

Righteous Indignation

Discussion Questions

- What is one social or environmental justice issue that is important to you? Why?
- How has your experience as a Jew influenced your vision of and work for justice?
- What is one idea in the book that moved you or challenged your thinking?
- After reading Jane Kanarek's essay, how do you understand the relationship between the concepts of *chesed* and *tikkun olam*?
- Several essayists, including Elliot Rose Kukla, Abigail Uhrman, and Naomi Tucker, challenge us to look at whether our own communities are living up to our social justice ideals. How might your community become more inclusive and more just?
- Reflecting on the essays by Margie Klein and Rabbi Jonah Pesner, how might communal organizing become a spiritual practice for you and for your community?
- To what extent should Jews dedicate themselves to Jewish causes—Israel, anti-Semitism, caring for the Jewish poor—and to what extent should they dedicate themselves to the broader community? How might the essays by Aaron Dorfman and Ruth Messinger and by Marla Brettschneider influence your perspective?
- What should be the balance between direct service—volunteering in a soup kitchen or on an environmental clean-up—and long-term social justice efforts such as working to change political policies? How is your community doing in this regard? What areas do you think should be improved on?