



Two Years of Rabbis for Ceasefire

Overview

Rabbis for Ceasefire (R4C) began in October 2023 as an ad-hoc group of 80 Rabbis and Rabbinical students across political affiliations and denominations. In that moment of great moral reckoning, we began speaking out with one voice to fulfill the most sacred obligation in Jewish tradition *Pikuach nefesh*: Saving a life.

Now with over 400 members, R4C makes a unique, accountable, and impactful contribution in the Palestinian freedom movement, in our attempt to save lives, end Israel's siege of Gaza, realize an arms embargo, and ensure a future for Palestinians on their land. We collaborate with the broad Jewish Left ecosystem and multiracial, interfaith coalitions to practice a Judaism we can be proud of and secure for future generations. R4C creates space for our communities to be with our horror, outrage, grief, shame, and fear while speaking spiritual and political truth, forging pathways for teshuvah, sacred repair and transformation.

Select Accomplishments

Since our founding, we:

- **Built a rabbinic coalition we never thought possible**
 - We have grown to over 400 members from across political affiliations and denominations and have engaged over 800 Jewish clergy to take action to address the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.
- **Played a key role in convening Jewish Left and multifaith coalitions**
 - Eight Jewish organizations are flexing our collective power by coordinating our work for Palestinian freedom, against political repression and American Jewish communal silence on the genocide.
 - For two years, the Interfaith Action for Palestine has mobilized against the Christians United for Israel.
- **Raised almost \$1 million for Gaza.**
 - Since our founding, we have led efforts to raise almost \$1 million for the the Palestine Emergency Fund and the Gaza Soup Kitchen.
- **Initiated strategic, broad-based campaigns and actions**
 - Took leadership in mobilizing over 500 rabbis and Jewish celebrities to print an ad in the New York Times saying: Jewish People Say No To Ethnic Cleansing in February 2024
 - Initiated the Jews for Food Aid for People in Gaza campaign in May 2025 that has been signed by 27,000 Jewish people, 820 Jewish clergy, and over 100 Jewish organizations. The campaign has spurred Jewish clergy into public protests and acts of civil disobedience in NYC, Boston, Chicago, Bay Area, Los Angeles, and the DC office of Senate Republican Majority Leader John Thune's office where 27 Jewish clergy were arrested.
- **Garnered extensive press coverage & social media presence**
 - In outlets such as the New York Times, TIME, Al Jazeera, The Nation, NPR, Ha'aretz, and more.
 - We now have over 64K followers on Instagram, as large as long-existing organizations.



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Select Accomplishments, cont.

- **Collaborated on dozens of direct actions, rituals, spiritual, and educational offerings**
 - Led a delegation of U.S. and Israeli rabbis, with Israeli Jewish activists, to mark Passover 2024 by attempting to bring food into Gaza through the Erez Crossing.
 - Hosted 27-hour Global Shavuot Teach-Ins with 25 co-sponsors, 50 presenters, and 1100 registrants.
 - Organized and distributed a directory of inclusive, values-aligned high holiday services. In 2025, this included 86 communities listed from 4 countries, and 25 U.S. States.
 - Organized a mass public Yizkor ritual of remembrance, refusal, and recommitment on Yom Kippur. In 2025, Yizkor was followed by the Avodah and Neilah services, and a civil disobedience with over 1500 people in-person and 15,000 online.

Looking Ahead

We pray that the current ceasefire endures. Whatever happens, **there continues to be a critical role for rabbis and Jewish clergy to play in Jewish communities:**

- **Organizing for freedom for all people between the river and the sea;** supporting the political aspirations of Palestinian people and ensuring a future for them on their land; insisting that food and medical aid reaches every corner of Gaza abundantly and consistently; pressuring Israel to end its apartheid policies in the West Bank and Gaza; and holding Israel accountable for the war crimes they committed in Gaza and in the West Bank including supporting ongoing arms embargo to prevent Israel from returning to genocidal violence and ethnic cleansing.
- **Building a life-affirming, liberatory Judaism** to scaffold ethical lives, make meaning, mark time, and to be in relationship with our tradition and ancestors and to pass on to future generations.

Be a part of Rabbis for Ceasefire

Rabbis for Ceasefire has two full-time organizing staff, a part-time operations manager, and a very part-time student rabbi organizing fellow. To continue taking sustained action and playing our part in building liberatory Judaism, we need support from our broader community. This funding will allow us to continue to lead and serve the broader Jewish community and take strategic action toward our political goals. **If Rabbis for Ceasefire has been meaningful to you, please contribute today.**

Donate here: <https://givebutter.com/R4C> or be in touch about other ways to give: info@rabbis4ceasefire.com

