

Hadassah chapter to launch diversity, equality, inclusion initiative

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The community is invited to participate in an open dialogue between Tampa Bay communities of color, the Jewish community and other diverse groups in an initiative titled "Building Bridges for Peace."

The program, presented by the Tampa Ameet chapter of Hadassah, will be conducted via Zoom on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m.

The program is aimed at establishing an honest dialogue and understanding to begin a healing process. Topics for discussion include diversity, equality and inclusion.

The program should be helpful to companies, nonprofit organizations, individuals, community leaders and families who want to become more effective regarding issues of diversity in the workplace, in their neighborhoods and at their houses of worship.

The initial virtual event on Oct. 13 will be open to all and will set the tone to develop productive relationships. Additional sessions will be held, with the next date to be determined during discussions at the first event.

The program will begin with a brief overview of the initiative and feature poignant vignettes to explore the issues. Participants will have the opportunity to break out in small groups for discussion and discover key points to impact important areas of diversity, equality, and inclusion in Tampa Bay.

This is a collaborative effort with Rabbi Jason Rosenberg of Congregation Beth Am of Tampa, Rev. James Golden of Mount Zion AME church in Tampa, Katie Habgood, a member of the state leadership team for Religious Action Center of the Reform movement; Nanci Palacios, deputy director of Faith in Florida, and Cal Jackson, president of Diversity Council Tampa.

Hadassah chapter leaders believe this point in history provides an unprecedented opportunity to establish community partnerships to foster better workplaces and communities where everyone can belong, contribute and succeed.

To register, visit www.tampabridgesforpeace.com

For additional information, call Hadassah Tampa Ameet co-chairs Beth Levin at (973) 713-6978 or Michele Norris at (813) 352-8765.