

# Take Action with HIAS:

## Refugee Shabbat 2026



### Advocate

- HIAS regularly updates policy and advocacy talking points on related issues for use in advocating to your elected officials. Find them at [hias.org/advocacy-toolkit](https://hias.org/advocacy-toolkit).
- Call and write to your elected representatives, both federal and state.
- Find and sign HIAS petitions at [hias.org/take-action](https://hias.org/take-action).
- Speak out:
  - Anyone can use their voice to speak out on refugee and immigration issues. Together we can grow compassion and empathy by sharing personal stories, emphasizing the human impact of a politicized issue, and addressing misconceptions.
    - Use your social media to speak out. Tag @HIASrefugees so we can amplify it.
    - Write letters to the editor and op-eds in your local publications.
  - Participate in rallies and actions in your local community.
- Clergy can leverage their voices through the HIAS Clergy Council at [hias.org/join-hias-clergy-council](https://hias.org/join-hias-clergy-council).

### Volunteer

HIAS's [action guide](#) can help you identify a range of ways to support impacted immigrant communities – both during initial emergency stages and for the long-term. Current opportunities with HIAS include:

- Accompaniment
- Welcome Circles for asylum seekers
- Volunteer Support for refugees and asylum seekers in NYC and DC
- Pro-bono legal programs
- Rapid response networks

Visit [hias.org/how/support-our-immigrant-neighbors/](https://hias.org/how/support-our-immigrant-neighbors/) to learn more.

### Donate

- Your donations are incredibly helpful – to your local networks and to HIAS – to ensure that this work can continue. Consider making a gift at [hias.org/donate](https://hias.org/donate).
- Celebrate a lifecycle event with a personal fundraising page at [hias.org/start-fundraiser](https://hias.org/start-fundraiser).

### Educate & Learn

- Attend a HIAS event.
- Explore HIAS' robust Jewish educational resources at [www.hias.org/resources](https://www.hias.org/resources) with content for most holidays, ready-to-use prayers and liturgical readings, evergreen text studies. There is also a comprehensive B'nai mitzvah project guide on the Jewish value of welcoming the stranger designed to fulfill many synagogue requirements for a mitzvah project.

### Stay Informed

- Sign up to receive HIAS emails and follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [BSKY](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) or [Threads](#).

A full list of ways to take action can be found on HIAS' website, at [hias.org/take-action](https://hias.org/take-action). That list includes additional opportunities to volunteer, to donate materials and supplies, to sign petitions, to advocate, to learn and much more.

For more information, contact the HIAS Community Engagement Team at [takeaction@hias.org](mailto:takeaction@hias.org)