



Letter from Beth-El Synagogue

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Chevre,

Last night, Rabbi Greyber attended a press conference alongside elected officials, community partners, and fellow faith leaders in response to the anxiety from the presence of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Border Patrol in our region. Beth El affirms our commitment to public safety, civil rights, and human dignity: those who profess to enforce the law must follow the law.

To our whole community: please call/text/email and otherwise check in with anyone in our community who may be impacted; it is up to all of us to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable. To Beth Elians who are experiencing fear because of ICE activities: **your Beth El family is with you** during this time of fear and anxiety.

We are fortunate to share our campus with El Centro Hispano and to count its CEO, Pilar Rocha-Goldberg, as a longtime Beth El member. Over the summer, Pilar and her team trained synagogue leadership on how best to respond (and not respond) in the current environment. Our staff reviewed that training today and is continuing to coordinate with Pilar and her team. We also thank Beth El member, State Senator Sophia Chitlik, who is working tirelessly to support and defend our neighbors.

Thanks to their leadership and guidance, here are concrete actions we can take together:

1) [Join a School-Based Support Network.](#)

Durham volunteers are building a school-based community response network to demonstrate solidarity and to care for our students and their families. Sign up [here](#) to join a school-based team for drop off this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

2) [Participate in Safety Patrols with SiembraNC.](#)

[SiembraNC](#) is organizing safety patrols for spots they have assessed to be most vulnerable in Wake and Durham. You can learn more about [this effort](#) and sign up for patrols in both Durham and Wake counties [here](#). Call 336-543-0353 for the Siembra NC Hotline.

3) [Support El Centro Hispano.](#)

[El Centro Hispano](#) provides education, advocacy, and emergency support, including transportation and safety needs.

- To volunteer (outreach, deliveries, safety efforts): mrocha@elcentronc.org
- To donate to ongoing preparedness and legal support efforts: Please give generously to [ECH](#).

4) Donate to Legal and Emergency Support Organizations.

Donate to the [Carolina Migrant Network](#) and the [Immigration Solidarity Fund at Church World Service](#), which are on the front lines of rapid response and long-term organizing to support our neighbors.

5) Feed Durham Families.

Volunteer with the [Emanuel Food Pantry](#), Durham's largest food provider. Sign up [here](#) to help provide meals to families facing food insecurity.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to protect, support, and uphold the dignity of every member of our community. **May we meet this moment with courage, solidarity, and love.**