

**HEAR THE CALL.
BE THE CALL.**



**EVERY CALL
EVERY SIGNATURE
EVERY \$ COUNTS**

The Syrian Refugee Crisis

- ◆ The world is experiencing the worst refugee crisis since World War II. In particular, 54% of all Syrians are either refugees who have left Syria or have been displaced from their homes. Over 200,000 have already died in Syria.

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR):

- ◆ Over 3 million Syrians have fled to their immediate neighbors Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq
- ◆ Another 6.5 million are internally displaced within Syria.
- ◆ Almost 1 million Syrian refugees are expected to enter Europe this year.

A Jewish Perspective

- ◆ Hillel taught: If I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?
- ◆ “You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the feelings of a stranger, having yourselves been strangers in the land of Egypt.”
Exodus 23:9
- ◆ When, prior to and at the beginning of World War II, the world shut its doors to us, 6 million Jews were murdered.
- ◆ We MUST be a light in this darkness.



**We
Can Make
a Difference.**



1. Call the White House today or the day after Rosh Hashanah - 202-456-1111.
Script: “I am calling to urge the President to include 100,000 Syrian Refugees, in addition to the 70,000 other refugees admitted last year, when he issues his Presidential Determination regarding Refugees on September 30.”
2. Call your Senators, House of Representative Members with the following request:
Support increases in refugee funding and legislation that will improve the lives of refugees.
3. Go to the HIAS website (HIAS.org - look under “Get Involved” on Top Menu) and sign the online petition to President Obama: “Commit to resettling in the United States 100,000 of the most vulnerable Syrian refugees, allowing more individuals and families to start new lives in safety and freedom.”

GIVE GENEROUSLY

- ☆ **HIAS**—the *only* Jewish organization whose mission is to assist refugees – whoever they are and wherever they are, through action and advocacy. HIAS.org
- ☆ **IsraAID** – is a humanitarian aid agency helping people all over the world and providing millions with vital support for over a decade. <http://www.israaid.co.il/>
- ☆ **Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief (JCDR)** - brings together the experience, expertise, and resources of North American Jewish organizations that seek to assist victims of natural or man-made disasters outside of North America on a non-sectarian basis. <http://www.jdc.org/jcdr/>