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.

Yitgadal v’yitkadash sh’mei raba b’alma di-v’ra chirutei, v’yamlich malchutei b’chayeichon uvyomeichon uvechaye’i d’chol beit yisrael, ba’agala uvyizman kariv, v’im ru: “amen.

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


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.

Accounts to follow:
@motazaaraj
@majdi_fathi
@meera_albaba
@ahmedalhenawi1
@wizard_bisan1
@motaz_azaiza
@byplestia
@mahmoudabuzaiter

Tkhine for Interrupting Antisemitism and Islamophobia

Leviticus 19:33
You shall not oppress a stranger, but shall love each one as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

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
When the caller calls out,
you deeply long for rest.

And when the caller calls out,
the one who laments
is torn by a broken heart.

You witness pain from
the one who laments
in the depths of your heart.

For if you don't shamed
the broken heart of the one who laments
in the depths of your heart,
you will listen closely.

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Tkhine for BDS

May we put our MONEY ... and answer the call to BOYCOTT companies complicit in ... APARTHEID

None of us are free

Burger King

Axa

Pizza Hut

Siemens

Puma

AHAVA

Carrefour

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.

Palestine will never die