Resisting Authoritarianism:
A Workshop About PROJECT ESTHER

Sunday, October 4, 9:30 am to 10:45 am.

Unitarian Universalist Society 1187 Franklin, S.F./TSK Room

Doors open at 9 am for a light breakfast

In person or on Zoom

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What is Project Esther?

Project Esther is the plan the Trump administration uses to attack immigrant rights, free speech, and climate justice. And they say the plan protects Jews.

Overview:

At this workshop, you will get information that you won't see in the mainstream media. Find out how the Trump administration is using Jews as an excuse to violate constitutional rights and push deeper into an authoritarian regime.

The Project Esther playbook is being rolled out against all kinds of groups the white Christian nationalists brand as ideological enemies. In September 2025, the White House issued a policy statement that outlines its intention to target any group it deems anti-American, anti-capitalist, anti-Christian, and hostile to traditional American views on family.

This workshop will help you and your community understand – and fight! – the many injustices that are taking over this country.

What is covered in the presentation?

- Defining authoritarianism and democratic backsliding
- Unpacking the dangerous rhetoric of the Project Esther plan
- How Project Esther tactics are used to attack immigration, climate, voting rights, and other progressive initiatives
- Defining Christian Nationalism
- How to resist the slide into authoritarianism that is intensifying every day in the U.S.

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What is IfNotNow?

We are a movement of U.S. Jews organizing our community to end U.S. support for Israel's apartheid system and demand equality, justice, and a thriving future for all Palestinians and Israelis.

The only true safety is shared safety. The only durable freedom is freedom for all. If first they come for one and the rest of us fail to stand up, any of us could be next. Our best shot at withstanding the attacks on our communities is linking arms and not letting go. Every life is a universe.