

• **Thanks to all who made RSNS Mitzvah Day a big success!! Head over to the RSNS members-only [Facebook page](#) to view and post pics from this great day of service!**

• **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 Family Day of Thanks and Giving at the INN!** From 12-3pm at the soup kitchen in Hempstead (100 Madison Ave), the INN is sponsoring a Day of Thanks and Giving with **volunteer activities for children and adults**, and a full-course Thanksgiving style meal. This is a **RARE opportunity for kids under 16** to join adults in service at the INN! See attached flyer for more info. Spots are limited - RSVP now!

• **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 Bend the Arc November Chapter Meeting**, 7-8:30pm, at the home of RSNS members Alvin & June Pitkow in East Meadow.

• **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 Shamor, Anti-Semitism Action Committee** will be meeting at 7:30pm at RSNS.

• **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 Community Solidarity's (aka Food Not Bombs) Vegan Thanksgiving Bonanza!** Everyone coming for food will receive a week's worth of vegetarian groceries, a gourmet vegan feast and they'll be able to select a new wardrobe from a massive selection of free clothing they'll be sharing throughout the afternoon. **Volunteers needed starting 1pm, at their weekly Food Share at the Hempstead Train Station** (W. Columbia St. & Station Plaza). **Volunteers can sign up [here!](#)** A perfect lead-in to the Community-wide Port Washington Thanksgiving Service at RSNS!

• **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 premies and infants at Cohen's Children's Medical Center**. They will hold instructional groups at the synagogue, led by Miriam, where she would teach how to knit by using a knitting loom. This loom is easy to use by both children and adults. Each hat can be made in just a couple of hours! **Please email [mbhymowitz@gmail.com](mailto: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!

• **CAN YOU HOST A DREAM ACT PHONE BANK?** Bend the Arc is hoping to set up a phone bank for the dream act in Nassau County some time in the next few weeks. Would anyone be willing to host 8-10ish people? If so, **please let Solomon know! [Solklez@gmail.com](mailto:Solklez@gmail.com)**

• **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** The horrific persecution of the Rohingya Muslims, an ethnic minority in Burma (Myanmar), has recently intensified. Since August, Burmese forces have burned entire villages, soldiers have indiscriminately raped and massacred Rohingya women, men, and children, and more than half a million people have fled on foot to refugee camps in Bangladesh, a three-day trek from their decimated villages. As Jews and global citizens, we cannot remain silent while this ethnic cleansing continues. We must **[act now](#)** to **ensure the survival, safety, and dignity of the Rohingya people**.

• **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!