



## Returning to Right Relationship:

### Indigenous Solidarity Workshop with Jews on Ohlone Land

October 4, 2022 | 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

#### **Teshuvah: Relational Repair**

A central piece of the work that we do during Yom Kippur is 'teshuvah' (relational repair), an active practice that includes self reflection and action, looking at what is needed in order to 'return' to or move towards right relationship with ourselves, each other, and the earth.

Approaching this Jewish new year, Wilderness Torah invites you to reflect with us on our relationship with the land and Indigenous people. As we dream into the Center for Earth-Based Judaism and our ancestors' connection with land, we are also reckoning with being a predominately settler community wanting to steward land on the unceded territories of the Coastal Miwok and Southern Pomo people.

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As Jewish people, it is part of our tradition to wrestle with deep questions as a community. Join us in a workshop with [Jews on Ohlone Land \(JOOL\)](#) to begin asking some of these questions together:

- What does it mean for us as Jews\* to live on and steward stolen Indigenous lands?
- How do we contend with the brutal colonization that has taken place on these lands and continues today?
- What does it mean to move toward right relationship with the Indigenous peoples of the places where we are guests?
- What acts of 'Teshuvah' are needed in order to begin to build relationships of integrity with local Indigenous communities?
- How can we draw on Jewish teachings, values, lineages, histories to inform our action in support of Indigenous sovereignty?

\*We recognize that many Jews are of mixed heritages including Indigenous to this continent. This workshop will primarily focus on the responsibility of Jewish people who are partially or fully of settler descent and not Indigenous to this continent.



[Watch the video of Wilderness Torah's Logistics Manager, Leora Cockrell, explaining why this event is an important part of in the cultural repair work we are doing together as a Wilderness Torah community.](#)

These are huge and complex questions that we need to grapple with, not only as an organization, but as a broader Jewish community. We are inspired to come together in the holy time right before Yom Kippur, for an immersive community workshop hosted by [Jews On Ohlone Land](#) (JOOL) in order to wrestle with what *teshuvah* means in this context and how to take action in support of Indigenous sovereignty.

### About JOOL

JOOL is an all-volunteer, intergenerational collective that activates Jewish communities in solidarity with [Sogorea Te' Land Trust](#). Living as whole people in diaspora, fully present on Lisjan Ohlone land and deeply rooting in our own ancestral ways and teachings, JOOL is building beloved Jewish community in alignment with this place and Indigenous people.

### Workshop Schedule:

- 10:00 am Opening Circle
- 10:30 am -12:30pm Morning Session: Sacred Land, Sacred Time, Circle of Story, Finding our Place
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch (will be provided)
- 1:30- 4:30 in Afternoon Session: Digging In, Truth Telling, Teshuvah Action, Closing Circle

### Location

The workshop will be located outside of Sebastopol in west Sonoma County (on the same site where our Yom Kippur program is happening).

### Cost

This workshop costs \$65. This is a separate workshop that is not included with the regular Yom Kippur registration ticket. To learn more and register for Yom Kippur, visit [wildernesstorah.org/yom-kippur](http://wildernesstorah.org/yom-kippur).

Wilderness Torah will be making a contribution of Shuami (Land-Tax) to [Sogorea Te' Land Trust](#) on Lisjan (Ohlone) lands in the East bay as well as [Heron Shadow](#) in Sonoma County.

*“Through the practices of rematriation, cultural revitalization, and land restoration, Sogorea Te' calls on Native and non-native peoples to heal and transform the legacies of colonization, genocide, and patriarchy and to do the work our ancestors and future generations are calling us to do.”*

*-[Sogorea Te' Land Trust. Led by Urban Indigenous Women in Huchiun](#)*

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