



Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley

JFS SV Needs Host Families for Temporary Housing

We resettle refugees who need temporary (1-2 month) housing and we are looking for host families. These are people that don't have a U.S. tie. We are hoping that *you* will open your hearts and homes.

What type of accommodations do they need? They need their own bedroom and bathroom.

Who are these people, and have they been screened? These are recently-arrived refugees from around the world who have gone through rigorous vetting.

Why should I open my home to a stranger? As Jews, we were once strangers in a strange land. The Torah tells us 36 times that we should welcome the stranger.

May I speak with someone who has already hosted? Yes, we will connect you with a current/past host family.

Will I need to do everything for these clients? No, these clients will be case-managed by JFS SV staff. They will go to JFS for their ESL classes and for support to find a job.

Can I be compensated? Yes, we are required to compensate for your increased utilities.

Do they speak English? In most cases their English is enough for you to communicate with them.

What if I have company coming? We will find a place for them to stay temporarily.

Where are they from? All over the world including but mostly from Iran and Afghanistan

Will I be trained about what to do? Yes, JFS SV staff will train you.

What will I need to do? Provide a safe place for them to stay upon arrival.

Are other agencies resettling refugees? JFS SV is currently the *only* agency resettling refugees in Santa Clara County.

Are there other ways I can help? Yes, you can become a volunteer driver or mentor, join our housing task force, or contribute toward refugee rent.

If you can help, please contact Azita Eshagh,

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