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Author Rev. David Billings Delivered Stirring Talk on the Persistence of White Supremacy in the U.S.

Huntington, NY: For the second time in less than a month, Temple Beth El of Huntington played host on March 9th to a frank discussion about race and discrimination in America. Rev. David Billings, author, anti-racist trainer and organizer with The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, discussed the historical legacy of racism and white supremacy that we see manifesting in these current political times through the rise of white nationalism, anti-immigrant policy, and tough on crime rhetoric.

Recounting excerpts from his new book *Deep Denial: The Persistence of White Supremacy in United State History and Life*, Rev. Billings offered chilling examples from his own personal experiences that guided his lifelong fight against racism in America.

"We hear much in the news recently about hate and anti-Semitism. We were fortunate to host Rev. Billings at just this time. It's important for all of us to take a minute and learn how to combat bigotry and racism through education and understanding," remarked Rabbi Jeffrey Clopper.

This program was arranged under the auspices of OneCommunity, an initiative started by Temple Beth El of Huntington and co-sponsored with the Long Island Network for Change (LINC), a new Huntington based social justice advocacy group. Robin Obey, a co-founder of LINC commented on their expanding membership, whose mission is to be a force for social, racial, economic, and environmental justice through personal engagement, education and political action.

"We've been amazed at how well our OneCommunity initiative has been received by the greater Huntington community, and look forward to providing other thought provoking programs in the future," said Dr. Howard Schneider, President, Temple Beth El of Huntington. The goal of OneCommunity is to bring together people of different faiths, cultures, ethnicities, and orientations in a spirit of understanding.

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