UN World Refugee Day is held every year on June 20, a special day when the world takes time to recognize the desperate needs and the resilience of forcibly displaced people, and to plan ways to help them.

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Millions of civilians remain trapped by violent conflict in Syria and negotiations to protect residents are critical, warns United Nations humanitarian adviser Jan Egeland. "The notion that it is ebbing, this war, is completely wrong. This war is on and it's still in the midst of the civilian population," he says.

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Dear Dick,

Global forced displacement has reached a new high. In its annual Global Trends report, UNHCR reported that conflict and persecution in countries including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and Myanmar had driven worldwide forced displacement to a record high for the fifth year in a row. **Over half of the world’s 25.4 million refugees are children.** Many will spend their entire childhoods away from home, sometimes separated from their families.

**But there is hope.**

This World Refugee Day, **YOU can make a difference to help these children, who are among the most vulnerable.**

A gift of just $25 to UNA-USA’s Adopt-A-Future initiative provides school supplies and clothing for a refugee child to enroll in school. Even better? When you [give online today](https://www.unausa.org/adoptafuture), your donation will be distributed to help children go to school in the 60 UN Refugee Agency schools in the Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps in Kenya. Your donation will also be MATCHED through the Educate a Child Fund of Her Highness Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser of Qatar and other philanthropic partners and, doubling the impact of the initiative.

**Your contribution will be used to:**
- Purchase school supplies
- Provide clothing to a refugee child
- Train teachers to support children affected by trauma
- Give students a chance to have a brighter future, both academically and emotionally

To get a former refugee’s perspective on how your donation is providing the much needed assistance to camps like Kakuma, [read Peter Magai Bul's story](https://www.unausa.org/adoptafuture).

This is about real girls and boys who desperately need our help right now. **YOU can make the world a better place for these children with your simple act of kindness.** [Give today](https://www.unausa.org/adoptafuture).

Sincerely,

Rachel Bowen Pittman
Senior Director, Membership & Programs, UNA-USA

To learn more about the Adopt-A-Future campaign and see how else you can help refugees, [click here](https://www.unausa.org/adoptafuture).

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Today is World Refugee Day.

Today, on our southern border, the children of asylum seekers are being pried from their parents’ arms and forced into camps.

Parents who’ve fled trauma and persecution to seek refuge in America will instead be forced to endure the unfathomable terror of not knowing if they will ever see their children again.

What the Trump administration is doing to these families is barbaric. As Jews, it’s impossible not to see echoes of our history.

And while the focus of our work remains US policy toward the Middle East, we must also stand up and defend our values at home.

As Jews, it’s impossible to remain silent.

That’s why, over the past few weeks, J Street has joined with a wide spectrum of Jewish groups -- including the national movements of every major Jewish denomination -- to stand up against family separation.

Today, on World Refugee Day, we’re asking you to add your voice.
Call Senators John Boozman and Tom Cotton and ask them to support the Keep Families Together Act.

CALL NOW

Numbers and a script will be provided at the link.

Thank you for taking action.

Dylan Williams
J Street Vice President of Government Affairs

ATTEND A JUNE 30 RALLY

J Street is a proud co-sponsor of the June 30 Families Belong Together Rallies taking place in Washington, DC and across the country.

If your religious practices allow you to participate on Shabbat, we encourage you to attend an event in your community to demand the Trump administration stop separating children from their families.

FIND AN EVENT NEAR YOU

DONATE

Block Mortensen on World Refugee Day

Mariam Iskajyan 6-20-18
WIN WITHOUT WAR

Dick,

Last month, Trump nominated anti-immigrant extremist Ronald Mortensen to oversee refugee resettlement in the U.S. as Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM). A xenophobic racist like Mortensen should not be the top diplomat overseeing U.S. policies towards the millions of people uprooted by humanitarian crises across the world.

Next month, the Senate will vote on whether to confirm Mortensen in this dangerous position. And we can block him.

Already, there is bipartisan pressure to block Mortensen’s nomination. If we put enough pressure on our Senators right now, we can stop Mortensen and start to break
apart the racist infrastructure upholding the militarized and barricaded borders of this country.

**Add your name to stand with refugees on World Refugee Day and tell the Senate:**
**Block anti-migrant Mortensen!**

**Mortensen literally gets paid to be a white supremacist.** He works for a far-right, anti-immigrant hate group and spews rhetoric attacking immigrants. What’s more, confirming Mortensen would add yet another bigot to a Trump administration already stacked with anti-migrant and anti-Muslim extremists, from Stephen Miller to Mike Pompeo.

Migration is a human right. The world is facing the worst refugee crisis since World War II — many of whom are fleeing wars caused by the United States’ failed violence-first foreign policy and natural disasters fueled by U.S.-driven climate change — and yet the United States is currently at the lowest refugee resettlement goals in history.

This is no accident. From the Trump administration’s refugee bans disguised as “extreme vetting,” to the Muslim ban, to the inhumane policy of separating migrant kids from their families, Trump’s attacks on refugees are part and parcel of his racist, anti-immigrant agenda and systematic effort to dismantle U.S. refugee resettlement and other immigration relief programs.

**On World Refugee Day, sign to resist Trump’s attacks on refugees and demand the Senate block racist Ronald Mortensen.**

On this day and every day, let’s exercise true solidarity with refugees on the frontlines of war, climate catastrophe, social and economic inequalities, and violence. Not just because militarism is a core root cause of the modern-day refugee crisis, but because all humans, especially those fleeing their homes, have the right to safety, shelter and refuge, and the U.S. has an obligation to provide it. Refugees already face devastating obstacles in the pursuit of safety. We can’t allow Mortensen to make this pursuit impossible.

Thank you for standing with refugees today,
Mariam, Aubrey, Tara and the Win Without War team.

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