

• **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7** **Beyond the Headlines: An Introduction to the Global Refugee Crisis through a Jewish Lens, 7:30pm, TBI in Port Washington.** Because of our history and our values, the Jewish people have a unique connection to these most vulnerable people, made all the more critical by the recent Executive Orders. In this **interactive workshop, led by an expert from HIAS, and co-sponsored by RSNS, TBI Port Jewish and Community Synagogue,** we'll ground ourselves in a shared understanding of this crisis, explore the Jewish values that command us to welcome the stranger, and **learn how to take action** in support of refugees worldwide.

• **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7** **Songs of Protest: Reframing the Conversation About Race in America, 7 PM at the Landmark on Main Street, Port Washington.** How do we talk about race in America? How do the protest songs of our times reflect the evolution of this conversation? Our own Solomon Hoffman, along with Olivia Harris, Brinae Ali, & friends perform the music of Nina Simone, Sam Cooke and Stevie Wonder alongside songs by contemporary black songwriters. Join the conversation.

A panel of musicians, educators and activists will engage with the audience to explore the historical background of these songs and their implications for today and the future. Panelists include moderator Shanequa Levin, musician and educator Napoleon Revels-Bey and Elaine Gross, President of ERASE Racism.

• **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12** Bend the Arc has recently signed onto the #FREEnewyork campaign being run by Just Leadership USA. They are calling for an overhaul of bail, speedy trial & discovery laws to **improve the fairness of New York's criminal justice system in Nassau County** and beyond. Join us at this local town hall to learn how mass criminalization hurts our communities and what YOU can do to fight back. **6-8pm (dinner at 5:30pm), 250 Fulton Ave (suite 191), Hempstead. RSVP & find out more: bit.ly/freeny-nassau**

• **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15** RSNS is a partner, through the Port clergy association, of a community-wide effort called **Laundry Love**. Each month, volunteers from each church and synagogue assist low-income residents in a **free night of laundry at PW Super Laundromat (4 Manorhaven Blvd), from 5:30 to 8:30pm.** If you'd like to volunteer at the next session, please email the coordinator, Maureen Peraza (MPeraza@optonline.net) and **indicate whether you would prefer to work from 5:30-7:00 (arriving by 5:15pm please) or from 7:00-8:30 (arriving by 6:55pm please).**

• **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23** **Together to End Solitary Confinement, 6:30 pm, UU Congregation at Shelter Rock, 48 Shelter Rock Road, Manhasset.** Advocates for ending prolonged solitary confinement gather on the 23rd of every month, remembering those who are in segregated confinement 23 hours a day. On February 23 we will hold a vigil to call to mind those in solitary followed by a screening and discussion of the video, *Tim Wise: On White Privilege Racism, White Denial & the Costs of Inequality*. We will reflect on the intersections of race, mass incarceration, and solitary confinement. This program is free and open to the public.

• **TEENS: LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER: FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 2-4** Keshet Teen LGBTQ/Ally Shabbaton Registration is now open! **The LGBTQ and Ally Teen Shabbaton** is a peer-led weekend of learning, Jewish ritual, and community building and is open to LGBTQ and ally Jewish teens in grades 8-12. Event is Waynesboro, PA. Spaces fill quickly. Questions? Contact Justin Rosen Smolen (justin@keshetonline.org) for more information.

• **TUESDAY, MARCH 13** **Planned Parenthood Day of Action in Albany:** Lobby with us on our Annual Day of Action in Albany. Planned Parenthood supporters from all over NY State will meet with elected officials to tell them why they need to stand with Planned Parenthood.

Transportation, food and training provided. **Register [here](#)**. If there's interest in an **RSNS contingent** traveling together, please **email Robin Sigman (rsigman1@verizon.net)**

• **SATURDAY, MARCH 17 Plant A Row for the Hungry** is co-sponsoring with the Port Washington Library a renewal of the very successful program we offered last March.

Please see attached below our flyer which details the content of our program at the **PW Library at 2:00PM**. We will discuss the art of Square Foot Vegetable Gardening as well as how to create compost right from your homes!

• **DON'T EAT THOSE TIDE PODS - DONATE THEM!** A TANS (Tikkun Alliance of the North Shore) project: **Pack It Up for Hatzilu: Please drop off 32 oz. of DETERGENT - liquid or pods in the RSNS lobby all month long this February**. The Hatzilu Rescue Organization is a non-profit offering support & sending volunteers with food and supplies to the homes of needy Jewish clients in Nassau County. For more information, please contact Susan Miller: [516-581-1847](tel:516-581-1847), SJMesq1954@aol.com

• **TOILETRY DRIVE FOR THE INN:** The Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom is collecting travel-sized toiletries to assemble into toiletry kits for the INN. If you have toiletries to donate, please leave them in the collection box in our lobby.

• **BIRTHDAY IN A BOX!** Jessica Clateman is once again organizing "Birthday in a Box" for the residents of the Terrace. The Terrace is a home for autistic children and young adults which is located in a house behind the RSNS parking lot. The idea behind this initiative is for a volunteer to create a mini birthday party for a resident, that can fit inside a decorated box! The box should be dropped off at the Terrace at a mutually agreed upon date and time. **If you'd like to be added to the sign-up email list to pick a date, please email**

Jessica (jessprince66@gmail.com)

• **TELL CONGRESS TO LET THEM IN!** The courts have repeatedly blocked the Muslim and refugee bans, but the current Administration continues to do everything it can to stop (heavily-vetted) refugees from finding safety in this country. As the Administration tries to implement harsh policies that slam the door on refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers, we must continue to show our support and do what we can to protect and welcome them. **Congress has the authority to maintain the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program** at a level proportionate to the global crisis and in line with our capacity, history and values. Please **take action today** and tell your representatives to **protect the refugee resettlement program**.

• **PUERTO RICO STILL NEEDS OUR HELP!** An easy, effective way to help those devastated by Hurricane Maria is to donate via the [Greater Miami Jewish Federation Disaster Relief Portal](#). You can also donate to El Puente, a widely-regarded state-side organization with strong ties to the local population, who are providing desperately-needed electricity via emergency solar power. Also, [use this link](#) to call on your members of Congress to **pass a comprehensive emergency relief package NOW!**