

Jews For Racial and Economic Justice (JFREJ) and its political action arm, The Jewish Vote, are frequently cited as representatives of the liberal New York Jewish community. However, JFREJ and its extremist policies are rejected by huge swaths of New York Jews. Citing JFREJ as proof of Jewish attitudes on any issue is tokenism and should be avoided.

Here are 10 things you should know:

1. JFREJ is Tiny

- JFREJ claims a membership of [4,500 New Yorkers](#). This represents less than half of one percent of New York City's [960,000](#) Jews.

2. JFREJ is Fringe

- [According](#) to the Anti-Defamation League, JFREJ “isn’t representative in any way of the majority of the Jewish community.”

3. Politicizes Antisemitism

- JFREJ [opposed](#) the New York City Council’s passage of resolution number [487](#), a bill whose only impact was to recognize End Jew Hatred Day in the City of New York. Only two of the council’s 51 members voted against the resolution.



Screen shot from JFREJ's Facebook page, May 2024

4. Received Public Funds from a Member

- While serving on the city council, Brad Lander, a member of JFREJ, funneled [tens of thousands of dollars from taxpayers](#) to fund the organization.

5. Seeks to Abolish Prisons and the Police

- JFREJ has [frequently called](#) to defund the police, and [states](#) that, “We are ultimately organizing to abolish the NYPD.” [According to](#) JFREJ, “#AbolishICE must mean Abolish Prisons and Abolish Police.”

6. Unconcerned with Safety

- JFREJ [opposed](#) increasing funding in 2024 for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, a government initiative that supports physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack, such as synagogues, Jewish community centers and schools.

7. Weaponizes Health Matters

- JFREJ exploits concerns about COVID to [oppose](#) legislation that would make it illegal to wear a mask to conceal one’s identity while committing a crime.

8. Disrupts Civic Life

- JFREJ has [repeatedly blocked traffic](#) on New York’s roadways, causing [disruptions](#) to emergency services, increased risk of accidents, and potential harm to public safety and the economy.

9. Opposes Defense Aid for Israeli Civilians

- On the night of October 7th, 2023, while rockets were falling on Israeli cities and Hamas terrorists were inside of Israel, JFREJ [mobilized](#) to end defense aid to Israel.

10. Minimizes Concerns about Antisemitism

- Despite recent violent attacks on Jews all over the country, JFREJ claims politicians are using antisemitism as a “[political cudgel](#).”

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