



Kohenet Yaya

Liberation Priestess + Facilitator

Live Fully, Live Free!

Building a Pluralistic, Multiracial, Multiethnic Jewish Community

**Dedicated to the Memory of
Vilma Haydee Rosado-Torres, Geraldine Haydee Rodriguez-Torres
& Marcelina Rodriguez-Torres**





Also dedicated to my children Ariana Katherine Felix & Manuel Jeremiah Arroyo II. Whose courage and boldness to live courageously, boldly, and unapologetically inspire me every day and are the expression of a lineage of revolutionaries!

Chazak, Chazak, V'nitchazeik-

Be strong, be strong, and we will be encouraged!

Kohenet Ya (Angelique) transparently and irreverently is a Liberation Priestess and Facilitator. Passionate about justice, equity, and healing, she brings a unique framework to support collective healing. Revealing the path to healing and a shift in consciousness, recognizing that we all have spheres of influence that impact each other. Her passion is teaching practices that help us heal from trauma, decolonize, and embody liberation.

Kohenet-Hebrew Priestess Institute reclaims and innovates embodied, earth-based feminist Judaism. Kohenet's spiritual leadership training, ordination programs, publications, and community offerings center ritual as a transformative practice.



Framework: Stages of Decolonization by Poka Laeuni



Image:
Three interlocking gold and purple circles.
One circle says recovery & rediscovery.
Another, Mourning & Dreaming and the last commitment & action. In the center is Jewish Identity.

Commitment & Action

Challot (bread made for Shabbat) is the perfect embodiment of a Pluralistic, Multiethnic, and Multiracial Jewish identity that has the capacity to hold every narrative. Both the one of a long-known lineage and one of rediscovery and recovery. If you ever struggle with this make yourself a challah, learning the braiding technique that allows for many strands woven together.

As fellows you are a microcosm of the macro, how you create space for each other is how we will model a rich Jewishness and it also impacts the larger community you live in.



Pluralism: A space for every expression of Jewish identity

There are times in workshops that an exercise says more than words can. This is that moment, I want to invite you to share your three words you set aside earlier, and let's create a collective Midrash/Poem. Put it together and print it out and let it be a reminder of the commitment you are making as a JOIN fellow to co-creating a community of pluralism and belonging.

Thank you so much for the honor of being in space and time with you! I wish you every blessing in your work as an organizer and please remember that we must be solid in our practices of self-care but even more communal care.

**with Devotion & Love,
Kohenet Ya**