

...subway riders at night after a hard day's work. Everyone is separate, alone, but very much together.

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What is the Impact of Fear-Driven Immigration “Reform” on PA’s Economy and Politics?

**THURSDAY
FEB. 23rd
7:00 PM**

**Liberties Bar
2nd Floor**

**705 North Second Street
Philadelphia**

There is no cost to attend this event. Food and beverages available for purchase. To RSVP or for more information, contact Michael Hersch, 215-923-2940 or email philadelphiajlc@jewishlabor.org.

After the failure of the U.S. Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform, states and municipalities have proposed and passed dozens of bills and ordinances, many of them promoted by xenophobes and premised on fears that “illegals” are “taking our jobs.”

Closest to home, Bridgeport and Hazelton have attempted to drive “illegal immigrants” away by giving local law enforcement agencies the power to check citizenship documents and requiring that landlords and employers check immigration status. State Rep Daryl Metcalfe has recently introduced a package of particularly odious bills. Many similar laws in states like Georgia and Alabama have had the effect, intended or not, of impelling immigrants to flee, often leaving labor shortages in their wake.

To Jews in particular, laws that require profiling according to country of origin, race, or ethnicity should be a cause for grave concern.

The Philadelphia Jewish Labor Committee, HIAS Pennsylvania, and Jobs with Justice invite you to join us for a panel discussion on the impact of local and state-level immigration reform on our Commonwealth’s economy and politics.

Panel:

Babette Josephs, State Representative, 182nd District
Wendell W. Young, IV, President, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1776
David Bennion Esq., Immigration Attorney
Jessica Hyejin Lee, Dream Activist

Moderated by Judi Bernstein-Baker, Executive Director, HIAS Pennsylvania