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Prof. Yehuda Bauer states that “Jewish communities in Europe should engage with migrants who are willing to receive their help.”

Two initiatives are already underway. The UK’s World Jewish Relief is providing Syrian refugees in Greece and Turkey with back-to-school kits so that their children miss as little schooling as possible and can re-enter full time education as quickly as possible. They have also developed livelihood opportunity training to enable refugees to improve their language skills so that they can access vocational training, work placements, and post-employment support.

These are comparatively small-scale programs but potentially capable of scaling up, with government or European agency support.

A third initiative, so far tentatively discussed with government, is confronting anti-semitism as part of government-initiated integration and culture programs, given that many migrants are coming from states that promote antipathy to Jews.

European states are already overwhelmed by the magnitude of the migrant crisis, but they can mitigate some of the problems by ensuring rapid vocational and cultural integration.

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