

**SUNDAY, JULY 29: Rally to End Gun Violence, Breezy Park in Huntington.** It's a student-organized event and is going to feature speakers such as Congressman Tom Suozzi and family members of Scott Beigel, a teacher who was killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school, and they will have voter registration forms and absentee ballots available for those who attend. For more info, contact Lizzie Ederer ([lizederer99@yahoo.com](mailto:lizederer99@yahoo.com)), (516) 404-0510.

• **AUGUST 24-26: Keshet Summertime Shabbaton.** If you're Jewish, LGBTQ, and in grades 8-12, Registration is now open for the Keshet Summertime Shabbaton! Registration costs \$54; Keshet is proud to offer travel scholarship money to ensure that we can bring as many teens as possible to our Shabbaton. [You can click here to learn more and register.](#) Summertime Shabbaton is just a month away!

## IMMIGRANT FAMILIES: HOW TO HELP

-The **JCC Manhattan** offers the following suggestions:

[RAICES](#) (the largest immigration nonprofit in Texas)--right now their website is overwhelmed but there are direct working links to their two main fundraising drives:

[LEAF Project](#) (Legal Representation, Education, and Advocacy) which provides legal representation to unaccompanied minors (and those reclassified as unaccompanied after being separated from their parents at the border); and

[#FREEourfamilies Family Reunification Bond Fund](#), which provides funds to pay for detainees' bonds (which start at \$1500 a person) so that they can be reunited quickly with their families.

### -Donate or Purchase Items

Please purchase the following items from [Amazon](#), [Zappos](#), or other online vendors of your choice and have them sent directly to:

**Temple Emanuel**

**Rabbi Claudio Kogan**

**4300 North Chai Street**

**McAllen, TX 78504**

-Disposable diapers -- all sizes

-Men's shoe sizes 7 + 8

-Women's shoe sizes 5, 6, + 7

-Bras 32B, 34B, + 36B

-[slate.com](#), “Here’s How You Can Help Fight Family Separation at the Border” provides another long list of groups worthy of support with daily updates. Slate notes that ActBlue has aggregated many of these groups under a single button (ActBlue LLC, Support Kids at the Border), which alleviates the stress of having to make a choice.

-Immigrant families are in danger of being torn apart every day in the United States — and not just at the border. For those seeking asylum because of persecution in their home countries, having an attorney can mean the difference between life and death. **If you're an attorney, law**

student, or fluent in English and another language, [please consider volunteering with the Southeast Immigrant Freedom Initiative](#). Just one week of your time could help save a life.

-As part of our ongoing relationship with HIAS as a Welcoming Congregation, we are partnering with several other local synagogues to **support legal asylum-seekers and refugees**. An **urgent need to help a particular family** has arisen and we (as a 4-Synagogue partnership) are trying to meet that need. Together, **we aim to assemble a team of about 15+ volunteers for a short-term project**. The request is predominantly to **drive members of a soon-to-be-arriving refugee family to their appointments**. The family will **settle in Central Slip** (where a relative currently resides) **within the coming few weeks**. If you would like to hear more details about this opportunity to help in a meaningful way, **please email your phone numbers and best time to reach out to Cantor Eric or our project coordinator, Susan Liberstein ([susan.liberstein@gmail.com](mailto:susan.liberstein@gmail.com)) ASAP**.