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FAITH LEADERS, GOVERNMENT LEADERS, TARGETED COMMUNITY JOIN IN COLLECTIVE OUTCRY AGAINST DETENTION AND TARGETING OF IMMIGRANTS

_San Jose_--The Jewish observance of **Tisha B’Av** is a day of lamentation for tragedies that led to exile and oppressive immigrant experiences throughout Jewish history. On **Monday, August 12 at Noon in front of the County Government Building** (70 W. Hedding St.) this Jewish day of mourning will be the foundation of a broader spiritual resistance in solidarity with immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers currently suffering from family separation, inhumane detentions, and constant threat.

Dozens of similar events are taking place all across the country, to demand an end to these injustices.

Hebrew chanting of the Book of Lamentations will be shared with contemporary cries protesting the cruel practices driven by xenophobia and senseless hatred in our country today.

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, joined in solidarity by many other elected officials, will speak about the inhumane treatment of children and families at the detention centers in McAllen and Brownsville, Texas.

Through the sharing of this pain and acknowledging the communal grief it has caused, the tradition of Tisha B’Av also seeks to move people to consolation, and to building a better world. Organizational and individual actions will be shared.

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