

## ***Program and Reflection Note Sheet***

This event grows out of a National Governors' Association [Disagree Better](#) initiative and is held in the sacred space of Temple Emanuel. It is centered around the idea that as Americans, we can disagree and stand for our beliefs and principles, but never forget the dignity of the other human being. Everyone has a role in combating polarization and helping build bridges across the political divide. Let's discover together how we can forge new understandings across political differences and respect the dignity of others. We welcome you to join us in disagreeing better together.

### **Welcome and Overview**

- Rabbi Emily Hyatt – Assoc. Rabbi, Temple Emanuel
- Paul Edwards – Director, Wheatley Institute

### **The Problem and Opportunity**

- Tim Shriver - CEO of Special Olympics and co-creator of Dignity Index  
**How do you see the problem affecting your own life?**

### **Working Across Political Differences**

- Jared Polis - Governor
- Bill Owens - Former Governor
- Paul Edwards - Moderator

**What were the most important insights you heard about working across political differences?**

### **How insights from faith can help bridge political and cultural divisions.**

- Rabbi Emily Hyatt - Assoc Rabbi, Temple Emanuel
- Shara Smith - CEO, Interfaith Alliance of Colorado
- Brandon Washington - Pastor, Embassy Christian Bible Church
- Governor Jared Polis, moderator

**What did you hear in this discussion that is relevant to your interactions with others of different views?**

## What Can We Do to Disagree Better?

- Tim Shriver – CEO of Special Olympics and co-creator of Dignity Index  
**Why is it important to you to “disagree better?”**

**What actions do you want to take?**



Please add your voice to thousands of Americans who believe we can disagree better  
<https://engagingdifferences.org/disagree-better/share-your-voice/>

## RESOURCES TO DISAGREE BETTER

**National Governors Association** – Disagree Better Tools - <https://www.nga.org/disagree-better/inspiration-and-action/>

**Dignity Index** - Steps to easing divisions, preventing violence, and solving problems by honoring someone’s dignity and choosing dignity over contempt - <https://www.dignity.us/>

**CommonSense American** – bringing common sense to American politics and policy through bipartisan focus - <https://www.commonsenseamerican.org/>

**Braver Angels Workshops** – Skills to have difficult conversations across the divide and to connect with those with whom you disagree - <https://braverangels.org/attend-a-workshop/>

**Starts With Us** – take the polarization detox challenge - <https://startswith.us/pdc/>

**One America Movement** - Faith Over Division supports faith and lay leaders address America’s divisions in their congregations and communities - <https://oneamericamovement.org/faith-over-division/>

**Interfaith America** – Joint service projects across difference in communities. Interfaith America, Catholic Charities, Habitat for Humanity and YMCA - <https://www.interfaithamerica.org/programs/team-up/>

