



InterFaith Advisory Board

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Rabbi Dr. Aryeh Cohen

Board Member

Rabbi Aryeh Cohen, PhD is Professor of Rabbinic Literature and a former chair of the Rabbinics Department in the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies. Dr. Cohen has created and taught most of the courses in the Rabbinics curriculum over the more than two decades of his affiliation with the Ziegler School. His research and scholarship sit at the intersection of Talmud, Jewish ethics, and social justice activism. This is present in his teaching, especially his senior seminar “Issues of Justice,” a Project Based Learning course in which students have to develop advocacy-based in Jewish text on a social justice issue. His latest book *Justice in the City: An Argument from the Sources of Rabbinic Judaism* emerges from and articulates the same concerns.

Dr. Cohen is a co-convenor of the Black Jewish Justice Alliance (BJJA) and a member of Clergy for Black Lives. With Clergy for Black Lives, he co-organized one of the largest memorial demonstrations in Downtown Los Angeles after the murder of George Floyd.

Rabbi Dr. Cohen is a commissioner on the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission.

From 2016-2022, Dr. Cohen was the Rabbi in Residence at Bend the Arc: Jewish Action, a national social justice organization. In this role, he organized the Jewish community around issues of immigration justice and restorative justice and mobilizes a multifaith community of clergy and laypeople to nonviolent direct action.

Dr. Cohen is the president of the Society for Jewish Ethics.

Dr. Cohen has a weekly Talmud podcast called [Daf Shvui / Weekly Daf: Give me forty minutes or so and I'll give you a daf or so.](#)

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS:

- Kogod Research Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute, North America 2018-2021
 - South Coast Interfaith Council 2019
 - “Giant of Justice” from Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice 2016
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