

## Temple Concord and Temple Israel Selichot Program and Service

Join Rabbis Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Geoffrey Brown and our combined communities to offer prayers of forgiveness- Selichot, drawing the month of Elul to a close in our efforts to make urgent our repentant mood as we approach the High Holidays. We will take to heart the plight of today's immigrants and learn from the teachings of HIAS and a local authority on Immigration.

**Date:** Saturday Motzei Shabbat, September 16

**Time:** 8pm

**Place:** Temple Israel, 4737 Deerfield Pl., Vestal, NY 13850

**What:** We were once the immigrants/refugees. What are we to do today and how are we able to understand immigrant/refugee tumult and fears.

Does our humble statue in New York City's harbor truly heed the words of Emma Lazarus?

...cries she

With silent lips? "Give me your tired, your poor,

Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,

The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,

I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

**8:00pm:** Interactive Program including featured guest, Cholpon Kelly, Immigration and Asylum specialist, American Civic Association

**9:00pm** Refreshments

**9:30pm:** Havdalah and Selichot Services