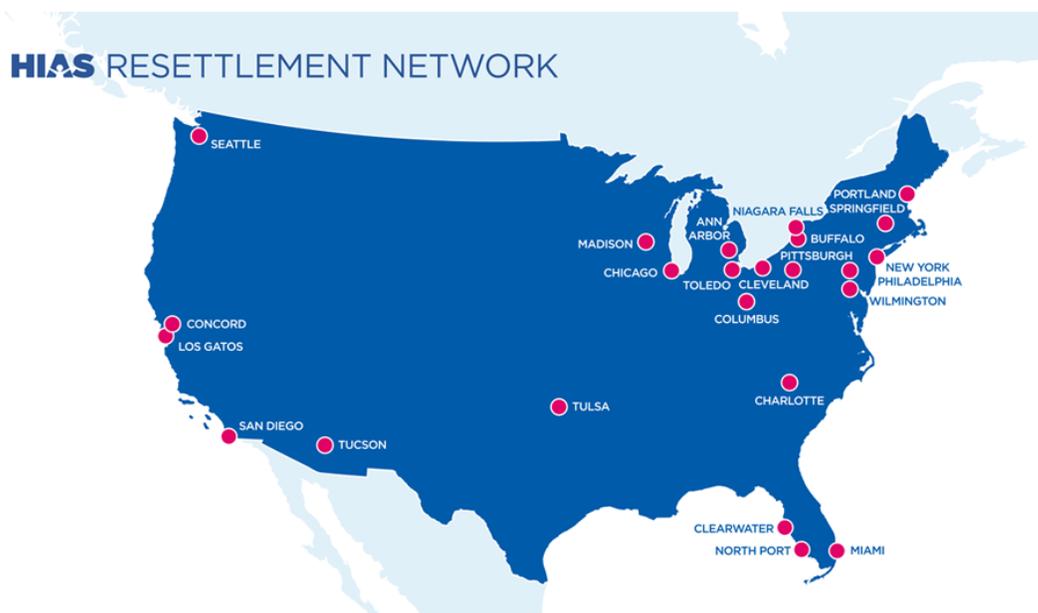


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## JCA Approved as HIAS Refugee Resettlement Partner!



We are so excited to share that the JCA's application for Michael Klahr Jewish Family Services to become a Refugee Assistance Organization through HIAS has been approved. We are officially a HIAS affiliate: <https://www.hias.org/news/press-releases/hias-announces-expansion-refugee-resettlement-network-7-cities!>

We will be hiring a program director as soon as possible, and plan to begin providing services and welcoming people (including, potentially, Afghan refugees) as soon as December. Additional details and information will be shared as the program comes together. We see this work as a return to first principles for KJFS, which resettled Russian Jewish refugees in the 1990's and has continued active outreach and engagement with those most in need in our community, including many new arrivals, through our food and diaper pantries.

This is an important expansion of the JCA's work, and a way for us to make powerful impact reflecting our values and ethical commitments. As HIAS Director Mark Hetfield has said, "we used to take refugees because they were Jewish. Now, we take them because we are Jewish."

We look forward to active collaboration with synagogue *tikkun olam* committees, individual volunteers, and the many networks of refugee supporters and friends that already exist

throughout our area. Thank you for all the ways you make the JCA's work and continued growth possible!

Shabbat shalom!

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