



## How to Speak to Kids About the Deportation of a Synagogue Employee

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I was asked by families who want to bring their kids to the rally for language to help explain to their children what has been going on with Armando.

Armando was a member of our staff, but he is really a member of our synagogue family.

When he was 18 years old he crossed the U.S./Mexico border because it wasn't very safe where he lived. He also wanted to find work.

Our country, like other countries, has rules around entering the country. You have to ask permission to come in and you have to enter at specific places. Armando didn't come in according to the rules.

That was 30 years ago. He has lived here ever since. He got married and has two sons. One is in high school and one is in his 20s.

For a long time people like Armando could live in our country without being concerned that they were going to be asked to leave.

Recently the government has changed how it treats people like Armando, and they want to send him back to Mexico.

We think he belongs here with his family and with our Bet Torah family and we want the government and everyone to hear how we feel.

One of the great things about living in this country is that we can share our opinions and voice our feelings.

And one of the beautiful things about our Bet Torah community is that we are there for each other no matter what we are going through.

**That's what we are going to do tomorrow night.**