

JEWISH ACTIVISM: RESOURCE MATERIALS

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ONLINE RESOURCES

The Change Agency Education and Training Institute is an independent social movement initiative based in Australia with some involvement in international projects. Their website offers lots of resources.

http://www.thechangeagency.org

Democracy Collaborative: Building Community Wealth

http://democracycollaborative.org

Fixes, a *NYTimes* column looking at successful solutions to social problems, edited by Tina Rosenberg and David Bornstein. They have produced a database of over 2,000 initiatives. http://www.nytimes.com/column/fixes

https://storytracker.solutionsjournalism.org (database)

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http://online-learning.harvard.edu/course/leadership-organizing-and-action-leading-change

Global Nonviolent Action Database, listing over 1,400 direct action campaigns drawn from almost 200 countries, covering a wide variety of issues and strategies. Available at https://nvdatabase.swarthmore.edu



Histories of Activism Group, Northumbria University, Newcastle http://historiesofactivism.blogspot.de

Justice in the City: Thinking About Judaism and Social Justice, a blog by Rabbi Aryeh Cohen, of American Jewish University. http://www.justice-in-the-city.com

Meta-Activism: Powerful Strategies for Social Change, Mary Joyce http://www.meta-activism.org

Olam Together (England) offers a great list of different opportunities: http://olamtogether.org/take-action

Onlfoot: Jewish Texts for Social Justice http://www.onlfoot.org

Solutions, an interdisciplinary journal https://www.thesolutionsjournal.com

Solutions Journalism Network. Close to 2000 news stories about solutions that work from around the globe are collected in its Story Tracker (one must register to use it). http://solutionsjournalism.org

TBD* (formerly The Changer) http://thechanger.org. A digital hub where you can find a job, hire the right team, discover workshops and courses, locate funding opportunities, connect with mission-driven companies, share best practices, or learn from others who are using their careers to make an impact.

Trainers Library. A crowd-sourced resource library for trainers, organizers and others covering skills, behaviors, attitudes, methods, tools in a number of competency areas (communicating meaningfully with others, cooperating successfully in teams, designing educational programs, etc.).

http://trainerslibrary.org



Training for Change (see below) offers a library of training tools, publications and links. The toolbox has an impressive array of resources in areas such as de-escalation and peacekeeping, energizers and games, meeting facilitation, online training tools, and teambuilding.

https://www.trainingforchange.org/tools

Yes! Magazine

http://www.yesmagazine.org



INSTITUTIONS, ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOOLS

Ayni Institute. Dedicated to finding and fostering alternative approaches and systems, to creating movements to push for alternatives and training people to found and sustain these movements. Ayni emphasizes connection to traditional knowledge and paths in designing creative systemic innovation (for instance, the Andean heritage of the Institute's founders). Ayni offers trainings that have been developed over the past years and attended by thousands.

https://ayni.institute

The Bertha Foundation has recently set up and continues to set up training schools for activists, in Cape Town; partnering with The Watershed Center in Millerton, NY; Brazil; Southeast Asia

http://www.berthafoundation.org/trainingschools.html

Brooklyn Center for Sacred Activism.

https://www.sacredactivism.nyc

Campaign Bootcamp. An English training designed to give you the skills, community and confidence you need to run the campaigns you want; a hands- on learning environment. Packed full of workshops, great speakers, discussion groups and real life scenarios you'll learn what it takes to run thoughtful campaigns and find your place in the movement. We don't believe in cookie cutter campaigners. We place an emphasis on learning to work together, being supportive and good to each other and embodying the values we're fighting for.

https://www.campaignbootcamp.org

Center for Artistic Activism, a place to explore, analyze, and strengthen connections between social activism and artistic practice; founded and directed by Steve Lambert and Steve Duncombe; offices in NYC, studio in Beacon, NY

http://artisticactivism.org/c4aa-training-programs/school-of-creative-activism

Centre for Local Economic Strategies: UK's leading, independent think and do tank realising progressive economics for people and place. Our aim is to achieve social justice,



good local economies and effective public services for everyone, everywhere https://cles.org.uk/about-cles/about-cles/

Centre for Research on Socio-Cultural Change: Committed to exploring new methods and to engaging critically with existing methods. http://www.cresc.ac.uk/

Democracy Collaborative. Through research and varied programming the organization works to carry out a vision of a new economic system where shared ownership and control creates more equitable and inclusive outcomes, fosters ecological sustainability, and promotes flourishing democratic and community life. http://democracycollaborative.org

Eco Practicum - Desk-Free School for Ecological Justice. Based in the Catskill Mountains of New York State, Eco Practicum provides hands-on opportunities for college students, recent grads, and young professionals. It also runs a creative residency program for artists seeking to incorporate regional environmental themes in their work. Through collaborations with program participants, alumni, and partner institutions, Eco Practicum improves ecological literacy, increases leadership capacity, and promotes initiatives building a regenerative bioregion.

http://www.ecopracticum.com

Highlander Research and Education Center. Located in Tennessee, Highlander was founded in 1932 as the Highlander Folk School in order to organize unemployed and working people, eventually becoming a regional center for union organizing and perhaps the main training laboratory for the civil rights organizations and leaders. Today, through popular education, participatory research, and cultural work, Highlander helps create spaces – at Highlander and in local communities – where people gain knowledge, hope and courage, expanding their ideas of what is possible. Highlander develops leadership and help create and support strong, democratic organizations that work for justice, equality and sustainability in their own communities and that join with others to build broad movements for social, economic and restorative environmental change. https://www.highlandercenter.org



Histories of Activism Group, Northumbria University, Newcastle

Institute for Local Self-Reliance, Minneapolis and Washington, DC; provides innovative strategies, working models and timely information to support environmentally sound and equitable community development; works with citizens, activists, policymakers and entrepreneurs to design systems, policies and enterprises that meet local or regional needs.

https://ilsr.org

Institut für Protest- und Bewegungsforschung

c/o Thinkfarm Im Oranienhof Aufgang C, 3. OG Oranienstrasse 183 10999 Berlin

Jewish Organizing and Institute and Network (JOIN for Justice), a Boston-based initiative that strengthens the community organizing practice of Jewish organizers, leaders, and entire organizations so that the Jewish community can effectively play a role in the social justice struggles of our country. JOIN for Justice also promotes and develops the art and science of organizing among Jews in order to strengthen the Jewish community itself by helping build Jewish communities of relationship, mission, and action. JOIN offers several different tracks for trainings, fellowships and the like. http://www.joinforjustice.org

Midwest Academy, is a national training institute, founded in 1973, committed to advancing the struggle for social, economic, and racial justice. From local neighborhood groups to statewide and national organizations, Midwest Academy has trained over twenty-five thousand grassroots activists from hundreds of organizations and coalitions. Midwest Academy teaches an organizing philosophy, methods and skills that enable ordinary people to actively participate in the democratic process. http://www.midwestacademy.com

MIT Community Innovators Lab, a center for planning and development within the MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning (DUSP), works to foster economic democracy,



through the development and use of knowledge from excluded communities to deepen civic engagement, improve community practice, inform policy, mobilize community assets, and generate shared wealth http://colab.mit.edu

Momentum is a training institute and movement incubator that aims to give progressive organizers the tools and frameworks to build massive, decentralized social movements. By combining and systematizing best practices from past movements, critical movement theory, and applicable skills, we encourage organizers to dream about big change, and give them the tools to make it happen.

https://www.momentumcommunity.org

PopTech brings innovators together from many different fieldsscience, technology, design, corporate and civic leadership, public health, social and ecological innovation, and the arts and humanities, among othersin a network that complements artificial and limiting discipline-specific silos.

http://poptech.org

Presencing Institute, an awareness-based action-research community that creates social technologies, builds capacities, and generates holding spaces for profound societal renewal

https://www.presencing.com

School of Activism, Helsinki; founded by Måndag and Kiasma in 2012; Two groups of 30 selected participants – activist, producers, innovators, artists, and all around urban mavericks from all around the globe – come together in a new city each year worth of creative sessions, lectures, and unforgettable urban interventions; seems no longer in operation

http://www.mandag.fi/portfolio/heimo-ja-school-of-activism/?lang=en#https://www.facebook.com/schoolofactivism

Summer School of Women's Activism, run by Af3irm: A Transnational Feminist
Organization, four consecutive Saturdays, 16, 23, 30 July and 6 August 2016, NYC
http://www.af3irm.org/af3irm/projects/summer-school-of-womens-activism



Takum is a global learning initiative dedicated to Judaism and social and environmental justice. With cohorts in Boston; Brooklyn, N.Y.; London; and Jerusalem, Takum blends Jewish text study, online discussion, and volunteer service.

http://www.takumbeitmidrash.com

Training for Change, a Philadelphia-based training and capacity building organization for activists and organizers with over 25 years of experience working with activists, organizers, and change-makers. Emphasizing direct education, influenced by the work of Brazilian educator Paulo Freire and others, Training for Change offers numerous workshops in different cities around the U.S. and online. https://www.trainingforchange.org

Training School 4: Social Activism, University of the West of England, Bristol, England, 17-19 October, 2016, run by Institute of Entrepreneurship Development. http://ied.eu/training-school-social-activism



GET INVOLVED, VOLUNTEER: JEWISH OPPORTUNITIES

American Jewish World Service, A Jewish organization aiming at ending poverty and promoting human rights in the developing world. Issues addressed include "Disaster Response," "Civil and Political Rights," "Land and Water Rights," "Sexual Health Rights," and "Ending Child Marriage." www.ajws.org

AVODAH, Inspired by Jewish values, Avodah helps Jewish communities in the United States in their struggle against poverty. They are based in Washington, D.C., New Orleans, New York, Kansas City, and Chicago. https://avodah.net/what-we-do/avodah-fellowship

Bend the Arc, In their fight for justice for all, they bring progressive Jewish voices in the United States together. Their current focus is building solidarities with everyone threatened by the Trump agenda. www.jewishaction.us

Jeremiah Fellowship, A movement of progressive American Jews towards transforming the U.S. to be inclusive and equitable. They work on immigration reform, civil rights, leadership training, community organizing, and advocacy. http://www.bendthearc.us/jeremiah-fellowship

JDC Entwine Jewish Service Corps, JDC is a Jewish humanitarian organization which provides a year-long, paid opportunity for Jewish young professionals to volunteer overseas. http://jdcentwine.org/jsc

JDC Entwine Trips for Young Professionals, Insider Trips are designed for post-college Jewish young adults who want to understand and impact global Jewish and humanitarian challenges around the world. http://www.jdcentwine.org/trips

JOIN For Justice, Jewish Organizing Institute & Network works towards strengthening the community organizing practice of Jewish organizers and leaders to make the Jewish community play a role in the social justice struggles of the U.S. https://www.joinforjustice.org



More information about JOIN For Justice's Projects and Trainings can be found here: https://www.joinforjustice.org/programs-projects/. Current projects and trainings include:

The Jewish Organizing Fellowship, This fellowship trains Jewish young adults (ages 21-30) to organize communities to fight against structural injustice and inequality. https://www.joinforjustice.org/programs-projects/jewish-organizing-fellowship/

JOIN's Clergy Leadership and Organizing Program

This program trains rabbis and rabbinical students to use community organizing tools such as relationship building, leadership development and collective action. https://www.joinforjustice.org/programs-projects/clergy-leadership-organizing-program/

ROAR! A Jewish Leadership Training for Resistance, Organizing, Action, and Resilience

Roar trainings cover campaign development and cycles of campaigns to have the greatest possible impact. https://www.joinforjustice.org/roar-jewish-leadership-training-resistance-organizing-action-resilience/

Olam Together, A shared platform to promote global Jewish service and international development as an expression of Jewish values. http://olamtogether.org

Repair the World, An organization aiming at making service a defining component of American Jewish life. It provides volunteering and fellowship opportunities to help those in need. https://werepair.org

Repair the World Fellowship, provides detailed information about the fellowship opportunity mentioned above. https://werepair.org/become-a-fellow

Tevel B'Tzedek, Israeli NGO working in Nepal and elsewhere, doing cutting edge and locally-staffed development organization with learning service programs for young adults. http://tevelbtzedek.org



FILMS/VIDEOS

Blockadia Rising: Voices of the Tar Sands Blockade (doc., 2013; dir. Garrett Graham; 53 min.); https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2n7NY3XqiF4

Madrid before Hanita: Jews from Palestine in the Spanish International Brigades [Hebrew] (doc., 2006; dir. Eran Torbiner; 58 min.);

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhsRIRTRhC8&t=2730s