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# 0. Introduction: Rekindling the Bundist Flame

We live in extreme times. The contradictions of the capitalist world order have deepened to a point of crisis. Neoliberalism, imperialism, and unchecked exploitation have produced a global system where wealth inequality, climate catastrophe, militarism, and social breakdown are the norm. The era of endless wars, extreme wealth concentration, and the erosion of democratic spaces has intensified the suffering of billions across the globe. In the face of these crises, resistance is rising—but so too are the reactionary forces of fascism, white supremacy, and authoritarianism

The geopolitical landscape is marked by multiple imperialist wars, proxy conflicts, and occupations that serve the interests of capital. In West Asia, the Zionist project continues to dispossess the Palestinian people, while the alliance between Israel and reactionary regimes like India's Hindutva state strengthens. In Europe and the Americas, the far-right gains momentum by manipulating economic anxiety and inflaming nationalist fervor, pitting the oppressed against each other. Across the globe, climate collapse is both driven by and exacerbating these crises, disproportionately affecting the poorest and most marginalized communities.

This moment is one of profound contradiction: the very system that is destroying the world offers no solutions to the problems it creates. In this context, the need for revolutionary socialism has never been more urgent, and within this struggle, the Jewish Labor Bund holds a critical place. The Bundist tradition—rooted in anticapitalism, anti-imperialism, and Jewish liberation—must rise again, armed with both its historical lessons and a vision for a just, socialist future.

# A Brief History of the Bundist Socialist Movement

The Jewish Labor Bund was born in 1897 in the Russian Empire, a product of the intense class struggles of the time. As Jewish workers faced brutal exploitation in the factories, along with the violent oppression of Tsarist autocracy and antisemitism, the Bund emerged as the organizational vehicle for their liberation. The Bund was not just a labor movement; it was a revolutionary force that sought to unite the Jewish working class in Eastern Europe with the broader socialist struggle.

From its inception, the Bund committed itself to **doikayt** (here-ness)—the idea that Jewish liberation must be fought for where Jews live, within the broader movements for socialism in their respective countries. Rejecting both assimilationist tendencies and Zionist calls for a Jewish state, the Bundists believed that the liberation of Jews was inseparable from the liberation of all oppressed peoples. They advocated for **yiddishkayt**, celebrating and preserving Jewish culture, particularly Yiddish, as a key component of their revolutionary identity. Their third pillar was **sotsializm**—the conviction that the only path to Jewish freedom was through the dismantling of capitalism and the construction of a socialist society.

The Bund played a crucial role in the Russian Revolution and the broader socialist movements of Eastern Europe, often at odds with Bolsheviks over questions of Jewish autonomy and culture. Throughout the early 20th century, Bundists fought courageously in labor strikes, revolutionary movements, and the struggle against antisemitism. But it was during the rise of fascism and the Nazi occupation of Europe that the Bund's heroism became legendary. The Bund was one of the key forces of Jewish resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and other acts of defiance against the Holocaust.

However, after the devastation of the Second World War and the near-extermination of European Jewry, the Bund was weakened. Many of its surviving members emigrated to the United States and Israel, where they faced new political challenges. In Israel, Bundists were marginalized by the hegemonic Zionist movement, while in the United States, many Bundist groups gradually drifted toward social democracy and reformism.

# Radical Bundism vs. Reformist Social Democracy

As the postwar world settled into the Cold War, the once-revolutionary Bundist movement found itself at a crossroads. While some comrades attempted to maintain the radical flame of the Bund, much of the movement succumbed to reformist tendencies. In the U.S., for example, Bundist groups aligned themselves with social-democratic politics, participating in trade unions and electoral politics but often losing sight of the Bund's revolutionary socialist goals.

This drift toward reformism marked a significant departure from the original **proletarian and prophetic** radicalism of Bundism. The radical Bundism of the early 20th century understood the inseparability of Jewish liberation from the struggle against capitalism. It was steeped in the prophetic traditions of justice—rooted in the ancient Jewish ethos of speaking truth to power and siding with the oppressed—and

proletarian internationalism, which called for solidarity across ethnic and national lines in the global class struggle.

This radical Bundism, we argue, must be reclaimed in our time. Reformist social-democratic politics, whether in Israel, the U.S., or elsewhere, have failed to address the root causes of exploitation and oppression. They have instead offered piecemeal reforms that leave the underlying structures of capitalism and imperialism intact. In the face of mounting global crises, we must return to the revolutionary heart of Bundism—a heart that beats for justice, solidarity, and the overthrow of the capitalist system.

#### The Core Principles of Bundism: Doikayt, Yiddishkayt, and Sotsializm

At its core, the Bundist movement is built on three pillars: **doikayt**, **yiddishkayt**, and **sotsializm**. These principles remain as relevant today as ever, offering both a critique of contemporary struggles and a framework for revolutionary action.

- Doikayt: This principle rejects the Zionist notion that Jewish liberation
  requires a separate state. Instead, it asserts that Jewish people must fight for
  their liberation in the places where they live, alongside their neighbors and
  comrades in struggle. Doikayt is a rejection of exile and nationalism alike—it
  is a call to build socialism in the here and now, rooted in local struggles for
  justice.
- Yiddishkayt: Bundism celebrates the richness of Jewish culture, particularly the languages, traditions, and histories of Jewish communities in the diaspora. Yiddishkayt stands in opposition to the artificial "Hebrew culture" promoted by Zionism, which seeks to erase the diverse and often revolutionary traditions of Jewish life in favor of a nationalist project. To fight for Yiddishkayt is to fight for the cultural autonomy and dignity of Jewish people, and to resist the erasure of Jewish history by both Zionist and antisemitic forces.
- Sotsializm: Finally, Bundism is committed to the revolutionary overthrow of
  capitalism. Jewish liberation is impossible under a capitalist system that
  thrives on exploitation, inequality, and division. The struggle for Jewish
  freedom must be part of a broader socialist movement that seeks to abolish
  class hierarchies, private property, and the imperialist world order.

#### The Bund Today: Scattered but Not Defeated

Today, Bundists are scattered across the globe. There are various small groups, often isolated from one another, and individual comrades who identify with the Bundist tradition but remain disconnected from a larger movement. This isolation has weakened our capacity to act as a cohesive force in the world. However, in this moment of global crisis and renewed interest in revolutionary politics—especially among young Jewish radicals—there is an opportunity to rebuild the Bund.

We have seen a revival of interest in Bundism, particularly among Gen-Z Jews who are rediscovering their cultural roots and revolutionary traditions. This new generation, less burdened by the sectarian infighting of previous eras, is ready to embrace the radical and revolutionary ideas of the Bund. But to realize this potential, we must overcome the fragmentation that plagues our movement. We must unite Bundists across the world, creating structures of solidarity, coordination, and action that can channel our collective energy into meaningful political struggle.

The Jewish Labor Bund has a long and proud history, and it is time to write its next chapter. Our world today is in desperate need of the revolutionary ideas and practices that the Bund represents. By standing together, rooted in the principles of doikayt, yiddishkayt, and sotsializm, we can rekindle the Bundist flame and make it burn brighter than ever before.

# 1. Too Many Bunds

In recent years, Bundism has experienced a remarkable revival among a new generation of Jewish radicals, particularly within Gen Z. This resurgence is marked by the emergence of several Bundist groupuscules, each drawing inspiration from the rich history of the Jewish Labor Bund, while also adapting it to contemporary struggles. Many young Jews are rediscovering the radical socialism of their forebears, and several individuals have already begun to identify as Bundists—fascinated by the movement's commitment to Jewish culture, anti-Zionism, and revolutionary socialism.

This growing interest in Bundism is part of a broader trend among Gen Z: a reengagement with revolutionary traditions, coupled with a newfound curiosity for Jewish heritage. Across the Jewish diaspora, we are witnessing the revival of Yiddish and Ladino, languages that carry with them the histories of Jewish communities once flourishing across Eastern Europe and the Middle East. This generation of radicals recognizes that their political commitments are not only forward-looking but also rooted in the historical struggles of Jewish workers and their vibrant diasporic cultures.

What makes this new generation distinct is its pragmatism and willingness to explore revolutionary ideas from different traditions without being bogged down by the traditional sectarianism and infighting that plagued earlier leftist movements. They are more open to dialogue, more flexible in their tactics, and, crucially, less rigid in their views on the role of secularism and religion in revolutionary politics. In the process, Jewish Gen Z activists have found innovative ways to blend their political and spiritual lives, rediscovering the prophetic revolutionary potential within Jewish traditions. By incorporating ancient rituals and beliefs into their radical praxis, these young Jews are channeling a profound historical force that has always existed in the prophetic traditions of Judaism—one that calls for justice, liberation, and resistance against oppression.

#### **Challenges of Fragmentation**

Yet, this new wave of interest in Bundism is not without its challenges. Despite the growing number of individuals and small groups who identify as Bundists, the movement remains highly fragmented. As with many radical movements in the digital age, much of the current Bundist activity takes place online, where organizing is decentralized and scattered across social media platforms, blogs, and informal networks. While online spaces offer a crucial platform for discourse and organizing, they also come with limitations. The lack of cohesive structures and in-person organizing has prevented these disparate groups from building the kind of solidarity and coordination necessary for sustained political action.

This is not a problem unique to Bundism. Communist comrades have similarly lamented that "there are too many online communist parties, and too few offline communists." The same is true for the Bund today: there are too many fragmented online discussions, but not enough concerted efforts to organize on the ground.

# The Need for Unity in Diversity

To realize the full potential of this Bundist revival, we must find ways to unite the many factions of the movement. This is not simply a matter of consolidating these different groups under one banner; it is about finding a way to harmonize the diversity

of thought and practice that already exists within the Bundist community. The strength of Bundism has always been its emphasis on "unity in diversity"—the recognition that a movement can thrive on a multiplicity of identities, approaches, and tactics, as long as it is anchored by shared principles. We must apply this same philosophy to the work of building a new Bund.

To organize effectively, we must strike a balance between our "diversity in tactics and methods" and the need for a central coordinating body. While it is important to respect the autonomy and local conditions of different Bundist factions, there must also be a commitment to creating a unified structure that can facilitate collaboration, amplify our collective voice, and coordinate action across borders. This is especially important in today's world, where the forces of reaction—whether in the form of Zionist ethnonationalism, capitalist imperialism, or far-right extremism—are highly organized and global in scope.

#### Opportunities for a New Era of Bundism

The rise of Gen Z Bundism also presents new opportunities for collaboration and expansion. This generation's openness to revolutionary ideas beyond the traditional left, their re-engagement with Jewish culture and spirituality, and their willingness to blend secular and religious radicalism offer fertile ground for the Bundist movement to grow. Unlike the previous generation, which often viewed religion as an obstacle to revolutionary consciousness, Gen Z radicals are far more comfortable engaging with religious traditions in a revolutionary way. This includes reclaiming the prophetic tradition, which has long served as a foundation for social justice in Jewish thought, and using it to inspire contemporary struggles against oppression.

By embracing these new energies and fostering deeper coordination between Bundist groups, we can not only revitalize the movement but also expand its reach. To do so, however, we must take concrete steps to move beyond the digital sphere and into real-world organizing. Bundists must not only exist as isolated individuals within various struggles but must actively engage as organizers and leaders, bringing the values of doikayt, yiddishkayt, and sotsializm into their work.

# **Next Steps: Organizing for Unity**

In this new era of Bundism, the central task before us is to build a unified movement that maintains our diversity while achieving the organizational strength needed to make real change. This will require:

- Creating platforms that facilitate collaboration between Bundist groups and individuals, both online and offline.
- Organizing in-person gatherings and conferences to deepen solidarity and coordinate actions on a global scale.
- Developing shared projects, whether in agitprop, political education, or direct action, that unite Bundists in common efforts.
- Recognizing that the strength of the movement lies in its ability to engage in multiple fronts—cultural, spiritual, political, and social—without losing sight of its revolutionary, anti-imperialist core.

The future of Bundism depends on our ability to organize for the long term, not only as individuals but as a collective force. The stakes are high, and the path forward will not be easy, but by building a movement that draws on the strength of our shared history and the radicalism of today's generation, we can once again make Bundism a powerful force for liberation in the world.

# 2. Understanding the World: A Revolutionary Task

At the core of any revolutionary movement lies the need for an accurate understanding of the world. Revolutionary theory is not an abstract exercise in intellectualism; it is a vital tool for grasping the material realities of oppression and exploitation. In order to change the world, we must first understand it. This principle, long emphasized by revolutionary thinkers such as Lenin and Mao, remains as relevant today as ever.

# The Role of Revolutionary Theory

Revolutionary theory is the compass that guides us through the complexity of political struggles. In Lenin's *What Is to Be Done?*, he stresses that without revolutionary theory, there can be no revolutionary movement. He argues that the spontaneity of workers' struggles is not enough—what is required is a clear and organized understanding of the system of oppression and the strategic means of overthrowing it. Lenin's emphasis on the need for revolutionary leadership, rooted in a deep theoretical understanding of capitalism and imperialism, is a lesson that remains central to the Bundist movement today. We cannot rely solely on the raw energies of discontent; we

must provide direction and clarity through a comprehensive, Marxist analysis of the world.

Mao Zedong takes this further in his famous essay *Where Do Correct Ideas Come From?*, where he emphasizes the **praxis-theory-praxis** method. According to Mao, revolutionary ideas are not born from isolated intellectual exercises—they come from engagement with the material world. Praxis, or practical struggle, generates knowledge, which is then refined through theoretical work. This theory, in turn, is applied back into practice in an ongoing cycle of learning and action. For the Bundists today, this method of constantly linking theory to praxis is essential. We must ground ourselves in the struggles of the working class and oppressed peoples, but we must also consistently reflect on and refine our theoretical frameworks to make them more effective in shaping revolutionary practice.

#### Theory is Not a Parrot Job

Studying revolutionary theory is not about uncritically repeating the words of past thinkers, no matter how great their contributions were. To simply parrot the ideas of Marx, Lenin, Mao, or other revolutionary leaders is to turn theory into dogma. This would undermine the purpose of revolutionary analysis, which is to understand the constantly changing material world. Engaging with theory requires **critical thinking** and **self-criticism**. We must treat the works of great theoreticians as guides, not sacred texts, and apply them to the conditions of our time. This means recognizing the strengths and limitations of these theories and adapting them to new realities without losing sight of their revolutionary essence.

As Marx himself said, "The philosophers have only interpreted the world in various ways; the point, however, is to change it." The same applies to theory today. We must engage with it dynamically, questioning, refining, and applying it to our own struggles. Bundism, like all revolutionary movements, must evolve through this process of constant self-reflection and correction.

# Studying the Real Material World

The study of the world cannot be superficial. Revolutionary work is scientific work, and it must be done rigorously. We cannot rely on vague generalizations or ideological shortcuts to explain the state of affairs. Our analysis must be rooted in an honest examination of material conditions. This means gathering both **qualitative and quantitative information**—understanding the lived experiences of the oppressed

alongside the empirical data of economic exploitation, climate destruction, and militarization.

As Bundists, we must develop our understanding of the capitalist system not only as a theory of exploitation but as a living, evolving system that manifests differently across various contexts. For example, the financialization of capitalism, the role of the military-industrial complex, and the mechanisms of settler-colonialism must be thoroughly examined to formulate effective strategies for liberation.

#### **Rediscovering Our Bundist Tradition**

To understand the world as Bundists, we must also draw from the rich history of our own movement. The Jewish Labor Bund was not only a socialist movement; it was also a movement deeply engaged in the practice of **doikayt**—fighting for the liberation of Jewish people wherever they lived, without relying on the nationalist or colonialist "solution" of Zionism. The early Bundists understood that the struggles of Jewish workers were inseparable from the broader fight against capitalism and imperialism.

Reconnecting with this tradition means rediscovering the insights and strategies of previous generations. The Bund resisted not only fascism and antisemitism but also the reformist tendencies of the labor movement that sought to dilute the revolutionary potential of workers. Today, we must learn from their commitment to **internationalism** and their vision of Jewish liberation as part of a global class struggle.

# **Learning from the Jewish Prophetic Tradition**

Our understanding must also be informed by the radical roots of the **Jewish prophetic tradition**. The prophets of ancient Israel did not shy away from denouncing the injustices of their time. They spoke truth to power, called for the liberation of the oppressed, and challenged the wealthy and ruling elites. For centuries, this prophetic imagination has inspired Jewish social movements. As Bundists, we can reclaim this revolutionary spirit, linking the ethical demands of Judaism with the concrete political struggles of today.

This connection is not merely symbolic—it offers a moral foundation for the Bund's anti-imperialist and anti-capitalist commitments. The Jewish prophetic tradition teaches us that liberation is not just a political necessity but a moral imperative. We

must resist the forces of oppression, not only because it is just but because it is the essence of human dignity.

#### **Learning from Marxist, Leninist, and Maoist Comrades**

Our task as Bundists is also to engage deeply with the revolutionary traditions of **Marxism, Leninism, and Maoism**. These traditions offer invaluable insights into the nature of capitalism, imperialism, and the strategies needed to dismantle them. Marx taught us to view history as a struggle between classes, where the contradictions of capitalism would eventually produce its own downfall. Lenin developed a theory of imperialism as the highest stage of capitalism, where monopolies and finance capital dominate the globe, leading to intensified exploitation and the plundering of colonized nations.

Mao, for his part, showed that revolutionary struggle must be adaptable to local conditions. His work on guerrilla warfare, the mass line, and the importance of organizing the peasantry in anti-colonial contexts provides essential lessons for us today. Mao's focus on the revolutionary potential of the peasantry parallels the Bundist focus on the oppressed Jewish working class in the diaspora, where liberation can only be achieved through collective action.

## **Learning from Anarchist Comrades**

Bundists must also remain open to insights from **anarchism**. While the Bund is rooted in a socialist tradition that emphasizes organized leadership, there is much to learn from the anarchist critique of hierarchy and authority. Anarchists remind us that liberation is not simply a matter of seizing state power but of transforming social relations to eradicate all forms of domination. The importance of decentralized organizing, mutual aid, and direct action are lessons we can incorporate into our own movement.

## **Training Bundist Specialists**

If we are to be effective in our revolutionary work, we need comrades who are deeply knowledgeable in specific areas of revolutionary theory and analysis, while remaining intimately connected to the broader Bundist movement. These **Bundist specialists** would serve as the intellectual backbone of the movement, producing analyses that deepen our understanding of the world while also contributing to strategic decision-making.

#### Theory as Praxis: Practical Steps for Organizing

For the Bundist movement, **studying theory is not separate from praxis**. It is a practical matter that must be organized systematically. Study groups, media production, and the publication of theoretical works are not just educational activities —they are forms of political work that should be integrated into the daily life of the movement. Theory must always be linked back to revolutionary praxis, with the goal of refining and improving our participation in the class struggle.

This work is not theoretical alone but demands practical infrastructure:

- Organizing Study Groups: Whether locally or online, study groups are
  essential spaces where comrades can gather to read, discuss, and critically
  engage with revolutionary texts. These sessions should be structured to
  encourage deep reflection, collective analysis, and practical application of the
  ideas discussed.
- Creating and Publishing Media: To spread revolutionary theory and reach a
  wider audience, the Bundist movement must create diverse forms of media.
  This includes zines, books, articles, magazines, as well as digital formats
  like YouTube and TikTok clips, podcasts, and online publications. These
  materials should not only communicate theoretical insights but also inspire
  direct action.
- Organizing Training Sessions, Teach-Ins, and Revolutionary Schools:
  Beyond reading groups and publications, we need training sessions and
  teach-ins where comrades can learn practical organizing skills, from strike
  organizing to protest tactics. These can culminate in revolutionary schools—
  structured programs that educate new and seasoned activists alike, helping
  them deepen their theoretical understanding and sharpen their practical
  organizing capabilities.
- Developing Revolutionary Media Networks: These projects should be
  organized systematically, using centralized media hubs and distributed
  networks to ensure the widest possible reach. The creation of a central organ
  for Bundist agitprop—whether a website, blog, or media collective—will be
  essential for disseminating these materials and coordinating collective
  educational efforts.

Through these concrete actions, we can bring revolutionary theory to the masses, deepening class consciousness and building the organizational strength necessary for real-world victories.

#### Conclusion

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To change the world, we must first understand it. This requires the ongoing study of revolutionary theory, grounded in real-world struggles and informed by the rich traditions of the Bund, Marxism, the Jewish prophetic tradition, and anarchism. Theory, however, is only the first step. It must always be linked back to practice—through study groups, the creation of revolutionary media, and the development of structured training and organizing efforts. By doing this, we can bring revolutionary theory to life, guiding our collective action and making the Bundist movement a formidable force for liberation in our time.

# 3. A Bundist Political Program for Our Time

As a Jewish Bundist movement, we need a political program that expresses the unique blend of Jewish socialism, rooted in our history and traditions, while addressing the contemporary challenges we face. Our program is not meant to be static or rigid—it must adapt to the specific political contexts of different countries and regions. What unites all Bundist movements and individuals across borders are the core principles that have defined Bundism from its inception: **doikayt**, **yiddishkayt**, and **sotsializm**. These concepts form the backbone of our political program, anchoring us in the revolutionary struggle for Jewish liberation and global socialism.

## 3.a. Doikayt: Here and Now, Everywhere

The concept of **doikayt**, or "hereness," is central to Bundist politics. It rejects the Zionist claim that Jewish liberation can only be achieved in a Jewish nation-state, such as Israel. Instead, **doikayt** calls for organizing the struggle for Jewish liberation in the places where Jewish people currently live. Jewish liberation is not tied to any specific territory but is part of a broader struggle for the liberation of all oppressed peoples, wherever they are.

**Doikayt** is the antidote to the Zionist "final solution" to the so-called "Jewish problem." Zionism sought to resolve antisemitism by creating an ethnonationalist

Jewish state, rooted in the dispossession of the Palestinian people. **Doikayt** rejects this colonialist solution and insists that Jewish people, like all other peoples, must fight for their liberation within the countries they inhabit. This liberation is tied to the global socialist movement and must transcend the false binary between local and international struggles.

#### Why Anti-Zionism?

For the Bund, **anti-Zionism** is not just a stance on Israel—it is a fundamental part of our anti-imperialist politics. Zionism represents a reactionary response to Jewish oppression, one that aligns itself with imperialist powers and perpetuates new forms of colonialism. Our anti-Zionism is grounded in several key arguments:

- Zionism as an Outpost of Imperialism: Israel is one of the most important
  outposts of Euro-American imperialism in West Asia. The Zionist state serves
  as a military and political ally of the U.S. and other Western powers, playing
  a crucial role in maintaining imperialist control over the region. By struggling
  for the abolition of the Zionist colony, we directly target a key link in the
  global imperialist network.
- Palestine as a Symbol of Class Struggle: The Palestinian struggle, much
  like the Vietnamese struggle decades ago, has become both the symbolic and
  material focal point of the class struggle today. In the contradictions of this
  struggle—between settler-colonialism and indigenous resistance, between
  imperialist power and oppressed peoples—all the contradictions of late-stage
  capitalism are laid bare.
- **Zionism as a Laboratory for Oppression**: Israel has become a global laboratory for developing and distributing tools of oppression, from high-tech weapons to surveillance technologies. These tools are "battle-tested" on the Palestinian people and exported to oppressive regimes worldwide. The Zionist state is not just an occupier—it is a supplier of repression.
- Zionism and Antisemitism: The existence of the Zionist colony and the
  crimes it commits in its ethnic cleansing of Palestine worsen antisemitism
  globally. By conflating Jewish identity with Zionism, Israel fuels antisemitic
  rhetoric and violence. For the Bund, the struggle against Zionism is also a
  struggle against antisemitism. We refuse to allow the Zionist state to hijack
  Jewish identity.
- Zionism as Antisemitism: Zionist ideology recycles some of the most reactionary antisemitic tropes, such as the idea that Jews cannot live among non-Jews or that Jews are inherently different and require a separate state.

This worldview is deeply antisemitic in itself, and we must resist it as part of our broader fight for Jewish liberation.

**Doikayt** does not mean assimilationism. The Bundist idea of national liberation is one of cultural and political autonomy without the need for a nation-state. Jewish self-determination can and must exist within the broader framework of socialist internationalism.

#### 3.b. Yiddishkayt: Reconnecting to Our Roots

**Yiddishkayt**, in its broadest sense, refers to the rich cultural traditions of the Jewish diaspora. These traditions, which include Yiddish, Ladino, and the many other languages, customs, and practices of Jewish communities across the world, are essential to our collective identity as Jews. **Yiddishkayt** is about continuity—about reconnecting to the ancestral cultures that have sustained Jewish communities in exile for centuries.

This continuity is vital in our struggle against Zionism. Zionist ideology deliberately sought to erase and delegitimize these diverse Jewish cultures, promoting a homogenized, nationalist "Hebrew culture" in their place. This erasure was rooted in an antisemitic hatred of the "diaspora Jew," portraying the diasporic Jewish identity as weak, submissive, and corrupt. The Zionists wanted to replace the "diaspora Jew" with the "new Jew"—a militarized, ethnonationalist identity tied to the settler-colonial project of Israel.

The Bundist struggle for **Yiddishkayt** is, therefore, a struggle against this deliberate destruction of Jewish diaspora cultures. It is a struggle to reclaim our history and resist the Zionist erasure of Jewish traditions that existed for millennia in exile.

Furthermore, **Yiddishkayt** is part of the broader fight for the right of minority communities to live according to their own traditions and insights. It is the fight for national and communal self-determination, where cultures can thrive without the need for assimilation or domination by hegemonic states.

# Fighting Antisemitism

Central to **Yiddishkayt** is the ongoing struggle against antisemitism. This struggle requires a clear understanding of antisemitism's historical roots, which are deeply embedded in Christian Europe. We reject the false Zionist claim that antisemitism is primarily an Arab or Muslim phenomenon. The roots of antisemitism are **white-European and Christian**, and they have been weaponized by Zionists to justify the

oppression of Palestinians. **Yiddishkayt** must stand in solidarity with all marginalized peoples, recognizing the intersectionality of their struggles.

#### 3.c. Sotsializm: The Only Path to Liberation

Finally, Bundism is rooted in **sotsializm**—the socialist belief that the liberation of the Jewish people, and all oppressed peoples, is impossible under the conditions of the capitalist imperialist world order. Jewish workers will never be free as long as the means of production are owned by a tiny group of wealthy capitalists, whether Jewish or not. Similarly, no community or nation can be truly free while the global economy is dominated by imperialist powers and multinational corporations.

Colonialism gave rise to the racialization of people and the creation of "racial" hierarchies that continue to shape the world today. Antisemitism is an integral part of this cluster of racisms that lie at the heart of capitalist colonial ideology. Just as Black and Indigenous peoples have been racialized and exploited, so too have Jews been targeted through antisemitism.

But antisemitism is also a tool of **divide and rule**, separating Jewish workers from their non-Jewish comrades. The Jewish working class and the Jewish bourgeoisie have nothing in common. Their interests are diametrically opposed. Jewish workers must unite with non-Jewish workers in a global front against the bourgeoisie, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

This united front is the only path to real liberation. **Sotsializm** calls for the abolition of capitalism and imperialism, and the construction of a classless, stateless society. Only through the destruction of these oppressive systems can the Jewish people, and all people, be truly free.

#### Conclusion

A Bundist political program for our time must be rooted in the principles of **doikayt**, **yiddishkayt**, and **sotsializm**. These concepts provide a roadmap for Jewish liberation that rejects Zionism and imperialism, embraces cultural and communal autonomy, and fights for the overthrow of capitalism. By grounding ourselves in this political program, we can continue the struggle for a world in which all peoples are free to determine their own destinies—together, in solidarity with one another.

# 4. Reaching Hearts, Minds, and Hands of the Jewish Workers

As Karl Marx famously remarked, "Theory becomes a material force when it grips the masses." This insight highlights the fundamental relationship between revolutionary theory and praxis. Ideas, no matter how profound, remain impotent unless they inspire action among the people. The task of a revolutionary movement, especially one like the Bund, is to ensure that its theory connects deeply with the Jewish working class and broader proletariat. To achieve this, we must focus on effective **agitprop** (agitation and propaganda), the lifeblood of any movement that seeks to awaken political consciousness and mobilize the masses.

#### The Role of Agitprop

Agitprop is not merely about disseminating information or raising awareness. It is about **agitating** the masses, stirring their emotions and consciousness in such a way that they begin to see their role in the revolutionary process. It is about reaching not only the minds but also the hearts and hands of the working class, inspiring them to act against the systems of oppression that bind them. As Brecht noted in his essay "Writing the Truth: Five Difficulties," it is not enough to recognize the truth; revolutionaries must know how to use it as a weapon, crafting their message in a way that both resonates with and empowers those it seeks to reach.

# Content and Form: Learning from Brecht's Five Difficulties

When constructing effective agitprop, we must contend with the same difficulties that Brecht identified for truth-tellers in oppressive times:

- The Courage to Speak the Truth: Good agitprop must be bold, unflinching
  in its critique of the systems of capitalism, imperialism, and Zionism. It must
  call out the exploitation and suffering faced by the Jewish working class,
  even when it risks backlash from both the Zionist establishment and capitalist
  interests. This requires not just theoretical knowledge but the courage to use
  that knowledge to confront power.
- The Keenness to Recognize the Truth: Revolutionary messages must reflect
  the actual material conditions faced by workers. This means our agitprop
  must be based on a clear understanding of class struggle, imperialism, and

oppression—never resorting to vague slogans or easy answers. Bundist agitprop should demonstrate a deep grasp of the particularities of Jewish workers' experiences and how they intersect with the struggles of other oppressed groups.

- The Skill to Communicate the Truth Effectively: Once the truth is recognized, it must be communicated in a way that not only informs but inspires action. This is where **form** becomes as important as content. Whether through posters, zines, memes, TikTok videos, or podcasts, the form must be engaging and accessible, yet retain the revolutionary integrity of the message. Content should be emotional, stirring, and simple enough to be understood but deep enough to provoke reflection and radicalization.
- The Judgment to Reach Those Ready to Act: Not every person exposed to agitprop will be moved to take revolutionary action, and that's okay. The key is to focus on those who are already questioning the system, those who are dissatisfied with the status quo but unsure of the next steps. Bundist agitprop must identify and target these workers, students, and marginalized individuals who have the potential to be radicalized and mobilized.
- The Cunning to Distribute the Truth Widely: In the digital age, the challenges of censorship and repression remain real. Our task is to be cunning in how we spread revolutionary ideas—leveraging both mainstream and alternative media, building networks of solidarity, and using decentralized methods of communication. We must distribute materials through social media platforms while also building our own spaces for radical discourse (blogs, websites, forums) where the voices of revolution are free from corporate or state interference.

## **Creating Organizational Structures for Agitprop**

Good agitprop is not just a matter of producing content. It must be systematically organized, distributed, and integrated into the broader work of the movement. This requires creating an **organizational structure** capable of consistently producing, publishing, and broadcasting our revolutionary ideas. To ensure our ideas reach the Jewish working class and beyond, we need to establish a central organ or hub for Bundist agitprop.

A Central Organ: Whether it's a website, blog, YouTube channel, TikTok account, or discussion forum, the Bundist movement must create a central

- **organ** that serves as a platform for agitprop. This platform should be a place where revolutionary materials (articles, videos, memes, podcasts, zines) are produced and disseminated. It must become the voice of the movement, accessible to the masses and responsive to the ongoing struggles they face.
- Propaganda as Praxis: Propaganda is not just a tool for educating or
  persuading—it is praxis. It is a form of action that, when done effectively,
  shapes consciousness and alters the material world by inspiring others to
  organize and resist. Every poster printed, every meme shared, every zine
  distributed is part of the revolutionary process. It is through this praxis that
  the Bundist movement can begin to build the material force necessary to
  confront capitalist and imperialist systems.

#### The Importance of Agitprop to Mobilization

Revolutionary theory cannot exist in isolation. It becomes a **material force** only when it grips the masses, as Marx famously noted. But the masses will not grasp theory unless they are moved—**agitated**—into asking the right questions. Agitprop is the bridge between revolutionary theory and mass mobilization. The questions it raises are as important as the answers it provides, because answers only matter to those who have already begun to ask.

For the Bundist movement, our agitprop must address the specific concerns of the Jewish working class, while connecting their struggles to the broader class struggle worldwide. The fight against antisemitism must be linked to the fight against Zionism and capitalism. The defense of Yiddishkayt must be tied to the defense of cultural autonomy for all oppressed peoples. And the call for Jewish liberation must be inseparable from the call for global socialism.

#### Conclusion

In this digital age, the tools for creating and distributing revolutionary propaganda are more accessible than ever. But the challenge lies in using these tools effectively, in creating agitprop that not only informs but inspires, that reaches the masses and moves them to act. By building a central organ for Bundist agitprop and taking lessons from Brecht's five difficulties, we can ensure that our message grips the minds, hearts, and hands of the Jewish working class and all who fight for a socialist future.

# 5. Building Bridges: Expanding Solidarity and Collaboration

The Bundist movement, both in its historical and contemporary forms, has always been rooted in **solidarity**. To fight effectively for Jewish liberation, we must recognize that our struggle is deeply interconnected with other struggles for justice. Today, the Jewish Bundist movement must find new and creative ways to collaborate with a wide variety of movements that share our anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist, and anti-Zionist principles. The strength of the Bund comes not only from its focus on Jewish liberation but from its capacity to build alliances with other oppressed peoples and movements.

## Intersectionality: Understanding Oppression as a Whole

At the heart of our struggle lies an **intersectional understanding of oppression**. We must recognize that antisemitism, Islamophobia, racism, sexism, queerphobia, and class oppression are not isolated phenomena—they are all integral components of the same **patriarchal**, **colonial**, **and capitalist system**. Our political program must reflect this understanding, fighting against all these forms of domination and exploitation simultaneously.

The Bund must act as a unifying force, bringing together diverse groups that are all fighting against different facets of the same system. This means recognizing the different intersecting struggles and seeing Jewish liberation as one piece of the larger struggle for universal emancipation. It also means resisting any narrow, sectarian focus on purely Jewish issues, while embracing a broader, more inclusive vision of justice and liberation for all.

# **Contradictions: Friends and Enemies in the Struggle**

In building alliances, it is critical to distinguish between the contradictions we face in our struggle. As Mao Zedong famously wrote, we must differentiate between "contradictions between us and our enemies"—that is, the contradictions between the working class and the imperialist bourgeoisie—and "contradictions among the people", which exist between various movements and comrades.

This framework helps us understand the difference between enemies who perpetuate oppression and comrades who may not fully agree with us on every issue but share the

same ultimate goals of liberation and justice. We must build alliances with **socialist, anti-Zionist, and anti-imperialist movements**, recognizing comrades who move in the same direction as us, even when tactical or theoretical differences arise. At the same time, we must **distance ourselves from reactionary forces**, whether they exist within Jewish communities or elsewhere, who uphold Zionism, imperialism, and capitalism.

#### **Building an Interfaith Intersocialist Movement**

Another crucial area of solidarity is with **radical progressive forces within the broader Judeo-Islamic and interfaith socialist movements**. In today's world, one of the most powerful centers of the anti-imperialist struggle lies in the collaboration between Jews and Muslims, particularly between **radical anti-Zionist Jewish movements** and **Muslim resistance organizations** (both Sunni and Shia). These alliances have been particularly evident in the Palestinian struggle, where Palestinian and Jewish anti-Zionist movements work hand-in-hand against the occupation and apartheid regime.

But the potential for collaboration goes beyond this. Radical **Sikh, Christian**, and **other religious socialist movements** are also engaged in struggles against various forms of capitalism and imperialism. Building the Bundist movement must be seen as part of building an **interfaith socialist movement**, one that is rooted in the shared ethical foundations of the world's prophetic traditions—Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, and others—all of which call for justice, liberation, and the protection of the oppressed.

# Forging Ties with the Broader Labor Movement

At the same time, the Bundist movement cannot afford to ignore the **broader labor movement**. Historically, the Bund was a labor-oriented movement, dedicated to organizing Jewish workers as part of the global working-class struggle. Today, we must renew those ties with the **unions, workers' parties, and labor organizations** around the world. However, we must approach this collaboration with a clear-eyed recognition that many labor movements today are reformist or compromised by capitalist interests.

The task of the Bundist movement is to raise the political level of the labor movement to a **consequent anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist level**. By bringing our anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist politics into the labor movement, we can help steer unions

and workers' parties toward more radical positions, connecting their struggles for economic justice with the broader fight against colonialism and imperialism.

#### Identifying Major Allies in the Anti-Zionist Resistance

The global struggle against Zionism has helped identify **major allies** for the Bundist movement. Over the last several years, the anti-Zionist resistance has been led by a surprising coalition of groups. Young Jewish anti-Zionists, often drawing inspiration from Bundism, have taken a leading role. They are joined by Muslim comrades, particularly Palestinians and Lebanese, who have been at the forefront of the struggle against Zionist occupation and oppression.

The involvement of **radical queer activists** has also been a key feature of this alliance. These activists, often marginalized within traditional leftist movements, have found a place in the intersectional anti-Zionist front, connecting their struggles for gender and sexual liberation with the broader fight against colonialism and apartheid.

The Bundist movement must actively **support and strengthen this front**, recognizing that its success is not only essential for the liberation of Palestinians but for the global struggle against imperialism. In doing so, we also **lean on the support** of these non-Jewish parts of the resistance, forging bonds of solidarity that will strengthen all of our movements.

#### Conclusion

The Jewish Bundist movement must become a force for **building bridges** between different struggles for liberation. By working in solidarity with other anti-Zionist, anti-imperialist, and anti-capitalist movements, we can create a broad, intersectional front that unites oppressed peoples in the fight for justice. This front must include religious socialists from the Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and Christian traditions, labor unions, and the rising generation of Jewish, Muslim, and queer activists. Together, we can create the foundations for a **global socialist movement** that is capable of taking on capitalism, imperialism, and all forms of oppression.

# 6. Organizing a Movement

The reorganization of the Bundist movement, scattered across regions and ideological currents, requires a well-coordinated and structured effort. To rebuild a united Jewish Bundist movement that can meet the challenges of the 21st century, we must establish a flexible yet organized framework that supports the diversity within our movement while providing the strength and coherence needed for revolutionary action.

## The Need for a Coordinating Structure

To unite the disparate factions and groups that identify with Bundism today, we need a central, **international coordinating structure**—a secretariat that serves as a unifying force for all Bundist movements. This secretariat should be seen as the first step toward a real international leadership. Its role in this early phase is not to dictate policies or centralize power but to **support** the various Bundist organizations, helping them coordinate, communicate, and share resources.

The secretariat will serve several key functions:

- Facilitating communication between Bundist groups across the world, ensuring that experiences, strategies, and tactics can be shared and learned from.
- Organizing shared resources, such as educational materials, propaganda, and platforms for discussion, to help each Bundist group build its capacity.
- **Providing technical support** for organizing events, conferences, and gatherings that bring Bundists together—both online and in person.

The secretariat should focus on **unifying the movement** without imposing rigid hierarchies or demanding uniformity in tactics. Its role, at this stage, is **purely supportive**, aimed at empowering the different branches of Bundism to grow and connect with one another.

# **Balancing Centralism and Diversity**

One of the most crucial challenges in organizing a movement as diverse as the Bund is finding the **right balance between centralism and diversity**. Centralism, when used wisely, helps ensure that the movement can act cohesively, especially when facing a shared enemy like imperialism, capitalism, or Zionism. However, excessive centralization can stifle the very diversity that gives the Bund its strength—different

regions, cultures, and socialist traditions bring unique insights and strategies to the movement.

In the Bundist movement, centralism should never be about controlling or homogenizing the various groups but about **coordination**. The secretariat must work to harmonize the diverse forms of Bundism into a collective force while allowing for differences in local conditions, strategies, and priorities. **Diversity is not a weakness**—it is a source of resilience. Our movement thrives when different groups can experiment with new forms of organization and resistance, sharing their successes and failures with the broader network.

#### Supporting the Movement, Not Leading It (Yet)

In this **first phase** of rebuilding the Bund, the international secretariat's primary task is to support the movement. This includes providing technical, organizational, and strategic assistance to Bundist factions around the world. Its role is **not yet to lead** but to **facilitate**. Only once the movement is stronger and more united should the secretariat begin taking on more leadership responsibilities. Even then, leadership should be understood as **servant leadership**—aimed at empowering the movement rather than controlling it.

Over time, as the Bund becomes more cohesive and organized, the secretariat may take on **leadership responsibilities** in the form of coordination between factions, setting long-term goals, and organizing international campaigns. But this process must be gradual, based on trust and mutual respect among Bundist groups.

# The Bund as a Jewish Socialist League

The Bundist movement should not aim to become just one more socialist party in a world already overflowing with various socialist factions and tendencies. In many regions, especially those where socialist parties already exist, it may be more effective to organize the Bund as a **Jewish socialist league**. This would allow Bundists to engage with comrades from multiple socialist parties, working across organizational lines while maintaining their distinct identity and focus on Jewish liberation, socialism, and anti-Zionism.

By organizing as a league rather than a party, the Bund can act as a **cross-party platform**, bringing together members from different socialist movements who share a commitment to the Bund's principles of doikayt, yiddishkayt, and sotsializm. This

model fosters collaboration and solidarity, rather than dividing the socialist movement further by creating yet another competing party.

### Organizing an International Conference

One of the most immediate goals of the new Bundist movement should be the **organization of an international conference**. This conference would bring together representatives from all Bundist factions, whether in-person or online, to discuss the movement's future and elect a daily leadership to coordinate the international work.

This conference would serve several purposes:

- **Reuniting and reconnecting** the different groups and factions that identify as Bundist, allowing them to share experiences and strategies.
- **Developing a collective vision** for the future of the movement, discussing key issues such as anti-Zionism, labor struggles, and cultural preservation.
- **Electing a daily leadership** that can serve as a point of contact and coordination for the entire movement, ensuring that Bundist groups around the world can act in concert.

The conference should also serve as a **forum for debate and discussion**, allowing different factions to bring forward their ideas and proposals for the future of Bundism. It must be a democratic space, open to all tendencies within the movement, and should encourage diversity of thought and strategy while maintaining a shared commitment to the principles of the Bund.

#### Conclusion

Organizing the Bundist movement in the 21st century requires careful planning, a commitment to pluralism, and the creation of structures that support unity without stifling diversity. The **international secretariat** will play a vital role in this process, not as a centralized authority but as a coordinating body that empowers Bundist factions around the world to act together. By balancing centralism with diversity and organizing cross-party collaborations, the Bund can become a powerful force in the global socialist movement. The first step in this process will be an international conference, where Bundists from across the globe can gather, share, and build a collective vision for the future of Jewish socialism.

# 7. Our Most Urgent Tasks

As we move toward rebuilding and strengthening the Bundist movement, there are several urgent tasks that must be addressed immediately. These tasks are essential to laying the foundation for a coordinated, international Bund capable of playing a significant role in the global socialist and anti-imperialist struggles. While we must remain patient and careful in our organizational efforts, the time to act is now.

#### 1. Search and Contact All Revolutionary Bundist Factions

The first and most critical step is to **identify and contact all existing Bundist factions**. Many of these groups and individuals are currently isolated from one another, often functioning as small cells or even as lone individuals, disconnected from a broader movement. Our task is to **reconnect these scattered fragments**, reestablishing lines of communication and beginning the work of unity.

#### This requires:

- Mapping the global Bundist movement: identifying groups and individuals
  who identify as Bundists, whether they are active in local struggles, cultural
  projects, or online spaces.
- **Building networks of solidarity**: reaching out to isolated Bundists, offering them support, and inviting them to join the broader effort to reorganize the movement. This will require active outreach through social media, leftist networks, academic circles, and Jewish cultural forums.

Reuniting the different Bundist factions is the foundation upon which all further work will be built. Without this, the movement will remain fragmented and ineffective.

# 2. Organize the First Secretariat

Once we have made initial contact with the various Bundist groups and individuals, the next urgent task is to **organize a first international secretariat**. This secretariat will serve as the initial coordinating body for the movement, responsible for doing the practical work of **reuniting and reorganizing** the Bund.

Key roles of the secretariat include:

- **Facilitating communication** between Bundist factions, ensuring that information flows freely and that the movement begins to operate as a unified whole.
- Organizing logistics for meetings, conferences, and gatherings, whether inperson or online.
- **Supporting local groups** with resources, guidance, and strategic advice as they begin to rebuild their organizations.

The secretariat will not act as a centralized authority but as a **support structure** for the different Bundist factions, empowering them to operate effectively in their local contexts while remaining connected to the broader international movement.

#### 3. Organize a Central Organ for Agitprop and Organizational Work

As discussed in earlier sections, good propaganda is essential for reaching the masses and raising revolutionary consciousness. To achieve this, the Bundist movement needs a **central organ**—a platform through which the movement can publish its ideas, promote its activities, and build an online presence. This central organ could take the form of a **website**, **YouTube channel**, **or TikTok account**, depending on the platforms most accessible and effective for reaching our target audiences.

The central organ must serve **two purposes**:

- 1. **Agitprop**: It will function as a hub for revolutionary propaganda, spreading the message of Bundism, socialism, and anti-Zionism through articles, videos, podcasts, memes, and more.
- Organizational support: The platform will also serve as a key tool for organizational work, offering resources for Bundist groups around the world, facilitating communication between them, and organizing virtual or in-person events.

This central organ will play a vital role in **unifying the movement**, offering a public face for the Bundist cause while helping members coordinate their efforts on the ground.

# 4. Build an Active Presence in Real-Life Struggles

The Bundist movement cannot exist only in the digital sphere. We must build an **active presence in real-life struggles**, where Bundists engage directly with the working class, marginalized communities, and the oppressed. Our aim is not just to

participate in existing movements but to take on roles as **organizers**, **propagandists**, **and co-leaders** of these struggles.

Key areas of engagement include:

- **Labor struggles**: As the Bund historically was rooted in the labor movement, we must continue this legacy by engaging with unions, workers' councils, and labor organizing efforts. Bundists should work to raise the political level of labor movements, pushing them toward **anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist positions**.
- **Social justice and anti-imperialist movements**: Whether in struggles for racial justice, climate justice, or anti-imperialism, Bundists must become active participants, working to unify these struggles with the broader socialist cause.

#### 5. Organizing Revolutionary Schools for Political Education

A critical task for the Bundist movement is the **organization of political education**. Revolutionary theory and analysis must be made accessible to all members of the movement, and this requires the creation of formal structures for education and discussion. We propose the creation of **revolutionary schools** or educational programs, aimed at teaching "young Bundists" of all ages.

These schools should offer:

- Courses on revolutionary theory, including Marxism, socialism, anarchism, and Bundist history.
- **Workshops on practical organizing skills**, such as strike coordination, community organizing, and propaganda production.
- Discussion forums where Bundists can engage with each other on key theoretical and strategic questions, ensuring that the movement is intellectually vibrant and continually evolving.

Through these educational programs, we can build a new generation of Bundist leaders who are equipped with both the **theoretical knowledge and practical skills** necessary for revolution.

# 6. Building International and Inter-Denominational Solidarity

The Bundist movement must also place a strong emphasis on **building international and inter-denominational solidarity**. As discussed in earlier sections, we cannot

struggle for Jewish liberation in isolation. Our fight is bound up with the broader global fight against imperialism, capitalism, and all forms of oppression.

#### This means:

- Building alliances with other socialist movements, both Jewish and non-Jewish, ensuring that our movement is part of a larger revolutionary network.
- Collaborating with interfaith movements, particularly with progressive Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, and other religious communities who share our commitment to justice, anti-imperialism, and socialism. Bundism must be part of a broader interfaith socialist movement that connects the struggles of various religious and cultural communities.

In this spirit of internationalism, Bundists must work to **bridge the divides** between oppressed peoples, recognizing that our liberation is intertwined with the liberation of all.

#### 7. Building Local Offline Base-Groups

A socialist movement must free itself from the limitations of a purely online operation. While our online presence is crucial for spreading ideas, organizing propaganda, and connecting isolated comrades, real, durable growth as a movement will depend on inperson, local organizing. To that end, we must create a structure that supports the formation of local offline base-groups in as many regions as possible. These base-groups will serve as the backbone of the movement, grounding our revolutionary work in the daily struggles of Jewish workers and their communities.

For comrades in regions where forming a local base-group is not yet feasible, we must establish a global online discussion forum where isolated individuals can participate in the movement's activities, engage in political education, and contribute to our strategy and analysis. The coordinating secretariat will oversee both the newly formed local groups and the older, more established Bundist organizations, ensuring that all parts of the movement remain connected and unified.

Our focus must be on fostering real-world engagement, creating a strong IRL presence in labor movements, community struggles, and anti-imperialist actions. The combination of grassroots, local work with our broader, online network will provide the foundation for a durable, international Bundist movement capable of growing and sustaining itself in the long-term.

## Conclusion

The tasks outlined here represent the most urgent steps in rebuilding the Bundist movement. By reconnecting Bundist factions, organizing a secretariat, establishing a central organ, engaging in real-life struggles, and building solidarity across movements and faiths, we can lay the groundwork for a unified, international Bund capable of fighting for Jewish liberation and socialism on a global scale.

# Rekindling the Revolutionary Flame

In a world fractured by capitalism, imperialism, and Zionism, the Bundist flame of Jewish socialism burns once again. This manifesto is both a call to action and a roadmap for reuniting revolutionary Jews across the globe. Drawing on the historic principles of Doikayt, Yiddishkayt, and Sotsializm, this text outlines a vision for Jewish liberation that rejects the ethnonationalist "solutions" of the past and embraces solidarity with all oppressed peoples.

Rekindling the Revolutionary Flame is not just about preserving history—it is about igniting new movements, building international alliances, and empowering the next generation of Bundists to fight for a world free from exploitation, oppression, and war.

The future is ours to shape