in September 2022, and her fiction also includes *Everything She Lost* and *Blaming the Wind*. Alessandra's first nonfiction title will be published by Orbis Books in 2023. See www.alessandraharris.net.



Rabbi Ruth Abusch-Magder

Rabbi Ruth Abusch-Magder Ph.D., is Education Director and Rabbi-in-Residence at Be'chol Lashon, an initiative of the Institute for Jewish and Community Research founded in 2000 as a response to a "Study of Racial & Ethnic Diversity of

the American Jewish Community" (website: www.globaljews.org). Rabbi Ruth has been involved in Jewish education and leadership for over 30 years. A graduate of Barnard College, she received her doctorate from Yale University and was ordained at Hebrew Union College. The recipient of many grants and fellowships for her work on Jewish food and women's history, in 2006 she was a Jerusalem Fellow at the Mandel Leadership Institute in Jerusalem. A CLAL Rabbi Without Borders fellow, Rabbi Ruth is a writer and teacher who has taught and published throughout the world; she also edits Be'chol Lashon's publication forum *Jewish&*. Her home base is San Francisco, CA.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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PARTICIPANT DIALOGUE GROUPS (BY ONLINE BREAKOUT)

Friday, November 11, 2022

Zoom waiting room opens at 8:45 a.m.

Program begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m.

Virtual Conference

Zoom details will be provided via email upon registration.

**To register, return enclosed card
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