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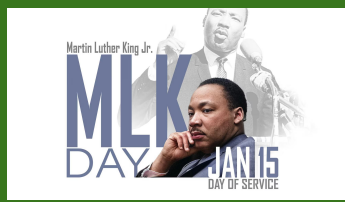
NEWSLETTER

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MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day is observed each year on the third Monday in January. It is a federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King and improve their communities.

The National Day of Service was started by former Pennsylvania U.S. Senator Harris Wofford and Atlanta Congressman John Lewis, who co-authored the King Holiday and Service Act. Since 1994, the day of service has been coordinated nationally by AmeriCorps, a federal agency, which provides grants to organizations that coordinate service activities on MLK Day.



INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

When referring to Jewish people in an inclusive way, use phrases like "Jewish people," "people who are Jewish," or "individuals of Jewish descent." Make a conscientious effort to avoid terms like "the Jews" as it can be considered generalizing or potentially offensive.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

International Day Of Remembrance for the Victims of the Holocaust, is an international memorial day on held on January 27th to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust, which resulted in the genocide of one third of the Jewish people, along with countless members of other minorities by Nazi Germany between 1933 and 1945. January 27th was chosen as it was the date when the Auschwitz concentration camp was liberated by the Red Army in 1945.

The day remembers the killing of six million Jews, two-thirds of Europe's Jewish population, and millions of others by the Nazi regime and its collaborators. It was designated by United Nations General Assembly resolution 60/7 on November 1, 2005.



DEIB BOOK CLUB

The first DEIB Book Club selection in the new year is "To Kill A Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. This book tells the story of a young girl growing up in a racially segregated town in Alabama during the 1930s. She witnesses her father, a principled lawyer, defending a Black man falsely accused through his trial. The young girl learns about prejudice, injustice, and the importance of morality in the face of societal pressures.

For the first time, participants can join this book club session by viewing the 1962 movie of the book directed by Robert Mulligan. Register no later than January 10th. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BookClubJan25>