

## Ali Noorani Speaks at Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills

The Executive Director of the *National Immigration Forum*, Ali Noorani, gave a talk at the synagogue on Sunday afternoon, May 7, 2017. Invited by the Solidarity Committee, his talk was devoted to the challenges of American immigration. Approximately 45 people attended from across the area.



He spoke about exploring how we feel about immigration, race, and our communities and emphasized building community and individual relationships outside your “typical comfort zone”. Focusing on the importance of out-of-the-box relationships, he highlighted appealing to all faith communities centered on mutual respect of humanity and families. He felt that respecting and working with various cultural, religious, and regional communities is more important than paying attention to policies alone.

One example was the “Bibles, Badges, and Business for Immigration Reform” coalition that has brought together what might be on the surface “conservative” political groups to work together to support and facilitate immigrants’ goals in coming to the USA.

The talk was digitally recorded and can be viewed by going to [this link](#).