

Jewish-Indigenous Solidarity and the River Run 2016

May 29th 2pm-3:30pm

First Narayever Congregation

187 Brunswick Ave, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2M4

This workshop aims to raise awareness about indigenous struggles, foster grassroots support for Grassy Narrows First Nations, and encourage workshop participants to support the River Run initiative in 2016 and beyond. We will introduce Grassy Narrows as an inspiring example of a community resisting colonial injustices, and contextualize their struggle within historical and global issues.

In specifically outreaching to the Jewish community, this workshop will seek to address some of the wider questions of Jewish social justice, and tikkun olam, healing the world.

The workshop will be interactive and engaging. We will begin by sharing a short film to introduce Grassy Narrows, and we will look at some popular indigenous solidarity terminology. We will move into a timeline exercise that will challenge participants to expand their understand of colonization and resistance throughout history. We will present an overview of the River Run history, and invite workshop participants to join in the River Run 2016 gatherings.

RSVPs are appreciated. Please call 647-302-8785 or email to Emily.Green380@gmail.com, and let us know how many are coming.

This is a free workshop. Donations for the River Run are welcome.

*Please note: ALL ARE WELCOME! You don't need to be a Narayever member to attend --please tell your friends!

About the Facilitators

Sterling Stutz is a queer jew from Toronto. They are a community-organizer, childcare worker and full-time student at York University. Sterling is studying health and environmental studies, and working towards becoming fluent in French. They grew up attending regular services & hebrew school at Kol Ami synagogue, in Thornhill. Currently, they attend Grassroots Shabbat dinners and occasional Rosh Chodesh gatherings. They love learning new things about Judaism, especially regarding Judaism's connections to social justice.

Emily Green is a queer Jewish activist living in the Annex. She bartends, and works in the kitchen of a refugee shelter. She can be seen most Tuesdays at the Nareyver helping distribute local, organic vegetables with the Everdale CSA work-trade. Emily helps to organize a monthly Shabbat potluck series called Grassroots Shabbat, and

helps to coordinate Rosh Chodesh gatherings. Emily visited the Grassy Narrows First Nations community in 2013 when she co-led a delegation with the Christian Peacemaker Teams' Indigenous Solidarity Team, and she has been committed to solidarity with this community since; this is her second time organizing with the River Run initiative.