

Solidaire's Jewish Solidarity Circle - 2024

Description:

The Jewish Solidarity circle began in the fall of 2022 to build community amongst Jews in Solidaire around how our Jewish identities relate to our donor organizing & giving. Since then, the circle meets periodically for continued discussion and community-building. These meetings are announced on the listserve, and open to Jews in Solidaire who wish to participate. They will continue through the fall and winter of 2024.

In the spring of '24, the Jewish Solidarity circle will be reconvening for a series of sessions on the role of Jews in social justice movements in the US. Ever wonder how Jewish organizations are working to bring Jews into the fight for racial, gender, and climate justice? Join our Jewish Solidaire members for a six week exploration of Jewish organizations doing work aligned with Solidaire values. Over the course of our time together we will meet a handful of Jewish leaders, learn Torah that animates their work, deepen our understanding of the Jewish left and how we can support our own community's activist infrastructure.

Goals:

- To continue to build relationships amongst Jewish Solidaire members
- To understand the ways in which Jewish frameworks and values intersect with our philanthropy.
- To learn more about the Jewish left and its role in organizing Jews towards collective liberation.

The circle will meet for six 90 minute sessions in April, May, and June. If you're interested in joining these sessions, please complete the application below. Those who express interest by January 15th will be consulted in the scheduling.

Participants are expected to sign up for the full slate of sessions (though it's okay if you have to miss 1 session), as we're using a cohort model and want to build consistency with each other. There is no cost for joining this circle for Solidaire members.

Facilitator:

Becky Silverstein -

Rabbi Becky Silverstein (he/him/his) believes in the power of community, Torah, and silliness in transforming the world. He strives to build a Jewish community and world that encourages and allows everyone to live a life that reflects their inherent divinity / dignity. Becky is a member of the faculty at SVARA: A Traditionally Radical Yeshiva, co-initiator of the Trans Halakha Project, and has spent many hours facilitating Keshet workshops and staffing shabbatonim (weekend retreats). He has been a member of Solidaire since 2016, when he married his spouse, Naomi Sobel. Becky, Naomi, and their kiddo, Edie Gefen, reside in Jamaica Plain, MA, but are New Yorkers at heart.

