

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 2.6.2024

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**For non RAR announcements or to add other items to the agenda:**  
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### GOOD NEWS!

- The House of Reps refused to impeach Mayorcas; several Republicans voted against their party.
- The DC Circuit Court of Appeals in a very detailed ruling determined that trump is not immune from prosecution.
- While NYT takes a pro-Israel stance, there was a history article in this weekend's NYT which treated Palestinians as people. Documented Israeli murders of Palestinians in the 30's and 40's; seems to be a wider shift in perception.

### A big loss:

Cecilia Gentili, longtime advocate for trans people, immigrants and sex workers, great speaker and activist, died at 52.

[https://gaycitynews.com/cecilia-gentili-trans-immigrants-sex-workers-dies/?utm\\_source=gcn&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=newsletter&utm\\_term=Gay%20City%20News%20Newsletter](https://gaycitynews.com/cecilia-gentili-trans-immigrants-sex-workers-dies/?utm_source=gcn&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_term=Gay%20City%20News%20Newsletter)

### Wendy B's weekly action newsletter link:

<https://mailchi.mp/995e73fe3db8/stand-up-for-immigrants-in-new-york>

### UPCOMING ACTIONS

**Thursday, February 8, 5PM, Immigration Vigil 5PM at Times Square Subway Station**

- Regular immigration vigil. We will continue to focus on Mayor Adams.
- Signs: immigrants are not your enemy; immigrants are being used as electoral propaganda. (Very good signs from Truth Tuesdays action today.)

- Link to Bushwick Ayuda Mutua - direct mutual aid for immigrants.  
<https://bushwickayudamutua.com>

**President's Day - Monday, February 19, 1PM Trump Tower, NO DICTATORS IN THE USA**

- We want to do something for Presidents' Day. Bring our banners and take the space. We are looking for a sizable presence.
- We want to promote on social media: Instagram (Jay) Tik Tok (Jay)

**Going out of business part 2, date TBD 1PM Trump Tower day after Engoron Rules**

- We are standing by. Mid-February we are ready to go.
- Julie has some of the signs, and Jenny does too. Stu has the press advisory.
- Jon: put together a video from the action: 1 minute 28 seconds. Once we get the monetary ruling, we will link this to "Going Out of Business."
- Jamie: there are a lot of factors that may control trump or damage him. We need to take advantage of that. Going Out of Business is a great slap-down action. Oppties to go after trump when he is weak.
- Rick: the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment is going to be argued at the Supreme Court this week. It has come so far from when no one was talking about it other than us.
- The plaintiffs are solid Republicans.
- Article on the 91 year old woman who is a plaintiff in the case to remove trump from the Colorado ballot:
- <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2024/02/05/trump-supreme-court-ballot-norma-anderson>

**Upcoming JVP Actions**

**Stu: Dump AIPAC Thursday 2/15<sup>th</sup>. Dag Hamerschold Plaza to APIC**

- Biden has gotten \$4m from them. In 2022 elections AIPAC endorsed over 100 election deniers.
- **Stu: Action to target Schumer; supporter of AIPAC. (American Israel Affairs Committee) Ceasefire Saturdays: Starts Saturday 2/24 11:30 to 12:30 across the street from his residence.**
  - Effigies of bundles representing dead children in Gaza; we will read out the names of 120 children who have been killed.
  - These are 1% of the kids who have been killed in Gaza. It would take 48 hours to read all the names.
  - Marshalls may be needed. If interested, contact Stu at [swaldman2@gmail.com](mailto:swaldman2@gmail.com)
- Contact Wendy if you are interested in vague actions: [wendybrandes@gmail.com](mailto:wendybrandes@gmail.com)

**Climate Action - February 27 at 3 pm at the NY Public Library, on the right side of the steps.**

- Jon: There will be a week of climate actions around the world.

- o Weeklong umbrella actions focusing on insurance companies. Our activism has been very effective in getting insurance companies to stop insuring coal production, but not oil, where the profits are huge.
- o Many climate groups are involved. Climate Organization Hub
- o New head of BP will be going for increased oil and gas production, as opposed to the previous head, who reportedly was turning away from oil and gas. Money talks; huge revenues.
- o This has been the biggest year for fossil fuels in history.
- o **Rise and Resist voted to endorse this action (comes with automatic \$200)**

### **Elections Committee: things you can do in NY 3 Congressional Election.**

- Report of where RaR activists have been: Flyering during the week on the train to Port Washington, and people getting off the train; flyers on cars in train parking lot. We distributed 500 flyers.
- Suozzi on Brian Lehrer today: Israel and immigration. You got to hold your nose as you fight.
- Suozzi canvassing bus Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> leaves at 11 am. Sign up:
- [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0Xy6wxZfoJfoKGpZcr\\_j8nJAC7Lm-R6-XxT80FbCjHsOSQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0Xy6wxZfoJfoKGpZcr_j8nJAC7Lm-R6-XxT80FbCjHsOSQ/viewform)
- There is flyering this Weds 2/7, Thurs 2/8 from 4-6:15pm Monday 2/12, Tues 2/13 at Penn Station and Grand Central organized by the Suozzi campaign.
- Sign up here:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0Xy6wxZfoJfoKGpZcr\\_j8nJAC7Lm-R6-XxBP109JPXLjB8Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0Xy6wxZfoJfoKGpZcr_j8nJAC7Lm-R6-XxBP109JPXLjB8Q/viewform)
- At Penn Station, the Suozzi point person will be at the “standing counter right across from the Starbucks at the Moynihan Train Hall.” At Grand Central the point person will be at the top of the escalator to LIRR track # 301.
- Elections Committee meets wed at 5 pm. Email Livvie to get the zoom link:  
[elizabethmann.livvie@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethmann.livvie@gmail.com)

### **Facilitators, Notetakers, and/or Screen Sharers needed**

- We have a small cadre that we would like to expand.
- Contact Jennifer: [jvandyck@rcn.com](mailto:jvandyck@rcn.com)
- Jackie said she would be willing to pinch hit for screen sharing.

### **REPORT BACKS**

#### **Wednesday, January 31, CEASEFIRE LIGHTS at the Israeli Consulate**

- We try to take out the lit up letters once a week at different locations
- You feel that you are doing something.
- If you want to be part of the affinity group, contact Wendy Brandes:  
[wendybrandes@gmail.com](mailto:wendybrandes@gmail.com)
- We must keep calling people/entities out.
- Actions are at night and silent: intense.

#### **Saturday, February 3, support New York For Abortion Rights - Clinic Defense. Meet at 8AM at Prince and Mott St.**

- Christo-fascists all there. Masses of cops, who are very chummy with them.
- It is a very effective action; we help them get in the way of people who are coming for an abortion.

- Jamie jams the walkie talkies, thereby interrupting the outdoor service. Anything we can do to throw a wrench in their outdoor service allows women to get abortions they want.
- This is in our town; this is on our turf. We need to stop it.
- First Saturday of every month. 8 am or come at 9 am in front of Planned Parenthood.

### **Monday, Feb 5, 5PM Rikers Vigil in Times Square Subway Station**

- Very good action; well attended, and many people picked up flyers.
- We are now at 30 deaths since Adams took office.
- Listen to Reba McEntire on immigration in the 80's Just Across the Rio Grande <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5-XyBD0mwQ>
- Everyone in Ellis Island was undocumented!!
- Organization which works on Rikers: Freedom Agenda link: <https://fa.urbanjustice.org>

### **Truth Tuesdays at FOX every Tuesday at 12noon 47th St.& 6th Ave.**

- It is now trump TV; they have gone out full bore against immigrants.
- We need to start saying that this is what happened under Hitler. This is what trump is running on.
- Anecdote: woman entered Fox and said, "Immigrants are not the problem."
- Maybe we should use STOP EXPLOITING FEAR banner.
- Let us think about Ellis Island. And the hospital. Jon expresses outrage. "Channeling Jenny."
- Country singers from Oklahoma in the 80's were pro-immigrant.
- This all ties into trump: him going down the escalator exploded this.

### **Non-RaR announcements**

- **Wendy:** Late breaking Palestine actions being updated in this Google doc now and every week. Bookmark this link: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SN1\\_pttt1\\_5aA3rbGeli8fRmY8zz58moTeTfqXcohl4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SN1_pttt1_5aA3rbGeli8fRmY8zz58moTeTfqXcohl4/edit?usp=sharing)
- **Upcoming meeting forum 2/15 at 5 pm: Tish James, and Erik Bottcher.**
- A new member (name??) introduced us to this meeting and here is the sign-up sheet! Thank you!  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqdu6orzouE9Mwantb47WR17v7QJHtSyjh#/registration>

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