

FROM THE BORDER TO BOSTON:

OUR WORK FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE



Witnessing the escalation in the harassment and targeting of immigrants on a national level can lead to despair and paralysis for a local community like ours. But rather than succumb to helplessness, we catalyzed local action with significant impact on immigrants we've gotten to know right here in Boston. Drawing on the passion and commitment of our community, we've organized 18 synagogues and over 400 volunteers in Sanctuary clusters that are actively supporting families in crisis by providing shelter, food and other needed services.



In the last 12 months, JCRC helped to effect:



185
Court Hearings
Attended by
Accompaniers



12
Pro Bono Lawyers
who took on
immigration cases



\$120M
Raised with Interfaith
Partners for Bond
Funds



40
People Bonded and
out of detention

Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network

When we learned of the dire needs of immigrants in detention right here in Boston, we worked with our other faith-based partners to create a new interfaith grassroots collaboration – the Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network (BIJAN) – which has mobilized over 700 volunteers supporting over 200 undocumented people currently or once detained in the South Bay detention center by providing pastoral, financial, and emotional support.



“In seeing [this work], I felt strengthened, I felt the power and love of our Jewish community and our commitment to showing up when it matters.”

— Ida Assefa, BIJAN Organizer