

REPAIRING



JEWISH L.A.

IN A WAY ONLY WE CAN

Our Federation, as the heartbeat of Jewish L.A., is here while COVID-19 remains a threat to our daily lives and the future of our Jewish community. It is our responsibility to meet the increased need for food, social services, and meaningful Jewish engagement.

Announcing the addition of \$6.2 million toward new programs and expanded partnerships

This crisis sparked a dramatic increase in inquiries to food pantries and an urgent need for food deliveries



WE FEED THOSE IN NEED

- Exponentially increasing food deliveries to households since food pantry closures
- Nearly tripling the pre-pandemic number of complete meals and grocery deliveries to Holocaust survivors
- Addressing student hunger through partnerships on college campuses
- Partnering with synagogues to feed community members
- Delivering more meals and groceries to those who observe kashrut but can't afford the rising costs

Corporate staffing reductions and shuttering of Jewish-owned businesses have resulted in unprecedented financial hardship



WE PROVIDE FINANCIAL RELIEF

- Tripling the funds available for use to pay directly for rent, childcare, utilities, medical, food, and Jewish burial expenses through the Federation's Max Factor Family Foundation Financial Assistance Network
- Tripling Federation's interest-free loan fund to ease access to and procurement of loans for struggling community members
- Ensuring funds for the safe and successful reopening of Jewish L.A. with COVID-19 protections in place

Calls to our Community Help Line have doubled as a result of a marked rise in anxiety, stress, and depression across all ages



WE IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Creating confidential meetings in small groups or individual settings and led by a spiritual guide — to tackle loneliness, stress and anxiety, employment, dating, and other issues young adults are currently experiencing
- Building resilience in teens, college students, and young adults to cope with loss, disappointment, and other new stressors
- Providing short-term counseling sessions through our Ezra Network in partnering synagogues focusing on employment and financial assistance, legal advice, case management, and emotional support

There are enormous multifaceted challenges facing our Jewish community today



WE KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE AND RESILIENT

- Working daily through our Community Security Initiative (CSI) to make our Jewish community institutions safer through site assessments, training, and the creation of an integrated community security system
- Combating the Boycott, Divestment and Sanction (BDS) movement and anti-Semitism on our local college campuses and throughout society by advocating for the Jewish community, empowering and supporting students, and building bridges with other communities

Physical distancing has spurred feelings of isolation and forced difficult decisions regarding Jewish education



WE FACILITATE JEWISH EXPERIENCES AND CONNECTIONS

- Expanding access to Jewish early childhood programs and day school for financially impacted families to plant the seeds for future Jewish identity and involvement
- Enabling more opportunities for transformative Jewish overnight summer camp experiences
- Increasing the number of families inspired by PJ Library® through free home delivery of Jewish-themed books
- Adapting to meet the moment with innovative virtual gatherings that retain the intimate feel our young adult NuRoots members have come to know and rely on
- Engaging college students in meaningful virtual Jewish learning, programs, and holiday celebrations through campus partnerships

The need to repair the world has mobilized our community



WE PROMOTE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

- Strengthening our relationships with the L.A. Black community and galvanizing our Jewish community in support of our commitment to racial justice
- Launching new efforts focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) such as facilitated workshops, discussion groups, and other strategies
- Connecting young adults and college students with local nonprofits as part of a national initiative to engage in 100,000 meaningful acts of service

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