

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 10.10.2023

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**New process for non RAR announcements or to put other things on the agenda:**  
Use [rar.facilitation@gmail.com](mailto:rar.facilitation@gmail.com) before 3PM on Monday!

**Good News:** Gavin Newsom appoints Laphonza Butler to fill Diane Feinstein's seat in the Senate.

**Schadenfreude:** George Santos has received ten new charges for credit card fraud.

### Upcoming Actions

**Wednesday, Oct 11, 1PM-2PM INVOKE THE 14<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT outside Trump Tower**  
We will bring usual banners and signs. We will have flyers. We will continue to push out the message.

**Wednesday, Oct 11 GAG Coming Out Day Action - 6PM Stonewall**  
"Come out against guns" action.

All our communities experience higher rates of violence, esp. trans people. October is Domestic Violence Awareness month.

**Thursday, Oct 12, 8:30AM to 10 AM 60 Centre St. Trump Civil Court - NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW.**

We thought we should return periodically to the trump Civil Trial. We will be there this Thursday starting at 8:30 NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW banner, signs. We have pics of the lawyers so we can ID them. We will stay till the case starts at 10 am.

We are thinking of a **Halloween event in front of the Courthouse.**  
This will be discussed in Actions tomorrow.

**Trump Going Out of Business Sale at Trump Tower date TBD**

Julie's wonderful signs were shown in the meeting. This will be a terrific action.

### Drag Story Hour Updates

- There will be a couple of Drag Story Hour events in Brooklyn.
- The libraries don't have the resources to provide enough security, so these actions are slowing down.
- One Brooklyn event will be for teenagers and will be a makeup session. This will make the bigots crazy.
- Jamie will send out emails with more information.
- The events are likely to be by invitation from the libraries, also for security reasons.

**Supreme Court Action "SCOTUS IS SCARY" 1-3 PM Oct 28; Starts at 55 Hanson Place, Brooklyn -**

- This action will protest the supreme court size.
- Graphics: giant supreme court heads. Rude Mechanical Orchestra will be there.
- Targets: Hakeem Jeffries and Chuck Schumer. Start at Jeffries' office and head along Flatbush to Schumer's home.
- CPD, INBK are some of the co-sponsors.
- <https://www.mobilize.us/indivisiblebk/event/586189/>

**RaR voted to co-sponsor this action with a budget of \$200.**

**Local Law 97 Hearings and actions: submit testimony for October 24, a hearing to be held all day.**

Landmark legislation was passed by City Council.

- Convert all NY buildings to electric over time. 70% of carbon emissions in NYC are its buildings, and 65% of this comes from large buildings. According to the law, by 2050 all buildings must be fully electric.
- Mayor Adams has thrown a wrench in this to give to his friends on the Real Estate Board of NY (REBNY).
  - Wants to give buildings which are not in compliance even in the first stage two more years to reach compliance.
  - Wants buildings to buy renewable energy credits in lieu of making the changes. The buildings will continue to pollute.
  - Food and Water Watch, NY Communities for Change.
- Here is a guide to submitting testimony:
- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qYd-IZB\\_CeBZbvOv-an1ES6iTySrFVX0cpBTqFC4Rdg/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qYd-IZB_CeBZbvOv-an1ES6iTySrFVX0cpBTqFC4Rdg/edit)

**November 2 there will be a big rally at City Hall, probably at noon.**

- It will include CD.
- Big turnouts are important for this.

**Discussion about how we are feeling/what we are thinking about Hamas attack and Israel's declaration of war.**

- (These comments are not named. They represent different voices in the group struggling with the horrifying events.AW note.)
- Can RaR create a small affinity group to support the people in Gaza?
- As a pacifist I am very concerned about false equivalencies: "good people on both sides." Paraphrase: I moved from the idea that Israel is all good to a different place that

included awareness of how the Israelis have persecuted the Palestinian people. Very few people know about this persecution.

- At Fox this morning, people accused us of supporting Hamas. The action had nothing to do with the Middle East.
- 50% of the people in Gaza, which will now be starved of water, electricity and food are children.
- Cutting off electricity prevents the filming of atrocities.
- Mainstream media is very biased.
- I have been made to feel I was a self-hating Jew.
- Brian Lehrer had an amazing program on this today (10/10)
- I am trying to figure out what do I want to say to my senator. The press has shown no recognition of how Palestinians have been treated for years.
- Struggling. Trying to put together ideas.
- Most fraught topic. You don't have to make equivalency. What Hamas did is insane – a collective punishment Shooting 100s of people at a concert. Israel is about to commit a war crime. Murder: collective punishment. Imagine what would happen if we were punished for what George W. Bush did in Iraq.
- The slaughter is already happening now.
- We demonstrated in S. Jersey. "Violence is not the answer." BBC: survivors of the kibbutzim. A peace activist Vivien Silver talked about her work to bring people from Palestine to hospitals.
- I see no empathy to the Israelis who have been murdered. The absence of empathy makes it impossible to listen.
- Never-ending cycle, seems that it will never stop. 'Reap in anger, sow in tears.' As a Gen X'r we have heard so much atrocity since we were children that we get numbed. Asymmetrical news coverage.
- To Israel: You get the war you want. There is lots of evidence that Israeli intelligence knew.
- Horrific on both sides. Chickens coming home to roost. What is the goal of Hamas, of Israel other than a nihilistic bloodbath.
- We need to develop a clear analysis of what we want to do.
- The statement by Israel's Minister of Defense. "Human animals."
- Israel has been denying them food, electricity and water for years. Golda Meir said this: "They force us to kill their children" This is genocidal, period. The amount of money that the US gives. Palestinians are always called animals.
- Rational thought is not possible for me at this point.
- I feel very grateful for this community. In the professional program I am involved in, "psychoanalysis" is being used to silence people of Muslim origin.
- How do we move from where we are now to action?
- In my life I have moved from loving Israel to feeling ashamed of Israel. I am also troubled by the extreme hatred of Israelis. The oppressor is very close to home for those of us who are connected to Israel. Both sides are destroying each other.
- We cannot make equivalency between Israel and Hamas.
- Israel received many public and private warnings over a two year period, warnings which escalated in recent months. Netanyahu was warned by his own military, and this was covered by the news.
- This served Netanyahu's interests.
- Karl Marx has something to say that I think is relevant here: "All the chorus of calumny, which the Party of Order never fail, in their orgies of blood, to raise against their victims, only proves that the bourgeois of our days considers himself the legitimate successor to

the baron of old, who thought every weapon in his own hand fair against the plebeian, while in the hands of the plebeian a weapon of any kind constituted in itself a crime.”

- The role of British colonialism in partitioning land that was inhabited by the Palestinians.
- Resources:
  - Follow Jaquita Wilson on Facebook; follow Amy Goodman on Democracy Now.
  - Robert Hubbell and Heather Cox Richardson have never received so much hate mail for discussing the Palestinian perspective.
  - Jewish Voices for Peace
  - The Israeli human rights group B'Tselem has put out a statement that is, I think, of interest: <https://www.commondreams.org/news/btselem-israel-gaza>
  - Warnings to the Israeli administration:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kolPCxXVzIOI5Jgh-B4yTwuV5K7YjjscV0U3Z6LZkYc/edit?usp=sharing>
- Thoughts about action strategies:
  - One focus of action is that the US should rein in their military support of Israel.
  - The kids are what I would focus on. No more children should die.
  - Reduce war aid to Israel.
  - Strategy: speak to our members of congress. Hamas is not Palestine. Initiate discussion in our churches and synagogues.
  - Here's the Resistbot message I sent to my electeds today, for anyone who wants inspiration:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jz-uokFHdAdok3Px\\_iC7Mh7KtEv6F5hpkQsqE3-Bw\\_8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jz-uokFHdAdok3Px_iC7Mh7KtEv6F5hpkQsqE3-Bw_8/edit?usp=sharing)

## Report Backs

### Thursday, Oct 5, 5PM Immigration Vigil at Staten Island Ferry Terminal

- Very strange action on Sukkot. We will never do another action on Sukkot which is supposed to be a joyous holiday. Orthodox kids wanted to know if we were Jewish, they wanted us to participate. We chatted with young girls, most of whom were not American. Several people took our posters without asking, threw them on the ground and laughed and snickered.

### Friday, Oct 6, 5PM Say Their Names - every Friday at 5PM 96th & Broadway

There were six of us. We held the space.

Karin makes it possible for us to keep the lists updated.

### Saturday, Oct 7, 8AM - clinic defense at Planned Parenthood

- It did not rain or flood, but the weather cut our attendance.
- Moving picket at the church.
- Jamie had scared them from using walkie talkies.
- Bernadette, the fake escort was there. It was wet and miserable. Some of Sonny's videos of the action are on Tik Tok.

### Monday, Oct 9, 4PM we joined RAPP in tabling at Staten Island Ferry Terminal about prison reform.

- Actual conversations. Building blocks to RAPP campaign.
- Wendy, Julie, Livvie met up with Jared of RAPP.

- Very successful we got 50 people to sign pc's and some to have their pix taken. People were receptive to hearing the story.
- It was a pleasant, enjoyable action.
- Donna met three guys who had been incarcerated in NYS. One had just been released. They were supporting each other and came and talked to us.

**Weds October 18<sup>th</sup> 11 am. Rapp rally at the Adam Clayton Powell building.**

- First decarceration action we have participated in in collaboration.

**RaR voted to endorse this action.**

**Link to numerous actions related to Decarceration:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVZr\\_3K1B8V1jqPPaLPGc57wbLUZvfaRLyapBXWkx37LhIPQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVZr_3K1B8V1jqPPaLPGc57wbLUZvfaRLyapBXWkx37LhIPQ/viewform)

**Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm New Member Orientation**

ZOOM link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVZr\\_3K1B8V1jqPPaLPGc57wbLUZvfaRLyapBXWkx37LhIPQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVZr_3K1B8V1jqPPaLPGc57wbLUZvfaRLyapBXWkx37LhIPQ/viewform)

**Tuesday 10/10 Fox Truth Tuesdays every Tuesday at 12noon at 47th & 6th Ave**

- Lots of supportive people today at Fox.
- Julie was interviewed by Heidi Cuba?

**Non-RaR announcements**

**Paper Dress ball to benefit LGBTQ+ Anti-Violence project on Saturday October 14 from 7 to 10 pm** at the LGBTQ Center on 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Charge \$10.

A fun event!

**Rick: Stop Trump Summit at Cooper Union, Weds 10/11, goes all day.**

- Lots of well known speakers
- Tickets \$25, online stream is free

<https://newrepublic.com/article/176059/stop-trump-summit-brave-never-trump-republicans>

**Indivisible Newsletter by Wendy:**

<https://mailchi.mp/5038fb3d5230/where-to-get-news-on-israel-and-palestine>

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