

TIKKUN-OLAM – REPAIR THE WORLD
SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES --- FEBRUARY 2020

There is a rich variety of opportunities described below. Which are you drawn to?

MEALS-ON-WHEELS: Temple Sinai has the opportunity to adopt a route in South Burlington and provide regular delivery of food to those in need. If we create a Temple Sinai delivery team, we can deliver 1, 2, 3 or 4 days a month. We decide and commit to a schedule. The route takes about 2 hours to complete(9:00-11:00) and we would deliver to 10-12 homes. It's good to have 4-6 people to make up the team, although one person can handle the route on any given day. We also would need a coordinator. It's really quite simple. Interested in exploring this further? Contact David @ tikkun-olam@templesinaivt.org

PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE: We will celebrate our exodus from Egypt with another food drive supporting the South Burlington Food Shelf. This will probably take place during the first week in April. Look for future announcements.

CAMPAIGN FOR A STRONG FAIR AND IMPARTIAL POLICING POLICY (FIPP) IN SOUTH BURLINGTON OR BURLINGTON: There are groups advocating for stronger policy statements than presently exist. The campaign for FIPP is called No Mas Polimigra, which is a combination of Spanish word "poli" for police and "migra" for immigration authorities. The major goal is to end collaboration of police with immigration agents. If interested, make the initial contact yourself, but please inform us (@ tikkun-olam@templesinaivt.org) that you are getting involved. For South Burlington, Contact Nancy Hellen; nbhellen@gmail.com For Burlington, Contact Madeline@migrantjustice.net and/or Ashley@pjcvt.org

DRIVER FOR MIGRANT JUSTICE: Drivers are needed who can, at very short notice, drive to Massachusetts to deliver bail money and return to our area with a bailed-out Migrant Justice worker who had been arrested by ICE. Person should be able to speak some Spanish and be able to give up an entire day. There is a pool of potential drivers, but there is always a need to add more to the pool. If interested, contact tikkun-olam@templesinaivt.org for more information.

SUPPORTING HUSSEIN NOOR HUSSEIN: He lives in SB with his wife and 8 children. He came to the US from a refugee camp in Kenya 15 years ago. He was an American citizen but recently lost his citizenship after having been found guilty of entering the country using a false name. He is now threatened with deportation to Somalia. He is presently in an ICE facility and efforts are underway to raise the funds needed for bail. The family also needs support because their major breadwinner is incarcerated by ICE. There is a GoFundMe site to contribute money. It is: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-free-our-dear-brother-hussien>

VOLUNTEER AT THE SOUTH BURLINGTON FOOD SHELF: (356 Dorset St.). Help meet the pressing hunger needs in our community. All sorts of volunteer jobs available. Contact Peter Carmolli (peter.carmolli@gmail.com)

OFFERING PROGRAMS AT A SENIOR RESIDENCE: We are exploring possibility of collaborating with a senior residence facility to offer a “program” once a month. This might be a musical presentation, talk on topics of interest (e.g., income tax, travel experience, poetry reading) children’s performance, etc. Temple Sinai would recruit members of our congregation to present. Might you be interested in this? Contact David @ tikkun-olam@templesinaivt.org

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ACTION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE: Let us know what actions you are engaged in. Suggest actions the Committee should consider. Contact tikkun-olam@templesinaivt.org

JOIN OUR TEMPLE SOCIAL ACTION EMAIL LIST: Add your name to our committee mailing list to receive meeting minutes, occasional articles, and action opportunities. And join our meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month(6:00-7:00). Contact david.shiman@uvm.edu for more information.