

A LIST OF WAYS TO HELP IMMIGRANTS for MARCH 2021

- 1) **Collect:** For the month of March 2021, Or Hadash is collecting household items for immigrant families of HIAS Pennsylvania. We are being asked to collect the following: *flatware, measuring spoons, tongs, slotted spoons, ladles, colanders, 10"-12" fry pans, kitchen trash cans with lids-13 gallon, kitchen trash bags, 13 gallon.* Items should be new or very gently used. Collection bin in the Community Room.
- 2) **Join the "Jews for Refugees" Facebook Group.** Joining this group is a great way to connect with thousands of other committed individuals across the United States and around the world and to access up-to-the-minute information about the Jewish response to the refugee crisis.
- 3) **Subscribe** to HIAS.org and HIASPA.org. Both websites are great for learning about current immigrations issues and ways to get involved.
- 4) **Volunteer** at HIAS Pennsylvania: Whether you are an educator, attorney, have language skills or are simply interested in helping a newcomers adjust to their new life, there are ways to get involved.
- 5) **Advocate:** Pennsylvania is a state which does not allow undocumented individuals to get a driver's license. (New Jersey and many other states do.) House Bill 279 "Driver's License for All" is now in the PA Transportation Committee but needs to come up for a vote. Go to DrivingPAForward.org to inform yourself about this important issue. Then compose and send a letter to your PA Representative. Please also send a copy of your letter to MILPA, PO Box 4668, Harrisburg, PA 17111. The staff at MILPA (Movement of Immigrant Leaders in PA) will be organizing a public event to present all the letters they have received from across the state to the PA Transportation Committee. Letters need to be written ASAP.
- 6) **Donate Miles:** Go to *Miles4Migrants* website to donate miles. Miles4Migrants is a non-profit charity whose mission is to use donated airline miles and money to fly refugees and asylum seekers to safe new homes.
- 7) **Buy Refugee Produced Goods:** Visit websites such as: refugeesarts.org or changetheworldbyhowyoushop.com to find many useful items and gifts made by refugees.
- 8) **Listen:** HIAS has a new podcast called *Crossing Borders* which takes you inside the lives of refugees all over the world. Access it from Apple Podcasts, Spotify or wherever you get your podcasts.
- 9) **Donate to a immigrant bail bond fund:** Go to the website communityjusticeexchange.org for a listing of bail bond funds in multiple states. The New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia, for example, has freed 15 people from detention.
- 10) **Join** the Or Hadash Refugee Asylum Task Force to work with fellow congregants to plan ways to help immigrants as a congregation.

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