## Jewish teaching calls us to welcome the foreigner among us



## A YES vote on Question 4

- will keep in place a law allowing all drivers in Massachusetts to be properly vetted for licenses (by providing proof of identity, date of birth, and residency), pass required tests and buy insurance, regardless of immigration status.
- means safer roads and better tools for law enforcement to do their jobs. In 16 states with similar laws, passage led to declines in uninsured drivers and hit-and-run crashes. That's why this measure is endorsed by over 60 law enforcement officials statewide—including most sheriffs, district attorneys, and all 42 police chiefs in the Massachusetts Major Cities Chief of Police Association.
- helps families and workers by ensuring they can drive legally to school and work. It makes sense for all of us.
- will **not** allow non-citizens to vote.



## Jewish organizations across Massachusetts support YES on 4

Many of our Jewish community organizations have worked over the past 20 years to pass a law to allow immigrants, regardless of documentation, to obtain driver's licenses. Besides being a matter of public safety for them and others who use our roads, it is also a matter of morality, and in concert with our Jewish values of welcoming the stranger.

Our most sacred writing, the Torah, commands us no fewer than 36 times to welcome people from other countries. And, **our own historic experience with immigration and persecution** has taught us the consequences of designating people as outsiders, as labeling them as the "other." If we do not allow our immigrant friends and neighbors in Massachusetts to obtain driver's licenses, we force immigrants to live their lives haunted by suspicion and danger, in fear of family separation and deportation if they are pulled over while driving for essential purposes.



Yes on 4 is endorsed by:

Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston
Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA)
RAC-MA (an affiliate of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism)
Anti-Defamation League