

SOCIAL ACTION UPDATE – NOVEMBER 29, 2017

- **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30** Bend the Arc is running a **phone bank to Pass the Dream Act. 7-9pm at Debbie Kesselman's home.** If you can come, **please let Solomon know!** Solklez@gmail.com
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10** **Human Rights Interfaith Supper:** On December 10, 1948, the United Nations formally adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the most universal human rights document in existence that outlines the thirty fundamental rights that form the basis for a democratic society. At a time when ICE has been empowered to detain and deport in mass numbers, reflecting on the spirit and purpose of the Declaration will help ground us in our commitment to justice. **Long Island Jobs With Justice** invites you to attend this interfaith event at **St. Hugh of Lincoln Church in Huntington Station from 4-6pm.** REGISTER ONLINE: <http://bit.ly/2hjDLI8>
- **MONDAY, DECEMBER 18** **Together to End Solitary Confinement, 6:30 pm in the Worship Room, UUCSR, 48 Shelter Rock Road, Manhasset.** Advocates for ending prolonged solitary confinement gather every month, remembering those who are in segregated confinement 23 hours a day. After a vigil in the worship room to remember those in solitary, we will go to the art gallery for a screening and discussion of *White Privilege*, a video presentation by Robin DiAngelo, PhD, Former Professor of Education and Author of *What Does It Mean to be White?* This program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche at cderoche@uucsr.org or 516-472-2977. For directions go to <http://tinyurl.com/n5qsygs>
- **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](#) for more information.
- **SAVE THE DATE: MONDAY JANUARY 15** **Port Washington's Community-Wide Mitzvah Day** is on Martin Luther King Day!
- **KNIT HATS FOR COHEN'S CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER** Through the **Mitzvah Committee at Gan Shalom**, Drs. Lauren Block and Maggie Hymowitz, who are both physicians at Northwell/Cohen's Children's Medical Center, and Miriam Miller, a fantastic teacher in the 4's classroom and an expert knitter/crocheter, are **creating a group of adults and children to knit hats for the preemies and infants at Cohen's Children's Medical Center.** Please email mbhymowitz@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in this Mitzvah project and creating beautiful hats for babies in the hospital to help them stay warm, feel loved, and get well. Once they have a sense of interest, they will send out more information!
- **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!**

Hurricane Relief Supply and Toy Drops! Now until Dec 9th Long Island

Please help join us in helping bring holiday cheer to the children of Puerto Rico. Paying it forward with toys and Supply donations. Surf For All has been sending shipments to Puerto Rico for weeks and will be sponsoring the entire shipment of gifts to Puerto Rico. They will be dropping off toys to local churches and charities on December 20, in Rincon, along with others participating in "voluntourism" (people traveling to Puerto Rico, spending 1-2 days volunteering and the rest of their trip vacationing).

Locations for drop:

[OPTYX Optyx and Surf For All Toy Drive](#) Wheatley Plaza

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