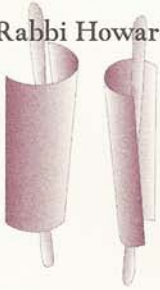


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Larry Jay Tish

Dear Larry,

What a powerful and meaningful program our high school students experienced here at Temple Isaiah! The Black-Jew dialogues were edgy, provocative, thoughtful, intelligent, and utterly engaging - the perfect mix for an outstanding program for our youth. Our kids were buzzing about it for weeks afterwards, and the presentation inspired so many different conversations it became difficult for our teachers to follow their planned curricula.

Through the medium of theater, you and Ron were able to raise issues that too often go unnoticed, ignored, or avoided. Issues of inter-group, interfaith, and interracial relations were of course part of the experience, but from where I sit, some of the greatest value came out of the questions of Jewish identity (as well as, I dare say, African-American identity) that the show catalyzes. It is worth noting that not only did everyone of our high school students come away thinking and talking about the show and what it provoked, but so did every adult who was present.

Thank you for providing us with such a stimulating and worthwhile presentation.

Sincerely,


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