

HELP RSNS RESCUE AND RESETTLE A SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY!

Thanks to the great work of congregant Adam Haber, and to the generosity of our amazing synagogue community, **RSNS is going to rescue a Syrian refugee family** and resettle them in Canada, via Canadian non-profit Najda Now! See the Island Now article [here](#):

Please help if you can!!!

Najda Now Canada is a community organization that was founded in response to the growing humanitarian and refugee crisis in Syria. Starting 2014, with Canada becoming more open to receiving Syrian refugees (unlike the U.S.), Najda Now engaged in refugee sponsorship activities. So far, they have assisted over 40 refugee families with arriving in Canada and successfully integrating into the community.

Sponsoring a refugee means applying for their resettlement, providing them with temporary and/or permanent housing, assuming all necessary resettlement costs for at least one year and most importantly assisting the refugee with integrating into the Canadian society by helping them resume studies, benefit from professional training and find a decent job. **All this will be possible with the help of YOUR donation!** [Click here to support Rescue Refugees](#)

•SAVE THE DATE: 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 in Waynesboro, PA. Spaces fill quickly. Register here. Questions? Contact Justin Rosen Smolen (justin@keshetonline.org) for more information.

• 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.

• 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**.

• STOP THE HORRIFIC PERSECUTION OF THE ROHINGYA Since the intensification of the ethnic cleansing in August, the American Jewish World Service has been providing humanitarian assistance for the Rohingya who are fleeing violent persecution. The Senate [introduced a bill](#) to provide humanitarian aid and re-establish sanctions against the Burmese military. We now need all Senators to come out in support of human rights and humanitarian assistance for the Rohingya people. You can [use this link](#) to **urge your Senators to support the Burma Human Rights and Freedom Act of 2017**. And if you have a moment, calling your Senator's office can be even more impactful. The passage of this bill will only strengthen AJWS's efforts to combat the suffering of the Rohingya.

• 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!**