



Recent Events & Activities Sponsored by The Jewish-Christian Relations Initiative

1. Weekly Jewish-Christian Dialogue – Held weekly over Zoom, this on-going conversation involves 30 Jewish and Christian leaders who examine the intersection of culture and faith. (This group has hosted over 100 weekly conversations.)
2. Sacred Text Studies led by Rabbi Schifftan and Dr. Roebuck
 - a. **The Sermon on the Mount** drawn from the Gospel of Matthew, chapters 5-7. Winter of 2021
 - b. **Words of Comfort, Courage, and Hope** – a look at three Psalms – Psalm 23, 51, and 121 – Winter of 2022
3. **Hidden History – The Story of the Rosenwald School Project** – Community-Wide evening event held on Belmont’s campus, led by Andrew Feiler, author of *A Better Life for Their Children*. – April 5th, 2022
4. **Witness at the Cross: How Gospel Stories Reveal Jewish History** – A 3-week study led by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine – February 1, 8, & 15, 2022.
5. Creation of a **Belmont University Maymester Trip for Students** - Course Title: **Hated, Segregated, and Eliminated: A look at religious oppression and marginalization of African-American and Jewish communities.** **From the syllabus** - “The purpose of this course is to provide students with exposure to both the African-American and Jewish experience within the American Culture. Intentional focus will be paid to the religious factors and influences which have led to oppression, marginalization, discrimination, and violence against these groups. In particular, this course will look at the history of the African American experience in America since the early days of slavery and the realities and reasons for the Jewish Holocaust. This course includes studies and lectures provided in the National African-American and Holocaust Museums in Washington D.C.” (Due to Covid restrictions, this experience, planned for May 2022, has been postponed for 1 year. As an approved course, it is scheduled as an on-going Maymester trip each Spring for Belmont Students.)
6. **Second Seder Meal** – Participants in various JCRI activities were invited by The Temple to Celebrate the Passover. – April 2022
7. **Habitat for Humanity** – The Jewish-Christian Relations Initiative helped to sponsor a Habitat for Humanity community building project in North Nashville during March of 2022. Twenty participants were on-site to work shoulder-to-shoulder on the effort.