



**JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL**  
of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, Sonoma, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties

*Pursuing a Just Society and Secure Jewish Future*

## **COMMUNITY UNITES AGAINST FAMILY SEPARATIONS**

[Immigrant families are being pulled apart](#) at the border because of a new “zero-tolerance” policy that has resulted in thousands of children being incarcerated with no clear path to reunification with their parents. According to experts, the practice is tantamount to [institutionalized child abuse](#). No law or court ruling mandates such separations and a wide spectrum of faith and political leaders have expressed moral outrage. In fact, the entire organized Jewish community is [united in opposition](#) to the practice.

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Our Jewish community [believes](#) in a generous and compassionate American immigration policy and our experience and values compel us to advocate for humane and rational immigration enforcement.

We join the Jewish Council for Public Affairs and more than 30 other JCRCs and Federations around the nation in calling on the U.S. Departments of Justice and Homeland Security to immediately rescind the new policy and uphold the values of family unity and justice on which our nation was built.

### **HERE'S WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:**

Join us tomorrow night at the [Interfaith Vigil to End the Separation of Immigrant Families](#) in Grace Cathedral's outdoor plaza area to gather in solidarity and prayer with our faith partners from diverse traditions.

[Your Senator needs to hear your voice advocating for immediate action to stop separating families at the border.](#)

You may also call:

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security Comment Line at (202) 282-8495
- U.S. Department of Justice Comment Line at (202) 353-1555
- The White House Comment Line at (202) 456-1111

If you'd like to travel to Brownsville, Texas, to bear witness and protest at the detention centers on Monday, June 25, please [contact us](#) for information.

Please send donations to our friends at [CARECEN SF](#) and others in the [SF Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative](#). Together with the [SF Immigrant Legal Education Network](#), this unique collaboration of legal and service organizations has created a [Rapid Response Network](#) to respond to heightened immigration enforcement.

In addition, we join Temple Emanu-El – which has made a \$1,000 contribution from its Rabbis' Discretionary Fund – in recommending the [RAICES Texas Family Reunification and Bond Fund](#) to help support legal services for detained separated parents.