

Workshop Agenda:

Chasing the American Dream: The Fight for the Middle Class and Civil Society

Purpose:

- To show what is happening to families economically in this country
- To show that there are competing ideologies about the role of government and the market, and the historic outcomes when we followed each model
- To show that the civic sector has had and can have a real effect in determining how economic gains are distributed

Schedule

7:00 pm - Introductions and Workshop overview

7:10 pm - Framing the Discussion: Personal stories & reflections

7:15 pm - Abraham Lincoln's American Dream vs. Andrew Carnegie's Gospel of Wealth

7:30 pm - Statistics on Inequality: Productivity, Income Inequality, Minimum Wage

7:45 pm - Market reasons for inequality

8:00 pm - Break

8:10 pm - Small group discussions

8:40 pm - Reassemble and report on small group discussions

8:50 pm - Our Faith Values and Call to Action - presented by Rabbi Asher Knight

9:00 pm - Adjourn