

• **TOMORROW, JANUARY 18** 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)**. The next session is **tomorrow from 5:30 to 8:30pm**. Our regular volunteer, Robin Sigman, can't make it. **Can you go??** If so, 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)**

• **THIS SATURDAY, JANUARY 20** Do you want to join the large **RSNS group participating in the NYC Women's March?** Contact **Judy Levine** (jludwiglevine@gmail.com) to add your name to our list! Here are the details for our group: Meet on the **last car of the LIRR leaving PW at 10:11**, Plandome 10:16, Manhasset 10:18, Great Neck 10:21, Little Neck 10:23. Arriving Penn at 10:56am. Our **city meeting spot will be the Museum of Art and Design at 2 Columbus Circle**. The train group should arrive via subway at this location at about 11:20. **We will wait here until 11:35**. We will then **walk to 61st Street to try to attend the rally**. If we can't do this we will walk to a place where we can **access the march route**. According to the map we should be able to get in at 64th St. But we will have to go where the police direct us. The weather forecast is favorable: Temperature in the low 40's and no rain. Nevertheless we will be outside for a long time so wear warm clothes and comfortable shoes. Optional is water and snacks. We will need people to hold the RSNS banner. More info [here](#). **Judy's cell phone: 516 445 3024**

• **THURSDAY, JANUARY 25** Come join us at **RSNS at 7pm** for a **discussion of the book Becoming Nicole - The Transformation of an American Family**. Our congregant, Michele Lipson, Director at Plainedge Public Library, will lead us in a discussion of this book about one family's acceptance of a transgender child. RSVP to Carol Blumenthal at carollblumenthal@gmail.com or Debbie Kesselman at dkesselman@gmail.com. Please read the book in advance. There are many copies available at local libraries or you can purchase a copy online for under \$15.

• **SUNDAY, JANUARY 28** Get to know **Bend the Arc, Nassau County House Party!** **When:** 2 pm **Where:** A volunteer's home in Syosset, NY — address provided upon RSVP. [RSVP here](#)

• **SUNDAY, JANUARY 28** When children enter foster care they are usually given two trash bags. The **Sweet Case program** provides duffel bags and basic necessities to help this problem. Each Sweet Case includes a duffel bag, teddy bear, blanket, coloring book, crayons, and a hygiene kit. **Please join RSNS and Muslims for Progress in this joint program to package the items during this Sweet Case Packing Party. Bring the kids!** All are welcome to help assemble sweet cases, especially kids since we will be decorating them to provide an individualized look to each case. **3-5PM, Jamaica Muslim Center (85-37 168th St, Jamaica, New York)**
Please RSVP at the Facebook page link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/912327665600480/>

• **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.

• **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.

• **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!

• **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)**

• **ACTION NEEDED, LIVE, RIGHT NOW!!** Bend the Arc, Reconstructionist and other Jewish leaders, in solidarity with the Dreamers are occupying the Capitol Building, now live on Facebook. [Watch them here](#). And please support the Dreamers and our efforts to secure clean legislation to safeguard DACA recipients and insure their stability and families in the U.S., their only home. If you haven't already, [sign the open letter to Congress](#), to demand that Congress

acts by **January 19**. You can also **text RAC4DREAM to 877-877, and be instantly connected to your representative to lobby for a Clean Dream Act!**

• **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!**