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Refugees come from countries all over the world. We all hear about Syrian refugees, but there are also **people fleeing from Central America, Ukraine, Africa and Asia** every day.



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In 2015, more than **800,000 people** from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Eritrea and other countries, have crossed the Mediterranean and Aegean seas to find refuge in Europe.



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**UNHCR offers three long-term solutions for refugees:** going back to their home country once it is safe; settling permanently in the country to which they fled; or resettling in a third country when it is impossible to go home or remain in the host country.



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The recent civil war in Ukraine has forced more than **1.5 million people** to flee their homes. **More than 7,500 Jews**, who once lived in the area now controlled by the separatists, are among them.



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Just like the Maccabees in the Hanukkah story, who overcame overwhelming odds to save their lives and their religious beliefs, refugees today risk everything for a chance of safety and security for their family. **What else do Jews have in common with refugees?**



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