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Expand Your Heart and Mind

SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Meals for Rockville Women's Shelter

Adat Shalom members will once again provide meals to the residents of the Rockville Women's Shelter. Beginning **Sunday, August 19**, we will prepare, purchase, deliver, and serve three meals each day to 35 women.

If you would like to participate, contact Debbie Tipton, dtipton515@gmail.com. If you have not participated in the past, and even if you have, she will provide thorough instructions to make the activity as easy and enjoyable as possible. Children over 8 are welcome to help serve at the shelter. Younger children can help with sandwich making and brown bag packing at home – everyone can be involved! SSL hours can be earned.

FAMILIES BELONG TOGETHER RALLY

Join other Adat Shalom members to protest policies that divide immigrant families. Luther Jett and Eileen Sirota are coordinating plans for members to meet on Saturday, June 30, at 10 am, on the corner of 17th and K in Farragut Square. Please let Eileen know if you plan to attend -- ively.sirota@gmail.com.

Solar Shabbat

After the oneg on July 14, join us in the Adat Shalom Library to learn about renewable energy utility alternatives available to DC and Maryland residents from representatives from Interfaith Power and Light and from a Community Solar B Corporation.

DOMESTIC MISSION: SAVE THE DATE

The Domestic Mission planned for June was rained out, but we've rescheduled. Please join us for a clean-up day at Cabin John Regional Park on **Sunday, October 21**, under the auspices of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, <https://www.allianceforthebay.org>. Families with children are encouraged to participate, and there's a dog park at Cabin John, so dogs are also welcome. Rabbi Julie will lead an environmental study session on Shabbat afternoon, **October 20th**. For more information, contact Mark Wolff, markcwolff@gmail.com.



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SUKKOT IN SPRING

In April, more than 20 Adat Shalom members participated in Yachad's annual [Sukkot in Spring](#) program, working on and donating funds to support a home repair project in Prince George's County. Members helped with various projects, including a complete kitchen renovation, painting, and installing new doors, door frames, and railings. A special shout out to Alan Kanner of Added Dimensions for leading the kitchen make over. Ms. James, the homeowner is overjoyed with the results and is delighted to have a working kitchen again. You can view slide show of photos from this project here:

<https://www.facebook.com/226836704171708/videos/805637636291609/>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

- HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, supports asylum seekers in the greater DC area. Volunteers with HIAS can serve as mentors, English-language partners, or on-call transportation and childcare volunteers. <https://www.hias.org/volunteer/volunteer-dc-area>
- Capital Area Immigrant Rights Coalition is looking for volunteers to answer phones for their hotline for detained noncitizens and their families. They especially need volunteers who speak French, Spanish, or Arabic. <https://www.caircoalition.org/how-to-help/volunteering>
- Sanctuary DMV's Accompaniment Project trains volunteers to accompany migrants to ICE check-ins and court appearances in Fairfax and Baltimore, usually during weekday work hours. They are also training volunteers as part of a "rapid response" team for ICE raids. <http://sanctuarydmv.org>.
- Ayuda provides a variety of services to support immigrants and refugees, from legal services, interpretation assistance, and addressing the needs of children, LGBTQ people, and those who are victims of human trafficking. <https://ayuda.com/get-involved/>

For more information on Adat Shalom's Social Action Committee, contact one of the Co-Chairs, Carol Bloomberg (cabloomberg@verizon.net) or Stu Simon (ssimon@doc.gov).

