

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 1.16.2024

Rise and Resist Contact Information

- Website: www.riseandresist.org
- Email list signup <http://eepurl.com/cCzq1X>
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/RiseandResistNY
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/RiseandResistNYC/
- Instagram: www.instagram.com/risenresistnyc/
- General email: info@riseandresist.org
- Press email: media@riseandresist.org
- Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm on Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom meeting click [here](#).

Facilitators: Stu and Jamie **Note Taker:** Alex

For non RAR announcements or to add other items to the agenda:
Email rar.facilitation@gmail.com before 3PM on Monday!

LINK TO DONATE TO RISE AND RESIST: <https://www.riseandresist.org/donate>

GOOD NEWS!

- Israeli economy is in deep trouble; tourism down; IDF decisions. This will bring pressure on the government's decision-making, and may contribute to a cease-fire.
- Peter Navarro has lost his appeal. Hopefully more.

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Thursday, January 18 - Moms For Liberty Town Hall at Bohemian Benevolent (321 E 73rd St.) Arrive at 5:30. Event starts at 7 to 9. Event organizers come earlier.

- The Benevolent is saying they regret holding the event.
- Many people are on board: Erik Bottcher, Jerry Nadler and others.
- Quite a few groups will be coming; Queer Affinity Group. Hopefully not the Punch a Nazi group.
- Signs: Moms for CENSORSHIP etc. Moms for LIBERTINES
- Ann Northrup announced it on her show.

Trump appearance at E Jean Carroll case on Monday, January 22?

- Discussion of whether we will go. Interest expressed in group.
- Further discussion will be in Actions Meeting.

Going out of business part 2, 1PM Trump Tower day after Judge Engoron Rules

- The idea is to go out again. Bring out the props.
- It won't be a closed street. And hopefully there will not be an opposition group.
- Plan to have the video ready from the first day: stills, Owen Crowley's video, material from the truck, Robert's photos. 1 minute plus.

Saturday, January 27, protest at Heritage Foundation in DC - Project 2025

- Sign up on the sheet ASAP: <https://www.stopthecoup2025.org/>
-
- The Heritage Foundation knows that we are coming, even though the HF will be closed.
- Planning meeting has been moved to Friday 7 to 9 pm. Use the same link that Jay handed out when event scheduled for Thursday.
- Center for Popular Democracy has invested a lot of money and props for this event.

Freedom Agenda. Weds Jan 24 11:30 am

- Care not criminalization rally. Hostos Community College 450 Grand Concourse in the Bronx
- They want assistance in terms of marshalling. Arrive early and stay to the end.

Glen Kirschner Event

- Rick described his connection to this event via Sunday night zooms; Patreon.
- Rick described working with him. "A mensch."
- Tons of food open bar. Ellie Mystal and Robert De Niro Lawrence O'Donneell. Lists the other people who attended.
- Lots of people who fought Jan 6 insurrection.
- We will send him our Going Out of Business video.

Elections Committee updates on NY 3.

- We may need approval from the General Meeting to vote for one of the candidates.
- We are working on postcarding within 5-6 days.
- Let Sandy know this week if you are interested in post-carding. Sandy's email: slradoff@gmail.com
- We will be going out to flyer in key Dem. areas in District 3.
- Discussion of whether we are breaking the policy of non-partisanship, something we did in our anti-IDC work.
- It was verified that 501c4's can endorse candidates.
- There was no objection to endorsing Suozzi.

Cease Fire Letters:

- Wendy: We were going to use our lit-up letters in front of the Israeli Embassy. This will be rescheduled for next week.
- If interested in being on Wendy's ceasefire discussion, email her: wendybrandes@gmail.com

REPORT BACKS

Experiences at Gaza/Ceasefire demonstrations/Ceasefire letters

- Jamie and Donna went to demonstration at Irish Famine Memorial.
 - Well attended. Speaker related Gaza to other situations where people have been starved for political reasons. Very inspiring.
 - Brendan Fay (St Patrick's) spoke about how political the Irish Potato Famine was.
 - It was freezing and there were 100 people there.
- Jon: Friday night rally in support of Palestinian theater makers who have been abducted and are missing.

- o Puppets and birds, on the steps of the Library. Several RaR members participated.
- o Gradually became a “take out Israel” event. Then pro-Israel group arrived and focused on hostages/murders. Police set up different pens – too close together.
- Virginia: I have been to a few of the actions. Is it possible to talk about the pain about rapes and hostages and also about the genocide in Gaza? There was support for her question in the chat.
- Wendy went to the Gaza march in Washington on Saturday 1/13. Here are photos: <https://www.instagram.com/p/C2Ec6YFtwNV/?igsh=c3M4eDJnd3JyNzJn>

Thursday, January 11 (closing arguments in Trump Civil Case) 8:30AM

- Quite a few RaR members took the street and did some chanting. Lots of press. The Godfather theme was played.
- NYT referenced the Godfather theme.
- Tish James there. We thanked her, she was pleased.
- We showed up, we got coverage, and we changed the message a little bit so as not to echo only Trump’s message.
- Infuriating with what trump was allowed to do.
- Invigorating and inspiring.

Thursday, January 11, Immigration Vigil 5PM at Times Square Subway Station - next Vigil January 25.

- SEEKING ASYLUM IS NOT A CRIME banner. Very good action which generated photos and conversations.
- Another opinion: we were ignored and people rushed by. Interested in going to the other part of the station. Interested in other strategies.

Climate Defiance in New Hampshire, Thursday 1/11

- Sandy: About 40 of us went up to NH including Ken Schless, and stayed overnight. There were many young people.
- Joe Manchin is doing a “listening tour” flirting with third party political run. He is invested in coal.
- Activists made considerable progress re Mountain Valley Pipeline, and Manchin undid that. Now 2billion feet of fracked methane daily.
- There were two events at a school, and another at a diner next day.
- We blocked the exits, and Manchin’s drivers had to go over the lawn. Video.
- Next day we had breakfast at diner. When Manchin came in, people made a lot of noise. And some climate defiance folks spoke with him directly.
- A lot of coverage, and best came from Fox News, surprisingly. NYT, and Michael Greenberg, head of Climate Defiance, was interviewed by ABC.
- Fox article: <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/far-left-green-activists-surround-joe-manchin-event-in-new-hampshire-just-weeks-after-white-house-invite>

Sunday’s rally for Livvie’s Ankle (1/16)

- We brought our lit letters: “HEAL LIV”; we chanted and then came in for a short visit.
- Wonderful expression of community and act full of love.

Monday, 1/16 Postcarding with RAPP

- Donna: Alvin, Wendy, Vince and others. We asked people to sign postcards to allow older people to get hearings before the Parole Board.
- We got 60 PC's signed. We will send them to Rep. ?? asking her to support 2 parole bills.
- Very successful action.
- We do not yet know when the bills will come up in the City Council.

Tuesday, 1/16 (start of part 2 of E. Jean Carroll defamation case)

- We engaged in bluff and stall and stayed positioned where we wanted to be.
- We thanked E. Jean Carrol and her attorney.
- trump came through the back door and did not stay long. We did not see him.
- Massive news coverage of our protest: Washington Post, NY Post, AP and more.

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

- A hardy band did ½ hour in the rain.
- Every week since August 26 2021.

Non-RaR announcements

- Tompkins Square Park has amazing mutual aid for migrants. Coats and gloves and warm food for people who need it.
- Everyday Ave B and 7th Street. All the time. If you have stuff bring it.
- It is getting figured out, and desperately needed.
- <https://evgrieve.com/2024/01/observations-on-growing-humanitarian.html?spref=fb&fbclid=IwAR1fMg384j5h0L68ysvP5ccfq27pMCb92eFrZ12CI3J8B4gnqCvCgKbOxhQ&m=1>

RISE AND RESIST