

Tisha B'Av: Co-Sponsorships

Rebuild Sanctuary - A Tisha B'Av Action on Immigration



DHS ICE Boston Field Office, Burlington, MA
Sunday August 3, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

As we mourn the destruction of the Temples in Jerusalem, times of devastating loss and dislocation for the Jewish people, we call on our leaders to actively resist the federal assault on the dignity, safety and wellbeing of immigrants in our community. We reject the weaponization of Jewish fear into a tool for dismantling civil liberties and instead uphold the tenets of our faith that compel us to protect and stand with marginalized communities. To rebuild sanctuary in the Commonwealth, we ask that our Massachusetts elected officials— including Governor Healey and members of the legislature— do everything in their power to protect immigrants and build a Commonwealth that upholds the dignity and safety of all people.

[Registration form](#)

Organized by T'ruah, JALSA, and RAC-MA

Orientation toward Co-Sponsorship:

Our goal for this Tisha B'Av action is to demonstrate wide-ranging opposition across the Jewish community to the Trump administration's attacks on immigrant communities; to fight against the erosion of civil liberties; and to demonstrate solidarity with marginalized communities in Massachusetts. **We welcome Jewish organizations and congregations to partner with us who share these goals and [are comfortable staying focused on our framing and demands.](#)**

Co-sponsors are asked to share this event with their communities. If you are a larger organization/congregation with the capacity, donations toward action expenses (printing, sound system, etc) are appreciated.

Cosponsors include:

Boston Workers Circle, Congregation Beth El, Congregation Beth Elohim of Acton, Congregation B'nai Israel Tikkun Olam Committee, Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, Congregation Shalom, Hillel B'nai Torah, IfNotNow Boston, Jewish Labor Committee of New England, Kavod, Kerem Shalom, Martha's Vineyard Hebrew Center, Nehar Shalom, Never Again Action Boston, Sinai Brookline, Temple Beth El, Temple Beth Elohim of Wellesley Immigration Justice Initiative, Temple Beth Torah Social Justice Committee, Beth Zion, Temple Etz Chaim, Temple Isaiah of Lexington, Temple Israel of Boston, Temple Shalom Newton, Temple Shir Tikva in Wayland

Framing and Demands

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- Publicly resist the weaponization and bad-faith use of antisemitism as a tool to crack down on civil liberties and higher education
- Disrupt the detention of immigrants in inhumane conditions at the Burlington ICE Office and stop Massport cooperation with ICE deportation flights from Hanscom airport
- Support state legislation to terminate state contracts funneling money and resources into the deportation machine, and ban new and existing contracts (using the Dignity Not Deportations Bill - H.1588 & S.1122). This includes terminating the existing 287g contract with the Department of Corrections and ending the Intergovernmental Service Agreement with Plymouth County Correctional Facility.

Secondary policy asks:

- [The LUCE Coalition Demands](#), including restoring COVID-19 era remote participation in our courthouses for hearings/proceedings in order to protect immigrants from being detained during regular court proceedings
- Invest money in frontline communities, not a \$360 million dollar new women's prison or other carceral infrastructure (pass the Prison and Jail Construction Moratorium)