

WESTCHESTER JEWISH COALITION FOR IMMIGRATION

Westchester Jewish Coalition for Immigration (WJCI)'s mission is to advocate for fair, just and compassionate laws, policies, and programs to support refugees, asylum seekers and other immigrant groups. WJCI is currently composed of over 90 individual members and clergy from across the Westchester Jewish community including Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist, Reform, and non-denominational affiliations. We advocate for issues that impact immigrants: hunger insecurity, fair housing laws, employment, healthcare, and more on a state and federal level. Our goal is to help bring about lasting change for the people and communities we serve by:

- Pushing out initiatives through social action committees at synagogues around Westchester;
- Lobbying for policy changes and push for reforms at the local, state, and federal levels
- Meeting with local congressmen regularly about advocating for immigrants;
- Writing letters to local and federal politicians to advocate and push for policy change;
- Booking speakers for synagogues;
- Showing our support for local families by assisting local organizations to advocate for their clients;
- Having multi-faith events at synagogue;
- Meeting with members of Congress;
- Holding town hall meetings with reps;
- Writing letters to our elected officials;
- Running a social media campaign;

- Executing online petitions, social media campaigns, phone a thons, postcard writing events (virtual/in-person), rallies, marches;
- Conducting educational online and virtual events like the one we did with Right 2 Counsel; and
- Creating refugee-friendly/welcoming towns: ensure the passing of resolutions affirming identities as “welcoming and inclusive communities.”