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A Brief History of the Jewish Left, Dissent, & Building to a World Without Zionism

A Developing List

Welcome! This was made in collaboration and with the suggestions of other Jewish antizionists in the hopes of creating an accessible and user friendly source for Jews and non-Jews alike to learn about the history of radical Jewish organizing, resistance, dissent, and working towards a future without Zionism.

With the millions of dollars poured into the dissolution of the Jewish left and the countless methods of genocide enacted onto Jews by fascists, much of this history has been hidden, destroyed, or turned into a profit for Zionist and philosemitic “authors” on the blood and backs of the Jewish left.

As an important note, the inclusion of the below sources does not mean a full endorsement of the messages included or the authors mentioned. We tried to steer completely clear of any Zionist authors, publications, and books as much as possible. However, with the scarcity of some of these documents due to the aforementioned reasons, there may not have been many alternative sources to turn to. Below you will find a form to suggest alternative sources if you (the reader) know of one!

It is important to engage with these materials critically as history does not exist in a vacuum. We do not agree with everything we listed here, but it is important to read with what you don’t agree with and to analyze what didn’t work to develop a stronger praxis in addition to a deeper understanding of interpersonal or interorganizational conflicts in an effort to not replicate them.

This is again, a developing list, meaning that this is not a means of sharing the entirety of Jewish radical history and there is no intention to. However, we would like to include as much as possible here.

This is a community resource that seeks to unite the beauty of our resistance across our Diaspora and to give access to that history. Therefore, a google form was created for any requests, suggestions, complaints, or recommendations. While this is again, **NOT** a master list, it is important that it is effective. To access the form: **[Click Here](#)**.

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- [New Jewish Agenda's Story](#)
- [Our Most Beautiful Children: Communist Contests and Poetry for Immigrant Jewish Youth in Popular Front France](#)
- [Sam Nahem](#)
- [The Egyptian and the Roots of Neutralism in the Pre-Nasserite Era](#)
 - This article is [NOT](#) about the Jewish left but briefly mentions the role of the Egyptian Jewish left and their role in the revolution.
 - **Supplementary Article:** [Remembering History: The Egyptian Discourse on the Role of Jews in the Communist Movements](#)
- [The Positive Side of Stereotypes: Jewish Anarchists in Early-Twentieth-Century Buenos Aires](#)
- [WHEN JEWISH WIVES BEEFED WITH BUTCHERS AND CHANGED THE WORLD](#)

[Books](#)

- Jewish Materialism: The Intellectual Revolution of the 1870s by Rabbi Eliyahu Stern

- Jewish Organizations' Response to Communism and to Senator McCarthy by Aviva Weingarten
- National-Cultural Autonomy and 'Neutralism': Vladimir Medem's Marxist Analysis of the National Question, 1903-19201
- On Being a Jewish Feminist by Susannah Heschel
- Reform or Revolution and Other Writings by Rosa Luxemburg
- Revolutionary Yiddishland: A History of Jewish Radicalism by Alain Brossat (Author), Sylvie Klingberg (Author), David Fernbach (Translator)
- The Role of the Jews in the Russian Revolutionary Movement by Leonard Schapiro
- The Sultan's Communists: Moroccan Jews and the Politics of Belonging by Alma Rachel Heckman

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 -  Yiddish Glory: Yom Kippur Without Fascists
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 -  The Bund -- Jewish Democratic Socialism (Marvin Zuckerman at YIV...
 -   Abraham Serfaty: Morocco's Mandela | Al Jazeera World

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- [Mizrahi Jews Speak in Support of the CA Ethnic Studies Curriculum](#)
- [NY Bund's Statement on Palestine February 1948](#)
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- [On Zionism](#)
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- [Schappes on Zionism and Imperialism](#)
- [The Barbarism from Within—Discourses about Fascism Amongst Iraqi and Iraqi-Jewish Communists, 1942-1955](#)
- [The Forgotten History of the Jewish, Anti-Zionist Left](#)
- [The Jews and Peron: Communal Politics and National Identity In Peronist Argentina, 1946-1955](#)
- [The Jewish Fedayeen: An Interview with William Nassar](#)
- [The Jewish Question by Abram Leon](#)
- [When Anti-Zionism Was Jewish: Jewish Racial Subjectivity and the Anti-Imperialist Literary Left from the Great Depression to the Cold War](#)


Books

- Days of Awe: Reimagining Jewishness in Solidarity with Palestinians by Atalia Omer
- For Our Freedom and Yours: Jewish Labour Bund in Poland 1939-1949 by Daniel Blatman
- Ghariba Bani "Fath": Forty Years in the Labyrinth of Fatahawiya by William Nassar

غريبة بني "فتح": أربعون عاماً في مناهة فتحاوية نصار، وليم

- This book is currently only found in Arabic. We are looking for an English translation.
- If I Am Not For Myself: Journey of an Anti-Zionist Jew by Mike Marqusee
- Jewish Labor Bund 1897-1957
- Parting Ways: Jewishness and the Critique of Zionism by Judith Butler
- The Right of Nations to Self-Determination by Rosa Luxemburg
- To See The Dawn (Baku 1920): First Congress of the Peoples East
 - This book is NOT entirely about Zionism/Anti-Zionism but holds key conversations from pages 282-291:
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- The centuries-old history of Jewish “puppet master” conspiracy theories

- Why the 'Protocols of the Elders of Zion' is still pushed by anti-Semites
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- **Report:** International Jewish Antizionist Network (IJAN) Business of Backlash
- On Evangelical Christofascist & Zionist Antisemitism
 - Progressives Can't Ignore Role of Christian Zionism in Colonization of Palestine
 - Prominent Christian Zionist Posts Antisemitic Conspiracy Theory
 - **Report:** Evangelical Attitudes Toward Israel Research Study
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 - The Problem With the 'Judeo-Christian Tradition'
 - **Supplementary Article:** There is No "Judeo-Christianity"

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 - **In Spanish:** Yo, judía argelina, no he olvidado los crímenes coloniales de Francia
- Mossad secret operations for forced displacement of the Jews of Iraq When Cohen Spoke
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- (Re)producing the Israeli (European) Body: Zionism, Anti-Black Racism and the Depo-Provera Affair
- Sephardim in Israel: Zionism from the Standpoint of Its Jewish Victims
- The Invention of the Mizrahim
- What Happened To The Yemenite Children? We're Still Waiting On An Answer
- Why is the Left Silent on the Kidnapping of Mizrahi Children
- Zionism and Oriental Jews: Dialectic of Exploitation and Co-optation

- [Zionist Campaign Drives Black Jewish Activist Out of UK's Labour Party](#)
- [Zionist Eugenics, Mixed Marriage, and the Creation of a 'New Jewish Type'](#)

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- When We Were Arabs: A Jewish Family's Forgotten History by Massoud Hayoun
- New Babylonians: A History of Jews in Modern Iraq

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- [!\[\]\(cf5be311f7b2821912d8009884508fa2_img.jpg\) The Protest Literature of Mizrahi Writers](#)
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- [OUR HISTORY OF POPULAR RESISTANCE: PALESTINE READING LIST](#)
- [The Forgotten-isms: An Arab American Women's Perspective on Zionism, Racism, and Sexism](#)
- [Why the Jewish National Fund](#)
- [Women War & Peace: Reflection From the Intifada](#)
- [Zionism and Imperialism: The Historical Origins](#)
- [ZIONIST QUOTES RE RACISM AND PALESTINIAN GENOCIDE](#)

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- Justice for Some: Law and the Question of Palestine by Noura Erakat

- Mornings in Jenin by Susan Abulhawa
- My People Shall Live by Leila Khaled
- Strategy for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)
- The Hundred Years' War on Palestine by Rashid I. Khalidi
- The Question of Palestine by Edward Said
- Works of Ghassan Kanafani
 - 1936-39 Revolt in Palestine
 - Men In the Sun
 - On Zionist Literature
 - **Supplementary Article: The Revolutionary as Critic: Ghassan Kanafani's On Zionist Literature**
- Zionism from The Standpoint of Its Victims by Edward Said

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 - [Tell Your Tale Little Bird \(English Subtitles\)](#)
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- Responding to Antisemitism
- Reunderstanding Jewish Historical Trauma: Moving From the River to the Watershed

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- Johann Trollmann and Romani Resistance to the Nazis by Jud Nirenberg
- Powers Of Diaspora: Two Essays On The Relevance Of Jewish Culture by Jonathan and Daniel Boyarin
- The Holocaust Industry: Reflections on the Exploitation of Jewish Suffering by Norman Finkelstein
 - **Supplementary Article:** Expanding Our Understanding of The Holocaust Industry
- The Politics of Memory: The Journey of a Holocaust Historian by Raul Hillberg
- Winter Time: Memoirs of a German Sinto who Survived Auschwitz by Walter Stanoski Winter
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- The Holocaust: A Mizrahi Perspective
- The Rise and Fall of the Jewish Labor Bund
- 'Well, How Can You be Jewish and European?' Indian-Jewish Experiences in the Toronto Jewish Community and the Creation of Congregation Bina
- What I Wish Other Jews Knew About Romani Jews
 - **Supplementary Article:** Dear Gadjo (non-Romani) Scholars...
- What We Did: How the Jewish Communist Left Failed the Palestinian Cause
- Why a new program aiming to fight anti-Zionism among Reform Jews is bound to fail

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- Stalin's Forgotten Zion Birobidzhan and the Making of a Soviet Jewish Homeland by Robert Weinberg (Author), Bradley Berman (Editor), Zvi Gitelman (Introduction)
- The Price of Whiteness by Eric Goldstein
- The History of White People by Nell Irvin Painter
- The Palestine Communist Party, 1919-1948 Book by Mūsá Budayrī

- **Supplementary Book:** Comrades and Enemies: Arab and Jewish Workers in Palestine, 1906-1948
- Whites, Jews, and Us: Toward a Politics of Revolutionary Love by Houria Bouteldja
 - **Supplementary Article:** The Price of Living Together


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- Combines protest joins BLM, Palestine, LGBTQ, Jewish solidarity and Armenian movements in Ann Arbor
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- Alexander Berkman (Anarchist)
- Amrita Sher-Gil (Painter & Activist)
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- Aviah Sarah Day (Activist)
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- Ben Reitman (Anarchist)
- Brenda Senders (Partisan)
- Claude Cahun (Photographer & Activist for LGBTQ+ Liberation)
- David Edelstadt (1891 editor of the Yiddish anarchist newspaper Fraye Arbeter Shtime)
- Edward Levy (Member of the founding committee of the Egyptian Jewish Anti-zionist League)
- Edward Mataloun (Member of the founding committee of the Egyptian Jewish Anti-zionist League)
- Emma Goldman (Anarchist)
- Enrique Oltuski (Revolutionary)
- Eve Adams (Lesbian Anarchist for LGBTQ+ Liberation)
- Ezra Harari (Founding Secretary of the Jewish Anti-Zionist League/Founded the internal Jewish anti-zionist group called “The Forum Group” in the Egyptian Communist Democratic Movement for National Liberation)
- Faye Schulman (Partisan)
- Fernando Gerassi (Resistance during the Spanish Civil War)
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- Hal Draper (Trotskyist)
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- Hillel Schwartz (Marxist/Founder of the Iskra ('al-Sharara') party)

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