



Synagogues across North America will give voice to our values as American Jews in a time of unprecedented attempts to close our doors as a country to those seeking freedom from violence and persecution.

### Friday, October 19, 6:00 pm at Beit Ahavah

- Musical Kabbalat Shabbat service led by Rabbi Riqi Kosovske followed by lay led text discussion
- Potluck dinner emphasizing dishes inspired by participants' own immigrant histories
- Sample pierogis made by Irida Kahtiranova, who resides in sanctuary at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Northampton



### Saturday, October 20, 9:30 am at CBI Annual Sandra Goldsmith Social Justice Shabbat

- Shabbat service will incorporate special readings and Jewish teachings about our responsibilities to refugees and asylum seekers.
- D'var Torah will be given by Maxine Stein, CEO of Jewish Family Service of Western MA.
- Kiddush Luncheon will feature foods from refugee countries of origin.

#### Post Kiddush Panel and Q & A Featuring:

- Larry Hott on teaching refugees to drive
- Rose Bookbinder on engaging the Pioneer Valley in preventing deportations
- Diane Palladino on how faith-based organizations mobilize communities to act on behalf of refugees
- Sara Weinberger on why it took 30 people to help facilitate the successful resettlement of a Congolese family
- Mateso Kagenyekero, a local refugee, on the challenges and rewards of relocation