



## Rabbi Greenstein in MLK Commemoration Event

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March 25, 2010 (MEMPHIS, TN)--Rabbi Micah Greenstein, Temple Israel's Senior Rabbi, will participate in the April 4<sup>th</sup> MLK Commemoration Event at the National Civil Rights Museum.

On Sunday, April 4 at 3:15pm, Rabbi Greenstein will introduce Rabbi Ben Kamin, the keynote speaker for the event entitled "A Moment of Reflection."

Rabbi Kamin, an op-ed contributor to *The New York Times*, a columnist for the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, and a renowned multi-cultural expert, will speak on his new book *Nothing Like Sunshine: A Black-Jewish Friendship in the Aftermath of the MLK Assassination* (Michigan State University Press, 2010). In this book, Rabbi Kamin includes passages, stories, and quotes from Rabbi Greenstein.

"My Dad became a rabbi in Jacksonville," Rabbi Greenstein was quoted in the book as saying. "I tagged along with him to different churches. I was most moved in the black churches. I still feel this way. I listen to black gospel music and attend black churches when I have a free Sunday. I feel at home there."

Rabbi Greenstein continued, "Something in their way touches me as a Jew. They celebrate faith and joy and gratitude. It's not about fear and guilt. I love Dr. King, not just his thoughts and intellect, but his approach to religion itself. I hear a voice in King as sensitive to the complexities and enormities of evil as anything I've ever known. He makes me feel Jewish."

In literature promoting the event at the National Civil Rights Museum, the NCRM said, "Forty-two years ago Martin Luther King, Jr., a man who dedicated his life to freedom and equality—to demonstrating brotherly love and challenging others to aspire to the same—was assassinated at the Lorraine Motel. Each year the Museum honors his life with a program of remembrance to keep his legacy and the story of the civil rights movement alive in order to inspire participation in the ongoing struggle for civil and human rights globally."

The commemoration event at the National Civil Rights Museum on Sunday, April 4 begins at 3:00 pm and is free and open to the public. Additional information is available at [www.timemphis.org](http://www.timemphis.org).

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