



THE INTERSECTION

The Finger Lakes Justice Partnership Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Freedom in Our Lifetime: Black Liberation Can't Wait! Monday, January 26, 6 p.m., Trinity Place (78 Castle Street, Geneva).

People across the Finger Lakes have been mounting a vibrant fightback movement against the Trump administration's racist, billionaire agenda. As we broaden and deepen our movements in 2026, we draw strength from the history of struggle that precedes us. The Black liberation struggle, the heart of the revolutionary struggle in the United States historically and today, shows us that even in the face of overwhelming oppression, the seeds of revolution are always present. Prepare for a new year of struggle with Eugene Puryear, journalist, author, activist, and host on Breakthrough News! Eugene will be speaking at stops across Upstate NY this January as part of our tour: "Freedom in our Lifetime: Black Liberation Can't Wait!" From the Underground Railroad to the Niagara Movement, Fredrick Douglass' North Star to the Attica Uprising, the struggle for Black liberation teaches us how to fight for a future beyond the exploitative logic of profit and plunder.

"Freedom in our Lifetime: Black Liberation Can't Wait!" is a call to action! The future remains unwritten, and it is ours to shape, armed with the lessons of those who dared to resist and the vision of a liberated world. Mark your calendars!

From the FLX to MPLS: Rally to Stop ICE and CBP Terror, Monday, January 26, 5 p.m., City Hall (47 Castle St., Geneva NY).

All out for an emergency rally on Monday to demand justice for Alex Pretti and an end to CBP and ICE's reign of terror across the U.S. and here in the Finger Lakes!

We draw strength from the brave people of Minnesota who have come together as neighbors, protected their communities, and organized the first U.S. General Strike in eighty years. Minnesota has shown the country that there is power in numbers! Join us to help build the people-power we need to defend our immigrant neighbors across the Finger Lakes! Like the people of Minnesota, we will not stop mobilizing and protesting against ICE and Border Patrol. We will continue to stand with and support our immigrant neighbors until ICE is abolished. Sponsored by the Geneva Women's Assembly, Finger Lakes Rapid Response, Party for Socialism and Liberation-FLX.

TAKE ACTION

The Trump regime continues its siege of Minneapolis. Immigrant individuals and families are unable to leave home to work, shop or attend school for fear of being violently kidnapped and detained, which can happen even if they are in compliance with US immigration law. In response, Minneapolis residents have developed a robust support system that provides critical resources to immigrant families, including food and free food delivery, legal aid, trainings, rent support, mutual aid, and fundraisers. They all require donations to provide these vital services. For those out of state who would like to help, please visit [Ways to Support Minnesota's Immigrant Communities as ICE Activity Escalates](https://www.waysupportminnesota.org/immigrant-communities-as-ice-activity-escalates) and explore the many opportunities to give direct, meaningful aid to immigrant families in Minneapolis. <https://tinyurl.com/4jxj5227>

Take action to support our own NYS immigrant friends, neighbors and co-workers from Trump's vicious mass deportation agenda. NYS must invest \$175M in immigration legal services and pass the Access to Representation Act (A270/S141) and Building Up Immigrant Legal Defense Act (A2689/S4538) to stand up for immigrant families in the face of Trump's mass deportation crackdown. To add your voice to the call for strengthened and expanded legal services for immigrant families and unaccompanied children, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/5n85meys>

TUESDAYS FOR PALESTINE KEEP EYES ON GAZA



📍 Geneva NY

Tuesdays at 5

Corner of Castle and Exchange

GOOD NEWS

After Trump withdrew the U.S. from membership in the World Health Organization (WHO), Gov Newsom made California the first state to become a member, calling Trump's action a "reckless decision." The U.S. has been part of WHO for more than 80 years.

Despite subzero temps on Friday, thousands of protesters rallied against the ongoing ICE invasion of Minnesota, as hundreds of businesses also closed their doors. Across the U.S., protesters gathered at more than 300 other locations in solidarity.

Americans commemorated the anniversary of Trump's inauguration with about 450 Free America Walkouts nationwide to highlight the escalating fascist threat his regime represents.

MEDIA RECOMMENDATIONS

"Epstein Continues to Explain Everything About Trump." Amanda Marcotte, Salon. This piece is useful for the way it counters the self-defeating narrative that any story about Trump is a distraction from any other one; with Trump, it's all connected, and it's all important. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/5hewn8xh>

"Trump is Something Worse Than a Fascist." Heather Digby Parton, Salon. The word for him is "tyrant" - let's all get familiar with what it really means. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/3znxz935>

"In the U.S., Hidden Hunger Still Leaves Scars on Body and Mind." Karen Brown, NPR. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/3ttc542j>

"The Death of John Henry: The H-2 Visa in the Robotic Future." Bill Ong Hing, ImmProf Blog. On the intersection between immigration, AI, and labor. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/3wfc724>

ABOLISH ICE

Written By Anne Kiefer,

From the driver seat of her car Renee Good says brightly, "That's fine, Dude, I'm not mad at you," to ICE agent Jonathan Ross as he circles her car filming with his cell phone.

After the chaos of the next minute, after Ross has shot Good three times point blank, his own video captures his muttered, "Fuckin' bitch," and her vehicle careening uncontrolled down the street, crashing finally into a row of parked cars.

On January 7, an immigration enforcement action on Portland Ave, Minneapolis, escalated abruptly when ICE agents encountered Renee Good in her parked car, partially blocking the roadway. The ensuing confrontation ended with Agent Ross shooting Good to death in front of her wife. There is ample media coverage of the event online, including multiple video recordings. Those recordings and witness testimony indicate that at the time she was shot Good was trying to move her car away from the agents accosting her. Her killing was bookended by her casual comment and his expletive-amplified slur.

The agents who showed up on Portland Ave January 7 were aggressive, callous, and disorganized. After the shooting, agents refused to let a physician aid Good. They failed to move their cars to allow emergency personnel clear passage to Good. Paramedics were forced to walk stretcherless to Good's demolished car, and then to carry her body by her limbs back to the ambulance, evoking desperate battlefield recovery scenes. (Recall Trump's September speech describing Democratic-led American cities like Minneapolis as potential "training grounds for our military" to fight a "war from within.")

The Trump administration rushed out a response intended not to console the family of the deceased, or to reassure Americans of an investigation and accountability, but to disparage a victim of ICE brutality. Administration officials, including Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem and Vice President JD Vance, blamed Good for her own death, accused her baselessly of weaponizing her car, and labeled her a domestic terrorist, a "deranged leftist." They continue to deny what is evident in the videos and fabricate their preferred account. Trump lied nonsensically on social media and to New York Times reporters that the agent was run over.

The administration has pledged unqualified support for Good's killer. Currently, the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ) refuses to investigate her death, contrary to the department's typical reaction to allegations of excessive force by law enforcement. Instead the DOJ is targeting Becca Good, Renee's widow, and Minnesota Democratic officials for retaliatory criminal investigation. Noem has surged even more ICE agents to bully a defiant Minneapolis. Trump is threatening the Insurrection Act. Civil rights violations, physical assaults, and chaotic arrests of targeted individuals, observers, even those stumbling unaware into enforcement actions, are rampant. Trump and Republicans are fully invested in their 'come for the signing bonus, stay for the mayhem' enforcers paid for by funds they cut from Medicaid and SNAP.

ICE is an out-of-control artifact of America's historical trauma. Trump and Republicans have further debased it, proving its 'Protect America' mission was always a pretext to execute their white nationalist deportation agenda now underway. ICE is now a brutish, undertrained paramilitary. Masked agents kidnap, injure and kill without accountability as Vance extols their "absolute immunity." Ice is irredeemable. Noem should resign or be impeached. ICE should be abolished.



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OTHER EVENTS-ROCHESTER

The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, minister, civil rights leader, and social justice advocate, will be the keynote speaker at the Univ of Rochester's 25th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Address on Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Frederick Douglass Commons Feldman Ballroom on the River Campus and on livestream. Rev. Barber is founder of Repairers of the Breach, co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign, and the founding director of the Center for Public Theology & Public Policy at Yale Divinity School. To register for in person tickets or to view the livestream, visit: events.rochester.edu/event/mlk-address-2026

FREEDOM IN OUR LIFETIME: BLACK LIBERATION CAN'T WAIT!

JAN. 23, ROCHESTER—6:00PM
TWO SAINTS, 17 S. FITZHUGH ST.

JAN. 24, BUFFALO—3:00PM
JFK REC CENTER, 114 HICKORY ST.

JAN. 25, ALFRED—11:00AM
ALFRED STATE, ROOM 310, SLC
10 UPPER COLLEGE DR.

JAN. 26, GENEVA—6:00PM
TRINITY PLACE, 78 CASTLE ST.

JAN. 27, ITHACA—6:00PM
ST. JAMES A.M.E ZION CHURCH
116 CLEVELAND AVE.

JAN. 28, SYRACUSE—7:00PM
CAFE SANKOFA, 2323 S. SALINA ST.

JAN. 29, ALBANY—6:00PM
THE ALICE MOORE BACC
135 SOUTH PEARL ST.

JAN. 30, NEWBURG—6:00PM
RITZ LOBBY @ SAFE HARBORS
107 BROADWAY

UPSTATE NEW YORK

SPEAKING TOUR
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REPORT ILLEGAL ALIENS

IT'S THE LAW!

If you would like to report illegal aliens, please call Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). They will need to know names, locations (either work place or residence), and any other specific information you can provide.

For more information, please visit
www.ice.gov

Local Republican officials are posting calls for residents to report on and denounce each other. This is a practice that materially damages public safety and community cohesion by returning us to the worst days of paranoia and neighbor-on-neighbor violence from the middle of the past century. If you think enough is enough and want to help us hold local officials accountable, please get in touch now!

OUR MISSION

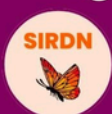
The Finger Lakes Justice Partnership will help weave together the efforts of the region's diverse justice-seeking individuals, organizations, and institutions. Rooted in the humble knowledge that we are continually learning, we will seek to coordinate resources and knowledge, respond to acts of injustice, and raise awareness around local threats and opportunities. Through advocacy for members of historically marginalized groups of all kinds, we will help move the Finger Lakes away from passive acquiescence to injustice, and toward an active embrace of anti-racism, community-building, mutual aid, and understanding.

FUNDRAISER

WE STAND WITH IMMIGRANT WORKERS!



URGENT NEED FOR CATO RAID AFTERMATH SUPPORT



The Finger Lakes Rapid Response Network has launched a GoFundMe fundraiser (<https://tinyurl.com/yexa2rwf>) to support the 60 individuals detained during the Cato Raid at the Nutrition Bar factory several weeks ago.

The impact of this raid on families in Fulton and Auburn is devastating. Individuals were rapidly moved to detention centers in Texas, Louisiana, and California, constitutional rights were ignored, and people were scared and continue to live in fear as they grieve their loved ones being snatched away from their own children, from our beloved communities.

We ask you please to donate what you can and share with your networks. Please feel free to donate as you are able and spread far and wide! If you'd like a tax letter for a larger donation, please send checks directly to Trinity Place, 78 East Castle Street, Geneva, NY, and we will send you a letter for tax record purposes; kindly make a note in the notes section to specify that the donation is for Cato aftermath support.

PYAC COMMUNITY READ

THE LEMON TREE (Young Readers' ed.)

by Sandy Tolan

"In 1967, a twenty-five-year-old refugee named Bashir Khairi traveled from the Palestinian hill town of Ramallah to Ramla, Israel, with a goal: to see the beloved stone house with the lemon tree in its backyard that he and his family had been forced to leave ... When he arrived, he was greeted by one of its new residents: Dalia Eshkenazi Landau, a nineteen-year-old Israeli college student whose family had fled Europe following the Holocaust. She had lived in that house since she was eleven months old.

"On the stoop of this shared house, Dalia and Bashir began a surprising friendship..."



Copies available
at Long's Cards &
Books

SAVE THE DATES

Friday, March 6 - Book Discussion

Friday, March 13 - All about author Sandy Tolan

Friday, March 20 - Viewing of "No Other Land"

All sessions held at 6 pm at St. Mark's
Church in Penn Yan



Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) for Justice and Peace Workshop Series 2026

on Transforming Power, Trauma Resiliency, Liberation from Oppression, and Consensus of Conscience

**March 10 - 15, 2026 Rochester Folk Art Guild
1445 Upper Hill Rd, Middlesex, NY 14507
(585) 554-3539**

This interactive, experiential workshop is for adults and teens actively engaged in justice and peace work and experimenting with inward guidance, whatever name you use: Transforming Power, Living Spirit, God, the Divine, love and conscience, or other. Together, we test discernment for personal and social transformation as we create just, peaceful lives, homes, communities, and societies.

The training begins with the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) Basic workshop on power, so newcomers to AVP are welcome. It continues with tools for trauma resiliency, liberation from transgenerational patterns of oppression, and discerning a consensus of conscience. Evenings are used for studio time to share experiences, explore applications, and collaborate on actions.

Please arrive to join the first session at 2pm on March 10 through 12pm on March 15.

Rochester Airport, Rochester Amtrak Station, and Rochester or Geneva bus stations pick up at 12:00pm on 3/10 and drop off 1:00pm on 3/15.

Meals:	\$100	<i>for simple meals, Tue lunch to Sun lunch, done together</i>
Snacks:		<i>bring your own snacks and preferred foods</i>
Lodging:	\$500 - 150 for five nights in shared rooms to the Guild (\$350 break even)	
Commuter:	\$100 - 50 for five days	<i>to the Guild</i>
Activities:	\$360 - 0 optional to Friends Peace Teams - CJP (\$75 break even)	
Total:	\$960 - 250 for residential OR \$200 - 150 for commuters	

Register by 3/1/26



An alcohol and drug-free gathering. Pay as you're able. Feel free to give more to support the Guild or Friends Peace Teams AVP-CJP to support others. Do not stay away because of cost. A few home stays or private rooms may be available. Call Nadine at 607-587-9111.