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## 7 Neighbors, A New Podcast

Silk Road Rising is thrilled to share 7 *Neighbors*, a new, seven-episode podcast from our friends and colleagues at the InterReligious Institute (IRI) at Chicago Theological Seminary.

IRI partnered with Silk Road Rising on the development of Jamil Khoury's *Obstacle Course* as part of their Raging Issues Of Today Conference (RIOTcon) 2018.

All episodes are hosted by Kim Schultz, who performed her one-woman show, *No Place Called Home*, at Silk Road Rising in 2015.



With violent hate crimes hitting a 16-year high, and hostility towards Black and Brown peoples enshrined in our national discourses, the IRI went in search of stories that help us reimagine how to be in community with one another.

*7 Neighbors* is named for the Islamic tradition of caring for the seven neighbors nearest you. The IRI seeks to lift up the voices of people experiencing and resisting anti-Muslim bias and xenophobia by sharing their stories.

Each episode features a personal story, an interview with an advocate in the field, and a thoughtful conversation from an interreligious perspective, creating space for new ideas, innovative practices, and dynamic interchange.

All seven episodes are available now at [www.our7neighbors.com](http://www.our7neighbors.com) and wherever you stream podcasts.



## [Episode 1: Roadtrips & Allyship](#)

### **Featuring:**

A story from Lela Ali of *Muslim Women For*

An interview with Catherine Orsborn of *Shoulder to Shoulder*

A conversation between scholar and peacemaker Dr. Najeeba Syeed and Rabbi Dr. Rachel Mikva of *Chicago Theological Seminary*

## [Episode 2: Acting Local](#)

### **Featuring:**

A story from Okolo Rashid, Founder and President of *International Museum of Muslim Cultures*

An interview with Ted Terry, former Mayor of Clarkston, GA

A conversation between author and theologian Dr. Susan Thistlethwaite and Rabbi Dr. Rachel Mikva of *Chicago Theological Seminary*

## [Episode 3: Immigrant Matters](#)

### **Featuring:**

A story from Somayye Maqsoudi

An interview with Hoda Katebi of *Blue Tin Productions*

A conversation with Suzanne Sahloul of *Syrian Community Network* and Rabbi Dr. Rachel Mikva of *Chicago Theological Seminary*

## [Episode 4: Female While Muslim](#)

### **Featuring:**

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An interview with Nadiya Monajir of *HEART Women and Girls*

A conversation with Dr. Saadia Yacoob, Professor of Religion at *Williams College* and Rabbi Dr. Rachel Mikva of *Chicago Theological Seminary*

## [Episode 5: Confronting the Hate](#)

### **Featuring:**

A story from Abdul Jabar, Rohingya refugee

An interview with Madihha Ahussain of *Muslim Advocates*

A conversation with Jihad Turk of *Bayan Islamic Graduate School* and Rabbi Dr. Rachel Mikva of *Chicago Theological Seminary*

## [Episode 6: At the Intersections](#)

### **Featuring:**

A story from Amirah Kahera

An interview with Sana Syed of *IMAN Chicago*

A conversation with author and activist Saleemah Abdul-Ghafur and Rabbi Dr. Rachel Mikva of *Chicago Theological Seminary*

## [Episode 7: Changing the Narrative](#)

### **Featuring:**

A story from artist Sarvin Haghighi

An interview with Kristian Ramos of *Autonomy Strategies*

A conversation with Zainab Chaudary of *Big Canvas PR* and Rabbi Dr. Rachel Mikva of *Chicago Theological Seminary*

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