

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

Cheryl Fishbein, JCPA and JCRC-NY
Amy Bressman, UJA-Federation of New York
Rabbi Menachem Creditor, UJA-Federation of New York

Why Are We Here? An Interactive Conversation, Piper Anderson, CreateForward

Keynote, Topeka K. Sam, The Ladies of Hope Ministries

Making the Case for Criminal Justice Reform in the Jewish Community

Topeka K. Sam, Moderator
Jason Flom, Lava Records
Daniel S. Loeb, Third Point

Mass Incarceration: Modern Day Civil Rights Challenge

Jim Johnson, Brennan Center for Justice, Moderator
Vidal Guzman, JustLeadershipUSA
Insha Rahman, Vera Institute
Michael Waldman, Brennan Center for Justice

Faith Role in Ending Mass Incarceration

Rabbi Nicole Auerbach, Central Synagogue, Introduction
Reverend John Vaughn, Auburn Seminary, Moderator
Rabbi Lev Meirowitz Nelson, T'ruah
Crystal Walthall, Faith in Action

BREAK-OUT GROUPS

LUNCH

D'var Torah, Aleph Institute

Introduction, Michael Miller, JCRC-NY

Presentation, Representative Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)

Criminal Jewish Reform in New York: Challenges and Opportunities

Cheryl Wills, NY 1, Moderator
Khalil Cumberbatch, New Yorkers United for Justice
Erin L. George, Citizen Action of NY and FREE New York Campaign
Dana Kaplan, New York City Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice
Joseph Popcun, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services

Creating a Roadmap for Jewish Engagement, Facilitated by Piper Anderson

Closing, Karen Spar Kasner, JCPA

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Criminal Justice Reform and Civil Rights: A State of the (Dis)Union

Sheryl Parker, JCC Manhattan, Moderator
Ruth Messinger, JCC Manhattan
Insha Rahman, Vera Institute

End Mass Incarceration: Sentencing and Bail Reform

Hanna Dershowitz, Aleph Institute, Moderator
Vidal Guzman, JustLeadershipUSA
Justine Olderman, Bronx Defenders
Jason Starr, Civil Rights Lawyer and Policy Activist

Conditions of Confinement: Challenges and Opportunities

Rabbi Hilly Haber, Central Synagogue, Moderator
Professor Kimora, CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Johnny Perez, National Religious Campaign Against Torture
Dyjuan Tatro, Bard Prison Initiative

Supporting the Formerly Incarcerated: Reintegration

Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, New York Board of Rabbis, Moderator
Elizabeth Gaynes, Osborne Association
Evie Litwok, Witness to Mass Incarceration
Andre Ward, Fortune Society

Policing and the Community: Building Bridges

Rabbi Bob Kaplan, JCRC-NY
Chris Burbank, Center for Policing Equity
Assistant Chief Stephen Hughes, NYPD
Yehudah Webster, Jews for Racial and Economic Justice

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speaker's bios can be found at: www.jewishpublicaffairs.org/cjrny-speakers.