



Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley

Refugees Need Support Finding Affordable Housing!

**Would you like to establish a bond with refugees
who really need your help?**

**Can you provide financial support for 1, 2, or 3 months of rent
for newly-arrived refugees?**

**Do you have room in your home to temporarily house
newly-arrived refugees?**

**Do you own an unoccupied apartment or house
you can “lend” to our program?**

**If you can help, please contact Azita Eshagh,
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JFS SV Needs Host Families for Temporary Housing Frequently Asked Questions

We resettle refugees who need temporary (1-2 month) housing. These are people who 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, they will be case-managed by JFS SV staff. They will go to JFS for ESL classes and for support to find a job.

Can I be compensated? Yes, we will compensate for your increased utilities.

Do they speak English? In most cases they can communicate with you in English.

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

Where are they from? All over the world 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.

Did you know: JFS SV is 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.

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