



# WEST END SYNAGOGUE

KHAL KODESH ADATH ISRAEL

*A Community Of Conservative Jewish Life, Inspiration And Celebration*

Larry & Ron were fantastic! They blended their comedic (read hilarious) skills with subtle and thoughtful insights which became deep teachable moments for the folks gathered in our synagogue. Clearly they have figured out a way to address a challenging issue, that many simply want to discard or ignore, in a manner that puts an audience at ease but does not allow them to be too complacent or forget about their collective responsibility to heal the broken wounds created by both sides over time.

Their presentation brought to light some of the historical nuances which has led to the strain between African-Americans and Jewish Americans over the last 35 years or so. They also highlighted a time when the two groups worked as a united front. This was an important reminder --there once was a time in this country when the two factions spent more of their efforts collaborating on combating racism and anti-Semitism.

The creative artistic style of the Black-Jewish dialogues performance can serve as a wonderful model of how different groups within American can honestly own their mistakes, honor their contributions and respond appropriately to the new forms of bigotry and hatred plaguing our country today so that we learn to uphold significant that sacred American value of pluralism.

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