A Message to Our Community

Our Federation is repairing Jewish L.A. in a way only we can. As the heartbeat of Jewish L.A., we are here while COVID-19 remains a threat to our daily lives and the future of our Jewish community. We are excited to announce $6.2 million toward new programs and amplified partnerships to meet the increased need for food, social services, and meaningful Jewish engagement.

We developed this COVID-19 Response Plan based on extensive conversations with our partners and our community. We are proud to play an essential part in rebuilding our beloved Jewish Los Angeles.

Federation Crisis Resources

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Ezra Network Wraparound Services
The Federation's Ezra Network provides wraparound social services to those in need in our Jewish community, including government benefits applications, short-term counseling, legal services, job search readiness training, and screening for financial assistance via Federation's Max Factor Family Foundation Financial Assistance Network. By calling Federation's Community Call Line at (323) 761-8305, any Jewish community member in need will be connected to the Ezra Network to begin to navigate these FREE services. Learn more here.
JVS SoCal is Here to Help
JVS SoCal helps people prepare for and find employment opportunities through a variety of services including employment readiness, no cost job skills training, mentoring, career counseling, Veterans’ services, and job fairs. Thanks to The Jewish Federation, JVS SoCal has special programs designed for the Jewish community including comprehensive career counseling, individualized work with a job search coach through the Ezra Network, and an academic scholarship program for students. For more information, contact JVS SoCal at (323) 761-8888 or see the website.

Community Call Line
If you or someone you know needs access to social services including financial assistance, please contact The Jewish Federation's Community Call Line at (323) 761-8305. The Jewish Federation has increased its funding and support of the Max Factor Family Foundation Financial Assistance Network. This assistance will help Jews whose income has been reduced, hours have been eliminated, or businesses are suffering.

No Guarantors Required for $1,000 Interest-Free Loans
To cover expenses related to COVID-19, help with free, no-interest loans is one click away. A loan fund has been established to help Jews in need. Additionally, through a new $1 Million COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund, the Jewish Free Loan Association will offer a total of one thousand individual $1,000 loans (no guarantor required) to local community members in need.
GET HELP.

Food for Those in Need
Jewish Family Service (JFS) SOVA Community Food & Resource Program is now providing prepackaged bags of food to help minimize the risk to both clients and volunteers. The JFS senior nutrition program is now providing all food via delivery. To receive these services, please call JFS Central Access at (877) 275-4537.

Teen Talk
Do you know a teen who could use peer support to vent, share, or just talk? Tell them about Teen Talk! Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles created the Teen Talk mobile app to provide social and emotional support to teens. Now more than ever, we see Teen Talk as a critical lifeline for teens in Los Angeles and around the world. Read more about the Teen Talk app.

Builders of Jewish Education's (BJE) JKidLA
BJE’s JKidLA is a longtime partner of Federation and provides an online guide for parents on many diverse opportunities for their children — both during this COVID-19 summer and beyond. We know these are trying times and want to help you get
through it. You’ll find many resources for families, virtual Shabbat programs, online activities, and holiday fun!

**JFNA Resources Around Racial Justice**
Bigotry takes many forms. As Jews, we have experienced it for centuries and need to better understand the racial struggles across America, which starts by listening and learning. JFNA has launched this resource list of articles, books, movies, and recordings to help.

**Jewish Communal Organizations: Purchase the Personal Protective Equipment You Need for Reopening!**
In partnership with JFNA’s Jewish Together and available to all Jewish nonprofit organizations across Los Angeles, our Federation is the portal through which non-medical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) can now be purchased to prepare for the reopening and safe operation of Jewish communal facilities and offices. As the heartbeat of Jewish L.A., we care for you so you can care for our community.

Learn more and place your organization’s order.

**POWERFUL ACTIVITIES**

**Dementia During the Time of COVID Webinar**
Join us for an important conversation with Dr. Yoram Maaravi, brought to you by The Jewish Federation’s Caring for Jews in Need Initiative and Health Professionals Network in partnership with the JDC. Dr. Maaravi, a senior physician at the Department of Geriatric Medicine and Rehabilitation of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centers, will provide expert knowledge, coping skills, and practical tools to help those living with dementia and their caregivers at this especially challenging time. This 90-minute webinar includes a Q&A session and focuses on the most recent research and medical developments; understanding the behavioral and psychological symptoms in dementia (BPSD) that are aggravated during the COVID-19 pandemic and ways to manage them with social interactions and music; and palliative care for advanced dementia and handling common issues (e.g., nutrition and discontinuing medication for other illnesses).

Wednesday, August 26th, at 10:00 AM
Register today.

**Celebrating Women’s Equality: 100 Year Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage**
Join Federation’s Community Engagement Initiative and Sylvia Weisz Women’s Philanthropy on Women’s Equality Day and the 100th anniversary of the passing of
women’s suffrage for a conversation featuring Assemblymember Laura Friedman, Joy Picus, and the Honorable Jane Harman. Moderated by Debbie Dyner Harris, the discussion centers on the panelists’ roles in civic Los Angeles, their leadership journeys, and how they raised the glass ceiling.

Wednesday, August 26th, at 12:00 PM
Register today.

Election 2020: Voting, Access, and Equity with CA Secretary of State Alex Padilla
Please join The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Urban League, in partnership with Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles, for a conversation with California Secretary of State Alex Padilla about the November election. We will discuss voting safely during the pandemic, the importance of the census, mail-in ballots, voter access and education, and other issues.

Thursday, August 27th, at 2:00 PM
Register today.

Play for Good — An Online Charity Poker Tournament to Support Those Affected by COVID-19
The Network, The Jewish Federation’s Leadership Alumni group, in partnership with our Board of Directors, current leadership program participants, and Event Committee, invites you to our inaugural online charity poker tournament.

Join us for an unforgettable evening with Jewish leaders as we go all in to do good for our community.

In this unprecedented time of crisis, The Jewish Federation is here to repair Jewish L.A. in a way only we can. Now is your opportunity to join us in stepping up to provide for those who need us most. All proceeds from the event will go toward programs that directly benefit our fellow community members affected by COVID-19; at-risk elders, individuals and families experiencing financial issues, food scarcity, unstable housing situations, job loss, or health crises.

Every player has the chance to win some great prizes. Here is just a sampling of the tournament and raffle prizes graciously provided by our generous donors:

- Premium All-Access Ticket to the Federation’s “Movers & Shakers” Virtual Event on September 23rd (The Jewish Federation)
- L.A. Clippers 2020-21 Regular Season Game Tickets (Josh Feffer)
- Basket of assorted CBD products (Jeff Koz)
5-night stay between May 1 and September 30, 2021 in a 3-bedroom condo at the Hyatt Centric Park City (Brian Shirken)

- Bottles of whiskey and moonshine from Short Mountain Distillery (David Kaufman)
- A private chat and mixology class (all supplies and ingredients included) taught and sponsored by The Jewish Federation President & CEO Jay Sanderson
- $500 gift card to the Ojai Valley Inn (Thomas Klein)

More prizes and raffle items will be announced in the coming weeks — stay tuned!

Buy-in donations are $50. The tournament will allow unlimited rebuys in the first hour for $50 each. Additionally, there will be an option for a 10k chip add-on for $100 after the rebuys are closed.

Several days before the tournament, donors will receive an email outlining your registration and other details about the virtual experience.

Sunday, August 30th, at 5:00 PM
Space is limited! Donate to sign up for the tournament today!

Community Briefing with Consul General of Israel Hillel Newman — Peace Between Israel and the United Arab Emirates
The Federation invites you to a special webinar briefing with Consul General of Israel Dr. Hillel Newman in conversation with The Jewish Federation's President & CEO Jay Sanderson on the recent peace agreement between Israel and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). On August 13, 2020, Israel announced the establishment of a full and formal peace between Israel and the UAE, which includes the mutual opening of embassies, direct flights, and other bilateral agreements. Tune in to learn more about the peace deal and what it means for Israel's future.

Tuesday, September 8th, at 1:00 PM
Register now.

High Holiday Events for Individuals with Diverse Abilities
Our Caring for Jews in Need initiative works all year round to increase opportunities for individuals with diverse abilities. At this special time of year, we are gathering a list of High Holiday events that are focused on inclusion and accessibility. Please check back periodically for updates.

Save the Date and Be a Sponsor! Movers & Shakers: A Virtual Networking Event
Join our Professional Networks for an evening of connection and community. Festivities include networking opportunities in an intimate virtual setting, hearing
powerful stories of Federation’s recent work amid the crisis and our plans for the future, ringing in the Jewish New Year with a lively mixology experience, and surprise entertainment featuring special guest appearances Mark your calendar to mix with us — in more ways than one!

Be a sponsor! Through new, unique digital sponsorship opportunities, you'll advance the life-changing work of our Federation while gaining visibility among a wide audience of key industry leaders and business professionals.

If you have any questions, please contact ProNetworks@JewishLA.org.

Wednesday, September 23rd, at 5:30 PM
Be a sponsor!

Applications Open for Teen Innovation Grants!
Do you know a teen with an idea who wants to make a difference in our community?
The Jewish Federation's Los Angeles Jewish Teen Initiative (LAJTI) Julie Beren Platt Teen Innovation Grants Program is offering an opportunity for your teen to impact the lives of others — even six feet apart! Now more than ever, as COVID-19 is changing our world, we are empowering teens to explore their passions in a meaningful way.

We value how teens’ talents, drive, and creativity can impact our Jewish community, and we know that sometimes they need a little help bringing their ideas to fruition.

 Teens are invited to apply to this unique program, as an individual or as a group, to receive up to $1,500 and guidance from a mentor.

Eligible applicants are students in grades 8-12.

For more information, please contact us at LAJTI@JewishLA.org or (323) 761-8333.

Applications must be received by Thursday, September 17th.
Learn more about this opportunity for teens to create, innovate, and collaborate!

Become a Mentor and Make a Difference — Even Over Zoom
Be a mentor! Guide a teen on a journey of empowerment and self-discovery through The Jewish Federation's Los Angeles Jewish Teen Initiative (LAJTI) Julie Beren Platt Teen Innovation Grants Program.

Now more than ever, as the coronavirus is changing our world, we need to empower our teens to make a difference. We need YOUR help to encourage our teens as they
create and develop their own unique and impactful projects to help our community and especially those most vulnerable.

We value how teens’ passions and creativity can help shape our Jewish community — and we know that sometimes they need a little help bringing their ideas to fruition. As a mentor, you can have significant impact as a role model and thought partner for our teen recipients. Along with your expertise and life experience, you can bolster them while encouraging them to integrate Jewish values into their projects.

Serve as a thought partner and help teens develop projects between November 2020-May 2021. Together, we can make a difference — even while six feet apart.

For more information, please contact Betty Tochner via email or phone at (323) 761-8333.

Create a Tribute Video for Homebound Holocaust Survivors
Help let Holocaust survivors know they are not alone by joining people from all over the world in submitting a video that will be passed along to a homebound survivor. Holocaust survivors throughout the United States have been staying at home to keep safe from COVID-19. However, thousands of these individuals are alone and are experiencing anxiety, depression, and triggers of post-traumatic stress related to trauma endured during the Holocaust. The project aims to provide a social connection between supporters and Holocaust survivors through tribute videos. This project is brought to you by The Blue Card — a national organization whose mission is to provide direct financial assistance to needy Holocaust survivors.

To help brighten a survivor's day, please submit a brief, one-minute video with your message of well wishes.

Jay Sanderson on Producing a Post-Pandemic Jewish Future
Our President & CEO Jay Sanderson recently appeared on the What Gives? podcast with Andres Spokoiny, a pillar of the Jewish media landscape and President and CEO of the Jewish Funders Network since 2011.

Together, Jay and Andres engage in a conversation about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Los Angeles Jewish community and how Jay is leading and mobilizing a response with vision and purpose — in a way only the Federation can. These two Jewish communal leaders discuss the changing dynamic of what defines modern Jewish life, the unique opportunities and issues facing the richly diverse but increasingly polarized Los Angeles Jewish community, and why it is now more important than ever to give to and support our Federation’s essential work.
Jay also shared personal reflections of events that have shaped his Jewish journey, including a horrific anti-Semitic attack he suffered as a teenager and a life-changing trip to Israel where he made a lifelong promise to himself after meeting David Ben-Gurion. Jay also pays tribute to his late brother, to whom he gives credit for every great life lesson he has ever learned.

We believe this conversation delivers insight into and context to both the challenges our Jewish community currently faces and the actions we must take together to build a vibrant Jewish future.

Listen now.

NuRoots Programs for Young Adults (20s and 30s)

NuRoots mobilizes and inspires people in their 20s and 30s to create meaningful Jewish community across Los Angeles. The following experiences are for young adults only.

**The Magic Hour**

Come hang with NuRoots every other Wednesday at our virtual happy hour! Bring your own drinks and snacks to enjoy. Friends are welcome! And sign up in advance to get new recipes for suggested cocktails and mocktails to make before hopping on.

Starting Wednesday, August 26th, at 5:00 PM

Register here.

**Quarantine, A Love Story: Close Quarters, Hot Tempers**

As working from home continues, we need to figure out new ways of working, living, and just plain getting along with our partners. For this final chapter of Quarantine: A Love Story, we'll explore what Judaism has to teach us about friendly disagreements and hear from Beverly Hills-based therapist and NuRoots community member Jerri Werksman, who will share tangible tools and expert tips on how to effectively argue, listen, and express love. Powered by NuRoots, Honeymoon, and 18Doors. Participation in past Quarantine experiences is not required.

Wednesday, August 26th, at 6:00 PM.
Reach out to Laura Schiff to join.

**Hineni: The Here I Am Spiritual Care Project**

Join this spiritual care platform that provides confidential and intimate conversations for young adults to tackle the upending experiences of pandemic
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life. Led by a rabbi and spiritual counselor, the project is an opportunity to discuss and explore issues impacting you in this moment — be it loneliness, stress, anxiety, employment, dating, grieving, or otherwise. This is a space for support, community, and trust — completely private and free of charge.

What’s spiritual care? It can help us navigate life’s big questions and moments through the exploration of our spiritual, emotional, and relational beliefs and goals. It isn’t therapy, but instead a process directed toward healing and resilience. It’s a transformation achieved by nurturing the heart and the soul, and by connecting us to something greater than ourselves. You do not need to subscribe to a belief or belong to a specific tradition to benefit from spiritual care.

Learn more and sign up here.

Serve the Moment Volunteer Corps
Want to turn your passions into action? Our Federation, in partnership with the Jewish Service Alliance, invites you to Serve the Moment, a new project to mobilize Jewish young adults and college students through 100,000 acts of meaningful service and learning to address the COVID-19 crisis, its economic fallout, and the current movement for racial justice. Corps Members serve with organizations across L.A. in person and through virtual volunteering on a part-time stipend-supported fellowship basis. Apply today or nominate a changemaker in your community. Serve the Moment’s Fall Service Corps will take place from September 30th-December 11th. Will you join us? Reach out to Chelsea Snyder to learn more.

Roots Radio: An Intergenerational Podcast Project
Introducing Roots Radio, a new intergenerational, community-sourced podcast showcasing the voices, stories, and family histories of the generations that precede us. If you’re interested in interviewing and recording a parent, grandparent, or other elder in your life, please fill out this brief form, and we’ll send you a list of questions to start with and instructions on how to record your conversations. Questions? Reach out to Nina Carlin. Generously supported by the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles.

NuMoon Gatherings
Ongoing monthly gatherings to connect with the ancient Jewish ritual of Rosh Chodesh (the holiday that marks the start of the Hebrew lunar month).
- NuRoots x JQ International Nonbinary NuMoon Circle
  NuRoots and JQ International are proud to join forces for Pride to present a nonbinary NuMoon Circle for Av, a space for nonbinary and genderqueer
Jews to gather, connect, learn, and grow as a community.

Wednesday, August 26th, at 6:00 PM
Register here.

- NuMoon Circles
  Monthly gatherings for female-identified persons to connect with the ancient Jewish ritual of Rosh Chodesh and harness the power of lunar cycle and the female body. Inspired by At The Well. Reach out to Rabbi Rose to join our NuMoon community and be connected to a circle.

Mensch Work
Build breathable community through more connected and open relationships, and develop tools to counter violence and deepen into love. Reach out to Ian Schiffer to join.

Pilot Schmilots
Our community of East Side screenwriters meets monthly to discuss new works. Message our East Side Fellow Oren Peleg to get connected.

PJ Library for L.A. Families with Young Children
Enrich your child’s life with the monthly gift of a high-quality book or CD from PJ Library. Membership is free. Learn more and sign up today!

Our PJ Library team offers a virtual activity schedule for L.A. families with young children.

All PJ Library LA offerings can be found here.
All PJ Library National offerings can be found here.
All listings below are Pacific Daylight Time

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 — It’s a... It’s a... It’s a Mitzvah
  4:00 PM — PJ Library in Los Angeles Culver City Community Connector
  Gavrielle will guide you to create art — draw, paint, write, color, or fold — for you to share along with an uplifting note with friends and family in need of support.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 — Kishka for Koppel
  4:00 PM — Learn how to make veggie kishka.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 — A Big Quiet House
  4:00 PM — Build your own edible house from materials in your refrigerator.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 — The Shabbat Puppy
○ 4:00 PM — Make a dog hand puppet out of supplies from around your house.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 — Weekly Roundup Preview
Here’s the weekly roundup of what PJ Library in Los Angeles has in store for families this week.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31 — Fox Walked Alone
○ 4:00 PM — Let’s create a fox out of an egg carton.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 — A Hoopoe says, OOP!
○ 4:00 PM — Create your own wild animal out of repurposed materials.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 — Apple Days
○ 4:00 PM — Cook a tasty apple dish for the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 — Joha Makes a Wish
○ 4:00 PM — Design a special “wish stick” out of materials you find around your neighborhood.

GET INVOLVED

Give — Now is the Time
We need you now more than ever. Please keep us strong so we can keep our Jewish community thriving and resilient.

DONATE NOW

Volunteer Opportunities
For those who want to give of their time, we are sharing virtual volunteer opportunities and adjusted in-person volunteer activities available for those who are not high-risk and accounting for proper social distancing.

Contribute to Homeful.LA’s Back-to-School Drive
Homeful.LA, an initiative of Inner City Law Center, provides opportunities for people to volunteer, donate, and advocate to help end homelessness in L.A. If you are interested in scheduling a drop-off of new and unused school supplies to their Skid Row office location at 1309 E 7th Street, coordinate with Erin Thompson. You can also order supplies via your favorite online vendor and have
it delivered to Erin Thompson, Inner City Law Center, 1309 E 7th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021. An Amazon wish list is available.

Board of Rabbis Spotlight
The Board of Rabbis continues to prepare the rabbis of the community for the upcoming High Holidays and grapple with the pressing issues of our time. This week, the Board of Rabbis is hosting a Zoom High Holiday Workshop session with Rabbi Sharon Brous of Ikar and Pastor Eddie Anderson of McCarty Memorial Christian Church, on The Jewish/Faith Response to Racism. The Board of Rabbis will also host a session with Rabbi Jack Riemer of Boca Raton, Florida, on Who Will be Humbled and Who Will Be Uplifted: Spiritual Lessons for the High Holidays. These sessions will help our rabbis prepare inspiring teachings for the High Holiday session to uplift and bring healing to their communities during this crisis.

In case you missed The Jewish Federation’s President & CEO Jay Sanderson in conversation with Rabbi Sharon Brous, Rabbi Pini Dunner, Rabbi Dara Frimmer, and Rabbi David Wolpe as they addressed Preparing for the High Holidays During a Pandemic, you can view it here.

Community Calendar on JewishLA.org
Our calendar is back! Check it out to view up-to-date virtual offerings from our Federation and partner organizations. Partners can now submit events as usual.

We’ve made it easier to share this information! Simply download the PDF version of this newsletter and email it to anyone who you think may benefit.

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In an effort to keep you, our community, informed and connected and to support our partner experiencing physical distribution challenges, we are sharing this digital edition of the Jewish Journal with you.