



## Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley

### 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.

**If you can help, please contact Azita Eshagh,  
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