When we fly the kite, we know that freedom exists.

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Village of Al Seifa, Northern Gaza
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Overview
Welcome!

Dear JVP Members and Friends,

I have been to enough JVP National Member Meetings by now to know just how transformative and powerful they can be, and how they propel our work, relationships, and strategies forward for the two long years between each gathering.

Grieving the war on Gaza together in 2015, holding a workshop on legislative outreach that jump-started our Congress program in 2013, and gathering community input on our BDS policy in 2011, stand out in my mind as key moments of our growth that happened at NMMs. And the amazing thing is that you can ask anyone else and probably their key moments are different than mine. The richness and variety of the thinking and approaches might be a little overwhelming, but also hopefully offer everyone – from those at their first JVP event to those who have been here since the beginning – an opportunity to think in new and deeper ways.

We don’t yet know in exactly what new directions this year’s NMM will take us. But this year especially, I am quite sure that being together to think through how to tackle the new reality we are living in will help all of us to have the strength, determination, skills, and analysis we need to bring to all of the rights that we are fighting for.

Putting on an event like this one takes an enormous amount of work and planning. From our phenomenal speakers to our registration process, to the design of this book itself, countless hours were spent to make the 2017 NMM an experience to cherish.

Enormous thanks to everyone who made the NMM possible. In this book you’ll see the names of the members of the many teams who contributed to bringing us all together: the JVP Staff, our Board, our Accessibility Team, our Hospitality Team, the Program Committee, and our Jews of Color and/or Sephardic/Mizrachi Jews Day Team.

I want to especially thank the Core Planning Team: Stefanie Fox, Rabbi Alissa Wise, Samantha Brotman, and Natasha Perlis. They oversaw every detail of the NMM with enormous grace, spirit, and smarts and we are all in their debt.

See you in the halls and at the sessions,

Rebecca Vilkomerson

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JVP Guiding Principles

Through creative strategizing and brave action, JVP members forge our community rooted in shared commitments. And at a time when political elites draw on fear and racism to gain power, we unwaveringly uphold the values that have always made up our collective voice for justice. We know that there is too much at stake not to hold this work deep in our hearts.

The following guiding principles arm the strategies that many of us discussed at the 2015 National Member Meeting: Transform Jewish Communities, Sustain and Support our Allies in the Movement, Win Campaigns to Challenge Oppression and Build Power, Shift Culture and Public Discourse, and Build Capacity and Scale. In short, this is how we win:

1. Grassroots organizing, leadership development, and relationships
   We believe that global systems of power that uphold injustice can be changed by grassroots movements. We build grassroots power through relationships that move people to action.

2. The capacity for people to change
   Foundational to our work for justice and peace is believing people, organizations, and communities are dynamic. We create space for people to move and transform. We encourage continual learning, skill-development, and political education for people to evolve in their thinking and deepen their investment in action to realize justice for all people.

3. Solidarity and accountability
   As part of the global movement for justice in Palestine, we work in close partnership with a broad spectrum of allies, partners, faith-based, peace, and social justice organizations in the U.S., Palestine/Israel, and beyond. We seek to be accountable to those directly affected by Israel’s discriminatory and violent policies and practices, while working to effectively build and accountably deploy our power as American Jews and allies.

4. Respect for the humanity of all people
   We believe parity of power will create opportunities for peace between individuals and globally. Our vision of peace, justice, and equality for all people guides our work.

5. Jewish communities centered around justice
   We are inspired by Jewish traditions to work for justice, and such work is part of our own liberation. We work to build Jewish communities that reflect the understanding that being Jewish and Judaism are not synonymous with Zionism or support for Israel. Our work is part of a broader struggle and commitment to end racism, anti-Jewish, anti-Muslim, and anti-Arab bigotry, and all forms of oppression.

6. Flexibility and tenacity for the long haul
   As an organization, and as individual activists, we understand that this is long-term work and the change we seek likely won’t happen quickly or through just one strategy. We enable broad participation, employ multiple approaches, adapt based on what we are learning, and honor the diverse contributions of activists and leaders.
Overview of Events

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2017 National Member Meeting: All In!

This political moment demands we give all we have and resist together: ALL IN! That’s why we created a program designed for you to leave with the skills, analysis, questions, and ideas that will equip and inspire you for the fights ahead. As you dig into the program for this year, we invite you to take a minute to consider:

What are you all in for?
What are the big questions you want to be thinking through this weekend?
What skills are you seeking to cultivate?

OK, now let’s jump in.

As part of JVP’s broader commitment to racial justice, Friday is a day dedicated to and for, Jews of Color and/or Sephardic/Mizrahi Jews. This is the first time that we are sponsoring a day led by Jews of Color to build community, strategy, and analysis – learn more on page 15.

Throughout the weekend, we are honored that visionary movement leaders will be speaking at our plenaries and featured workshops. These not-to-be-missed panel discussions will help shape our conversations throughout the weekend by highlighting key fights ahead. Panel topics range from searching discussions on Zionism, Islamophobia, and antisemitism, to deep lessons from freedom fighters about how to keep the struggle alive under state repression.

We’ll delve into the politics – from policing to U.S. foreign policy under Trump – and we’ll talk about what it will take to build the movement we need. And of course, through it all we will see how deepening our thinking in these directions is essential and inseparable from our struggle for justice in Palestine/Israel.

During each workshop block, you will find a cross-section of offerings. You can choose your own adventure: build your political analysis; gain organizing and campaigning skills; weigh in on organizational policy and practices; explore cultural work to help us vision a future where all are free; or connect to heal-

ing practices to make your activism sustainable. No matter where you are looking to expand and enrich your organizing, there is something here for you.

We hope you will check out workshops where you’d be a beginner, and also those in which you have a lot to bring to the conversation. If you are here with your chapter or council, you can all go to different workshops and bring your learnings back to your chapter intentionally in the weeks to come.

Cultural work is deeply woven into the schedule this weekend. In addition to cultural worker speakers on our plenaries and in every workshop block, the Gaza Mono-Logues performance on Saturday night is a bold, innovative production accompanied by a compelling original score. The intergenerational cast of Indigenous artists and artists of color gracefully articulate poignant observations from young people in Gaza living under siege.

We’ve also expanded our Jewish religious and spiritual community offerings this year, which will largely be held in Grant Park DCB. We know many of you look forward to the NMM as a space where you can pray in a community of JVPers. We will have Shabbat and secular services Friday evening, a late-night community sing along Friday night, yoga, meditation, and Shabbat services Saturday morning, Saturday lunchtime table rituals and text study, a Havdallah/end of Sabbath ritual Saturday night ahead of the incredible Gaza Mono-Logues performance, and a special Sunday morning gathering where we can express our pain and sadness at the losses and the challenges of the past two years.

All weekend long, we’ll have learning galleries on display highlighting key areas of work in the organization with information, stories, and ways to plug in right this minute! Be sure to check these out in the Town Square outside the Regency Ballroom.

We know that sometimes all-day conferences can be exhausting. We have a hospitality room available all day in the Prairie Room where you can relax, as well as a dedicated quiet room in Superior for some serious rejuvenation. For those observing Shabbat, sessions in room Clark B will not use technology or require writing.

This political moment demands a lot from us. We hope this weekend will be a welcome space to build the thinking, skills, and strategies we need to resist, and most importantly the relationships that will anchor and agitate us forward.

All in,

The 2017 NMM Program Committee
Ari Wohlfeiler, Chelsea Noriega, EE Miller, Michael Deheeger, Rabbi Alissa Wise, Rachel Brown, Rachel Buff, Rebecca Vilkomerson, Scout Bratt, Shachaf Polakow, Stefanie Fox, and Tallie Ben Daniel
Building A Community of Respect and Trust

The fundamental goal for this weekend is to strengthen JVP’s work. And as in everything we do, that means our central task over these three days is to build and deepen our relationships.

JVP is home to a diverse community. Our members bring differences of race, class, gender, sex, sexuality, ability, religion, political perspective, and experience into our work. These differences are one of our core strengths. And so we ask of all of us to bring our best selves to the task of building relationships across those lines of difference.

So that everyone here can participate to their fullest, we ask that you:

- Treat each participant in this meeting with respect.
- Ensure that neither your words nor actions reinforce unhealthy power dynamics or stereotypes.
- Respect the limitations of this weekend. In three days we cannot and will not address every question before us, or say everything there is to be said.
- Not place superficially “getting along” above the need for searching debate and principled disagreement.
- Speak up if you are confused, hurt, or offended.
- Respect for others’ lived experiences, especially experiences of oppression and marginalization.
- Center the people most impacted by the topic at hand.

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We also ask that each of us take responsibility for safeguarding JVP’s future throughout this weekend. We know that our political opponents are devoting considerable time and energy to undermining not just JVP as an organization, but our political vision itself. One of the most effective, important steps we can all take, this weekend and always, is simply to make sure that we speak with care and respect for each other, and for the work itself.

Finally, there is a team of staff, board members, and volunteers working to make this weekend accessible, safe, and productive for us all. The goal of the team is to practice transformative justice and to support the emotional health and well-being of our participants. The team is led by JVP Director of Operations and General Counsel Elana Baurer and supported by a crew of trained volunteers.

If you have any questions or need support, find any one of them wearing a “De-escalation Team” button.

If you or someone you know is feeling threatened or unsafe, experiences a situation of harm or abuse, is trying to negotiate sharing space, or is going through a rough time and needs some support, please text or call the De-escalation Team at (484) 713-8054, and if that number is busy please call (845) 377-5745.

Through engaging in the weekend with respect and support for each other, we practice our politics and build our community in the same breath.
Accessibility, Shabbat, and Childcare

We want the national member meeting to be for everyone, and to us accessibility means making that as true as possible. We want every participant to be able to engage with the spaces, places, and events of the weekend.

We know the world is set up in ways that deprive our lives and justice movements of the vital contributions of many members of our communities. If people with disabilities, folks of all class backgrounds and income levels, parents of young kids, religiously observant people, and elders cannot safely and fully show up to our work, we and our movements all lose.

We think working together to create an accessible event is a core way of living our values possible event is a core way of living our values about how the world should be, and a necessity for getting everyone in the room who needs to be there! Please see the following sub-headings for particular topics, and thank you for working with us to make this a more accessible space.

Requests for All Participants

Some of our members have severe allergies to chemicals and fragrances. In an effort to ensure that we can all participate in the weekend as fully as possible, we ask for your help in not wearing perfumes and other scented products during the weekend. For the same reason, please air out your clothing after smoking outside, and then use the fragrance-free soap in the restrooms to wash your hands and face.

Having the space as fragrance-free as possible is essential so that community members can fully participate, and we appreciate your cooperation to make this a space for all. In addition to avoiding fragrances generally, please take special care to not sit in designated fragrance-free zones during plenaries unless you are completely fragrance-free.

Please refrain from using flash to take photos during the weekend, though be aware that we have hired a professional photographer who may use flash photography at times.

Shabbat

Shabbat is the weekly Jewish practice of resting and refraining from creative labor for a twenty-five hour period, from sundown Friday until Saturday evening, in order to commemorate both the creation of the world and the liberation from Egypt. Many people observe and recognize Shabbat differently; for instance some take part in singing and Torah study, some refrain from using electricity, writing, and other similar creative activities, some light candles on Friday night. It is important that we respect and support the wide-ranging practices of those around us. During Shabbat, the Grant Park DCB room (where services are held) will also be a tech-free space for some escape from the buzz, and all the workshops in Clark B will be without technology or writing.

If you would like to know more about a practice you encounter, we encourage you to kindly ask. If you have any questions related to Shabbat accessibility, please visit the Information Desk in the Regency Foyer.

Childcare

We have childcare available throughout the NMM, except mealtimes, in the Michigan room on the 3rd floor. If you have not yet signed up for childcare, you still can; just go to the room and talk with the childcare providers there. If you have urgent issues related to childcare during the NMM, please call or text JVP Midwest Organizer, Ilana Rossoff, at (201) 602-0180.

Fragrance-Free Spaces

All plenaries and featured workshops will have a designated fragrance-free seating space that includes an air-purifier. For additional questions, please see the Information Desk.

All-Gender Restrooms

There are multiple all-gender restrooms available during the NMM, and all are labeled as such. The main, multi-person ones are on the second floor near the Prairie Room, and on the first floor by the Grant Park rooms. There is also a single-stall restroom on the third floor inside the Huron room.

Quiet/Rest Space

A quiet and restful space is available in the Superior room on the 3rd floor.

ASL Interpretation

American Sign Language (ASL) will be provided for the plenary gatherings.

Wheelchair Access

There is wheelchair access for all rooms within the hotel and conference center: wide hallways, ADA-compliance, and elevators. Workshop and plenary rooms will be set up to provide enough space for wheelchair users.

Questions, Updates, & Assistance

For the most up-to-date information, please see the NMM app, visit nmm.jvp.org, or come to the Information Desk in the Regency Foyer. Large-print programs are available at the Information Desk as well.

Volunteers will be on-call to respond to unanticipated access-related needs throughout the gathering. To reach them, please call (414) 465-2456, or see the Information Desk.
BDS Movement Victories

Since JVP’s last national member meeting, the BDS movement has grown by leaps and bounds, in the U.S. and worldwide. Here’s a sample of some of the victories that have brought the movement for Palestinian rights closer than ever to the mainstream.

**Campus Divestment Victories**

Students on campuses across the country continue to call on their universities to divest. On almost two dozen campuses across the country, Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) chapters, with support from JVP, have passed divestment and boycott resolutions and referenda since early 2015, at schools including Stanford University, the University of Chicago, Loyola University, Portland State University, and many more. Significantly, in 2015, the University of California (UC) Student Association voted to endorse divestment, representing all 250,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students across the ten campuses of the UC system.

**Cultural Boycott**

After a sustained campaign led by Adalah-NY, PEN America – a prominent literary center – is no longer accepting funding from the Israeli government for its annual World Voices Festival in New York. More than 250 writers, poets, and publishers signed an appeal urging the group to end its relationship with the Israeli government, which jails Palestinian journalists and writers in Israel and the West Bank.

**Labor for BDS**

In August 2015, the United Electrical Workers (UE) became the first national union to endorse BDS. Months later, the union beat back a frivolous charge by Shurat HaDin, the Israeli lawfare organization, that attempted to stifle the First Amendment rights of the union.

**Hasbara Fumbles**

In early 2017, Seattle Seahawks defensive lineman Michael Bennett withdrew from an Israeli government-funded hasbara trip to Israel, quoting 1968 Olympian John Carlos and saying, “There is no partial commitment to justice. You are either in or you’re out.” Well, I’m in.” Influenced by Bennett’s example, in the end, only five out of the original 13 players ended up traveling as “ambassadors of goodwill for Israel.”

**Domino Effect: Sodastream, Veolia, Ahava, G4S Feel the Pressure**

After years of boycott campaigns in the U.S. and Europe, the infrastructure company Veolia sold its investments in Israel in August 2015, ending its operation of bus services in settlements and operation of the Jerusalem Light Rail. Sodastream followed suit, announcing it would close its West Bank factory in September after years of BDS pressure. In March 2016, cosmetics company Ahava announced it would move its factory from the West Bank, after 7 years of sustained campaigning from CodePink and others. The same month, global security firm G4S, also the target of years of boycott campaigns, announced that it was ending most of its business in Israel, where it provided services at West Bank checkpoints and helped run Israeli prisons. G4S is also expected to end work with child detention centers in the U.S.

**Academic Associations**

In April 2015, the National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies unanimously adopted a boycott of Israeli academic institutions. In November 2015, members of the National Women’s Studies Association voted to endorse BDS in a landslide, affirming, in the words of organizers, that “BDS is a feminist issue.” That same month, the American Anthropological Association endorsed a BDS resolution at its general conference, and a similar resolution very nearly passed its full membership.

**Municipal Victories**

In July 2016, the city of Berkeley, CA, adopted a resolution to divest from private prison profiteers, including G4S, a provider of services to Israeli jails infamous for their torture of Palestinians. In December 2016, the city of Portland, Oregon, voted to suspend investments in Caterpillar, for its human rights violations in Palestine/Israel, as well as prison profiteer Wells Fargo. The campaign was spearheaded by Occupation Free Portland, a coalition of faith, campus, and community organizations including JVP-Portland.

**U.S. Churches See the Light**

In June 2015, the United Church of Christ passed a resolution asking the church and its entities to be involved in boycott and divestment, following successful divestment initiatives by the Presbyterian Church (USA) and United Methodist Church in 2014. In 2016, the Unitarian Universalist Association divested from Hewlett Packard and Motorola for human rights violations in the occupied West Bank, and came close to passing a broader divestment resolution. Also in 2016, the United Methodist Church blocked five Israeli banks from its investment portfolio, continuing the mainstreaming of the movement for Palestinian rights in the church community.

**Skip the Trip**

When a luxury trip to Israel was included in the 2016 Oscars gift bag to stars, JVP and a coalition of Palestinian, Israeli, European, and U.S. organizations launched a #SkipTheTrip campaign, and a year later none of the 26 Oscars stars to whom it was offered have visited.
Programming
Welcome to the Attendees of JOCSM Day In Solidarity with Palestine!

Welcome! We are so excited to spend Friday with you - for the first time ever as Jews of Color and/or Sephardic/Mizrahi Jews (JOCSM) in solidarity with Palestine. We are delighted to have a space to meet one another in person and truly connect. Whether this is your first time thinking about Palestine, or you’ve been in the movement for decades, we are thrilled to meet and build with you.

For those of you who do not know, we (the organizers) are an autonomous group of Jews of Color and/or Sephardic/Mizrahi Jews from across the U.S., in solidarity with the movement for Palestinian liberation. We believe that the liberation of Palestine, the issues facing JOCSM, and the struggle of all people of color against racism are interconnected.

So what exactly does it mean to be JOCSM? In many ways, we are still figuring that out. “Jews of Color” as a term unites us but also has its limits. We acknowledge that we are not all equal under dominant U.S. and Israeli structures of power. Some of us are Sephardic, Mizrahi, African, Romaniote, or Ashkenazi, and some of us identify as Arab and/or Palestinian Jews. Some of us are mixed race, of mixed heritage, Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, and/or Jews by choice. Some of us are easily recognized as Jewish. Some of us are not. We hold different degrees of privilege given colorism, racialization, indigeneity, and continued legacies of Orientalism, Zionism, slavery, genocide, and colonialism.

What brings us together is a commitment to justice and to center the voices of the most marginalized. We are still figuring out, together with all of you, what it looks like when we all organize together against Zionism and white supremacy in all its forms, including in Jewish spaces. We enter this work recognizing its challenges, but also its possibilities. This space is something we have longed for. We are excited to embark on pursuing this work, and hope you are, too. Please come with your questions! We will begin to find the answers together.

For the rest of the weekend, we are going to be meeting each other in workshops and in the corridors, and participating in the larger NMM. For a JOCSM-only dedicated space on Saturday and Sunday, please stop by the Lincoln Park Boardroom.

History of Caucus

At the last National Member Meeting held in March 2015, a few of us JOCSMs met. This was an opportunity to connect with people we already knew and people we were about to meet, all of us in solidarity with Palestine. Following that meeting, a smaller group got together over the phone to figure out what to do next. That’s when this JOCSM caucus was born.

The core of the caucus was initially just a handful of people. Over the last two years, we’ve grown to a core membership of eighteen and an extended membership of nearly 100. In the process, we have managed to maintain a Facebook page, start a blog (www.jocsm.org), hold training sessions with JVP staff and board, and some of us gathered in NY for the amazing JOC Convening co-organized by Jews for Racial and Economic Justice (JFREJ) and the Jewish Multiracial Network (JMN), where we got to meet many more Jews of Color, and where we held difficult yet important conversations on Palestine solidarity. And now we are all here with you, and look forward to finding out what we can build together.

JOCSM Schedule

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5:00 PM – 6:30 PM  Dinner On Your Own  Food Guide on Page 61
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM  Film Screening  Regency Ballroom
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM  Kabbalat Shabbat  Grant Park DCB
                    Hyde Park A (Secular)
8:00 PM – 9:30 PM  Opening Plenary  Regency Ballroom
9:30 PM – 9:45 PM  Welcome Dessert  Regency Foyer
9:45 PM – 11:00 PM  Late Night Offerings  Regency Ballroom
                    Grant Park DCB

Saturday // April 1st, 2017

7:00 AM – 8:45 AM  Breakfast  Prairie Foyer
7:15 AM – 8:45 AM  Morning Activities  Breakout Rooms
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM  Plenary  Regency Ballroom
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM  Coffee Break  Prairie Foyer
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM  Workshop Block 1  Breakout Rooms
12:30 PM – 2:15 PM  Lunch  Prairie Foyer
2:15 PM – 3:45 PM  Plenary  Regency Ballroom
3:45 PM – 4:00 PM  Coffee Break  Regency Foyer
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM  Workshop Block 2  Breakout Rooms
5:45 PM – 7:45 PM  Dinner On Your Own  Food Guide on Page 61
7:45 PM – 8:15 PM  Havdallah  West 190
8:30 PM – 10:45 PM  Performance  West 190
10:45 PM – 12:00 AM  Party & Cash Bar  Regency Ballroom & Foyer

Sunday // April 2nd, 2017

7:00 AM – 8:45 AM  Breakfast  Prairie Foyer
7:15 AM – 8:30 AM  Morning Activities  Breakout Rooms
9:00 AM – 9:45 AM  Morning Gathering  Regency Ballroom
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM  Workshop Block 3  Breakout Rooms
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2:00 PM – 3:15 PM  Workshop Block 5  Beakout Rooms
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Notes

Breakout Rooms
Breakout Rooms are located on the first and second floor of the hotel’s conference center, across the skybridge from the hotel guest rooms, the Regency Ballroom, and the Town Square.

Hospitality
You are invited to relax and introduce yourself to somebody new in the Prairie Room.

Quiet/Rest Space
A quiet and restful space is available in the Superior room on the 3rd floor.

Childcare
We have childcare available throughout the NMM, except mealtimes, in the Michigan room on the 3rd floor.

Shabbat Observance
For those observing Shabbat, sessions in room Clark B will not use technology or require writing.

Our allies are offering resources, merchandise, and more in Adler CBA and Burnham C throughout the weekend.

For a JOCSM-only dedicated space on Saturday and Sunday, please stop by the Lincoln Park Boardroom.

During lunch and dinner, all JVP members are invited to Burnham B to share unscripted stories about their political lives.
Friday // March 31st, 2017

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Film Screening: Lessons From The First Intifada On The 30th Anniversary Of The Uprising: Organizing Strategies, Women’s Leadership And Media Representation In Movement-building
Just Vision will showcase research and early footage from their forthcoming film on the women who led the First Intifada, the largest and most sustained civil resistance movement in Palestinian history. They will then facilitate a discussion on what activists working to end the occupation and build a rights-respecting future can learn from this crucial period of organizing, 30 years later.

Facilitators: Ariana Katz, Jessica Rosenberg, JVP Rabbinical Council Students

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Ready to Fight: JVP’s Role in This Political Moment
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Panelists: Rebecca Vilkomerson, Fadi Quran, Robin D.G. Kelley, Judith Butler

// Regency Ballroom //</returns>

9:30 PM – 9:45 PM
Welcome Dessert
// Regency Foyer //</returns>

9:45 PM – 11:00 PM
Community Sing
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Facilitators: Margot Seigle, Sarah Thompson

// Grant Park DCB //</returns>

10:00 PM – 11:30 PM
New Films from Palestine: Community and Documentary Shorts
Join us for a special screening of recent short films from the West Bank followed by discussion. How can we amplify Palestinian voices (and images) in our efforts to organize and educate for justice? We’ll be showing three shorts: two student films (one is a documentary and one is a fiction piece), and one community documentary made by residents of the Aida camp near Bethlehem.

Presenter: Nancy Kalow

// Regency Ballroom //</returns>

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Prayer and Song
Kabbalat Shabbat serves as an opportunity to land in Shabbat, and begin a weekend of learning and community building at the NMM. Come for the song, poetry, chance to find moments of silence, and pray in a politically aligned space! Transliteration and Hebrew both provided.

Facilitators: Suhad Babaa, Sarah Anne Minkin

// Regency Ballroom //</returns>

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Secular Shabbat Gathering
Gather and share readings, reflections, and songs rooted in the legacies of secular/ cultural Jewish left movements and communities, and our own current paths of ritual and resistance. We’ll light candles, sip grape juice, and join together as we enter the NMM.

Facilitators: Deborah Rosenstein, Paul Mishler

// Hyde Park A //</returns>

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// Grant Park DCB //</returns>
Saturday // April 1st, 2017

7:00 AM - 8:45 AM
Breakfast
// Prairie Foyer //

7:15 AM - 8:00 AM
A Yoga Class for Everyone – From Advanced Practitioner to Absolute Beginner
Stretching, twisting, and other movements from the yoga tradition designed to awaken the body and the mind. All abilities are welcome. Themes from the NMM will be woven into the flow of this session.
Instructors: Ned Rosch, Carol Muskin
// Hyde Park A //

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM
Morning Meditation
Come for morning mindfulness meditation on Shabbat. We will begin with an introduction, including brief instruction for those newer to meditation. We will sit quietly together and end with an opportunity to briefly share any insights that may arise, as well as connections between our solidarity work and meditation practices.
Facilitator: Liat Melnick
// Dusable C //

7:45 AM - 8:45 AM
Shabbat Morning Services
Join in morning prayers, song, and queer Torah study with JVP Rabbis from Chicago. On the first Shabbat of the month of Nissan we begin a new book of Torah with a call to holiness. Prepare for the liberation of Passover through reflection, song, and study.
Facilitators: Rabbi Michael Davis, Rabbi Brant Rosen
// Grant Park DCB //

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
PLENARY
Let’s Talk About Zionism
Renowned scholars, journalists, and organizers will discuss how Zionism and resistance to Zionism operates – narratively, politically, and materially. We’ll look at the connections between Zionism, white supremacy, and antisemitism in the Trump/Netanyahu era, and explore practical visions for imagining a world beyond Zionism.
Panelists: Efrat Yerday, Lubnak Shomali, Diana Buttu, Rachel Gilmer, Stefanie Fox
// Regency Ballroom //

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Coffee Break
// Prairie Foyer //

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
FEATURED
Freedom Fighting Under State Repression
We are honored to have leaders from a multitude of movements – across several continents and eras, including the most critical fights of our time – to share their wisdom about what it looks, feels, and requires to fight for freedom under state repression. You will learn lessons we can apply to help us all through this moment in history.
Presenters: Reuven Abergel, Barbara Ransby, Nick Estes, Farid Esack, Hatem Abudayyeh, Asaf Shalev (translator)
// Regency Ballroom //

How to Reimagine The World: Solidarity Through Art
We’ll share principles and models of ethical collaboration between artists and frontline communities.
Presenters: Micah Bazant, Stormy Staats, Shachaf Polakow
// Burnham A //

De-escalation in Our Movement-Building Work
De-escalation is a strategic tool chapters can apply to help us all through this moment in history. You can use it to maintain control of our messaging, project strength while modeling our values, and build skills and trust among members and allies. Session will introduce the basic practices of de-escalation work, discuss its various applications, practice techniques, and workshop role-playing scenarios.
Presenters: Lana Povitz, Esther Farmer
// Clark C //

Growing Non-Zionist/anti-Zionist Congregations and Havurot
Spiritual and non-Zionist/anti-Zionist congregations and havurot (lay-led groups) are sprouting across the country. With a range of styles from religious to secular, folks are gathering to celebrate Shabbat, holidays, sing, learn, pray, honor lifecycle moments, and build deeply-rooted, radically inclusive Jewish communities. Come learn about them and dream together how this growing network will transform our lives and communities!
Presenters: Rabbi Brant Rosen, Leora Abelson, and more
// Clark B //

Self-Loving Anti-Zionist
Searching for self-love in a time of hate. This workshop will feature performance excerpts by Una Aya Osato aka exHOTic other, followed by a lively Q&A, and an opportunity for participants to create and share pieces of laughter from their own journeys with Zionism.
Presenters: Una Aya Osato, Dan Fishback (moderator)
// Clark A //

Collective Resilience Strategies for Long-Haul Resistance
How do our groups renew and resource themselves in this long-haul struggle for racial justice and Palestinian liberation? In this workshop we will explore a few strategies to move out of our heads and into our bodies, connect deeply with one another, and incorporate ritual and creativity into our work.
Presenters: Wendy Elisheva Somerson, Morgan Bassichis
// Dusable C //
Greeting Ghosts: Artists Resisting Zionist Narratives
This salon will showcase creative work by Palestinian, Ashkenazi Jewish, and queer anti-Zionist artists who are partners and collaborators in the movement. Featuring work by Ismail Khalidi, Selma Al-Aswad, Ellie Wolfe Taylor, and JVP Artist Council members MJ Kaufman and Shelby Handler. By reclaiming histories and ancestors through comics, personal essay, and plays, these works resist Zionism and imagine liberatory futures.

Presenters: Ismail Khalidi, Selma Al-Aswad, Ellie Wolfe Taylor, MJ Kaufman, Shelby Handler
// Grant Park A //

Local Organizing Challenging Islamophobia and Racism
Representatives from four JVP chapters that have been doing ongoing work challenging Islamophobia and racism – Boston, Chicago, Portland (OR), and Triangle (NC) – will share different aspects of their work, such as internal/community education, community workshops, canvassing, and coalition efforts. They will discuss their organizing/coalition-building strategies, challenges, and successes. Participants will have time to ask questions, share ideas and resources, and talk about ways to deepen their own local anti-Islamophobia/anti-racist work.

Presenters: Maxine Fookson, Ned Rosch, Noah Rubin-Blasc, Beth Bruch, Gabriel Frankel, Liza Behrends, Michael Deheeger, Carol Muskin, Shannon Erwin
// Hyde Park B //

Resisting the Right-Wing Backlash on Campus
This roundtable will discuss some of the resistance strategies used by faculty and students as they face the national pattern of repression and backlash that targets the movement for Palestinian freedom and equality. Join us to learn what worked and what hasn’t in our fights on campus, and as part of the larger movement for justice in Palestine.

Presenters: Rosalind Petchesky, Dima Khalidi, Ally Fernandez, Ben Lorber (moderator)
// Hyde Park A //

From The Ground Up: Launching and Growing JVP Chapters, from Communities to Campuses
Thinking of starting a JVP chapter? Looking to grow your existing chapter? In this workshop, we will explore best practices for launching and sustaining JVP chapters. We’ll hear first-hand from chapter leaders, and strategize together around how to hold a launch event, build chapter structure, grow chapter membership, and more.

Presenters: Alana Krivo-Kaufman
// Jackson Park D //

From BLM to BDS: Building Cross-Movement Resistance to Racist Policing in the Trump Era and Beyond
Post-election, what are the new challenges - and opportunities - in the struggle to build a multiracial, intersectional, frontlines-led resistance against racist policing in the U.S. and apartheid in Palestine/Israel? Join us for a discussion on key lessons learned from past organizing as well as possibilities for future cross-movement campaign work.

Presenters: Eran Efrati, Leo Ferguson, Rebecca Pierce, Julia Carmel Salazar, Leila
// Jackson Park C //

Fighting Anti-Boycott State Legislation: Legal, Media, and Organizing Strategies
In recent years, anti-BDS (Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions) legislation has taken off at the state level in an attempt to suppress our movement for Palestinian rights by targeting these key tactics. Hear from an experienced panel offering legal, media, and organizing insights from the front line of fighting these bills.

Presenters: David Mandel, Zoe Zenovich, Ilana Rossoff, leaders from key campaigns in several states
// Jackson Park B //

Join the Fight in Congress to Defeat Trump’s Agenda and Shift U.S. Foreign Policy
Want to defeat Trump’s agenda and shift U.S. Foreign Policy towards Palestine/Israel? Then you have to engage with Congress. Join us to learn about using grassroots power and a spectrum of tactics to force our elected officials to listen.

Presenters: Rabbi Joseph Berman, Estee Chan Adler, Joshua Jones, Fran Zell
// Jackson Park A //

Shabbat Lunch Kiddish And Text Study
Bring your own lunch and join in a Shabbat afternoon text study with JVP chapter and Rabbinical Council leaders. Rejoicing in the rest of Shabbat means taking time out to learn sacred texts while in community, seeking tools and nourishment.

Presenters: Annie Sommer Kaufman, Layine Soloman, Rabbi Michael Ramberg
// Grant Park D //

One of the brightest spots in the whole of the Palestinian freedom movement right now is the blast of energy attacking connections between policing, prisons, and surveillance in the U.S. and Palestine/Israel. Panels will show us where they think we need to focus, and lift up grassroots plans to break apart those deadly partnerships and reconnect our societies on the basis of co-resistance for justice and equality.

Panelists: Kristian Davis Bailey, Mohammad Khatib, Melanie Yazzie, Kalia Abiade, Tareq Baconi, Ari Wohlfeiler
// Regency Ballroom //

Coastal Coffee Break
// Regency Foyer //
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

FEATURED

On Antisemitism: Solidarity and the Struggle for Justice

JVP is proud to have published an anthology with Haymarket Press, On Antisemitism, which takes on the political importance of this specific kind of bigotry in the context of the Israeli occupation of Palestine, and examines the current moment from multiple perspectives. Come discuss with some of our authors!

Presenters: Tallie Ben Daniel, Aurora Levins-Moales, Arthur Goldwag, Linda Sarsour, Rabbi Brant Rosen, Chanda Prescod-Weinstein, Mark Tseng Puttermann (moderator)

// Regency Ballroom //

JVP and Accountability to Palestinians

An introduction to JVP’s accountability to Palestinians process that was developed in the last year, with discussion of the challenges and rewards of how chapters and councils can apply it locally.

Presenters: Stefanie Fox, Rebecca Vilkomerson, Liza Behrendt, Ellen Brosky

// Bernham A //

Artistic Activism Lab

How can we draw on the power of art and culture to build and win campaigns? In this participatory workshop, we will offer a framework and some tools for artistic activism, and as a case study, explore how chapters and councils can use them in local organizing for the JVP national campaign. Everyone is welcome!

Presenters: Morgan Bassichis, Esther Farmer, Una Osato, Sarah Sills

// Clark C //

Singing for Organizers

Group singing is a tool that can help us connect with our values, shift stuck energy, and bring focus and clarity to direct actions. This workshop will explore how songs and sacred chants can support organizing work and the choreography of protests.

Presenter: Rachel Brown

// Clark B //

Writing Workshop: Our Journeys to Freedom and Solidarity

What keeps us going in doing this work? Reflecting and writing can help us sustain ourselves through remembering what brought us to this work, addressing conflicts we have, and creating reminders of what inspires us. Writing exercises, with time for optional sharing facilitated by experienced writing workshop leader.

Presenter: Deborah Mayaan MA

// Dusable C //

Activestills Collective: 12 Years Documenting the Social Justice Struggles in Palestine/Israel

Since 2005, the Activestills photography collective has documented different struggles in Palestine/Israel from the popular struggle against the Wall, to African refugees in Israel. Join co-founder, Oren Ziv, and Gaza photographer, Basel al Yazouri, for a discussion on the importance and place of photography as part of the struggle.

Presenters: Oren Ziv, Basel Al Yazouri

// Grant Park A //

Film Screening and Discussion: They Were Promised the Sea

Screening of the documentary They Were Promised the Sea with Filmmaker Kathy Wazana, followed by a Q&A/conversation with the audience.

Presenter: Kathy Wazana

// Hyde Park B //

Zionism, Antisemitism, and White Supremacy: Ideological and Political Currents

How did the “others of the West” (Jews) become the West in the others (Israelis)? This workshop will look at white supremacy as an ideology over a broad time span and its relationship to Jews, both antagonistic (antisemitism) and conciliatory (Zionism), and how Jews have interacted with it.

Presenter: Lina Morales

// Hyde Park A //

Growing Our Movement to Win: Base-Building in the Age of Trump

Wondering how to bring new people in when everyone and their mother, roommate, and lover are taking to the streets? Join us to dream big and turn our organizing visions into plans for funneling the potential of this moment into membership and leadership in our work for the long haul.

Presenters: Alana Krivo-Kaufman, Jimmy Pasch

// Jackson Park C //

Reimagining Safety and Resisting Deadly Police Exchanges

As we prepare to challenge U.S./Israel police exchanges nationwide, how do we build collective understanding of the complex links between global white supremacy, broken windows policing, and Israeli apartheid? Through this workshop, participants will gain the knowledge and skills needed to educate and mobilize their chapters for the fight ahead.

Presenters: Wendy Somerson, Noah Rubin-Blose, Jessica Rosenberg, Lorraine Halinka Malcoe, Scout Bratt, Ilise Cohen

// Jackson Park C //

Campus BDS 101: Student Organizing for Divestment on College Campuses

Students and recent alumni will share experiences, best practices, and challenges around campus divestment campaigns, including: launching and passing BDS resolutions and referenda; mobilizing support on campus; building coalition with other student groups; responding to opposition tactics and talking points; transforming the Jewish campus community, and more.

Presenters: Nashiha Alam of National SJP and Loyola University, Wendel Rubinstein of SJP and JVP at the University of Chicago, Max Fineman of Columbia University Apartheid Divest, Jenna Saadeh of Portland State University and Students United for Palestinian Equal Rights, Rami Allam of Hunter College Apartheid Divest, Ben Lorber (moderator) and more

// Jackson Park B //
Facts Don’t Matter: Storytelling and Persuasion in the Trump Era

Illegitimate power is maintained through “alternative facts” and false narratives. Yet, many of us use the least effective tools to fight those narratives. Hear from veteran movement communicators about what moves people in social media and what new research teaches us about countering harmful narratives, breaking through hard mindsets, and moving people from indecision to action.

Presenters: Cecilie Surasky, Granate Sosnoff
// Jackson Park A //

5:45 PM - 7:45 PM

Dinner On Your Own
// Food Guide on Page 61 //

Film Screening: Open Bethlehem
// Hyde Park B //

Telling Our Stories
// Burnham B //

7:45 PM - 8:15 PM

Havdallah

Havdallah is a Jewish ritual that marks the transition from Shabbat to a new week with fire, wine, and spices. It’s about moving from rest to creation, from visioning to building. Join us for some fiery political ritual to prepare us for the work ahead. All are welcome!

Facilitator: Rabbinical Student Rabbi Miriam Grossman
// West 190 //

10:45 PM - 12:00 AM

Party and Cash Bar
// Regency Ballroom and Foyer //

8:30 PM - 10:45 PM

**PERFORMANCE**
The Gaza Mono-Logues: An Adaptation in 5 Voices

The Gaza Mono-Logues is a bold, innovative production that incorporates dance, acrobatics, dramaturgy, and visual art. Accompanied by a compelling original score, an intergenerational cast of Indigenous artists and artists of color gracefully articulate poignant observations by young people living under siege. The mono-logues - authored in 2010 by teenagers living in Gaza working in collaboration with the Gaza-and Ramallah-based Ashtar Theatre - position hopes, dreams, and resiliencies of young Palestinians at the center of the realities of Israeli occupation and war.

// West 190 //

“Daring to imagine a future that includes Palestinians’ dreams in a present seeking to erase them is a powerful reminder of the resilient nature of tender hearts and that creative expression and performance can be a force for healing, transformation, and re-humanization.”

Rebekah Tarín
Director; Peñasco Theater Collective member; JVP Artist Council member

CAST
Kayo Bartholo Muller, Malaya Peixinho, Serena Rascon, and William Sandoval

MUSIC
Luis Guerra

PRODUCED BY
Peñasco Theatre Collective

IN COLLABORATION WITH
Shalva Wise, JVP Artist Council Coordinator
Sunday // April 2nd, 2017

7:00 AM - 8:45 AM
Breakfast
// Prairie Foyer //

7:15 AM - 8:00 AM
A Yoga Class for Everyone – From Advanced Practitioner to Absolute Beginner
Stretching, twisting and other movements from the yoga tradition designed to awaken the body and the mind. All abilities are welcome. Themes from the NMM will be woven into the flow of this session.
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// Hyde Park A //

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM
Morning Meditation
We will learn a few simple techniques of mindfulness/heartfulness meditation and have a chance for some quiet practice time and a brief check-in on your experience. Get a sneak preview of this summer’s first ever JVP silent meditation retreat with Rabbi Jeff Roth, Dev Nolly, and Ari Lev Fornari.
Facilitator: Rabbi Jeff Roth
// Dusable C //

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM
Morning Gathering
How do we not let our grief, rage, and fears overwhelm and isolate us in these intense times? Join in community – in silence, art, music, and cross-faith prayer – to connect to deep support as we move towards courage and resilience to fortify our commitment to justice and liberation.
Facilitators: Rabbi Linda Holzman, Dori Korn, Mark Sniderman
// Regency Ballroom //

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

FEATURED
How Palestine Liberation and Challenging Islamophobia are Inseparable
Challenging Islamophobia is intimately connected to the struggle for justice in Palestine. Islamophobia is part and parcel of Israeli policy, and Islamophobia and the supposed “war on terror” are inextricably linked to U.S. foreign policy and its support for Israel. Panelists will highlight these issues, address them more deeply, and consider how they can impact our organizing.
Presenters: Lesley Williams, Dina Khalidi, Bina Ahmed, Tarek Abuata
// Regency Ballroom //

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Partners in Palestine: Building Relationships and Strengthening Solidarity
JVP-Boston has connected to the experiences of Palestinians on the ground by building a relationship with a community-based organization in the Dheisheh Refugee Camp. Join us to discuss the ways we can all prioritize relationships with Palestinians on the ground to increase our commitment to solidarity and accountability.
Presenters: Lauren Jappe, Tali Ruskin
// Clark C //

Radical Red-State Organizing
JVP member-leaders from around the U.S. share organizing lessons, challenges, and strategies for success in work in predominantly conservative states and under far-right state and local governments. Especially as the far-right rises around the country, folks from all locations are invited to come listen, learn, and strategize!
Presenters: Jimmy Pasch, Elaine Cohen, Sandra Korn, Mark Sniderman
// Clark B //

It’s Not Just About the Money (But This is How to Raise Money)
Learn about JVP’s grassroots fundraising program and how you can raise money locally and help out nationally. Our fundraising approach is all about building relationships and taking action together – in a word, organizing. Bring home concrete skills, and join the conversation about how we’re working together to put more resources behind our work.
Presenters: Ari Wohlfeiler, Stephanie Roth
// Clark A //

Tending Ancestral Jewish Trauma Across Cultures: Practical Tools and Ritual for Resistance in this Moment
In this ritual workshop, we invoke ancestral stories and learn various tools for tending to generational trauma when it arises in our activism. This session does not center any one lineage; it is for people who carry trauma in their bodies and want to work with and move it powerfully.
Presenters: Socket Klatzker, Penny Rosenwasser, Rae Abileah
// Dusable C //

Follow the Money, Map the Power: Research for the Resistance
Join us to explore how power research can strengthen organizing, direct action, and movement-building. We’ll share research tools for activists that help us answer questions like: Who is funding Islamophobia? Which corporations are collaborating with Trump? And what people are poised to profit from the Trump agenda?
Presenters: Molly Gott, Saqib Bhatti
// Grant Park A //
Understanding Israeli State Racism and Hierarchy through Mizrahi History, Accommodation, Struggles, and Resistance
This workshop will give an introduction to terms, along with a brief history and introduction to Sephardi and Mizrahi history, especially as it relates to the state of Israel. We will talk about how the hierarchy of race, ethnicity, and nationality plays out in Mizrahi accommodation and proximity to power and in the struggles to resist cultural imperialism and racism.

Presenters: Ilise Cohen, Keren Soffer Sharon

// Hyde Park B //

The Art of Social Justice Organizing
This workshop will explore the power of art to affect consciousness, which is the goal of all organizing. Drawing on the presenters’ decades of experience, and the experiences, creativity, and questions of participants, we will learn to apply the insights of cultural activism to real-world situations.

Presenters: Aurora Levens Morales, Ricardo Levens Morales

// Hyde Park A //

Media and Messaging for Palestinian Rights
Learn best practices for communicating about the movement for Palestinian rights, with messaging and media planning tips and tools from the Institute for Middle East Understanding and JVP.

Presenters: Naomi Dann

// Jackson Park D //

Cities as New Sites for Resistance: Revamping Municipal BDS Campaigns
This workshop will offer strategies and targets for municipal BDS campaigns. We will present the approaches used in various cities, with a focus on the importance of local and intersectional organizing. We will discuss the promises and challenges in connecting recent initiatives for local banking, divestment from DAPL, private prisons, and the U.S./Mexico Border wall with Occupation-Free Cities and campaigns targeting companies such as Wells Fargo, HP, and Caterpillar.

Presenters: Dalit Baum, Rochelle Gause, Maxine Fookson

// Jackson Park C //

Academic Boycotts: Lessons Learned and Looking Toward the Age of Trump
Come join academics from the American Anthropological Association, the American Studies Association, and the Modern Language Association for a conversation about the lessons learned from three different academic boycott campaigns. Why is academic boycott an important part of the BDS movement? What worked – and what didn’t – in these campaigns?

Presenters: Junaid Rana, Dina Al-Kassim, Jessica Winograd, Bill Mullen, Cynthia Franklin, David Lloyd, Lisa Rofel, Tallie Ben Daniel (moderator)

// Jackson Park B //

The Impact of Occupation and Siege on Health and Human Rights in the OPT
Presentation focused on health and human rights in the OPT, and the roll-out of the new JVP Health Advisory Council. Followed by Q&A.

Presenters: Alice Rothchild MD, Lori Rudolph PhD, Marya Farah

// Jackson Park A //

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Lunch

// Prairie Foyer //

Telling Our Stories

// Burnham B //

12:30 PM - 1:45 PM

FEATUED
U.S. Foreign Policy in the Trump Era and its Impact in the Region
Four eminent scholar-activists who each bring varied expertise, experience, and perspectives will explore the impacts of Trump’s policy in Palestine/Israel and the broader region. The panel will include a conversation about opportunities and challenges for grassroots activists in fighting back against Trump.

Presenters: Phyllis Bennis, Nadine Naber, Nadia Hijab, Katherine Frankel (moderator)

// Regency Ballroom //

Train the Trainers: Network Against Islamophobia Curricula and Resources
Political/community education is more necessary than ever at this moment. In this workshop, we will share ways JVP chapters have used the NAI curricula, look at the new educational modules and resources, and think creatively about ways we can co-facilitate these workshops in our communities.

Presenters: Susan Bramhall, Gabe Frankel

// Clark A //

Water as a Weapon, from Palestine to Flint, Michigan
We will examine Israeli theft of Palestinian land and water and outline how efforts to restrict these most basic of resources have enabled forms of colonial appropriation. This workshop will also focus on Flint, Michigan, and the ways the poisoning of water in the city since 2014 underscore how neo-liberal urbanism and social policy have contributed to human rights abuses of the most serious kind.

Presenters: Thomas Abowd, Nidal al-Azraq, Marya Farah, Aseil Abu-Baker

// Grant Park A //

Film Screening and Discussion: Pinkwashing Exposed: Seattle Fights Back
Come learn about a Seattle victory against Israeli pinkwashing (the use of particular rhetoric around LGBTQ rights to cover up the state’s abuses), and discuss the film’s events, strategies against pinkwashing, and queer organizing for Palestine with key folks from the film! Film is captioned in English.

Presenters: Dean Spade, Selma Al-Awad, Wendy Elishrva Somerson

// Hyde Park B //
Multiracial, Intergenerational Jewish Organizing to Win

This panel features chapter leaders discussing their successes and challenges organizing multi-racially and inter-generationally in their local chapters.

Presenters: Avital Aboody, Elsa Auerbach, Faryn Borella
// Hyde Park A //

Trouble vs. Trump: Escalating Creative Resistance in These Times through Direct Action

Mass street mobilizations. Airport protests. Lock downs. A general strike. The first 100 days of the Trump administration’s draconian policies have incited us to fight back with powerful actions. Come learn how to organize responsive and proactive direct actions in your communities that are bold, beautiful, strategic, and directly challenge power.

Presenters: Rae Abileah, Ariel Vegosen, Eliana Horn, Sarah Thompson
// Jackson Park D //

Taking On Racism in our Social Justice Work as White People

Developed by the St. Louis Antiracist Collective in the aftermath of the Ferguson uprisings, based on work by the Catalyst Project and Tema Okun, this workshop offers some theory and everyday surprising examples of how racism/white supremacy can show up in our social justice organizing: how white norms are upheld around efficiency and individual accomplishments; universalizing white experience; protesting oppression while maintaining privilege; etc. Understanding it’s not the responsibility of people of color to teach white folks about racism, this is a space where white people can work together on how we show up as our best selves in the fight ahead. Everyone is welcome!

Presenter: Anna Balzer
// Jackson Park C //

Want to Boycott Israeli Apartheid? Start an HP BDS Campaign!

Hewlett Packard provides key technology to secure profits over people from Palestine to California. Learn about exciting opportunities, models, and tactics to bring this popular, energizing international campaign to your community to challenge Israeli apartheid locally through consumer boycotts, culture jamming, HP-free churches, municipal resolutions, and more. Boycott HP!

Presenters: Noah Habeeb, William Ruhm, Ibraheem Samirah, Garik Ruiz, Rochelle Gause
// Jackson Park B //

Palestinian Solidarity on the Ground: Benefits of Joining a Delegation for your Activism

Step up your Palestinian solidarity activism by joining a delegation to Palestine/Israel. Four experienced delegation participants and leaders from the Center for Jewish Nonviolence, JVP, and Interfaith Peace-Builders will explain the benefits of going on a delegation, what to expect, tips for getting through Israeli security, and how your delegation experience can strengthen your activism and connections with Palestinian and Muslim communities in the U.S., as well as with intersectional allies.

Presenters: Nadya Tannous, Lesley Williams, Emily Siegel, Ashley Bohrer
// Jackson Park A //

2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

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We’re Not Waiting: Building the Visionary Jewish Communities We Need

As we build a multi-vocal, multi-racial resistance to racism from Palestine to Chicago, what tensions and possibilities must be faced to grow JVP accountably? How will we bring our full selves and histories to our work to generate communal responsibility and sustained action? What visionary Jewish communities do we need, and how do we build them?

Presenters: Rabbi Ari Lev Fornari, Henri Picciotto, Debra Goldstein, Kat Macias, Bekah Wolf, Alana Krivo-Kaufman (moderator)
// Regency Ballroom //

Facing the Nakba Curriculum: Train the Trainers

Facing the Nakba (FtN), a project of JVP, provides resources about the history of the Nakba (“Catastrophe” in Arabic) and its implications in Palestine/Israel today. Participants will receive an introduction to the FtN curriculum so they can lead workshops in their own communities. The curriculum contains interactive activities and discussions centered around challenging mainstream narratives about what happened before, during, and after 1948.

Presenter: Marilyn Kleinberg Neimark
// Clark A //

Multi-Movement Building Through Art

How can we use art and creative projects to mobilize for liberation and justice across different communities? We will be using “There Is A Field” as a case-study – a play about a Palestinian teen killed by Israeli police. Through post-play discussions and community residencies, we’ll explore parallels between oppression experienced in Palestine/Israel and the U.S., and nurture community and movement building across different struggles.

Presenters: Jen Marlowe, Brittany King, Nadia Ben-Youssef
// Grant Park A //

Film Premier and Discussion: Mizrahi Stories of Resistance

Screening of new video featuring Mizrahi voices. This film is the first in a series by documentary filmmaker Rebecca Pierce. Mizrahi Stories (title-in-progress) is part of Israel and Palestine Through a Racial Justice Lens. Pierce will also show interviews from Ethiopian Jews, African refugees, and Palestinians.

Rebecca Pierce, Granate Sosnoff (intro)
// Hyde Park B //

Labor, Class, and the Struggle for Palestinian Rights

An introduction to the struggles of Palestinian laborers and labor movements, and increasing activism of parts of the labor movement in the U.S. in support. Discussion will include opportunities to make connections between forms of racism, exploitation, and solidarity in the U.S. and Palestine. Why do class and labor matter in Palestine solidarity work? How can more U.S. trade unionists get involved?

Presenters: Carl Rosen, Jeremy Siegman, Karen Ackerman (moderator)
// Hyde Park A //
Cross Border Resistance, U.S./Mexico, Palestine/Israel: Sharing Best Practices

The U.S. and Israel swap worst practices of border militarization techniques, infrastructure, and fear narratives—with Israel serving as a product development/testing ground for the U.S. This workshop is an opportunity for activists to share best practices and lay the groundwork for possible combined actions, so that U.S. activists can work where border/immigration activists gather and spread awareness about Palestinian liberation in the larger migrant justice community.

Presenters: Rachel Ida Buff, Deborah Mayaan MA, Lubnah Shomali, Garik Ruiz, Eduardo Garcia

// Jackson Park D //

Palestinian Children in Israeli Military Detention: Bringing the No Way to Treat a Child Campaign to Your City and Elected Officials

National and local organizers of the No Way to Treat a Child campaign will lead an interactive workshop on using Congressional advocacy initiatives to raise awareness, build local power, and mobilize and develop a grassroots movement around the human rights of Palestinian children arrested and detained in the Israeli military system.

Presenters: Beth Miller, Jennifer Bing, Lynn Pollack

// Jackson Park C //

Bystander Intervention and Community Response

In the wake of growing Islamophobia and hate crimes, enlivened by the policies and rhetoric of the current U.S. administration, JVP chapters are organizing trainings to empower our communities to respond to hate with solidarity and resistance. Using the curriculum developed by JVP National, this workshop offers practical skills and resources for effectively sharing them. We will also explore how these trainings can be powerful outreach and coalition-building tools.

Presenters: Rachel Weber, EE Miller

// Jackson Park B //

Digital Security and Surveillance Self-Defense

This workshop will provide participants with the knowledge they need to make active choices around their digital security practices. The workshop will cover the changing landscape of digital threats facing organizers, as well as basic security principles and best practices.

Presenter: Nathan Ryan

// Jackson Park A //

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Coffee Break

// Prairie Foyer //

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

CLOSING PLENARY

All In!

To close out the 2017 NMM, we will get a boost of inspiration and energy to send us off to the fights and work ahead. Three of the most dynamic, powerful, and visionary community and faith leaders of our time will remind us our organizing for justice must be All In! In our communities, in our families, in the streets, in our houses of workshop, in the courts, and of course in our hearts.

Panelists: Nyle Fort, Linda Sarsour, Rasmea Odeh, Rabbi Alissa Wise

// Regency Ballroom //
**Keynote Speakers**

**Reuven Abbergel** is an icon of the Mizrahi struggle in Israel. He was a founder and leader of the Black Panthers of Israel in the 1970s and has extended solidarity to the struggles of Palestinians, Ethiopians, and African asylum seekers. He has founded or led organizations including the Mizrahi Democratic Rainbow, Taarabut, the International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network, and SEDIQ: A Global Jewish Network for Justice.

**Kalila Abiade** is the program director for the Pillars Fund, a philanthropic initiative focused on Muslim civic engagement in the United States. Prior to joining Pillars, Kalila spent four years at the Center for New Community, a national advocacy and research organization based in Chicago. Kalila brings to her work more than 15 years of journalism experience and is a contributor to *In These Times*. She was a 2015 participant of the American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute, and currently serves as an adviser to the Muslim Anti-Racism Collaborative. She lives with her husband and their three children in Chicago.

**Tarek Abuata**, born into a Palestinian Christian family in Bethlehem, he moved to Texas during the first Palestinian Intifada when he was 12. He was the executive director of Palestinian Christian Alliance for Peace and of Love Thy Neighbor. Additionally, Abuata worked with Christian Peacemaker Teams, the United Palestine Appeal, and the Negotiations Support Unit of the Palestinian Authority. Abuata holds a J.D. from the University of Texas Law School.

**Hatem Abudayeh** is co-founder and coordinating committee member of the U.S. Palestinian Community Network (USPCN), a community-based Palestinian and Arab organization with chapters in seven states and programming in the areas of support for political prisoners, BDS organizing, confronting Zionism, and arts and education. As one of the Midwest 23 whose home was raided in 2010 by the FBI, Abudayeh works to defend the civil liberties of Palestinians and others. He is the national coordinator of the Rasmea Defense Committee, headed towards retrial later this year.

**Bina Ahmad** is a social justice attorney, and has worked with numerous animal rights and human rights organizations such as Farm Sanctuary, Human Rights Watch and the Center for Constitutional Rights. She lived and worked in Palestine with Al-Haq, served on the legal team for the Russell Tribunal on Palestine, and was a legal consultant to Badil. She has served as the National Lawyers Guild National Vice President, and currently serves on the Steering Committee of the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights, and works as a public defender in Manhattan, New York.

**Tareq Baconi** holds a PhD in International Relations from Kings College London and an MPhil in International Relations from the University of Cambridge. He is currently the Policy Fellow at Al-Shabaka, the only transnational Palestinian think tank. Tareq’s book, *Hamas: The Politics of Resistance, Entrenchment in Gaza*, is forthcoming with Stanford University Press in 2017. He has also published widely on Palestinian political developments as well as on gas politics in the region.

**Kristian Davis Bailey** is a Detroit-based freelance writer and organizer. He is a member of Black Youth Project 100 (BYP100) in Detroit and a member of Black4Palestine. He is a project coordinator of the Black-Palestinian Transnational Solidarities Project with the Arab Studies Institute based in Washington, DC, and Beirut.

**Phyllis Bennis** is a new member of the Board of JVP. She is a fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies, and her books include *Understanding the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: A Primer*. She is a co-founder of the US Campaign to End Israeli Occupation (now the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights). Phyllis has also served as an informal adviser to several top UN officials on Palestine, and was twice short-listed to be the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Palestine.

**Judith Butler** is Maxine Elliot Professor in the Department of Comparative Literature and the Program of Critical Theory at the University of California, Berkeley. She is the author of several books, served as Founding Director of the Critical Theory Program at UC Berkeley and is developing an International Consortium of Critical Theory Programs. She has served on the Executive Council of the Modern Language Association and chaired its committee on Academic Freedom. Butler served on the board of the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York and serves on the advisory board of JVP and the international board of The Freedom Theatre in Jenin.

**Diana Buttu** is a Palestinian-Canadian human rights attorney based in ‘48 Palestine. She previously served as a legal advisor to the PLO’s negotiating team and later worked for President Abbas. She was part of the team that litigated the Wall before the ICJ. Ms. Buttu is a frequent commentator and writer on Palestinian and Israeli politics. Ms. Buttu was a fellow at Stanford University and Harvard University and holds degrees from the University of Toronto, Queen’s University, Stanford Law School, and Northwestern School of Business.

**Tallie Ben Daniel** is the Campus Program Manager at JVP. She grew up in the San Fernando Valley and still thinks of herself as a Los Angeleno, despite moving away in 2001. She completed her PhD in Cultural Studies at UC Davis in June of 2014, and is currently working on a book manuscript titled *Gay Capital: San Francisco, Tel Aviv and the Politics of Settler Colonialism*.

**Farid Esack** is a South African Muslim theologian who cut his teeth in the South African struggle for liberation. He studied in Pakistan, the UK and Germany and is the author of *Qur’an, Liberation and Pluralism, On Being a Muslim, An Introduction to the Qur’an, and Islam, HIV & AIDS: Between Scorn, Pity & Justice*. Professor Farid Esack is currently Professor in the Study of Islam and Head of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Johannesburg. He is also the President of the International Qur’anic Studies Association and Chairperson of BDS South Africa.
NICK ESTES (KUL WICASA) is a doctoral candidate in American Studies at the University of New Mexico and an Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Fellow. His forthcoming book Mni Wiconi: Water is Life, Death, and Liberation will be published by Verso in 2017. He is a co-founder of The Red Nation.

ARI LEV FORNARI is the rabbi at Kol Tzedek Synagogue in West Philadelphia, ordained from the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College and a member of the JVP rabbincal council since the early days. He is a white, queer, trans person of Ashkenazi and Italian descent most inspired at the intersections of community, activism, and healing. He is deeply committed to the creation and embodiment of Torah Hasyim, a living tradition, requiring our lives to be deeply informed by ancient wisdom and practices, and that Jewish traditions learn and grow from our insights and lived experiences.

NYLE FORT is a minister, activist and Ph.D. student in Religion and African American Studies at Princeton University. He lives in Newark, NJ.

STEFANIE FOX is a Deputy Director at JVP. She has been supporting the endlessly inspiring organizing of JVP’s chapters and members since 2009. She has a master’s in community organizing for public health from the University of Washington and brings over a decade of diverse organizing experience to her role at JVP. Stefanie has helped build the organizing program from 6 to 60+ chapters, founded our Artist Advocates. Her work includes providing legal advice to activists, engaging in advocacy to protect their rights to speak out for Palestinian rights, and educating activists and the public about the repression of Palestine advocates.

KATHERINE FRANKE is the Sulzbacher Professor of Law at Columbia University. She sits on the steering committee of the Academic Advisory Council of JVP, and chairs the Board of Directors of the Center for Constitutional Rights, based in New York City.

RACHEL GILMER is a Black feminist organizer with over eight years of experience in advocacy, programs, leadership development, research, and writing on issues of racial justice and global solidarity and is the Co-Director of the Florida-based youth organization, the Dream Defenders. Rachel previously served as the Associate Director of the African American Policy Forum (AAPF). Rachel is a co-author of Say Her Name: Resisting Police Violence Against Black Women. Her writings have been featured on Ebony.com, The Nation, and The Huffington Post.


NADIA HIJAB is Executive Director of Al-Shabaka: The Palestinian Policy Network, which she co-founded in 2009. She is a frequent public speaker and a senior fellow at the Institute for Palestine Studies. Her first book, Womanpower: The Arab Debate on Women at Work, was published by Cambridge University Press.

ROBIN D.G. KELLEY is one of the most distinguished authors and historians of African American studies and a celebrated professor who has lectured at some of America’s highest learning institutions. He is currently Professor of American Studies and Ethnicity at the University of Southern California. Kelley is best known for his books on African American culture: Race Rebel: Culture Politics and the Black Working Class, Yo’ Mama’s DoItFunktional!: Fighting the Culture Wars in Urban America and Freedom Dreams: The Black Radical Imagination.

DIMA KHALIDI is the founder and Director of Palestine Legal and Cooperating Counsel with the Center for Constitutional Rights. Her work includes providing legal advice to activists, engaging in advocacy to protect their rights to speak out for Palestinian rights, and educating activists and the public about the repression of Palestine advocates.

MOHAMMED KHATIB is a Palestinian refugee born in Lebanon and living in Greece, and is the European coordinator of Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network. He is the co-organizer of the Black-Palestinian Transnational Solidarity Project at the Arab Study Institute, working to build grassroots connections between the Black liberation struggle and Palestinian liberation struggles, organizing youth, building community networks, and developing collective movements of struggle.

ALANA KRYO-KAUFMAN is the the Senior Regional Organizer at JVP. A Midwesterner in Brooklyn, she brings a love for community-based urban planning, using people power to drive legislative change, and Jewish education as racial justice in action. She’s constantly floored by the commitment of JVP’s East Coast leaders to building the bold and beautiful grassroots movements needed to create futures beyond walls and state violence.

KAT MACÍAS is a queer Latinx Jew-by-Choice and a member of Boston’s JVP minyan. They got their start in organizing around queer and trans issues in college when they lead a campaign and won the addition of “gender identity” to the Non-Discrimination Anti-Harrassment policy at the University of Georgia. Kat is continuing their work supporting marginalized students by pursuing an M.Ed. in Higher Education at Merrimack College.

AURORA LEVINS MORALES is a Puerto Rican Ashkenazi Jewish feminist writer and is a 6th generation radical. She has been part of many social justice movements, including the women’s movement of the 1960s-70s, the Puerto Rican independence movement, and movements for Latin America solidarity, environmental justice, disability justice, and Middle East peace and justice. She is a member of New Jewish Agenda, and has been a member of JVP since soon after its founding. She is active in the JVP Artists Council and Jews of Color in Solidarity with Palestine which works in close collaboration with JVP. She worked as an elder and poet in residence with Jews for Racial and Economic Justice in New York City in 2015-2016. She can be reached at www.auroralevinsmorales.com.

NADINE NABER is Associate Professor in Gender and Women’s Studies and Global Asian Studies and the founder and director of the Arab American Cultural Center at the University of Illinois, Chicago. She is a scholar-activist working with the Rasmea Odeh defense committee and has worked with movements like INCITE!
RASMEA ODEH is a leading member of Chicago’s Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim communities, and her decade of service in Chicago has changed the lives of thousands of people, particularly disenfranchised Arab women and their families. She has been with the Arab American Action Network (AAAN) since 2004, and is responsible for the management of day-to-day operations and the coordination of its Arab Women’s Committee, which has a membership of nearly 650 and leads the organization’s work in the areas of defending civil liberties and immigrants’ rights.

HENRI PICCIOTTO is a math educator and crossword constructor. He is a Jew from Lebanon who has been involved in Middle-East-related activism off and on since 1982. He was the first chair of the JVP Board, and hired Rebecca Vilkomerson on what is surely among the happiest days of his life.

CHANDA PRESCOD-WEINSTEIN is a researcher in theoretical physics. Of Afro-Caribbean and Ashkenazi Jewish heritage, Dr. Prescod-Weinstein is the child and grandchild of Palestine solidarity activists. She first began to confront the problem of Israel and the exclusion of Black Jews from conversations about Zionism and American Judaism when, early in her time at university, the Second Intifada began. Dr. Prescod-Weinstein is a proud member of the JVP Academic Advisory Council.

FADI QURAN’s leadership and impactful campaigning have made him a well-respected organizer in the struggle for freedom in Palestine, particularly amongst Palestinian youth. He is Senior Campaigner for Avaaz in Palestine, and an alternative energy entrepreneur.

BARBARA RAMSBY is an historian, writer, and longtime activist. She is a Liberal Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor of African American Studies, Gender and Women’s Studies, and History at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), where she directs the campus-wide Social Justice Initiative. Professor Rambsy is author of the award-winning biography, Ella Baker and the Black Freedom Movement: A Radical Democratic Vision, and Islandia: The Large and Unconventional Life of Mrs. Paul Robeson. She also serves as Editor-in-Chief of Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture and Society, and is the newly elected President of the National Women’s Studies Association.

DEBORAH ROSENSTEIN is a secular, queer Ashkenazi popular/labor educator and cultural worker raised in Michigan and currently living in the Piedmont region of North Carolina. Lately, she’s been thinking a lot about trees, settler colonialism in the Americas and in Palestine, (dis)ability, doikayt (hereness), and hemshekh (continuity).

RABBI BRANT ROSEN is the Midwestern Regional Director of the American Friends Service Committee and the Rabbi of the congregation Tzdek Chicago. He is the co-founder of the JVP Rabbinical Council and the author of the book Wrestling in the Daylight: A Rabbi’s Path to Palestinian Solidarity, published in 2012 by Just World Books.

LINDA SASROUR is a working woman, racial justice, and civil rights activist, every Islamophobe’s worst nightmare, and mother of three. She is a Palestinian Muslim American and a self-proclaimed “pure New Yorker, born and raised in Brooklyn!” She is the Executive Director of the Arab American Association of New York and co-founder of the first Muslim online organizing platform, MPOWER Change. Linda has been at the forefront of major civil rights campaigns, including calling for an end to unwarranted surveillance of New York’s Muslim communities and ending police policies like stop-and-frisk. She is a member of the Justice League NYC, a leading NYC force of activists, formerly incarcerated individuals, and artists working to reform the New York Police Department and the criminal justice system.

LUBNAH SHOMALI is a human rights defender/activist representing BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights in their advocacy initiatives. BADIL is a Palestinian human rights organization dedicated to promoting and defending the rights of refugees and internally displaced persons according to the frameworks of international humanitarian and human rights law. Born in Palestine but raised in the U.S., Lubnah relocated with her family to her hometown in the West Bank in the summer of 2008.

MARK TSENG-PUTTERMAN is a writer and activist in the Asian American and Jewish left. He is a Visiting Scholar at the Asian/Pacific American Institute at NYU and a member of the Jews of Color Caucus organized in partnership with JVP, and the JVP Network Against Islamophobia.

REBECCA VILKOMERSON is the Executive Director of JVP. She has been a member of JVP since 2000, and lived in Israel with her family from 2006-2009. She was named one of The Forward’s 50 most influential Jewish leaders in 2010, and as one of 14 Women to Watch in 2014.

KATHY WAZANA is a Casablanca-born, Toronto-based activist filmmaker, founder of Cooks for Peace and the Just Peace Seder and Community Mimouna, winner of the 2014 Jewish Film Festival in Toronto’s “My Heart in the Maghreb.” Kathy is currently enrolled in an MFA program at York University in Toronto.

LESLEY WILLIAMS is co-chair of the Chicago chapter of JVP’s Network Against Islamophobia and has collaborated with local faith organizations to canvass neighborhoods, displaying public solidarity with Muslims and refugees. Lesley also led a “Muslim Journeys” program series at the Evanston Public Library and has been honored by Open Communities and the Muslim Community Center for her work countering Islamophobia. This spring she will be traveling to Palestine for her second solidarity trip with the Center for Jewish Nonviolence.
**RABBI ALISSA WISE** is a Deputy Director of JVP, a founding co-chair of the JVP Rabbinical Council, and a co-founder of Facing the Nakba Educational Project. Before training for the rabbinate, Alissa worked as a tenant organizer with the Fifth Avenue Committee in Brooklyn and was a participant in AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps. As a rabbinical student, Alissa was the Education Director at Jews for Racial and Economic Justice (JFREJ) in New York City.

**ARI WOHLFEILER** is a Deputy Director at JVP. Previously, he worked at Critical Resistance, a national grassroots organization dedicated to ending the prison industrial complex.

**BEKAH WOLF** works as an immigration attorney and recently returned to her hometown in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She’s been involved in Palestine rights activism for 15 years, starting with Jews Against the Occupation in 2002, lived in Occupied Palestine for 5 years, and was a co-founder of the Palestine Solidarity Project. She is the proud mother of Rafeef, twin sister of Rabbi Sarah, and daughter of the musical director Aaron at Temple Beth Shalom (TBS) where she grew up as a Hebrew school teacher and youth group leader.

**MELANIE K. YAZZIE (DINÉ)** is a University of California President’s Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Gender Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. She holds a PhD in American Studies from the University of New Mexico, is an assistant editor for Decolonization: Indigeneity, Education, Society, and is a co-founder of The Red Nation.

**EFRAT YERDAY** was born in Ashdod and lives in Beersheba. She has a master’s degree in politics and government from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. In the course of her studies she established the “Ethiopiotics” reading group for students of Ethiopian descent who wanted to broaden their knowledge of Ethiopian history and issues of identity and racism in Israel and abroad. In 2012, she established the Ra’av (Hunger) publishing house in Beersheba with the aim of adding color to the Israeli bookshelf. In 2010–2011, she served as the spokesperson for the Israeli Association for Ethiopian Jews and published opinion pieces on institutionalized racism.
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Come talk to me about NMM logistics, JVP’s membership program, our upcoming member drive, or doing an online event with JVP!

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Come talk to me about Chicago and local organizing!

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Come talk to me about our grassroots fundraising team and joining as a member leader.

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Come talk to me about all parts of JVP, and especially if you have thoughts or questions about our organizing program, our Deadly Exchange campaign, our Artists and Cultural Workers Council, our congressional organizing, or our BDS work!

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Come talk to me about JVP’s financial reporting and financial processes!

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Come talk to me about JVP’s website, to get JVP merch, or to take a photo.

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Come talk to me about registration or travel scholarships.

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Come talk to me about media skills and strategies to amplify our work.

ALANAD KIVOMAFAUMAN
Come talk to me about organizing on the East Coast and launching, building or joining a chapter!

LEIL
Come talk to me about JVP’s national campaign!

ALANA ROSSOFF
Come talk to me about joining or growing JVP organizing in the Midwest or South – or childcare during the NMM!

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Come talk to me about the Rabbinical Council and visions for JVP’s Jewish community transformation, please!

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Getting Around
# Food Guide

Restaurants Recommended by JVP-Chicago Members

## Chinatown
- Lao Sze Chuan // 2172 S. Archer Ave *
- Three Happiness // 209 W. Cermak Rd *
- Hing Kee // 2140 S. Archer Ave *
- Go 4 Food // 212 W 23rd St *
- Ma Gong La Po // 2215 S Wentworth Ave *

## Bars
- Old Town Ale House // 239 W. North Ave
- Square One // 1400 S. Michigan *
- Exchequer Pub // 226 S. Wabash *
- Miller’s Pub // 134 S. Wabash *
- Dusek’s Board and Beer // 1227 W. 18th St *

## Pizza
- Flo and Santo’s (pizza and pierogi) // 1310 S. Wabash *
- Lou Malnatis // 805 South State St *
- Giordanos // 506 S. Halsted
- Connie’s Pizza // 2301 S Lake Shore Drive *

## Miscellaneous
- Manny’s Deli // 1141 South Jefferson St *
- Opart Thai // 1906 S. State St *
- Curry House // 899 S. Plymouth Ct *
- Nepal House // 1301 S. Michigan *
- CaeCicto // 26 East Congress Pkwy (next to Hostel) *
- South Coast Sushi // 1700 South Michigan Ave *
- Harold’s Chicken Shack // 1701 S Michigan Ave *
- Acadia // 1639 S Wabash Ave *
- Mexique // 1519 W Chicago Ave
- Shokolad Pastry & Café // 525 W Chicago
- Topo Gigio // 1516 N. Wells St
- Cafe Bionda // 1924 S State St *
- La Cantina Grill // 1911 S. Michigan Ave *
- Kroll’s South Loop // 1736 S Michigan Ave *
- South Coast Sushi Bar // 1700 S Michigan Ave *
- Ahjoomah’s Apron // 218 W Cermak Rd *

## Breakfast
- Lou Mitchell’s // 565 W. Jackson
- Sweet Maple Cafe // 1339 W. Taylor
- Volois // 3518 E. 53rd St
- The Speck and Bird // 205 E 18th St *
- Eleven City Diner 1112 S Wabash Ave

## Greektown
- Santorini // 800 W. Adams
- Artopolis // 506 S. Halsted
- Greek Islands // 200 S. Halsted

## Tapas
- Tapas Valencia // 3530 S. State *
- Emilios // 215 E. Ohio

## Strictly Kosher
- Metroklub // 773 W. Madison, Open M-Th 11-3
- Bebe’s Kosher Deli // MetraMarket, 131 N. Clinton St Closed Friday afternoon through Sunday
- Milt’s BBQ for the Perplexed // 3411 N. Broadway Open after Friday till 1-ish, Saturday night after Sunset and Sunday

## Kosher-Style
- Eleven City // Market 1112 S Wabash

## Recommended by Food Worker Justice Orgs
*Not necessarily the closest, but worth considering:
- Honey Butter Chicken // 3361 N. Elston Ave
- The Radler (German brewhouse with food) // 2373 N. Milwaukee
- Hopewell Brewing // 2760 N. Milwaukee
- Dimo’s Pizza (dinner only) // 3463 N. Clark St
- Green River // 259 E. Erie

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