



Jews and Climate Justice: Building a United Front

DATE:

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

TIME:

10:00 AM EDT (New York, USA) | 14:00 UTC (optional support group after)

REGISTER:

[Register here](#) for Zoom workshop

LANGUAGES:

In English, interpreted into Hebrew and Spanish

ONLINE WORKSHOP

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Jews have a long history of bold action for justice. To help to create a sustainable future, we Jews must build alliances with all people. However, the long history of anti-Semitism, racism, and genocides against many peoples has damaged and divided us. We need to understand and heal from the damage to build the relationships we need for a powerful, united movement to sustain all life. In this workshop, we will invite you to:

- ★ Gain perspective about the particular role that anti-Semitism has played in dividing progressive movements
- ★ Share your story as a Jew working for climate justice
- ★ Practice paired listening tools for alliance building with all peoples
- ★ Learn the approaches used by Sustaining All Life and United to End Racism to heal from the damage of oppression, increase our effectiveness in the climate justice movement, and prevent burnout



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It is possible to limit the effects of human-caused climate change and restore the environment—and some big changes are needed if this is to happen. Sustaining All Life (SAL) and United to End Racism (UER) believe the environmental crisis cannot be resolved without ending racism, genocide of Indigenous peoples, classism, sexism, and other oppressions. The impact of environmental destruction and climate change falls most heavily on the groups targeted by these oppressions, and on other vulnerable populations (including populations of people who are elderly, disabled and very young).

To build a movement powerful enough to resolve the climate crisis, SAL and UER believe that the following barriers must be overcome: (1) longstanding divisions between nations and between groups of people caused by oppression (especially by racism, genocide of Indigenous people, and classism), (2) widespread feelings of discouragement and powerlessness, (3) a too-slow response to the escalating damage to the earth's climate, (4) difficulties in effectively addressing the connections between the environmental crisis and the failures of our economic system.

We have found that these barriers are most quickly overcome as people heal from the mental and emotional harm caused by oppression. SAL and UER events provide opportunities for people to take turns listening to each other while encouraging emotional release. We become better able to think, speak out, organize, unite, and lead others in building a sustainable world.

SAL and UER are projects of and use the tools of Re-evaluation Counseling, which currently exists in 95 countries.

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