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Dear Colleague:

In a White House address on racism in the early 1960s, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, pointed fingers: “Some are guilty, but all are responsible.” We must admit, with both clarity and embarrassment, that racial justice has not been at the top of our agenda. As the psalmist wrote, “They are violating Your Torah—it is time to act.” And as Hillel asked, “If not now, when?”

Given the pandemic, our Congregation will not be joining outdoor protests as a community. But we won’t wait to express our rejection of the injustices that seem to be systemic throughout our country. In the short term, we are putting together a Signs for Solidarity campaign focusing on the Old York Road Corridor. We have three biblical quotes that we’re printing on signs to run from Gratz College in Elkins Park to Temple Beth Am in Abington. We will drop off the three signs at your Church as soon as they are ready. If you or your congregants would like to order more, please do so at https://www.adathjeshurun.info/community/aj_acts. Any profits will be donated to Project Home.

Looking beyond Covid and its restrictions, let’s get together. Our place, your place, some place. In addition to whatever else we do, let’s mark September 12. The Saturday night before our new year (*Rosh Hashanah*) is when we shift into high introspection gear. There’s nothing better to be introspective about than implicit bias and explicit racism. Please, help us learn.

In the meantime, if there is any way for us to be an ally, let us know.

With blessings,

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