

We are so grateful for your interest in supporting refugees through Jewish Family & Children's Service.

We depend on the community to help us welcome refugees coming from Syria, Iraq, Congo, Columbia, Nepal and Burma each and every week.

If you are interested in hosting a **"GATHERING PARTY"**, we'd like to give you some suggestions!

A Gathering Party helps you "gather" all the items on some of our lists. We need lots of things to help get refugee families welcomed, settled and on their way to becoming an important, contributing part of our Pittsburgh region.

Invite your friends to GATHER items on the list and then GATHER at your home, congregation or favorite hang-out.

Suggestions for your GATHERING PARTY

FEAST - Serve foods connected to the countries that local refugees call home. Falafel, hummus and [Turkish coffee](#). [Ugali](#), fried greens and chai. [Arroz con Pollo](#) and plantain. Have fun and explore cooking from another culture.

INFORM – Join your friends in learning more about how JF&CS serves refugees in our community by watching ["Pittsburgh's Melting Pot Mission"](#).

ADVOCATE – Supply notepaper, envelopes and stamps and invite your guests to put pen to paper to write to their [Congressional Representative or Senator](#). Let them know that refugees bring assets and perspectives that we need locally and nationally.

GATHER – Tick items off the household and personal items list as your friends join you in supporting refugees in our community. Gather personal items, household needs or non-perishable food items that will go directly to refugees coming to our community from tumultuous and often strife-filled home countries. Shopping Lists are provided through PDFs.

Organize the items and bring them to one of our collection points. We'll make sure everyone who attends your party gets a personal thank you and a tax deduction form from JF&CS. You will also receive continued information about opportunities to support and welcome refugees to our community.

Contact Andrew at 412-422-7200 to arrange a drop off time for your donations.