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## Temple Isaiah Rabbi aiding Ukrainian refugees on Poland delegation

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The Temple Isaiah's senior Rabbi Jill Perlman is on an international delegation between rabbis and cantors in the U.S. and Israel at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) in Krakow, Poland providing aid to Ukrainian refugees. Almost \$750,000 has been raised to date. The delegation was coordinated through the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), a Reform Rabbinic leadership organization, in partnership with J Squared Adventures [www.j2adventures.com/](http://www.j2adventures.com/)

"The JCC Krakow is doing incredible work," Perlman said. "They've completely pivoted and are focusing on supporting the vulnerable. Right now, about 25% of the Krakow population is made up of Ukrainian refugees. Each one has a story. They're all heartbreaking. Husbands left behind. Best friends killed. Children who can't sleep. Psychological trauma. Worry about what is next. The JCC is helping refugees find shelter, food, needed supplies, and psychological services. It's incredible work and they need help."

Perlman said what she witnessed was a mixture of sadness and hope. "I saw a bus arrive full of new refugees carrying all they could, rows of beds full of old men, women, and children, and a warehouse full of supplies that we were told will turn over completely in a day. I also saw children laughing, scooting around in their scooters just like my own children do. Thank God someone donated toys so these children can still be children."

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