

Dear Friends,

As most of you know, Temple Sholom began working with Chicago HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) early this year to adopt a refugee family. While changes in our government's policies have caused some delays and sadly, reductions in the total number of refugees allowed into the country, we are expecting our family to arrive sometime between May and July. Many of you have already stepped up to provide all kinds of support for this project and for that we are most grateful.

First, in terms of financial support, we have raised over \$9,657 to help the family pay expenses, including rent, during the first few months following their arrival. The more money we raise the more support we can offer and it may allow us to adopt a second family in the future. Tax-deductible donations can still be made directly to HIAS Chicago and 100% of the donated funds will flow directly to our refugee family. Click [here](#) to donate online. If you would rather pay by check, please contact Toby Sanders: 773-435-1536 or [toby@sholomchicago.org](mailto:toby@sholomchicago.org).

Second, many of you have purchased items from the Target gift registry in order to provide our refugee family with the necessities they'll need as they move into their new apartment. There are still a number of items needed that can be purchased by visiting [Target.com](http://Target.com), clicking on the gift registry and searching for our Temple registry using the first name "Temple" and last name "Sholom" or by clicking [here](#).

Third, we will need to provide our family with gently used furniture. Click [here](#) to see the itemized list of needed home furnishings. If you are interested in donating furniture please contact Jed or Sharon Silberg at [jedsilberg@hotmail.com](mailto:jedsilberg@hotmail.com) to find out what items are still needed. The set-up of the apartment is being co-chaired by Caroline and Dan Grossman.

We look forward to working with everyone as we truly "welcome the stranger" into our caring Temple Sholom community.

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