

At a time when immigration issues are at the forefront of our minds as Jewish-Americans, let's come together and learn what our sages have to say about it all.

We will begin with one pre-session offered by Rabbi David Baum, Congregation Shaarei Kodesh:

The Story of the Stranger in Judaism and Jewish History

The Torah mentions the stranger 36 times, reminding the Jewish people again and again: "You were strangers in the land of Egypt." What does this commandment mean, and why does it appear so often? Rabbi David Baum explores how the Jewish experience of being outsiders shaped one of Judaism's central moral ideas.

Our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Renata Bozzetto, Director of the Florida Immigrant Coalition:

Who Belongs? Immigration, Community, and the Struggle for Justice in Florida

Renata, from the Florida Immigrant Coalition will share insights from her work organizing and advocating across Florida, exploring how immigration policy affects everyday lives and how communities are building coalitions to pursue justice, dignity, and belonging.

The evening will include a break with delicious tapas!

Renata Bozzetto is the Deputy Director of the Florida Immigrant Coalition (FLIC), a statewide organization that grows the connection, capacity, and consciousness of communities to strengthen pro-immigrant power in Florida. A Brazilian immigrant who has been making Florida a home since 2004, Renata first joined FLIC as a volunteer in 2010. Prior to joining FLIC's team, Renata worked for 9 years as a teaching assistant/instructor at South Florida public universities. She received her MA in Women & Gender Studies from Florida Atlantic University and her Ph.D. in Sociology from Florida International University. Today, Renata is proud to be part of the movement that is making Florida a true home for immigrants and all.

The Immigration Crisis Today: 5 million Floridians were born outside the United States; many fled political persecution and violence, others came to the United States seeking a better education or employment opportunity. Our neighbors who are immigrants participate in every aspect of our economy and are integral to our community. Yet, federal and state policy are placing hundreds of Floridians who are immigrants at risk. Thousands are having their work permits revoked, and many more are at the risk of detention and deportation despite living in our state for decades as exemplary neighbors. We will talk about the current context and why, and how we can take action to protect our neighbors.