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T'ruah To Establish West Bank Settlement

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Federal Hall in New York City, site of George Washington's Inauguration and first home of Congress. Photo by [Hu Totya](#) via Wikimedia Commons.

In Reciprocal Diplomatic Move, Bibi Declares New York City to Be Official Capital of United States

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Upcoming Events

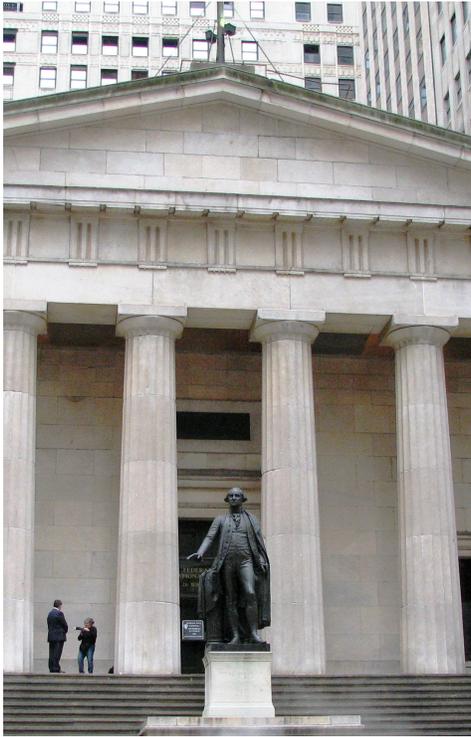
Thursday, March 1, 7:20am: Blockade of Sleepy's Mattress Store on Broadway to Protest the cancellation of the DREAM act. No one will dream unless everyone can dream!

Thursday, March 1, 8:15am: Protest to make T'ruah office a Citi-bike location.

Thursday, March 1, 10:30am: Rally to support [Beyond Sushi](#) for offering vegans a place to eat.

Thursday, March 1, 10:30am: Counter-protest at Beyond Sushi for those who think vegan sushi is bull\$%!.

Thursday, March 1, 12:00pm: March to



of Israel and also maybe New Jersey

Ending months of speculation today, the Israeli Cabinet voted unanimously to recognize New York City as the capital of the United States of America. "A great wrong has been righted," declared Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, "While the city of New York is a holy city for the three great world religions of banking, finance and financial services, it is high time we recognize that it is also the historical and modern capital of the United States of America."

Speaking in front of a banner emblazoned with the words, 'A Capital Idea,' Netanyahu rejected the suggestion that Israel's declaration had anything to do with the recent decision by the Trump Administration to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital. "New York City was the official capital of the United States for five glorious years from 1785 to 1790," Netanyahu said, denying any notion of a quid pro quo or any other Latin term, "And I think we can all agree those were the most successful years in the history of the American Republic."

A White House statement called the President "pleased" with Israel's decision and promised to "do other stuff that the guy in Israel wants" as a result of the move. Citizens of Washington, D.C. seemed resigned to the change. "I mean, that only makes sense," said Thomas Wilkes, a ticket taker at the Washington Monument, "I think we all knew the move from New York was temporary. We've had a pretty good run after all." New Yorkers, meanwhile, seem nonplussed by the announcement. "Are you telling me there are going to be more [expletive deleted] tourists around?" said one man, who declined to be [expletive deleted] identified. Told it probably would mean that, the man made a gesture with his hands that seemed to indicate a polite end to the conversation.

In a related story, Brooklyn announced today that the borough was moving its embassy in Israel to Emek Refaim. Informed that Brooklyn did not have an embassy in Israel or any other foreign nation, the president of the local food co-op gave a look that conveyed deep sadness for the reporter's lack of understanding.

eliminate Starbucks' Zombie Frappaccino

Thursday, March 1, 12:15pm: March to eliminate Starbucks' Unicorn Frappaccino

Thursday, March 1, 12:30pm: Meeting with Starbucks executives to develop a Purim themed "Yiddeshe Cup" (see War on Purim, below)

Thursday, March 1, 4:00pm: Downtime. (Optional: Protest against downtime, for those with too much *spilkes* to sit still.)

Thursday, March 1, 5:30pm: The Revolution.

Thursday, March 1, 6:00pm: If The Revolution is unsuccessful, dinner.

Thursday, March 1, 7:00pm: Vigil outside police precinct where leaders of The Revolution are being held.

Thursday, March 1, 9:00pm "War On Purim" Organizing Meeting: Concerned about the rising effort in our secularizing culture to destroy the true meaning of Purim, T'ruah announces the formation of a Rabbinic Action Strikeforce to battle those who would undermine our most holiest of holy days. The Strikeforce will employ social media, unsocial media and all manner of Star Wars references to ensure that, unlike Hatach, Purim is never allowed to be neutered. Location: A top secret facility on the Upper West Side, to be shared upon RSVP.

Visit the T'ruah website for upcoming events on March 2 and beyond, or consult your Protestr app.

Get Involved

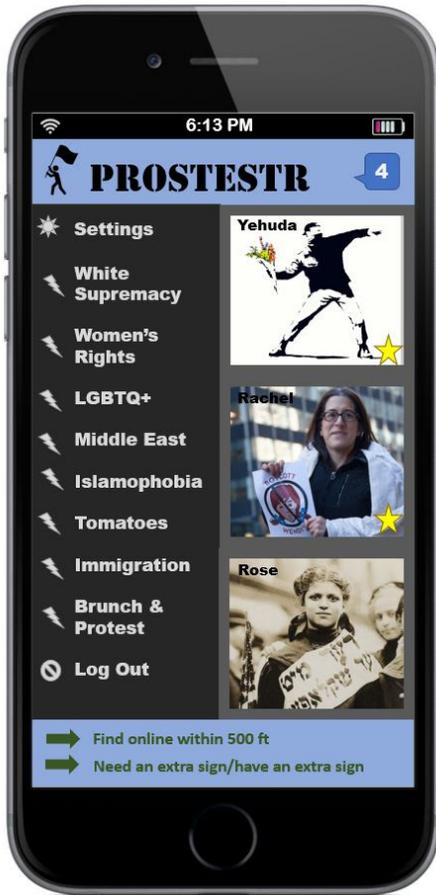
If you're a rabbi or cantor, start a T'ruah regional cluster to help you bring more meetings to your community. Because justice-minded rabbis aren't busy



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Swiping the Resistance: Bringing Israeli Start-Up



Wisdom to the Front Lines

You may think of Israeli high tech's "Start-up Nation" as focusing on agriculture or social media, but the newest app coming from the holy land will connect you to compatible rallies, protests, and vigils. The new "Protestr" app lets you swipe right or left on local activism, letting you quickly and easily find your issue, your preferred protest mode, and your local cohort of compatible protesters for planning, protesting, and brunching, no matter where you are. "We're really excited about Protestr," says Brooklyn activist Jenny Tamako-Rosenthal, who lives with 6 roommates in Bed-Stuy and works at three entry-level positions in finance, media, and Human Resources for three different companies, "it's always a bummer to show up at a protest and realize that everyone I know went to a different protest, or to realize that everyone there is 30 years older than I am, or that I'm surrounded by people who voted independent. Protestr takes the guesswork out of deciding!"

enough as it is. If you're not a rabbi or cantor, count your blessings. [Start here.](#)

The T'ruah Purim Newsletter is gleefully brought to you by Rabbis Marisa James, Ethan Linden, Lev Meirowitz Nelson, and Bill Plevan. Also the letter P and the number 7.

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If you can't beat 'em, join 'em



"So you're the guys from T'ruah, huh? Nice to meet you, welcome to the neighborhood. It's beautiful country; I think you're going to have a swell time here." (Photo by US Army Master Sergeant Bob Haskell, public domain)

T'ruah announced this week that it is breaking ground on a settlement in the West Bank. "It's simply become too difficult for us to protect Palestinian villages from home demolitions and settler attacks," says Itamar Veritan, Israel Sunbathing Programs Manager, "We thought it might be easier to protect Palestinians who come to live in a Jewish settlement." The settlement will also serve as the basecamp for the T'ruah Year-in-Israel Program, offering rabbinical and cantorial students a chance to experience the occupation firsthand by perpetuating it. "It might sound crazy, but Israel is crazy, so anything is worth trying," says Rabbi Ian Cheeser-Teran, Dairy Educator in Israel. "Netanyahu would love to swap us progressive Jews and make us citizens of a future Palestine anyway, so we figured we may as well just self-deport."

[Click here to vote on the name of the new settlement.](#)

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T'ruah Tips for Getting



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Through Israeli Security at the Airport

To make it through security, you will need to bring supporting documentation to assure them you are not there to cause any trouble. You must bring documents totaling six (6) points.

Point values for some common documents:

- ◆ A valid US passport = 3 points
- ◆ Your parents' ketubah = 2 points
- ◆ A letter from your childhood rabbi = 3 points
- ◆ A letter from your 3rd grade Hebrew School teacher = 2 points
- ◆ A letter from the Israeli medic from your Israel summer or Birthright trip = 4 points
- ◆ Pictures of your great-grandparents and the names of the villages they were from = 2 points
- ◆ An old Koby Oz tape = 1 point
- ◆ Registration receipt from the last AIPAC conference = 6 points

A few tips for your interview with airport security:

Q: Where did you learn Hebrew?
A: Christian Zionist Youth Camp.

Q: Why are you visiting the country?
A: I was inspired by Tzipi Hotovely.

Q: Do you plan to engage in any protests?
A: Only against leftist traitors!

Q: Have you ever heard of T'ruah?
A: Only on Rosh Hashanah!

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New Human Rights For Rabbis Tour will bring #RabbiTomatoworkers to synagogues and Jewish nonprofits across the nation

Now that the tomato-picking farmworkers of Immokalee have won their campaign for human rights in the Florida fields, they're turning their attention to another group in need of more humane work conditions: rabbis. As farm worker Maria Diaz says, "As we got to know more rabbis, we became very concerned about how frail and pale they seemed." Growing concern that the rabbis spend endless hours doing repetitive work on devices in windowless offices, with no exercise, and while

chronically over-caffeinated has led the farmworkers to plan a tour this fall to recruit college students to protest at synagogues for healthier conditions and a 40-hour work week. "We didn't realize how bad it was until the #TomatoRabbis arrived and we realized they had never even seen a tomato," says Fernando Reyes, who will lead this new CIW campaign.

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What's the T'ruah Staff Reading?

A bi-monthly, bi-curious peak into the reading life of our dedicated team

Destroying Capitalism in Three Easy Steps

Great Male Rabbis in Jewish History

Sliced and Diced: How Tomatoes Changed Human History for the Worse

Fifty Shades Darker: Safe Words for Social Justice

The Soros Plan: Executive Summary (Draft Version)

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New T'ruah Liturgy

As part of our ongoing project of making Shabbat services longer, the T'ruah Liturgy Committee offers this new *Mi Sheberach for the Affordable Care Act*, available in Hebrew and English.

Stay tuned for a *Mi Sheberach* for the United States Constitution, due out in advance of Memorial Day.



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