

## A Letter from the Social Justice Committee

Dear Bet Mishpachah Family,

By all objective measures, the last several weeks have been tremendously emotionally challenging for those of us who believe in human rights, the legitimate rule of law, the values of the Constitution, the respectful and proper treatment of new immigrants and asylum seekers and our (now sadly historical) welcoming values of the United States as quoted on the Statue of Liberty. We must be vigilant, resourceful, respectful but need to RESIST!

We are very excited to report on two positive actions our committee has taken, in order that we be better informed and offer greater support of this critical cause. After working for several months with the National Capital Synagogue Coalition for Refugees and Immigrants (NASCENT), Bet Mishpachah has now officially become one of the first DC-area congregations formally to join this group. Additionally, after naming HIAS as the 2018 Queen Esther Fund Recipient and filing a formal application, HIAS has confirmed Bet Mishpachah's status a "Welcome Campaign Congregation!" [Read more about these organizations by following the link on the Social Justice Committee page.] Please contact the committee at [social-action@betmish.org](mailto:social-action@betmish.org) if you would like to receive more information or wish to participate in upcoming activities supporting Immigrants and Asylum Seekers.

In Community,  
The Social Justice Committee