

RSNS members - want to know how to make a difference in our world? Then check your email **EVERY WEDNESDAY** for all the info about drives, rallies, workshops, advocacy, and other **Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World) opportunities** that RSNS is a part of!

• **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, SJMesq1954@aol.com

• **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 Boulevard), from 5:30 to 8:30pm.** If you'd like to volunteer tomorrow, please email the coordinator, Maureen Peraza (MPeraza@optonline.net) and indicate whether you would prefer to work from 5:30 – 7:00 (arriving by 5:15 please) or from 7:00 – to 8:30 (arriving by 6:55 please). They **REALLY** could use volunteers this month!

• **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22** join the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, American Jewish World Service and the Jewish Rohingya Justice Network for a community-wide **urgent-action webinar: The Jewish Response to the Ethnic Cleansing of the Rohingya. 4:00 - 5:00 PM.** Register [here](#)

• **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.

• **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 10AM-5PM:** A joint **environmental action "boot camp"** with the Sierra Club and the Long Island Progressive Coalition in Farmingdale. [RSVP here.](#)

• **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. Register here. Questions? Contact Justin Rosen Smolen (justin@keshetonline.org) for more information.

• **SUNDAY, MARCH 4** Bend the Arc is offering an **electoral skills training** in the afternoon. Learn how to more effectively use phone banks and voter canvassing in the upcoming 2018 election cycle. Contact Solomon Hoffman for details, solklez@gmail.com

- **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)**
- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14** The next meeting of the **Nassau chapter of the Sierra Club.** Contact Emily Klass (wepkaplan@gmail.com) for more information.
- **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. **2pm at the Port Public library.** They will discuss the art of Square Foot Vegetable Gardening as well as how to create compost right from your homes!
- **SUPPORT GENDA** GENDA, the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act, is a civil rights bill that would protect transgender, gender non-conforming and non-binary New Yorkers from discrimination in housing, employment, and public services. Governor Cuomo supports the bill and the NYS Assembly has passed the bill ten (10) straight years! **Unfortunately, the NYS Senate has refused to bring the bill to the floor for fifteen straight years!** The community continues to suffer open and blatant discrimination because Senate leadership refuses to acknowledge the importance of this civil rights bill.

What can RSNS do? A group of advocates and allies have created a sign-on letter to be sent to New York State Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, requesting him to bring GENDA to the Senate floor for a vote and passage in the 2018 Legislative Session. **If you are a NYS citizen who supports GENDA, please send your name and the town or city in New York that you live in (Your Name, Your Town) to the following address by Wednesday February 28th by 5 PM: juliowens1@aol.com**