

Occasionally we are asked "what is the Greater Newburyport Anti-Racism affinity group?" and "can I join?" We are a small group that has been meeting for years to support, discuss, and learn about systemic racism and intersectional issues generally, as well as mentor others beginning their journeys of anti-racism.

We support and challenge one another in our own education through books, movies, articles, podcasts, workshops, etc., and look at ways to share these ideas and information with the community, with individuals, and with others who wish to begin their own learning pods.

We stand in solidarity with all those working to end racism, inequality, war and imperialism, while also supporting efforts to build power in working class communities of color. Collective and individual liberation for all!

This is our Facebook page,

[Anti-Racism Affinity Group of Greater Newburyport](#)

Please feel free to share this email, or give others my email address ([mentalchatter@yahoo.com](mailto:mentalchatter@yahoo.com)) so they can get on the (blind carbon copy) mailing list.

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**A Vigil for Peace: Solidarity with Ukraine**

**When:** Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am

**Location:** The First Religious Society UU, 26 Pleasant Street, Newburyport, MA

On Sunday, February 27th, we will host a peace vigil for anyone wishing to express solidarity with the Ukrainian people and all sufferers under tyranny.

There are grave concerns around civilian safety, and we recognize the need to protect targeted populations: activists and dissidents, journalists, religious minorities, the LGBTI community, and others. We also anticipate substantial internal displacement and the movement of refugees out of Ukraine.

Signs and symbols in recognition of peace are welcomed!

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Sunday, February 27, 2022

## The Lingual Divide: ¿Y Tu Abuela Donde Esta?

Location: Levenson Room, Portsmouth Public Library

**\*\* The in-person portion of this event is FULL. Please call the BHTNH office to be put on a waiting list - 603-570-8469**

### Panelists:

**Andres Mejia**, Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice, Exeter Region Cooperative School District (SAU 16)

**Shantel Palacio**, Administrative Education Officer, New York City Department of Education

**Wildolfo Arvelo**, Executive Director of Cross Roads House

**Moderator: Larissa Baia (TBC)**, President, Lakes Region Community College, Laconia, NH



Traditionally, Black and Brown American populations have seen themselves in a natural alliance in a country historically dominated by whites — an alliance of mostly poorer, darker-skinned minorities whose struggles are similar. However, in recent times the Black/Brown coalition has grown more and more strained with the influx of immigrants into neighborhoods that were, in many cases, previously dominated by Blacks. Many Blacks resent what is seen as Hispanics leapfrogging them up the socioeconomic ladder and point to the strong skin-color prejudices and colorism that divides the two communities. "¿Y Tu Abuela Donde Esta?" (Where is Your Grandmother?) by the Puerto Rican poet Fortunato Vizcarrondo explores this tension within the Black/Brown community.

This panel will explore the issues of colorism, for people within this vast group of ethnicities that although joined together by a common language and culture, experience racism within their own group.

[Register Here](#)

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Marblehead  
Abbot Public Library

Marblehead Racial Justice Team present:

**METCO - Expand Educational Opportunities  
& Increase Diversity in Our Community**

**Where:** Abbot Public Library (Meeting Room - Lower level) & on **Zoom**

**Monday, February 28, 7:00-8:30**

**Zoom Registration link:** [Click here](#)

Join us for an exploration of the value of METCO, a state-funded educational exchange program. Our METCO Program supports Boston students of color to attend Marblehead Public Schools. Marblehead residents and our students take part in METCO activities in the city. We will learn how both communities have benefited from 50 years of working together with METCO.

Milly Arbaje-Thomas, METCO President & CEO, Roxbury and Deandra Williams, Marblehead Public School METCO Director will be part of the discussion. They will highlight program goals, successes, challenges, as well as opportunities to strengthen the program. You will have a chance to ask questions and to gain a better understanding of the many ways METCO improves all our lives.

Feel free to bring stories to share of your METCO Program experiences.

These conversations are a safe and welcoming place in which we explore privilege, biases, and questions. Let's continue to learn and grow from others stories and make a lasting difference. This is a place for listening, conversation, and engagement.

**This program will be hybrid, offered in person and on Zoom. Please register [here](#) to receive the Zoom link.**

*This program is co-sponsored by Abbot Public Library and the Marblehead Racial Justice Team.*

Hadassah Northeast, Lappin Foundation,  
Temple Emanuel and Holocaust Legacy Foundation

Invite You to a Special Presentation

## HOW TO TALK TO CHILDREN ABOUT ANTISEMITISM

with Resilience Expert, Dr. Deborah Gilboa



Please join us for a free program with **Deborah Gilboa, MD**, attending Family Physician and Parenting & Resilience Expert, as she outlines a framework for addressing antisemitism with children, ages 8-12.

Dr. G. will provide context for introducing and reacting to antisemitism, as well as an algorithm for talking to kids about any scary or difficult issue. Dr. G. will also give strategies for meeting children where they are, answering their questions as they come up, while strengthening their resilience and building your relationship with them.

**Tuesday, March 1 • 7:30 pm ET via Zoom**

**PLEASE REGISTER AT**  
<https://events.hadassah.org/drg>



A leading media personality, **Dr. G.** is a go-to expert on resilience. Countless broadcast outlets rely on her contagious humor and illuminating stories to tackle tough topics, such as antisemitism. She is regularly seen on *TODAY* and *Good Morning America* and is a regular contributor to *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times* and *The Huffington Post* and many other digital and print outlets.

*The program is free and everyone is welcome.*  
*Questions? Please call Hadassah Northeast at 781-455-9055.*

PROGRAM SPONSORS:



OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR THIS PROGRAM INCLUDE (AS OF 1/25): TEMPLE EMUNAH (LEXINGTON), KEREM SHALOM

**Sunday, March 6, 2022, 2-3:30 pm**

## Conflicted by Race: Family Structures & Racial Identities

Location: Levenson Room, Portsmouth Public Library

**\*\* The in-person portion of this event is FULL. Please call the BHTNH office to be put on a waiting list - 603-570-8469**

**Gene Martin**, Associate Director Development, and Plymouth SU Alumni Association Board Chair Plymouth State University

**Elizabeth Lahey**, Attorney and former head of the Civil Rights Unit of the NH Department of Justice

**Sharon Tarleton**, Bias Response & Support Coordinator, UNH

**Moderator: Anthony Poore**, Executive Change Agent, and Consultant



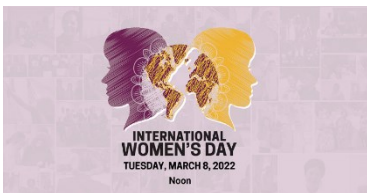
According to the 2020 Census, the fastest-growing group in the United States is the multiracial community, and nationwide studies show that 44% of adoptions in America are transracial. Coming from households reflecting more than one race or ethnicity, these individuals face a variety of stresses that demonstrate how far we are as a nation from embracing multi-culturalism.

This panel will address the issues facing transracial adoptees and mixed-race Americans and explore how their circumstances help us to understand the social construction of race and what it is like to discover, cope with, and overcome barriers to developing a strong sense of one's self and one's cultural identity/identities.

[Register Here](#)

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On **International Women's Day**, we join together to imagine a more equitable world—one that's diverse and inclusive. On this day we celebrate how immigrants make New England a better place, and that refugee and immigrant women bring immeasurable value to our communities and our economy.



Join us to honor three female business leaders and hear how their background as immigrants and the daughters of immigrants have contributed to their achievements on **March 8, International Women's Day**.

[Register to attend the virtual celebration](#)

This year's **online-only** event will feature a panel discussion with our three honorees:



**Aoife Brennan**

**President and Chief Executive Officer, Synlogic**

Dr. Aoife Brennan is an experienced physician, scientist, and drug developer responsible for the successful clinical development and registration of multiple transformative medicines.



**Sandhya S. Douglas**

**Senior Managing Director, Partner, and Chief Operating Officer, Investments, Wellington Management**

Sandhya S. Douglas leads a global team at Wellington Management that operates at the intersection of all its investment functions and acts as a strategic engine powering a strong, dynamic, and global investment platform. (Sunny is ALSO a Nbpt. Resident.)



**Julisa Salas**

**Chief of Staff, Toast**

Julisa Salas, as Chief of Staff, is responsible for driving Toast's operating system and working alongside the executive team to manage strategic initiatives.



The panel discussion will be **moderated by Tiziana Dearing**, the host of Radio Boston on WBUR. She's been a commentator and contributor to WBUR for more than a decade and has contributed to a number of other regional and national news outlets.

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**Sunday, March 13, 2022, 2-3:30 pm**

## **Shades of Black: Connected by Color, Culture & Community**

Location: Levenson Room, Portsmouth Public Library

**\*\* The in-person portion of this event is FULL. Please call the BHTNH office to be put on a waiting list - 603-570-8469**

**Presenters: Deo Mwanu**, Deo Mwanu Consultancy

**Selina Choate**, Vice-President of BHTNH Board, Associate Dir. for McNair Scholars Program, UNH

**Dottie Morris** Associate Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, Keene State College.

**Moderator: Nadine Petty**, Chief Diversity Officer, UNH



Black folk in predominantly white environments have often found it “exhausting” to continually describe for others the negative impact of racism on them. They have also felt it a burden to serve in the position of “teacher” representing the wider Black community, instead of being viewed as individuals with their own unique stories and needs. For this panel, Black Americans from diverse backgrounds will share their stories on what it means to live in and love their own skin.

[Register Here](#)

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### **Tell Me The Truth**

Exploring the Heart of Cross-Racial Conversations

Tuesday, March 29, 7:30pm–9pm



How can we speak openly and honestly in cross-racial conversations? What would such a conversation even look like? **Shay Stewart-Bouley** and **Debby Irving** share the challenges and opportunities they come across in their own cross-racial friendship and how **authentic conversation** helps shape their understanding of 21st-century racial dynamics—and of themselves.

  **KING Boston**

**Join Shay and Debby Irving for, "Tell Me the Truth - Exploring the Heart of Cross Racial Conversation" - March 29th, 7:30 pm**

Shay Stewart-Bouley (our ED) and author Debby Irving are doing their acclaimed speaking event. **This event** is free and open to the public.

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# HOW TO HELP OUR AFGHAN FAMILY

- **We are in need of employment options**  
(auto body, construction, restaurant, hotel, hospital, manufacturing)
- **We will eventually purchase a van that can fit eight people**  
(keep an eye out for our upcoming GoFundMe campaign)

**Any leads on these items?** Please send them to [joannenmorris@gmail.com](mailto:joannenmorris@gmail.com)



## DONATE NOW

**Online:** Visit [bit.ly/WNnstgiving](https://bit.ly/WNnstgiving)

**Write a check:** Make payable to the West Newbury Congregational Church (note "Afghan Resettlement Funds" in the memo). Mail to PO Box 176, West Newbury, MA 01985.

- Want to know more about what it's been like for 2 of our area churches supporting the Afghan evacuees?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmUnef1tP6E&list=PLQ9YfrM9CQQwfSuL4zaSIwaz1dobAwbrW>

- You will find additional information [here](#) about the family located at the FRS church, and the church community's support in their resettlement. Special thanks to Nancy Crochiere for writing this Q&A. Hopefully this answers many of your questions. However feel free to send more along to [frsafghanresettlement@gmail.com](mailto:frsafghanresettlement@gmail.com). We will provide similar updates as things move forward.

Also, we need a few good men to drive some of the fathers to the Andover Islamic Center for a mid-day service each Friday. There are 3 men who have already volunteered to help out with this, but given vacations and other commitments, it would be wonderful to have a few more to create a rotation of drivers. If you can help out, please email [frsafghanresettlement@gmail.com](mailto:frsafghanresettlement@gmail.com) Thank you!

Here is the SignUp Genius link: [First Religious Society Afghan Resettlement Working Group: Additional Items Needed for Afghan Family \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

Note: new items are at the bottom. You can leave items in the Lower Meetinghouse OR in the vestibule and they will be picked up and delivered to the family. If you need items to be picked up, email [frsafghanresettlement@gmail.com](mailto:frsafghanresettlement@gmail.com) Once again, thank you all for your generosity and support!

The FRS Afghan Resettlement Working Group



- Did you miss the showing of **Flee (2021)** at the Screening Room?

Recounted mostly through animation to protect his identity, Amin looks back over his past as a child refugee from Afghanistan as he grapples with a secret he's kept hidden for 20 years.

Catch it on services such as Hulu or Youtube.

- Would you like to know more about, and how to support, the Afghan Adjustment Act? Go to [https://www.hias.org/sites/default/files/factsheet\\_afghan\\_adjustment\\_act\\_november\\_2021.pdf](https://www.hias.org/sites/default/files/factsheet_afghan_adjustment_act_november_2021.pdf)

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Questlove and Black Thought help kids 'Rise Up, Sing Out' in a new Disney series



A new children's series of animated, musical shorts has some heavyweights behind it: Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson and Tariq "Black Thought" Trotter of the Grammy-winning musical group The Roots.

The two musicians produced music for *Rise Up, Sing Out* which begins airing Wednesday on Disney+. They also serve as executive producers and they're depicted as animated characters in the series. According to Disney, the goal of *Rise Up, Sing Out* is to "showcase an inspiring, empowering and optimistic message about race, culture, community and celebrating differences."

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**It's Time For White People to Have Tough Conversations With Their White Friends and Relatives**



Illustration By James Steinberg for TIME

BY [SAVALA NOLAN](#)

[https://time.com/6145211/white-people-tough-conversations-race/?fbclid=IwAR3HbBI414rQWKwx943d1vWa\\_ODsKSVuyllZoOSpGJlvOSgr8U6\\_cpG2YM8](https://time.com/6145211/white-people-tough-conversations-race/?fbclid=IwAR3HbBI414rQWKwx943d1vWa_ODsKSVuyllZoOSpGJlvOSgr8U6_cpG2YM8)

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## "Taverns, Gardens, and Parties: A Journey Through Essex County's Black History"

With Kabria Baumgartner, Ph.D.

Celebrate Black History Month with a free, online lecture delivered by Professor Kabria Baumgartner on February 16, 2022 in partnership with The House of the Seven Gables.

Kabria Baumgartner is the Dean's Associate Professor of History and Africana Studies as well as Associate Director of Public History at Northeastern University. She is a historian of the nineteenth-century United States, specializing in the history of education and African American women's and gender history. She is the author of "In Pursuit of Knowledge: Black Women and Educational Activism in Antebellum America."

The recording has been posted on our [YouTube](#) channel in case you missed it. You can also watch the recordings for previous lectures.

Check out the [African Americans in Essex County: An Annotated Guide](#) that Kabria Baumgartner contributed to and read about *The House of the Seven Gables* on page 68!

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Shay Stewart Bouley blog, Black Girl in Maine --

## Empathy for the killer, no justice for the victims

February 25, 2022 by Samuel James

<https://blackgirlinmaine.com/racial-and-cultural/empathy-for-the-killer-no-justice-for-the-victims/>

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## Basic Black | Elizabeth "Mum Bett" Freeman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pAlmv6xFS4Y>

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