

# STANDING WITH IMMIGRANTS A REQUEST FOR SUPPORT



Families marked for deportation are desperate to stay together. We are organizing synagogue and young adult leaders in our Jewish communities to build up an arsenal of resources for them. JCRC, in partnership with the MA Communities Action Network (MCAN), has been organizing clusters of congregations throughout Eastern Massachusetts to respond to the urgent needs of these families – families in our local congregations, families connected to leaders inside our congregations, and families searching wherever they can for a lifeline.

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## The Greater Boston Jewish community stands firmly with our immigrant neighbors. We are helping by:

### OFFERING SANCTUARY

For families who have run out of options to stay together, some congregations are taking the courageous step of opening their doors as a refuge, supported by additional, nearby congregations. **This requires two volunteers to stay with the family 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, until the family is able to safely leave Sanctuary.**

### STANDING UP FOR THE UNJUSTLY DETAINED

Our clusters are raising money for bond and connecting individuals to legal resources (undocumented people are not entitled to lawyers). **So far, we have assisted 40 detained, undocumented immigrants to gain release, and we continue to work to see their cases fully resolved.**



### PROVIDING ACCOMPANIMENT AT ICE CHECK-INS AND HEARINGS

**We are organizing people to attend check-ins with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement), to which undocumented people are terrified to show up.** In the last few months, many undocumented individuals have been unexpectedly served with notices of deportation. We work with these individuals and families on strategies to fight deportation and show that they are not alone in their fight.

### ADVOCATING FOR THE SAFETY AND DIGNITY OF OUR IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS

Our clusters, as well as many other local Jewish organizations (including ADL, AJC, JALSA, JVS, and JFS), **support the inclusion of basic protections for immigrants in the 2019 budget.**

**TO LEARN MORE OR GET INVOLVED** in Sanctuary, Accompaniment or Providing Legal Services, contact Rachel Lewis, JCRC Senior Synagogue Organizer, at 617-457-8653 or [rlewis@jrcrboston.org](mailto:rlewis@jrcrboston.org).

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