

## How You Can Help Defend Transgender Rights in Massachusetts Between Now and November

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### ✓ **Educate Yourself**

Most of us don't fully understand the issues around gender diversity. Maybe we don't know anyone personally who identifies as transgender or non-binary. Maybe we don't yet know what those words mean.

On April 29, 2018, Congregation Beth El's Adult Education Committee presented an educational program to help people understand gender identity and the transgender rights movement, through a Jewish lens.

Watch the [one-hour video](#) to learn from Mason Dunn, Executive Director of the Mass Trans Political Coalition, and Beth El's very own Danielle Scheff and R Feynman. After watching the video, please share it with others.

Participate in other educational opportunities:

*June 28, 2018:* Keshet information webinar on the ballot initiative. [RSVP here.](#)

*October 2018:* Beth El program on the ballot initiative. Details coming soon.

*October 10, 2018:* Plymouth Church, Framingham, forum on November ballot initiative. Details coming soon.

### ✓ **Pledge to Vote “YES”**

[Keshet](#) and [Freedom for All Massachusetts](#) are holding a pledge drive to educate voters to vote “YES” on the ballot question to uphold transgender rights.

[Sign the pledge](#) to vote “YES” for Justice!

## ✓ Tell 10 Friends

Invite your friends and family to sign the pledge. Here's an email you can send:

*Hey there—*

*Did you know that on election day, November 6, 2018, Massachusetts will be the first state forced to defend transgender rights at the ballot box?*

*A ballot question will ask Massachusetts voters to repeal a 2016 law that protects transgender people from discrimination in public spaces. If the law is overturned at the ballot box, transgender people will once again face discrimination in places where any of us are when we're not at home, work or school – such as malls and restaurants, parks and government offices.*

*A “YES” vote will ensure that protections from discrimination remain in place for transgender people.*

*I just signed a pledge to vote “YES” for Justice. Will you join me in signing the pledge?*

*Sign the pledge here → [www.keshetonline.org/ma-ballot-initiative/vote-yes/](http://www.keshetonline.org/ma-ballot-initiative/vote-yes/)  
or here → [secure.freedomma.org/page/s/pledge-2](http://secure.freedomma.org/page/s/pledge-2)*

*Learn the facts → [www.freedommassachusetts.org/learn-more/](http://www.freedommassachusetts.org/learn-more/)*

*Thanks!*

## ✓ Make Phone Calls

You can help educate voters about the ballot question by participating in a phone bank. When you phone bank, you'll be making phone calls to voters along with a team of other people. You'll be trained and provided with a script.

Phone banking can be virtual (i.e., you make calls from your own home) or in person (i.e., you go to a place where a group of people are making calls together).

*Sign up [here](#) to phone bank at home.*

*Sign up [here](#) to phone bank with others.*

*Phone bank with other Beth El members: Contact Nicci ([nicci.meadow@gmail.com](mailto:nicci.meadow@gmail.com)) or Karen ([oxbow3@comcast.net](mailto:oxbow3@comcast.net)) if you:*

- Want to phone bank with a group of Jews from Beth El and/or the Metrowest area; or
- Can offer a local office or space in your home to host a phone bank.

## ✓ Canvass

Canvassing means going door-to-door, together with others, to talk with voters about the ballot question. When you canvass, you'll be provided with training, a script, and a list of names and addresses. You'll canvass in teams with other people who are committed to upholding trans rights in Massachusetts.

*Canvass with other Jews:*

*July 29, 2018: Canvass in Newton.* Keshet, the Jewish Community Relations Council, and the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism are co-sponsoring a Jewish Community Canvass day in Newton. RSVP [here](#).

*Date TBD: Canvass in Needham.* Details coming soon.

Sign up [here](#) to canvass with *Freedom for All Massachusetts* (scroll down for "Public Education Canvass" opportunities).

## ✓ Join the Metrowest Jewish Community Coming Together (MJCCT) Task Force

Some of us at Beth El are now working with [Keshet](#) and [Freedom for All Massachusetts](#) to bring together Jews in Metrowest to support the rights of our trans children, parents, relatives, friends and neighbors. We are forming the Metrowest Jewish Community Coming Together Task Force (MJCCT) – a group that will work with area synagogues and Jewish organizations to coordinate the Metrowest Jewish community's efforts to protect trans rights in Massachusetts.

Contact Nicci ([nicci.meadow@gmail.com](mailto:nicci.meadow@gmail.com)) or Karen ([oxbow3@comcast.net](mailto:oxbow3@comcast.net)) if you would like to participate or learn more.