

What is a Tkhine?

Tkhines are collections of prayers which were historically written in Yiddish by Jewish women & gender non conforming people (who weren't taught Hebrew or Aramaic) as an act of engaging in spirituality & making Judaism more relevant & accessible to their lives. They often focused on home, family & other elements of care work neglected by institutional Judaism. Making little books outside of the mainstream media as a radical act of sharing wisdom & information? Sounds like a zine to us!!

Who are we?

We are queer, disabled, anarchist Jews dealing with our grief & our outrage the way we know how - blessings as calls to action, art making as ritual.



Tkhines FOR A FREE PALESTINE

WORKING IN YIDDISH

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba b'alma di-v'ra

chirutei, v'yamlich malchutei b'chayeichon

uvyomeichon uvchayei d'chol beit yisrael, ba'agala

uyizman kariv, v'im'ru: "amen."

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'varach l'alam ul'almei almay.

Yitbarach v'yishtabach, v'yitpa'ar v'yitromam

v'yitnaseh, v'yithadar v'yit'aleh v'yit'halal

sh'mei d'kud'sha, b'rich hu,

l'eila min-kol-birchata v'shirata, tushb'chata

v'nechemata da'amiran b'alma,

v'im'ru: "amen." Y'hei shlama raba

min-sh'maya v'chayim aleinu

v'al-kol-yisrael, v'im'ru: "amen."

Oseh shalom bimromav,

hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu

v'al kol-yisrael, v'imru: "amen."

Tkhine for wearing a mask to a Protest

May we do what we can to keep ourselves and each other safe—
from covid, and from state surveillance.

We refuse to say some lives matter less than others.

Not Palestinians living under occupation,
not Disabled people sacrificed to a false idea of "normalcy"
in a continuing global pandemic.

We refuse to make it easier for the state to track our movements
through facial recognition technology.

We wear our masks as an act of resistance.

We wear our masks as an act
of love.

Tkhine for Honoring OUR ANCESTORS

May we find STRENGTH in knowing that there have been people fighting long before we were here and there will be people fighting long after we are gone

Rabbi Aharon Shemuel Tamaras

Lesile Feinberg

Shatzki Weisberger the People's Bulb

92 yr old dyke saying
FIGHT LIKE HELL
+ LOVE EACH OTHER HARDER

Accounts to follow

- ← @motazaaraj
- ← @majdi_fathi
- ← @meera.albaba
- @ahmedalhenawi1
- @wizarb_bisan1
- @motaz_azaiza
- @byplestia
- @mahmoudabuzaiter



Tkhine for Interrupting ANTISEMITISM and ISLAMAPHOBIA

Judaism, a vibrantly alive people, religion, and culture, is not the same as Israel, a state, violent and corrupt, as all states are. Palestinians are not barbarians, animals, or "children of darkness". Jewish people should not be held responsible for the actions of the genocidal Israeli government. Palestinian people should not be held to a standard of respectability in order to be seen as legitimate or worthy of compassion. Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Arab racism all uphold white supremacy. We will confront them relentlessly, and at the root.

AMEN

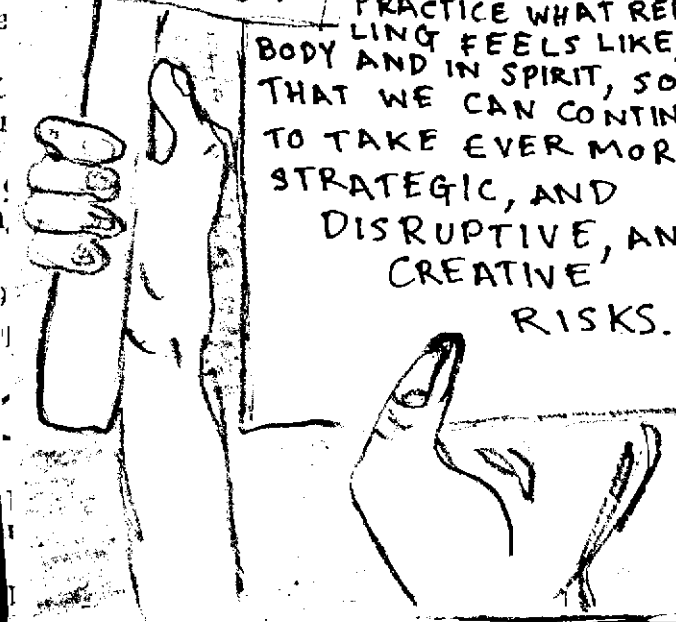
TkHine for talking to
Zionist family members

MAY WE have the clarity to push back against propoganda and misinformation, the patience to engage, firmly & compassionately with those who are forging a path back to their humanity, dismantling entire world views as they do so. And the strength to draw lines in the sand with those who are not, knowing that there is community to catch us if we must cut people off. May we reimagine safety & community & home so beautifully

the whole world will want to join us

TKHINE FOR DIRECT ACTION

MAY WE PUT OUR BODIES ON THE LINE IN WAYS THAT ARE STRATEGIC, AND CREATIVE, AND DISRUPTIVE AS WELL. MAY WE PRACTICE WHAT REBEL- LING FEELS LIKE, IN THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO TAKE EVER MORE STRATEGIC, AND DISRUPTIVE, AND CREATIVE RISKS.



When the wailer calls out

ven dep Kloger roft

[G-d] You don't shame a broken heart. You witness pain from the one who laments And when the wailer calls out, you listen closely.

Shas tkhine Rav Peninim. Tekhine Teshuva, Tefila, Tsedukah. Published 1986 in NYC by the Hebrew Publishing Company

A tsebrokhen harts tustu nisht farshemem
Du zest di payn fun di vos yomern
Un ven der kloger ruft tustu im derheren



Professional mourners in the cemetery of Nemirov during Elul.

א צובראָען האַרץ טוסטו נישט פאַרשעמען
דו זעסט די פּיין פֿון די וואָס יאָמערן
און ווען דער קלאַגער רופֿט טוסטו אים דערהערען

Tkhine for collective liberation

AS JEWISH PEOPLE, MAY WE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE IN PALESTINE NOT BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH OCCUPATION AND GENOCIDE, BUT BECAUSE WE WANT THERE TO BE NO OCCUPATION AND NO GENOCIDE.

MAY WE SHOW UP AS JEWS NOT TO CENTER OURSELVES IN THIS STRUGGLE,

BUT TO RECOGNIZE THAT JEWISH SAFETY IS BOUND UP IN PALESTINIAN SAFETY. JEWISH FREEDOM IN PALESTINIAN FREEDOM. JEWISH LIBERATION IN PALESTINIAN LIBERATION.

MAY WE FIGHT NOT OUT OF CHARITY, OR PITY, OR GUILT, BUT OUT OF SOLIDARITY.

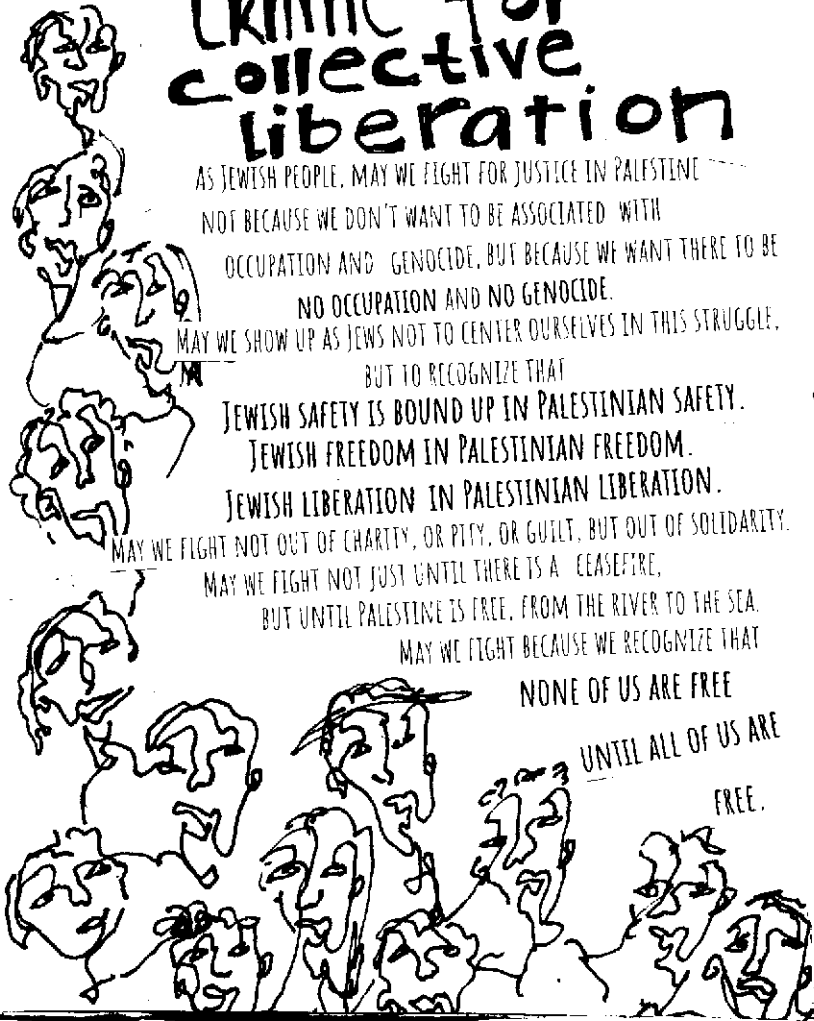
MAY WE FIGHT NOT JUST UNTIL THERE IS A CEASEFIRE,

BUT UNTIL PALESTINE IS FREE, FROM THE RIVER TO THE SEA.

MAY WE FIGHT BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE THAT

NONE OF US ARE FREE

UNTIL ALL OF US ARE FREE.

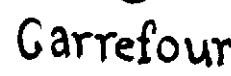
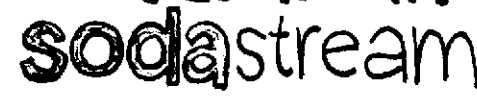
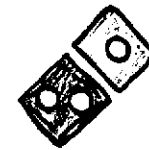


Tkhine for BDS

May We put our MONEY ^{of collective actions} ^{cott}

Where our MOUTH is and answer the call to BOYCOTT companies complicit in

APARTHEID



Tkhine for Amplifying Palestinian Voices

Thank you to Palestinians speaking truth to power, showing us daily what resilience, and bravery look like. May we help them to share their stories so that the world will be unable to look away, so that WE will be unable to look away. May we honor not only Palestinian pain, but also Palestinian joy, literature, art, and culture. Thank you to the Palestinians who do not owe us perfect words or displays of suffering to be worthy of our attention, but who nonetheless teach us that hope in action looks like never giving up on fighting for the people, the land, the world you love.

