

For 80 years, the JLC has served as the bridge linking the Jewish community and organized labor in a shared desire for economic and social justice.

You can be a part of this historic tradition of working together to advance social and economic justice, and to help create a better future for all.

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Linking the Jewish Community and the Labor Movement



JLCers marching in support of supermarket and grocery workers in California

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JLC's Partnership with Labor

Founded in 1934 by Jewish leaders of trade union and Jewish organizations, the Jewish Labor Committee serves as the voice of the Jewish community in the labor movement, and the voice of the labor movement in the Jewish community. The JLC is an active support organization that mobilizes union members and others on behalf of a wide range of issues of shared concern to the Jewish community and labor.

Working closely with national and local Jewish agencies and the national labor movement, affiliated unions, and local labor leaders, the JLC advances a shared social and economic agenda for the benefit of all people in our society. At the same time, the JLC is influential within organized labor to garner the support of America's working families for Jewish communal concerns.

The JLC's presence is keenly felt in rallies, demonstrations, picket lines, organizing campaigns, contract disputes, corporate campaigns and other union-sponsored events and activities. JLC members work on behalf of labor causes in ways that unions are often unable to do for themselves.

Wherever union members find themselves attacked or besieged, the JLC is there for them. The JLC-Jewish-Labor partnership is a strong, vital relationship that benefits all workers and their families.

A National Reach

Membership in the JLC is open to Jewish and non-Jewish individuals and affiliated organizations who share an interest in supporting social justice, opposing bigotry and prejudice, and defending workers' rights. The JLC is a secular, grassroots organization with chapters across the U.S., which engage in local activities for union members, their families and communities. Local JLC chapters plan and implement their own programs within national policy guidelines.



JLC on the scene at mass protests in Madison, WI, against the Governor's attempt to eviscerate collective bargaining rights of public employees

Two Dynamic Communities

The Jewish and labor communities share much in common, including a fundamental dedication to public democracy, social and economic justice and a deep commitment to human and workers' rights. From protecting civil rights to advocating for quality health care and affordable housing for all, we share a vision of a fair, just, secure and decent society.

The JLC serves as the vehicle through which these two dynamic communities work together. Most the JLC obtains the support of Jewish communal organizations in defense of workers' rights. As one leader in the Jewish community put it, "The JLC helps to remind us of our tradition, our roots and our values."

To that end, the JLC sponsors many programs that focus the attention of the labor movement and the general public on Jewish values and issues of concern to Jews in the United States and around the world. The

Jewish community and Israel have no greater friend than the American labor movement. The JLC exists to ensure that those bonds of friendship remain active and dynamic.

Labor Support Activities

The JLC's activities in support of working men and women take many forms. We work to secure the endorsement for labor issues from such bodies as the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, the umbrella organization of 15 national and 125 local Jewish community relations agencies. Over the years, the JLC has been in the forefront of labor's battles on such issues as striker replacement, the Davis-Bacon Act, protecting the Occupational Safety and Health Act, increasing the minimum wage,



Philadelphia JLC on picket line outside Verizon Store with employees protesting proposed loss of overtime pay, benefits, pensions, and holidays including Veteran's Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Jewish Labor Committee members opposing resolution to divest from Israel Bonds at Somerville MA Aldermen Legislative Matters Committee

advocating for family and medical leave and improving public education.

As a powerful voice in the community for labor, the JLC has earned the respect and appreciation of union members and their families throughout the United States and the world.

JLC Support for Jewish community Issues

The JLC's activities in support of the Jewish community have been recognized by leading national Jewish organizations. With a long history of involvement in Jewish life in America, the JLC plays a unique role in communities around the country.

The JLC is an active member of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and local Jewish Community Relations Councils.

In addition, the JLC has close ties with the Jewish

Federations of North America and many local Jewish community federations, Jewish community relations councils and a range of other Jewish agencies.

At a time of increasing outreach by groups and individuals who are hostile to Israel, the JLC rallies the support of organized labor and others to stand with the State and people of Israel, and oppose anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions calls. These are just a few of the many ways in which the JLC serves the Jewish community. As a powerful voice in organized labor for Jewish concerns, the JLC has earned the respect of Jewish organizations and their members throughout the U.S. and the world.

You're Invited to Join the JLC!

For nearly eight decades, the JLC has joined with unions and union members in their battle for dignity and fair treatment. You can be a part of this historic tradition of working together to advance social and economic justice, and help create a better future for all. You can join the outreach to the millions of families who are union members and all of the allied organizations and groups which support the labor movement. If you share our concerns for workers' and human rights, in standing up for union workers, in fighting for social justice and fair economic policies, you belong in the JLC. Individual dues are only \$40 a year. By joining the JLC, you will be part of a progressive, community-oriented organization that will make your voice heard on behalf of justice and human rights.

Send the attached membership form today and join the Jewish Labor Committee!

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Enclosed is a check for my/our membership in the JLC.

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