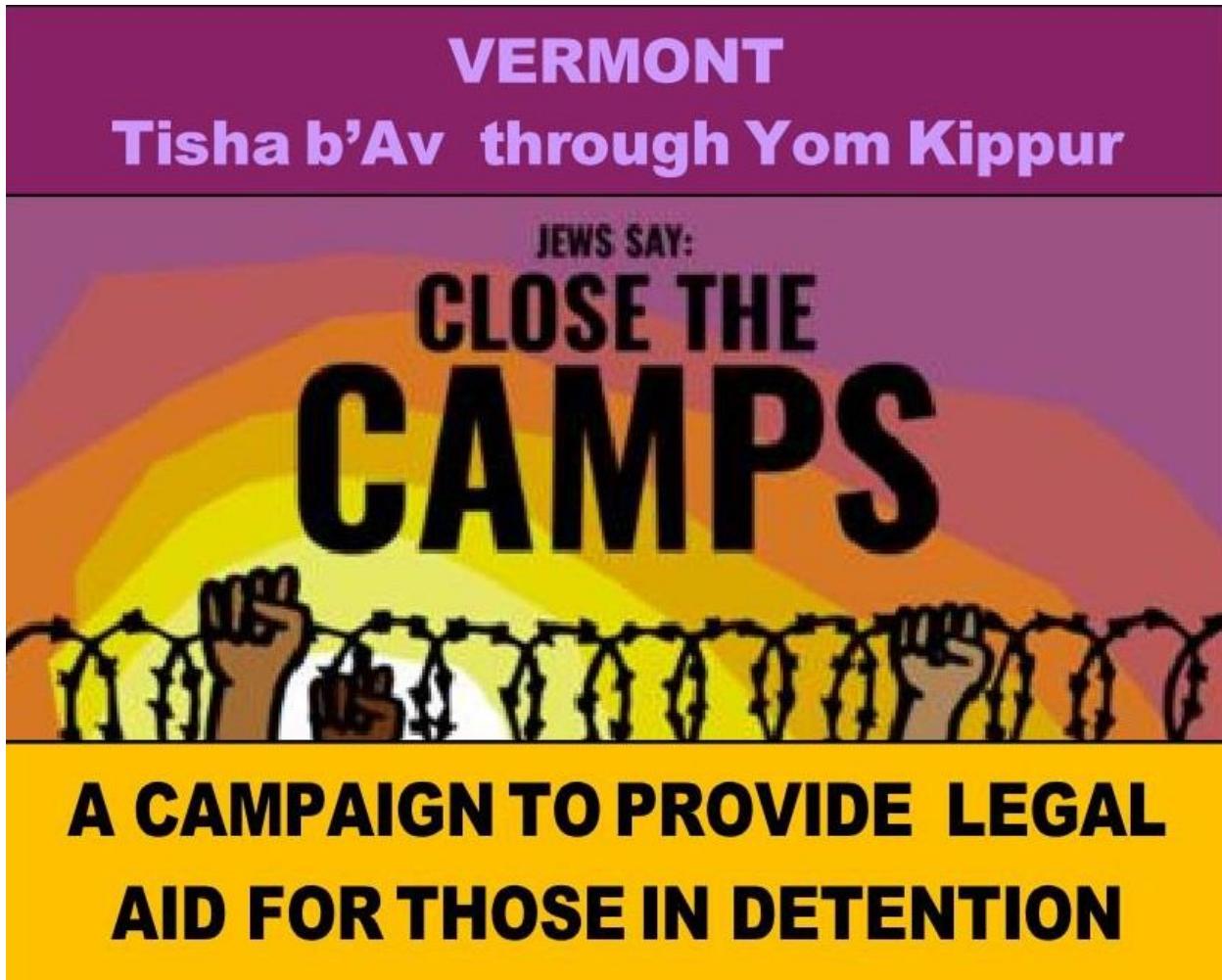


# JOINING THE VERMONT JEWISH COMMUNITY IN RAISING FUNDS FOR LEGAL AID TO HELP THOSE SEEKING IMMIGRATION OR ASYLLUM



Across North America, Jewish communities are taking action and raising money to help those in detention, separated from their families, and those seeking legal asylum. In visits to the border, one need comes up over and over: legal help. In order to help with this, the Jewish communities in Vermont are joining together for a campaign from now to Yom Kippur to raise money for three organizations (one local, one national, one focused on the southern border) that are providing legal support and bail for those in need.

We hope to raise \$7500 to be divided between the following three organizations:

**LOCAL:** [Vermont Freedom Bail Fund](#)

A tax-deductible fund available to bail out immigrants living in Vermont held on immigration charges. Immigrants with any chance of release from ICE prison need bail in order to be freed from the prison system to rejoin their families and communities, have wider legal options, get help in preparing their cases, and be able to earn their living.

**NATIONAL: [HIAS – Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society](#)**

HIAS has historically protected those fleeing violence, persecution and torture, defending them against deportation by securing humanitarian legal status and keeping families united through reunification. As refugees' access to protection is increasingly restricted, HIAS' U.S. legal program seeks to safeguard and increase rights for refugees and other displaced people upon their arrival to the U.S. and throughout their journey to citizenship.

Guided by our Jewish values and history, HIAS provides services to all immigrants in need of assistance, regardless of their national, ethnic, or religious background. Today, HIAS' U.S. Legal Protection team seeks to provide various forms of humanitarian relief to our clients who arrive in desperate need of protection.

**SOUTHERN BORDER: [Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center](#)**

Founded in 1987, Las Americas is a homegrown non-profit dedicated to serving the legal needs of low income immigrants, including refugees and asylum seekers, victims of crime, and families seeking reunification. Las Americas' attorneys and staff are committed to providing legal representation to those who otherwise would not be able to afford it. The El Paso port-of-entry sees the second highest number of people crossing into the United States by land, second only to San Diego. Since our inception, Las Americas has provided representation to more than 30,000 low-income immigrants in El Paso. Las Americas' clients come from all over the world, and our staff has helped clients from countries as far as Burma and Cameroon.