

# מִי יִחְיֶה וּמִי יָמוּת מִי יָנוּחַ וּמִי יִגְוַע

**“Who will live, and who will die...who will rest in one place, and who will be forced to move.”**

**On Rosh Hashanah it is written, and on Yom Kippur it is sealed:**

Who will dwell in safety, and

...who will wade through dangerous waters with a child in their arms,  
seeking asylum

...who will grab whatever they can carry and flee from violence  
and conflict

...who will try to make a life in the seemingly endless impermanence  
of a refugee camp

...who will tentatively set down roots in a new place, hoping that this,  
at last, will be somewhere safe to call home.

At this moment in history when over 100 million people have been forcibly displaced from their homes, the ancient words of the High Holiday liturgy ask us to wrestle with the painful realities of our contemporary world.

But we are not left to sit endlessly with our existential insecurity. Instead, we are given the tools to temper its harshness: *teshuvah* – repentance, *tefilah* – prayer, and *tzedakah* – justice.

Living our values of welcoming the stranger and seeing the Divine inherent in every human being; raising our voices in protest of unjust and cruel policies; giving of our own resources of time, energy, or funds in service of creating communities filled with compassionate care and righteous action – when we do these things, we temper the cruelties of fate and of human malice and indifference, both for ourselves, and for those most in need.

**HIAS**

Welcome the stranger.  
Protect the refugee.

# HIAS Holiday Calendar 2023-2024/5784

## Rosh Hashanah

September 15-17, 2023

## Yom Kippur

September 24-25, 2023

## Sukkot

September 29 —  
October 8, 2023

## Hanukkah

December 7-15, 2023

## International Human Rights Day

December 10, 2023

## Tu b'Shvat

January 24-25, 2024

## Refugee Shabbat

February 2-3, 2024

## Purim

March 23-24, 2024

## Passover

April 22-30, 2024

## Yom HaShoah

May 5-6, 2024

## Anniversary of MS St. Louis

June 6, 2024

## Shavuot

June 11-13, 2024

## World Refugee Day

June 20, 2024

## Anniversary of 1951 World Refugee Convention

July 28, 2024

## Tisha b'Av

August 12-13, 2024



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