



Jews for Equal Rights for Immigrant Communities

Join Jews in Solidarity with the Immigrants Rights Movement!

The Jewish tradition and community holds at its core a powerful message of social justice and caring for the poor. Remembering our own immigrant struggles, this fall Jews will harness the power of our community to take stand for the economic and civil rights of today's American immigrants. **You are invited to be a part of it.**

The Immigrant Workers Freedom Rides (IWFR) is a national mobilization to focus public attention on immigrant rights and injustices of current immigration policies, and Jewish communities are central in making them happen. Inspired by the Freedom Rides of the Civil Rights Movement, buses filled with immigrant workers and their community allies will cross the United States. Setting out from nine different cities, the IWFR buses will travel through dozens of towns and cities focusing attention on three essential requirements of a new immigration policy:

- To provide a "road to citizenship" for all immigrant workers in this country;
- To enable immigrant workers to easily re-unite their families; and
- To protect the rights of immigrants in the workplace.

After converging in Washington, DC, where they will meet with elected officials, the Freedom Riders will head to New York City for a mass rally in support of immigrant rights and national policy reform.

As a community with growing influence and the immigrant experience as a central part of our own history, Jews have a critical role to play in defending the rights of today's generation of immigrants. Through solidarity rallies across the country and follow up with local communities nation wide, the Jewish community has an opportunity to harness its power to raise awareness of this issue and promote positive change. Five Jewish representatives are invited to participate in the rides, to serve as spokespeople for the Jewish community and to coordinate Jewish solidarity events and follow up. And, Jews all over the country are invited to help organize events in solidarity with the rides. **We need your help.**

How to Get Involved

Contact JERICO Director Abby at abigaillevine@yahoo.com to:

- Request an application to go on the rides.
- Help organize solidarity events in your community.
- Make a financial contribution to this important effort.

Buses will leave from West Coast cities on September 22 and from Houston on September 25th. Buses will converge in Washington, D.C. on October 1st and 2nd, and then join in New York City for a large rally on October 4. Save the dates!

For more information on the Immigrant Workers Freedom Rides, go to www.iwfr.org.

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