



...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. 16th
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.

In wake of the failure of the U.S. Congress to pass badly-needed comprehensive immigration reform, states and municipalities have increasingly encroached on this arena of policy-making. Dozens of bills and ordinances have been proposed and passed around the country. Many of these have been promoted by xenophobes and premised on fears that “illegals” are “taking our jobs.”

Closest to home, PA municipalities like Bridgeport and Hazelton have attempted to drive “illegal immigrants” out of town 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 invites 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:
 Representative Babette Josephs???
 Judy Bernstein-Baker, Director, Hebrew Immigrant Aid society
 Union LeaderXXXX
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